



Pilgrimage
PADUA, VENICE, VERONA
& LAKE GARDA

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22nd - 28th May 2016



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Day one – Sunday 22nd May 2016

Gatwick - Venice

Our flight departs at 1:30 pm from Gatwick Airport. On arrival at Venice Marco Polo Airport we transfer to hotel Casa del Pellegrino in Padua for dinner and a 6-night stay.

Day two – Monday 23rd May

Padua - City of St Anthony

Padua is associated with the Franciscan Saint Anthony who lived and died here in the 13th century. After breakfast we visit the great Basilica and the Saint's shrine and celebrate Mass here. Padua is a beautiful medieval town in its own right with lovely squares and an ancient university but seems unspoilt by tourism. A guided tour will include the celebrated Capella degli Scrovegni, decorated with what are thought to be some of Giotto's finest frescoes. Return to the hotel for dinner.

Day three – Tuesday 24th May

Venice - City of St Mark

This morning we travel by coach to Venice, 'La Serenissima', where traditionally an angel appeared to St Mark whilst on his way to Rome and where the famous Basilica was constructed to house the relics of the Saint. After celebrating Mass, we have a guided tour of the Basilica and surrounding area. There will be time at leisure to soak up the unique atmosphere of Venice or visit some of the landmarks of the city such as the Rialto Bridge, the Bridge of Sighs or one of the many museums. We return to Padua for dinner in the hotel.

Day four – Wednesday 25th May

Verona

Although Verona is famous for being the city of Romeo and Juliet, it is much more than that as our guided tour will show. In the centre of the city we will see the Roman amphitheatre (Arena) and also some of the delightful medieval squares and fascinating churches as well as the famous balcony! There will be time at leisure to discover the city on our own before returning to Padua. Lunch is at choice and dinner in the hotel. Mass will be celebrated during the course of the day.

Day five – Thursday 26th May

Venetian Islands

We return to Venice today to travel out by boat into the lagoon to visit two of the inhabited northern islands. The first cathedral of Venice was built on the island of Torcello in the 7th century and although there are few inhabitants today, in the 14th century there were nearly 20,000 people living here! Today, Torcello is quiet but its beautiful cathedral of Our Lady of the Assumption is definitely worth the visit. Burano in contrast to Torcello is still very much a working island, where many of the men still depend on fishing and some of the women still practise lace making and the brightly coloured houses lend it its own particular character. Mass will be celebrated during the course of the day.

Day six – Friday 27th May

Lake Garda

Today we travel west to Lake Garda, the largest of the northern lakes and celebrated for its deep blue waters. On arrival at the lake we will take a boat trip to the pretty town of Limone, which though its name comes from the Latin for border is also famous for its lemons! Limone was the birth place of the missionary Daniele Comboni in 1831. He was canonised in 2003. During our time here we will visit the house of the order founded by the saint. Here we hope to celebrate Mass. After time at leisure we take the coach back to the hotel for dinner.

Day seven – Saturday 28th May

Venice - Heathrow

After breakfast we transfer by coach to Venice Marco Polo Airport for our return flight, arriving at Heathrow at 2:50 pm.

This tour involves a substantial amount of walking, some of which will be over irregular surfaces such as cobblestones and badly-maintained walking areas. If everyday walking is something you find difficult, this tour may be unsuitable for you.

This itinerary is a guide and subject to change without prior notification

PRICE = £898

Includes:

- Scheduled flights with British Airways
Gatwick to Venice, Venice to Heathrow.
- U.K. and Italy airport departure taxes.
- 6-nights accommodation in shared twin-bedded rooms with private facilities at Casa del Pellegrino, Padua.
- Meal plan: 6 breakfasts and 6 dinners.
- Coach transfers by air-conditioned coach as per the itinerary.
- 3 guided tours by fully licensed English-speaking local guides as per the itinerary.
- Pax Travel Italian-speaking tour manager to accompany the group while in Italy.
- Entrance fees as per the itinerary.
- Religious services.
- ATOL and ABTA financial protection.

Extras:

- Travel insurance currently at £32 per person.
- Single room supplement at £114 per person for 6 nights (limited availability).
- Lunches and drinks.
- Gratuities to drivers, hotel staff and restaurants.
- Fuel surcharges if passed on by the airlines.
- Transfers within the U.K.

TERMS OF PAYMENT:

You can reserve your place on the tour by completing a booking form and sending it to Pax Travel Ltd with a deposit of £180 (plus the insurance premium if the cover we offer is required) per person.

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