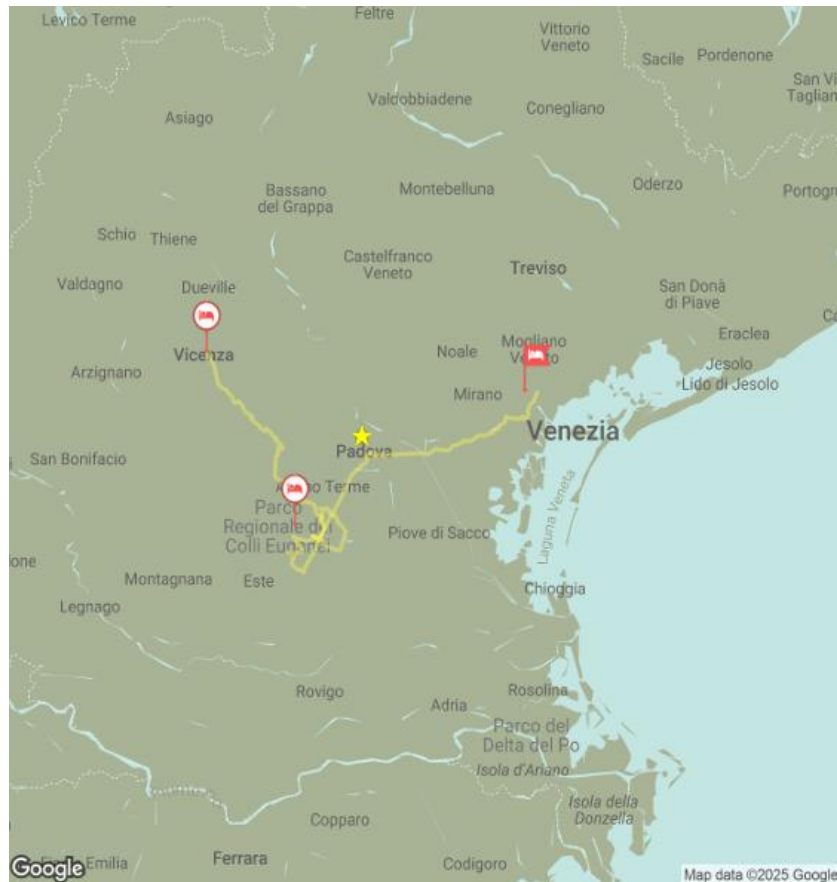


# Cycling Safaris

## FROM VENICE TO VICENZA TOUR 2026

### Self-Guided

150 km | 4 nights / 5 days



If you have less than a week available, this is an ideal route to have a little taste of the Veneto region. Start cycling in Mestre, the mainland of Venice, and jump back in time admiring the countryside villas of the ancient Venetian nobility along the Brenta Canal. Relax in the enchanting landscape of the Euganean Hills, dotted with gardens and castles. Vicenza, the city of the famous Renaissance architect Andrea Palladio, welcomes you for the last night of the tour.

### Highlights

- Unique medieval towns, like Arquà Petrarca and Monselice
- Two overnights in the Euganean Hills, Europe's largest spa area
- Traditional Veneto dishes: baccalà, bigoli, polenta and sopressa

## TOUR ITINERARY

### Day 1 Arrival in Mestre/Venice mainland

Individual arrival and overnight.

### Day 2 Mestre/Venice mainland - Padua thermal district (55 km / +240m -235m)

You will start following the Brenta Canal, overlooked by the countryside villas of the ancient Venetian nobility (Villa Malcontenta, Villa Widmann, Villa Pisani) until you reach the hamlet of Stra. From here you will cycle along the Piovego Canal, which will lead you to the city centre of Padua, home to one of the oldest Italian (and European) universities and rich in art and history. Finally, along the cycle path of the Battaglia canal, you will head towards the Euganean Hills, where you will have the chance to relax in the largest European thermal district.



### Day 3 Padua thermal district loop (45 km / +320m -320m)

Discover the Regional Park of the Euganean Hills and its wonderful sights. You will first stop in the gardens of Villa Barbarigo in Valsanzibio, one of the most important examples of classical Italian garden (with a real labyrinth, too) and then visit the medieval towns of Arquà Petrarca and Monselice with its town walls. Along the cycle path of the Vigenzone canal you will reach the hamlet of Pontemanco with its mills and then you will continue through Mezzavia, where the Castle of San Pelagio hosts the Air Museum with the history of the human flight, from Leonardo da Vinci to the Mongolfier brothers, to Neil Armstrong. Cycling back do not miss the visit of the Catajo Castle.

### Day 4 Padua thermal district - Vicenza (50 km / +255m -215m)

Cycling out of the Euganean Hills, you will head towards the cycle path of the river Bacchiglione, which will lead you into Vicenza, architect Palladio's personal showcase. Before entering the town, along the way you can admire the Palladian masterpiece Villa La Rotonda. Let yourself be fascinated by the old city centre of Vicenza, characterized by beautiful private palaces and public buildings by Andrea Palladio.

### Day 5 Vicenza - end of tour

Departure after breakfast.



## 2026 DEPARTURE DATES

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### Departure dates:

Every Sunday and Tuesday from 5<sup>th</sup> April – 11<sup>th</sup> October

Special departure dates for a group of at least 6 people

**Season 1:** 5<sup>th</sup> April – 18<sup>th</sup> April, 27<sup>th</sup> September – 11<sup>th</sup> October

**Season 2:** 19<sup>th</sup> April – 9<sup>th</sup> May, 6<sup>th</sup> September – 26<sup>th</sup> September

**Season 3:** 10<sup>th</sup> May – 5<sup>th</sup> September

## 2026 SELF GUIDED TOUR PRICE

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### Category A/Gold (mainly 4\* hotels with some 3\* hotels)

#### Season 1 – 5<sup>th</sup> April – 18<sup>th</sup> April, 27<sup>th</sup> September – 11<sup>th</sup> October

€540 per person sharing / €795 single room / €460 third person in triple room

#### Season 2 (19<sup>th</sup> April – 9<sup>th</sup> May), 6<sup>th</sup> September – 26<sup>th</sup> September

€110 per person supplement

#### Season 3 (10<sup>th</sup> May – 5<sup>th</sup> September)

€150 per person supplement

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|------|---------------------------------------|
| €75  | Touring bike, incl. bike insurance    |
| €105 | Hybrid Bike, incl. bike insurance     |
| €185 | Electric – bike, incl. bike insurance |
| €15  | Helmet                                |

## WHAT THE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

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- 4 nights ensuite accommodation
- 4x breakfast (usually continental breakfast and some smaller hotels have the typical Italian breakfast consisting of a hot drink with fresh pastries such as cake, croissants or toast and jam)
- App including maps, roadbook, points of interest and GPS tracks
- Digital tour information
- Luggage transportation (1 bag per person, max. 20 kg)
- Ice cream in the best ice cream parlour in Vicenza
- Wine and oil tasting in Arquà Petrarca
- Assistance: contact phone number you can call during the tour in case of emergency

### **Not included:**

- Helmets are **not** included in the price, but are available at time of booking for €15.  
**Helmets need to be booked in advance!**
- Local hotel taxes to be paid on the spot (approx €10 in total per person, to be paid on side)
- Everything not mentioned in section “included”
- Mandatory registration for Access Fee for the ancient city of Venice (to be paid on side)
- Travel to and from start and finish point

## TOUR ACCOMMODATION

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Category A: The accommodation is mainly in 4 \* Hotels, with some 3\* Hotels

We ensure private facilities and air conditioning.

On request we can book additional accommodation for you:

Mestre: €100 per person sharing Cat A / €75 per person sharing Cat B

Mestre: €160 single room Cat A / €140 single room Cat B

Extra night in Venice island before or after the tour, prices on request

## WHAT TO BRING

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- Waterproof windbreaker or poncho (recommended in spring time)
- Sunglasses and Hat
- High protection sun cream and after sun cream
- Insect repellent
- Casual clothes for evening. You may be grateful for something warm with long sleeves.
- We strongly recommend to bring your own reusable water bottle with you
- We suggest to bring a holder for your mobile phone to be fixed on the handlebar, as well as a power bank (even if the App can be used offline, too)

## BACK UP SERVICE

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As this is a self led trip you do not have the back-up of a guide and support van. Our aim is to allow you feel like an independent traveller, free to cycle each day at your own pace while at the same time having the security of knowing that your luggage will be waiting for you in your next accommodation.

If you experience small problems with the bike (e.g., a puncture) you will have a spare tube, pump and tyre lever. You also have access to a 24 hour helpline.

### Route profile

- Level: medium-easy
- Total length: 150 km
- Terrain: 80% tarmac, 20% unpaved
- Train connection among the overnight stays: no
- Possibility to shorten the itinerary by taking the train: day 2

Day 2: Mestre/Venice mainland - Padua thermal district (55 km, +240m/-235m)

It is an easy stage, along river (Brenta) and canals (Piovego and Battaglia).

### WATCH OUT FOR BIKE THEFTS IN PADUA

After a few reports of stolen bikes in Padua, we ask you to be careful and avoid parking bikes unattended, even if they are well tied and padlocked. The station area and the Chiesa degli Eremitani/Cappella degli Scrovegni are particularly affected.

Day 3: Padua thermal district loop (45 km, +320m/-320m)

The only difficulty today is the climb to Arquà Petrarca, for the rest the stage is almost flat. Along the Canale Bisatto and the Canale Vigenzone some stretches on unpaved river bank.

Day 4: Padua thermal district - Vicenza (50 km, +255m/-215m)

The stage is not difficult and it develops almost entirely on cycle path: tarmac cycle track on the Euganean Hills, unpaved cycle track along the river Bacchiglione, up to Vicenza

## BIKE / FITNESS

**Bike hire is not included in the tour package.**



27-gear unisex Citybike/Touring Bike

A unisex frame, ideal for an upright but relaxed riding position. This is the bike automatically given to ladies and gents unless otherwise specified.



Citybike / Touring bike with men's frame with 21/24 gears ( on request only )



Kalkhoff, Agattu model

Motor: 36 volts, 540W/H Impulse, located centrally.

The high-capacity battery is secured to the seat tube.

Gears: Nexus 8-speed. Range: approx. 90 km (flat terrain, average speed).

Flyer T8.1 Model, Low-entry frame

Panasonic or Bosch batteries of top safety and long life.

Panasonic motor (36 V, 15 AH Capacity, 540 WH available power)

Gears: Nexus 7-speed.. Range: approx 90 km (flat terrain, average speed)

### Details:

Gel saddle

Shimano Deore 27 gear

Grip shift gear

28" tyre

Shimano v-brake

Anti-slip pedal

### Also Provided:

Handlebar bag

Cycle computer ( on adult bikes )

Ortlieb side panniers

Padlock

Water-bottle

1 repair kit per room

When booking you can also rent helmets ( €15 ), suitable for head circumferences from 54 to 61 cm. All helmets have a certification mark according to the DIN EN 1078 (CE) European norm.

### Level of difficulty

This is ultimately a relaxing tour with easy cycling on all stages, which gives you the opportunity to take in the surroundings. The only climb on the tour is on day 3 with the 1km slope in Asolo.

## TRAVEL INFORMATION

It is up to you to make your way to and from the tour.

The starting point of Vicenza is well connected with the following airports: Venezia (VCE), Verona (VRN), Treviso (TSF), Bergamo (BGY-150min).

*Please note the prices of public transfer tickets and timetables can change through the year.*

### **Venezia Marco Polo Airport**

ATVO provides a "Fly Bus" from the airport to the train station of Venezia Mestre. Bus departs every 25/30 minutes and journey time is approx 20 minutes. Ticket price is €3.00:

[www.atvo.it](http://www.atvo.it)

From Mestre train station there are regular trains to Vicenza:

[www.trenitalia.com/en/index.html](http://www.trenitalia.com/en/index.html)

### **Verona Villafranca Catullo**

Every 20 minutes from 6:30am to 11:35pm a bus departs from the airport to Verona Porta Nuova station.

The trip takes about 30 minutes and ticket price is €4.50: [www.aeroporto.verona.it](http://www.aeroporto.verona.it)

From Verona there are numerous train connections to Vicenza, journey time approx. 50min:

<http://www.trenitalia.com/en/index.html>

### **Trains**

In Italy there is a good train service offering bicycle transport. This low-cost option will allow you to reach the next city if you prefer to visit a city at your own pace instead of cycling. Train with **bicycle compartments** are in all regional trains and are indicated with a bicycle symbol on the carriage and also on the timetables on display in the station.

Tickets can be bought directly at the railway stations or at a "Tabacchi" stop, asking for a "fascia chilometrica" (per kilometre) ticket, plus a ticket for the bike. For further information on timetables and prices you can consult [www.trenitalia.com](http://www.trenitalia.com).