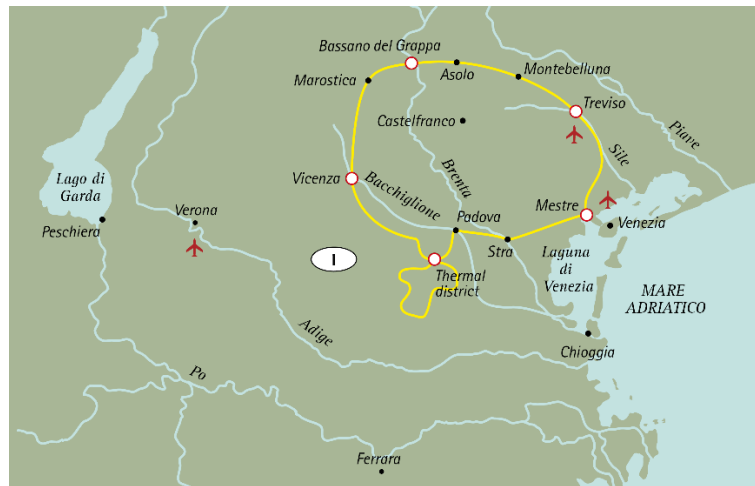


# Cycling Safaris

## VENICE LANDS TOUR 2025

Self-Guided

225-315 km | 7 nights / 8 days



**This is the new Venice Lands tour. It starts and ends in Mestre (Venice mainland) and has 2 overnights in Galzignano.**

Nestled between the Alps and the Adriatic Sea this tour explores the Veneto (Venetia) region of northern Italy. This area has always had a key strategic significance, its location forming a gateway between the Mediterranean region and northern and eastern Europe.

Pedalling through vineyards, mountain backdrops and on two tiny islands, this journey brings you through a lovely mixture of scenery and explores some of Italy's true classics.

We cycle along lagoons, rivers and the sea, through quiet planes and bustling towns, and experience a unique fusion between the old and new Italy.

The region being the birthplace of the famous architect Andrea Palladio (16<sup>th</sup> Century) you are spoilt for stunning architecture that characterises the beautiful villages and also the many "Palladio Villas" along the way.

### Highlights:

- Two overnights in the Euganean Hills, Europe's largest spa area
- The city of the famous Renaissance architect Palladio: Vicenza
- A taste of grappa, a popular distilled spirit produced from gape pomace in Bassano

### What awaits you:

An easy week of leisurely cycling suitable for everyone. The route is mostly flat, except for a one kilometer climb to Asolo and a few short ups and downs. You'll ride on low-traffic secondary roads and paved bike paths. Greater care should be taken when entering and leaving cities, as there may be a bit more traffic, especially near Treviso.

## 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 - Bassano del Grappa (40 km / +255m -185m)

From Vicenza you will cycle towards Marostica, famous for its castle and the chessboard on the main square. Today's destination is Bassano known for the famous drink "grappa" and for the "Ponte Vecchio," also known as the Bridge of the Alpini. This is a historic covered wooden bridge, which spans the Brenta River in the center of the city.



### Day 6 Bassano del Grappa - Treviso (65 km / +395m -490m)

You will enter Asolo, which represents the only real uphill section of this ride. The downhill run will take you to the land of Prosecco vineyards, inscribed on the World Heritage List as a cultural landscape. In Maser you can admire another Palladian masterpiece, Villa Barbaro, frescoed by Paolo Veronese, until you reach Treviso, whose city centre is characterised by ancient waterways.

### **Day 7 Treviso-Mestre/Venice mainland (45 km / +190m -210m)**

Leaving Treviso behind you, you will follow the course of the River Sile up to Casale. Don't miss the striking Cimitero dei Burci (ship graveyard) in Casier, where you can admire the half-sunken remains of these large wooden boats, used until the 1970s to transport goods along the Sile. At the end of the trip Venice will await you for an evening among canals and narrow streets. Accommodation is in Mestre, Venice mainland

### **Day 8 Mestre/Venice mainland**

Departure after breakfast.



## **2025 DEPARTURE DATES**

### **Departure dates:**

Every Sunday and Tuesday from 30<sup>th</sup> March – 12<sup>th</sup> October

Special departure dates for a group of at least 6 people

**Season 1:** 30 March – 19 April and 28 September – 12 October

**Season 2:** 20 April – 10 May and 7 September – 27 September

**Season 3:** 11 May – 6 September

## **2025 SELF GUIDED TOUR PRICE**

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

Season 1 - €790 per person sharing / €1180 single room / €650 third person in triple room

### **Category B (3\* hotels):**

Season 1 - €690 per person sharing / €960 single room / €555 third person in triple room

**Season 2** (20 April – 10 May and 7 September – 27 September)

Cat A & B: €170 per person supplement

**Season 3** (11 May – 6 September)

Cat A & B: €220 per person supplement

- €120 Touring bike, incl. bike insurance
- €175 Hybrid Bike, incl. bike insurance
- €285 Electric – bike, incl. bike insurance
- €15 Helmet

## WHAT THE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

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- 7 nights ensuite accommodation
- 7x 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
- 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-€20 in total)
- Everything not mentioned in section "included"
- Venice Municipality Access Fee: (approx. €3-€10 per day, to be paid on site)
- 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

Category B: The accommodation is mainly in 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 / €70 per person sharing Cat B

€160 single room Cat A / €115 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: 300 km
- Terrain: 80% tarmac, 20% unpaved
- Train connection among the overnight stays: day 5, 6 and 7
- Possibility to shorten the itinerary by taking the train: day 2 and 7

## 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

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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).