

# Gourmet Veneto, with Paola

## Sept. 18 ~ Sept. 25, 2022



FOOD & WINE



ART & LOCAL CULTURE



OFF THE BEATEN  
TRACKS

Taste the flavours of Italy with Paola...who better than her for this Gourmet tour?! Her passion for cooking and her constant research for quality ingredients, led her to Veneto: she discovered the hidden gems of this wonderful land and she selected some special experiences just to craft this exclusive tour for her classes!

Paola also selected "boutique style" accommodations in the very city center of two iconic cities (PADOVA and VENEZIA), so that you will surely immerse yourself in the real Italian lifestyle!

### 4 UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES

- Padova's Frescos of 14th century
- Colline del Prosecco (Prosecco wine Hills)
- Venezia and its lagoon
- Orto Botanico di Padova (Botanical Gardens)



*To know more  
about each UNESCO site, look  
for this symbol in the program  
here below*

### UNIQUE EXPERIENCES CREATED JUST FOR OUR SMALL GROUP

- we will be exclusively hosted by a local chef for 2 very special cooking classes: one set in a private MODERN VILLA and the other set in a VENETIAN STYLE VILLA on the hills
- we will have a special tour of an historic furnace in a family court where we will have lunch in the garden and visit their fine art ceramics and pottery.

### HIDDEN GEMS & FAMOUS HIGHLIGHTS

- family run producers: Prosecco DOCG wine, awarded Italian cheese, Luxardo (spirits, cherries and jam), pottery, olive oil,
- Historic food market of Padova
- Cappella degli Scrovegni painted by Giotto in Padova
- Selected guide, sommelier and cheese expert always at your disposal
- Highlights of Padova and Venice
- Gondola ride in Venice



## Day-by-Day Program



### Day 1 - ARRIVAL DAY & WELCOME DINNER IN PADOVA

Arrival day and optional private transfer from the airport to the accommodation in Padova that is located in the city center, just in front of the iconic Sant'Anthony Basilica.

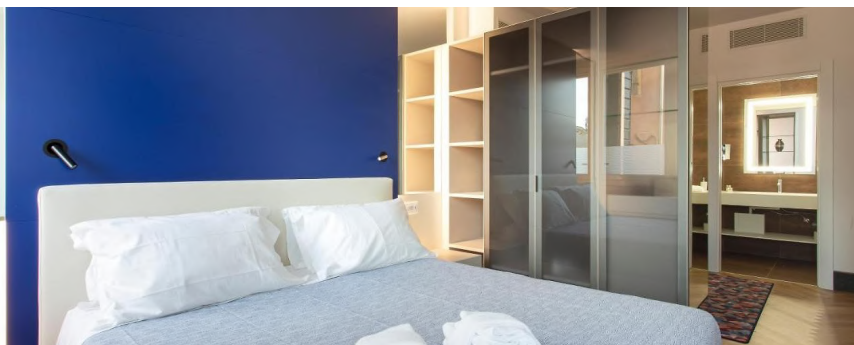


#### PADOVA

*\*HOTEL LOCATION IN PIAZZA SANT'ANTONIO\**

#### BASILICA OF SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

*"The Pontifical Basilica of Saint Anthony of Padua (in Italian: Basilica Pontificia di Sant'Antonio di Padova) is a Roman Catholic church dedicated to St. Anthony: although the Basilica is located in Padua, it belongs to the Vatican State. It is a place of pilgrimage by catholic people from all over the world. The basilica is known locally as "il Santo". It is one of the international shrines recognized by the Holy See."*



Welcome dinner with presentation and description of the program.

Back to the hotel

Night in hotel in Padua



## Day 2 - PADOVA & EXCLUSIVE COOKING EXPERIENCE

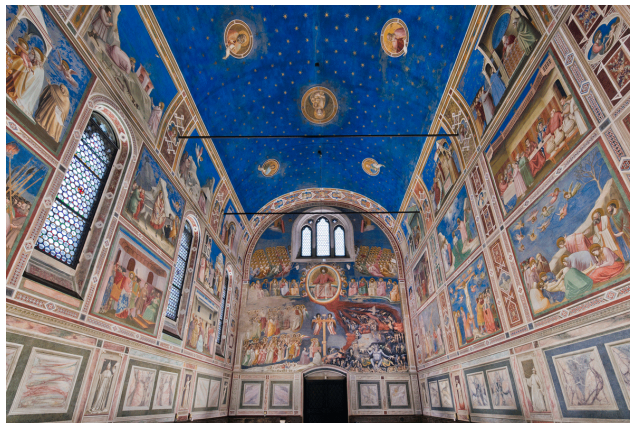
Breakfast in hotel

In the morning we'll have a short walk to the historic food market "SOTTO IL SALONE" with the purchase of some flavors and ingredients for the cooking class. The set of the cooking class will be a private Villa where we will be exclusively hosted and where we will learn how to cook some local delicious dishes.

Lunch with our dishes and local wines



After lunch we will discover Padua through a guided walking tour of its Highlights (Prato della Valle, Piazza, Palazzo del Bo, Pedrocchi, affreschi del Mantegna) to finish with the famous Scrovegni Chapel painted by Giotto.



**PADOVA FRESCOS - WORLD HERITAGE UNESCO SITE** "With the proclamation in 2021, the serial site "**The frescoed cycles of the 14th century**" was declared a World Heritage Site. It is a complex of eight monuments in the historic centre of Padua, inside which frescoed cycles by Giotto, Guariento, Giusto de' Menabuoi, Mantegna.

Dinner by your own (not included - restaurants' list provided)

Back to the hotel

Night in hotel in Padua

### Day 3 - CHEESE & PROSECCO WINE TOUR

Breakfast in hotel

Morning: Transfer by private minivan to the “Prosecco” hills - Colline del Prosecco - another UNESCO SITE, where we will visit a LATTERIA (here a special experience is waiting for us!) that produces Italian awarded cheeses and you will taste them in a light lunch.



In the afternoon, through a panoramic route, we will visit a local producer with an expert of the real Prosecco DOCG and you will taste this famous wine with some bibianesi (grissini).



**COLLINE DEL PROSECCO DI  
CONEGLIANO E VALDOBBIADENE**

**- UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE -** in northeast Italy is an area characterised by distinctive hogback morphological system which provides a distinctive mountain character with scenic vistas, and an organically evolved and continuing landscape comprised of vineyards, forests, small villages and agriculture.

Transfer back to our hotel in the center of Padova and free time in the evening

Dinner by your own (not included - restaurants' list provided)

Night in the hotel in Padua



## Day 4 - EUGANEAN HILLS EXPERIENCE: OLIVE OIL AND COOKING CLASS

Breakfast in hotel



Departure from our hotel in the morning with private van for a full day experience on the Euganean Hills: guided visit of Villa dei Vescovi (This exquisite, early 16th-century, proto-neoclassical villa, surrounded by the landscape of the Euganean Hills and adorned with stunning frescoes, embodies a perfectly balanced fusion of nature, art and architecture), then visit the brand new Luxardo museum (probably it just opens this September!).



In the late morning we will visit a local olive oil producer where we will have a light lunch.

Then, we will be exclusively hosted in private Villa where we will take a class with the local chef and we will learn how to cook some delicious dishes.

Dinner with your dishes and local wines.

Back to the hotel

Night in hotel in Padua

## Day 5 - THE SECRETS OF VENETO

Breakfast in hotel and free time in the morning

Late morning pick up by minivan at the hotel in Padua. At 1:00 pm we arrive at the “ceramiche Barettoni” that will open for an exclusive visit for our group and a light lunch in their private beautiful garden.



Afternoon visit of the picturesque town of Bassano del Grappa with the Alpini Bridge and the grappa spirit museum.



In the evening you will enjoy a walk in the little town of Marostica, known for the iconic chess square.

Dinner in a very traditional osteria

Transfer back to hotel in Padua



## Day 6 - PADOVA'S ORTO BOTANICO & VENICE

Breakfast and hotel check out

In the morning, guided visit of the **Orto Botanico** (Botanical garden) of **Padova**, an **UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE** and a perfect mix of history and contemporary architecture.



*"the **Botanical Garden of Padua** is the original of all botanical gardens throughout the world, and represents the birth of science, of scientific exchanges, and understanding of the relationship between nature and culture. It has made a profound contribution to the development of many modern scientific disciplines, notably botany, medicine, chemistry, ecology, and pharmacy."*

After this visit, private transfer by van and watertaxi to your accommodation in Venice, near Rialto Bridge.

Arrival in Venice

Check in and free time for lunch.



In the late afternoon, we will have an unforgettable guided Aperitivo Walk (to be considered light dinner): we will also enjoy the Terrace of the Fondaco de Tedeschi, that's considered one of the best views of Venice.



Back to the accommodation in Venice

## Day 7 - VENICE

Breakfast



*"Founded in the 5th century and spread over 118 small islands, Venice is an extraordinary architectural masterpiece on the water, in which even the smallest building contains historic works by some of the world's greatest artists such as Giorgione, Titian, Tintoretto, Veronese and others."*

Morning: pick up in hotel for a guided walk of Venice with its highlights (Piazza San Marco, Rialto Bridge, some hidden beautiful corner) and Gondola ride.

Free time for lunch and in the afternoon

Farewell dinner

Back to the accommodation in Venice



## Day 8 - DEPARTURE DAY

Breakfast

Departure day, hotel check out

End of the services



### EXTRA TRAVEL SERVICES OR EXTENSION

For any extra travel service in Italy, you can contact directly **Giulia** at: [info@italytraveltag.com](mailto:info@italytraveltag.com)  
She will provide quotations and reservations for:

- transfers from your accommodation in Venice to Venice airport/train station
- transfers from the airport (Venezia, Verona, Bologna, etc) to your accommodation in Padova
- travel extensions in Italy or in Venice
- single day tours in Venice, for ex: the lagoon islands Murano and Burano, maskmaking class, guided tours of Guggenheim Museum, guided tour of the Doge Palace, Jewish Venice area
- single day tours from Venice, for ex: Verona and Amarone, the town of Treviso, Cortina Dolomites Mountains, Venetian Villas, Shopping factory outlets, and so on.

### ...MORE ABOUT PADOVA AND VENEZIA

#### PADOVA

Padua appears twice in the UNESCO World Heritage List: for its Botanical Garden, the most ancient of the world, and the 14th-century Frescoes, situated in different buildings of the city centre. An example is the Scrovegni Chapel painted by Giotto at the beginning of 1300.

The city is picturesque, with a dense network of "portico" streets opening into large communal piazze, and many bridges crossing the various branches of the Bacchiglione, which once surrounded the ancient walls like a moat.

Saint Anthony, the patron saint of the city, was a Portuguese Franciscan who spent part of his life in the city and now many pilgrims visit his Basilica.

The city hosts the famous University of Padua, that was founded in 1222 when a group of students and professors decided to leave the University of Bologna to have more freedom of expression. At the University of Padua, Galileo Galilei was a lecturer between 1592 and 1610.

#### VENEZIA

Venezia is built on a group of 118 small islands that are separated by canals and linked by over 400 bridges. The city was historically the capital of the Republic of Venice for over a millennium, from 697 to 1797. This made Venice a wealthy city throughout most of its history. After the Napoleonic Wars and the Congress of Vienna, the Republic was annexed by the Austrian Empire, until it became part of the Kingdom of Italy in 1866, following a referendum held as a result of the Third Italian War of Independence.

The lagoon and a part of the city are listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Although the city is facing some challenges (including an excessive number of tourists and problems caused by pollution, tide peaks and cruise ships sailing too close to buildings), Venice remains a very popular tourist destination, a major cultural centre, and has been ranked many times the most beautiful city in the world.

