

The Traveling Professor Presents

The Jewels of Northern Italy

Padua, Vicenza, Verona, Treviso, Bassano del Grappa and Authentic Venice for the Experienced Traveler

8 Nights and 9 Days

Go beyond Rome and Florence and experience the *real* Italy. Steve Solosky, The Traveling Professor has designed a delightful itinerary as an introduction to a new and refreshing Italy full of history, architecture, food, art, culture, and natural beauty that most tourists never see.

For instance, the extraordinary Scrovegni Chapel, the historic university of Galileo, and the markets of Padua are sights not often visited on an Italy tour. Romeo and Juliet are brought to life in Shakespeare's romantic Verona. The memory of Andrea Palladio's Teatro Olimpico in Vicenza will remain for years. Go within the ancient walls of Treviso, it's beauty, food and culture will surprise you. Bassano del Grappa, at the foothills of the Dolomites is an Italy you never thought existed. Experience all this and more with knowledgeable and professional tour guides, providing insight that cannot be found with tour books, phone apps, or audio guides. If you are a seasoned traveler yearning for an authentic Italian experience, this tour is for you.



Included with Your Trip:

- **2 Nights in Venice and 6 Nights in Padua** in the best hotels as ranked on Tripadvisor.com. The 4- star [Hotel Dinesen](#) is a canal-side boutique hotel in the quiet Dorsudoro section of Venice. Padua's 4-star [Majestic Hotel Toscanelli](#) is in the heart of the historic districts of their respective cities, perfect for exploring surrounding areas. Single, double/twin rooms have private showers and baths. Breakfast is included.
- **Professional guide services.** Expert, licensed guides provide in-depth analysis of the history, architecture, culture and attractions of the region. Their insider knowledge of the best authentic places to dine and special places to visit makes this tour extraordinary.
- **Daily Itinerary.** Each day we plan approximately 4-6 hours of programmed touring. Uncover the best Venice and Northern Italy has to offer – many of these sites tourists never see. There are also opportunities to explore on your own. Our tour leaders can help plan a custom itinerary.
- **VIP Paid Admission.** In Padua, Verona, and Vicenza, Venice, Bassano del Grappa and Treviso. Enter outstanding attractions including the Scrovegni Chapel, the Duomo, Juliet's home and balcony, Teatro Olimpico and many more.
- **All Local and Intercity Transportation.** Upon arrival, we take care of the details including all intra-city and inter-city transportation, all museum admissions on the itinerary, tours and activities. Transfers to/from airport are not included.
- **Small Group Size** limited to 10-12 travelers, mostly in their 50's to 70's. Groups are usually split about 50/50 between solo and accompanied travelers. Our travelers are healthy, ambitious, and active. Those with mobility issues are not recommended for this tour.
- **Personalized, Attentive Service.** Steve and Linda lead this tour. They act as the group's personal concierges from start to finish. They are accessible to answer all questions, guide your stay, and to offer personal advice on everything from dining to touring to shopping. Leave the details and worrying to them and enjoy the tour.
- **Priced at \$2,999 Per Person.** Based upon double occupancy. The single supplement is \$599. Stay additional nights in Padua at \$225 per room.
- **Need More Info?** Email The Professor at info@travelingprofessor.com or see www.travelingprofessor.com. The Professor is here to help, answer questions, and address concerns.

NOTES:

- Airfare is not included. However, The Professor can assist in finding an optimum air itinerary for travelers. We suggest flying from your home airport in/out of Venice (VCE).
- The Professor is happy to communicate with you prior to the trip via e-mail or telephone to answer questions or address concerns.
- Travelers must be able to walk 3-5 miles daily, up and down stairs, and on different grades of pavement to keep pace with the group. This tour is not recommended for those with mobility or health issues
- To reserve, send a \$350 deposit per person made out to "TRAVELING PROFESSOR LLC" and mail to TRAVELING PROFESSOR, PO BOX 747, GREAT BARRINGTON MA 01230. Deposits are fully refundable, no questions asked, up to 21 after receipt. All deposits and payments are fully refundable if the tour is filled after your cancellation or if the trip does not run.
- Health insurance coverage is strongly, strongly encouraged.
- Travelers are urged to purchase trip cancellation/interruption insurance. Please note that some, but not all, insurance companies require insurance to be purchased within 14 days of making a deposit.

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Day 1	Arrival in Venice. It's been a long day of travel, so after check-in, do a relaxing guided walking tour of the beautiful Dorsudoro area of Venice followed by dinner. Hotel: Hotel American Dinesen
Day 2	In the morning we go behind the scenes, past the hordes of tourists to see a version of the historic city few tourists see. In the afternoon, enjoy time on your own visiting sites like the nearby Peggy Guggenheim Collection. Enjoy St. Mark's Square in the evening, after all the tourists have gone away. Hotel: Hotel American Dinesen
Day 3	Free morning in Venice. After lunch, we are picked up at our canal-side hotel for a private water taxi ride down the Grand Canal to the train station for our departure to Padua, 30 minutes away. After arrival we'll do a short orientation of the city followed by a tour of the Scrovegni Chapel. Perhaps more historically significant than the Sistine Chapel and in the opinion of many, more beautiful, this is a wonderful introduction to Padua. You will be amazed at the difference and authenticity of this city compared to touristy Rome or Florence. Hotel: Majestic Hotel Toscanelli
Day 4	In the morning, a guided tour of Padua includes the local markets, Jewish Ghetto, Duomo, Basilica of St. Anthony and Café Pedrocchi. Later in the afternoon we have an appointment at the Palazzo Bo to visit the University of Padua. Historically, it is one of the oldest and most significant universities in the world. During the tour, we'll see the anatomical theater where medical human dissections were first done. We'll see the podium where Galileo lectured. Hotel: Majestic Hotel Toscanelli .
Day 5	In the morning we hop on the train for the 20-minute trip to Vicenza. It is the home of Andrea Palladio, the most influential and most copied architect in the western world. After a guided tour of the city to view some of the most famous of Palladio's works, we visit the stunning Teatro Olimpico. Enjoy a delicious lunch at one of Vicenza's famous "self-serve" restaurants. Upon return, travelers will be anxious to go out on their own to visit many of the other wonders of Padua such as the botanical gardens, Duomo, Palazzo de Ragione, and Basilica of Saint Anthony. Hotel: Majestic Hotel Toscanelli .
Day 6	The 75-minute train ride through the countryside of Italy brings us to the Roman city of Verona. An expertly guided walking exploration introduces us to Shakespeare's city. We will visit the Roman amphitheater, Juliet's house and balcony, and the Piazza Bra. This is a wonderful walking city full of markets, shopping, interesting churches and Roman ruins. Hotel: Majestic Hotel Toscanelli .
Day 7	About an hour away by train, and centuries back in time, lies the walled-in city of Treviso. This may well be the most memorable part of the tour. Great food, local markets, castles and moats. This is Italy! Hotel: Majestic Hotel Toscanelli .
Day 8	It's a 45-minute train ride to the foot of the Dolomites and the small town of Bassano del Grappa, on the River Brenta. On our last tour, many travelers found this to be their favorite stop. The food is perhaps the best in Northern Italy. The charm factor is 11 out of 10. Great small museums, grappa tasting and just a relaxing day in the real Italy. Hotel: Majestic Hotel Toscanelli .
Day 9	It's getaway day. Enjoy breakfast at our luxurious hotel. Take a final stroll through one of the four squares in Padua. The Professor will make sure you get to your departure point or next destination quickly and safely. Arrivederci!

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