

The Traveling Professor Presents
Venice and The Veneto

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

9 Nights and 10 Days: Sunday, May 1 to Monday, May 9

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. 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:

- **3 Nights in Venice, 5 Nights in Padua** in the best hotels as ranked on Tripadvisor.com. The top-ranked canal-side [Hotel American Dinesen](#) in Venice and Padua's 4-star [Majestic Hotel Toscanelli](#) are 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. Ruben and Debbie Ecequiel are two of the top guides in the Veneto region and their knowledge and expertise separates this tour from the rest.
- **Daily Itinerary.** Each day we plan approximately 4-6 hours of programmed touring. Uncover the best Venice and the Veneto have 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 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.
- **Small Group Size** limited to 6-10 travelers, in their 40's to 70's. Groups are usually split about 50/50 between solo and accompanied travelers. Usually about 50% of those on our tours have traveled with us before. Our travelers are healthy, ambitious, and active. Those with mobility issues are not recommended for this tour.
- **Personalized, Attentive Service.** Tour leaders handle all the details and serve as the group's personal concierge from start to finish. They are accessible to answer any and 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 \$399. Stay additional nights in Padua at \$189 per room, in Venice additional nights are \$349 per night per room.
- **Need More Info?** Email The Professor at info@travelingprofessor.com or see www.travelingprofessor.com

NOTES:

- Airfare is not included. However, The Professor can assist in finding an optimum air itinerary for travelers.
- 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 in order 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 STEPHEN SOLOSKY, 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 to capacity 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.

TENTATIVE ITINERARY

We will be sending out a trip questionnaire for traveler input to the tour



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| Sunday, May 1 | Arrival in Venice. It's been a long day of travel, so after check-in, we do a short guided walking tour of the beautiful Dorsudoro area of Venice followed by dinner. Hotel: Hotel American Dinesen |
| Monday, May 2 | In the morning we take an in-depth tour not only of the St. Mark's area of Venice, but go behind the scenes, past the hordes of tourists to see a version of the historic city few tourists see. Hotel: Hotel American Dinesen |
| Tuesday, May 3 | A day on your own in Venice. Each traveler has a museum pass as well as a full-day transportation pass. You may choose to visit Murano or Burano, snack with the locals at a canal-side cichetti. How about a visit to the Peggy Guggenheim Collection or the Accademia? Is there a gondola ride in your future? Whatever it is you want to do, we'll help you plan your day. Hotel: Hotel American Dinesen |
| Wednesday, May 4 | This morning 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. 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 of this city compared to touristy Rome or Florence, for instance. Hotel: Majestic Hotel Toscanelli |
| Thursday, May 5 | In the morning we have a guided tour of Padua to include the local markets, the Jewish Ghetto, Duomo, Basilica of St. Anthony and the 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 most significant universities in the world. During the tour of the university we'll see the anatomical theater where human dissections were done in secret, hidden from the Church. We'll see the podium where Galileo lectured. Hotel: Majestic Hotel Toscanelli. |
| Friday, May 6 | In the morning we hop on the train for the 40 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. |
| Saturday, May 7 | 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 amphitheatre, 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. |
| Sunday, May 8 | 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. |
| Monday, May 9 | It's getaway day. Enjoy breakfast at our luxurious hotel. Take a final stroll through one of the four squares in Padua. Our tour leader will help you off to your next destination. Arrivederci! |

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