

The Traveling Professor Presents
Venice and The Veneto
Padua, Vicenza, Verona, Bassano del Grappa and Authentic Venice
for the Experienced Traveler

7 Nights and 8 Days: Thursday, May 11 to Thursday, May 18

Go beyond Rome and Florence to experience the *real* Italy. Here's a delightful itinerary introducing the experienced traveler to a new and refreshing Italy full of history, architecture, food, art, culture, and natural beauty 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. You've probably never heard of Bassano del Grappa, beautifully set at the foot of the Dolomites, but when you get home you will tell friends about your secret discovery. 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 is for you.



Included With Your Trip:

- **2 Nights in Venice, 5 Nights in Padua.** Venice's 4-Star [Hotel Dinesen](#) 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. 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. Vicenza residents and expert tour guides Ruben & Debbie Ecequiel lead this tour.
- **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 for your free time.
- **VIP Paid Admission.** In Padua, Verona, and Vicenza, Venice and Bassano del Grappa. 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 8-12 travelers. 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.** 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.** There is NO single supplement for this tour. Stay additional nights in Padua at \$199 per room, in Venice additional nights are \$369 per night per room.
- **Optional Add-On to Florence.** For only \$987 enjoy a 4-day, 3-night, fully guided tour to Florence
- **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 \$400 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



Day 1 Thursday, May 11	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, non-touristy Dorsudoro area of Venice followed by dinner. Hotel: 4-Star Canal Side Hotel American Dinesen
Day 2 Friday, May 12	Start with a guided tour of San Marco to include the basilica and Doge's Palace. Enjoy the rest of the day on your own. 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: 4-Star Canal Side Hotel American Dinesen
Day 3 Saturday, May 13	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. 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: 4-Star Majestic Hotel Toscanelli
Day 4 Sunday, May 14	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: 4-Star Majestic Hotel Toscanelli
Day 5 Monday, May 15	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 authentic and well-known "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: 4-Star Majestic Hotel Toscanelli
Day 6, Tuesday, May 16	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: 4-Star Majestic Hotel Toscanelli
Day 7 Wednesday, May 17	About an hour away by train, and centuries back in time, at the base of the Dolomite Mountains, lies the truly beautiful and authentic city of Bassano del Grappa. This may well be the most memorable part of the tour. Great food, beautiful natural scenery, rivers and bridges. When you get back home you will tell all your friends about your secret Italian discovery. This is Italy! Hotel: 4-Star Majestic Hotel Toscanelli
Day 8 Thursday, May 18	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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