

## Caorle-Portogruaro-Bibione. Across the River and into the Trees.

Once you've hit Caorle, you can't turn down a tour around the historical city centre, with a stop at the must-see, eleventh-century cathedral, with its cylindrical Romanesque tower and annexed museum which houses noteworthy religious artwork. Not far from there, along the seaside drive



adorned with original sculptures carved from the cliffs, you will come to the Sanctuary of the Madonna dell'Angelo sul mare. Following the pleasant bike path, you can go to Falconera to see the quaint



fishing huts (2) and the Caorle Lagoon. These scenic locations are brimming with fascination that even inspired Hemingway to choose them for the setting of his novel Across the River and Into the Trees. Once you're ready to pedal again, head in the direction of the Livenza River, which you can then cross by way of the picturesque draw bridge. After a few kilometers, you can make a stop in Ca' Corniani, a rural village based around a large agricultural estate that has been in operation since the late 1700s.

This is one of the districts of Caorle and once welcomed a number of farmhands working in the vast stretches of neighboring farmland before tractors were invented. In San Giorgio di Livenza, head east until you reach Marango, where the Loncon and Lemene Rivers flow into the lagoon in the Bosco delle Lame woodlands. From here, tourists can choose one of three different options, all of which are equally fascinating. The first has more of a historical/artistic focus.

Ride through Concordia
Sagittaria, a town with
Ancient Roman roots, an
extensive archeological
area, and a magnificent
cathedral and baptistery.
Next stop is Portogruaro (3),
a city known for its art
and wine. Must-see places
include the Concordiese
National Museum and one
of the osterie in the centre,
where you can sample

Fifth leg
Distance: Caorle - Portogruaro 35 km
Caorle - Bibione 54 km
Difficulty level:

the Lison Pramaggiore wines. The second option focuses more on nature, taking you along the edge of the Caorle Lagoon, up to the Valle Vecchia beach, which is recognized by the European Community as an outstanding site of natural beauty. The third route will bring you to Bibione (1), one of the most renowned beaches in Italy. This is the final destination on the itinerary suspended between the Veneto's land and waters.







