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Veneto by bicycle is a holiday proposal for those who are looking for a slow, playful and light holiday. The Veneto Region has selected **4 itineraries** divided into stretches and **7 daily excursions** to discover the historic, artistic and landscape heritage of this extraordinary territory. Each stage has in store for you unforgettable surprises such as sea and mountain natural parks and art treasures in medieval cities and towns. You will ride surrounded by rural countrysides where excellent wines are produced and where you can enjoy typical dishes. The invite is open to all. In fact the routes are safe, flat, equipped with specific signs and with asphalt concrete surface. The routes selected are mainly cycle routes and countryside roads flanking rivers down to the sea, with mountains and hills that characterize the wonderful scenery. The holiday proposals included in this brochure are described with texts, images and maps that you can find even in a **road-book** with long-distance itineraries as well as single **bike tour cards**. All the guides designed for those who want to ride along the **best cycleways** of the Veneto region can be applied for free at tourist information offices and are available on the website www.veneto.to where you can also download the GPS tracks and pdf maps.

Bike Club: hospitality customized for cyclists.

Tourists who live their cycling holidays need a tailor-made and warm welcoming. For this reason, tourism consortiums of the Veneto Region have formed **"bike clubs"** to take care of tourists and of their means of transport. Contacting hotels, farmhouses or campings which are

members of the club, you can receive all the useful information on routes, rental services, bike repairing and transport. Sports enthusiasts will find also mountain bike and road bike tracks, while those who prefer a more leisurely holiday will receive proposals suitable for their needs. It is easy to book a two-wheel holiday, just visit the websites of the consortiums and bike products club.

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Distance 185 Km
Legs 4

Start: Garda, Bardolino
Finish: Venice

I1 Signposting
Brown signposts

Info: www.veneto.to

01



From Lake Garda to Venice.

Verona, Vicenza, Padua, Riviera del Brenta.

The itinerary, which extends from **Lake Garda to Venice**, offers a panoramic view of the rich history and tradition of the provinces of **Verona, Vicenza, Padua** and **Venice**. Departing from **Garda** (1), historical town on the lake, the path connects different cycle routes along the natural courses of the Adige, Bacchiglione and Brenta rivers leading to the Venetian

mainland. Following the **cycle path of the Adige River**, which links Bolzano to **Verona**, the route crosses the areas where the fine wines Bardolino and Valpolicella are produced. After a visit to the city of Romeo and Juliet, the **bicycle path along** leads to **Palladio's city** and you can stop and visit the medieval town of Soave. From Vicenza, the cycle route continues along the Berica Riviera first and then along the Bacchiglione River (3) reaching **Padua**, home of the innovative artists Giotto and Mantegna, and then re-departs towards **Venice**, crossing the well-known **Riviera del Brenta** (2). It finally arrives in Mestre (Venice), where cyclists can replace bikes with public transportation and **reach Venice**.



The itinerary is mainly on level ground with the exception of two easy uphill stretches: from Garda to Rivoli Veronese in the first leg and from Brendola to Vicenza in the second one. The road is mostly paved with some sections of dirt roads along the banks of the Bacchiglione river. This tour lasts a week and recommended detours are the visit of the lake and of the many art cities along the way. There is also the possibility to extend the journey following the excursions identified with the signposts E2, E5, E6 and E7.



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Distance 305 Km
Legs 6

Ring route with start and finish
recommended in Venice

I2 Signposting
Brown signposts

Info: www.veneto.to

02



The Veneto Ring.

Venice, Chioggia, Abano Terme, Vicenza, Bassano del Grappa, Treviso.



Leaving from **Venice**, the bicycle path of the Venetian lagoon islands crosses the islands to reach **Chioggia** (3). The second day, you can continue cycling among the banks of the Bacchiglione River; passing through the Benedictine Courts of Correzzola (province of Padua) you arrive at the oldest thermal spas in Europe, the **Euganean Thermal baths** (Padua). The next day you can reach the center of Padua

and following the Bacchiglione River, in a landscape dotted with abbeys (2) villas and castles, you reach **Vicenza** and its historical centre, classified as a World Heritage Site. After a break in the city, the path leads to the foothills towards Marostica and **Bassano del Grappa** (province of Vicenza), the former famous for chess and the latter for Palladio's Bridge of the Alpines. Among the rolling hills,

the path finally reaches **Asolo** (1) (province of Treviso), one of the "most beautiful villages in Italy" and then Montebelluna (Treviso), at the foot of the Montello. Just a bit further away you can reach **Treviso**, capital of the Red Radish and of Prosecco wine. The next day, continue along the path which returns to the lagoon by means of the GiraSile bicycle path.



The itinerary is easy and varied, even if some stretches follow busy roads. You will ride on unpaved cycle paths along the banks of the rivers and there are not significant uphill stretches. Worth a note, the boat crossings of the Venetian Lagoon, the sight of small rural villages and the swimming pools of the Euganean Thermal spas. Recommend period from April to October.

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Distance 250 Km
Legs 5

Start: Rovigo
Finish: Portogruaro

13 Signposting
Brown Signposts

Info: www.veneto.to

03



1

Seaside Route.

Rovigo, Chioggia, Jesolo, Caorle, Bibione.

The seaside route makes the tourist discover the wonders of the long littoral area of Veneto: the Po River Delta, the fishing valley, the mouths of many rivers, the long beaches of golden sand and the Venetian Lagoon. The itinerary leaves from the historic centre of **Rovigo** and heads towards Adria, near the **Delta of the Po River**. The next day you can cross the natural Park among valleys and

canals reaching Chioggia, of typical Venetian style. The third leg continues on the **Islands of Venice** (3) (Pellestrina and Lido di Venezia) and ends in Cavallino Treporti (1). The itinerary then reaches the coastal littoral stretch of the Venetian beaches of Jesolo and Eraclea, with many campsites and hotels along the way. After having admired Caorle's charming city centre featuring the fishers island (2) and the Church of the Blessed Virgin of the Angel, the itinerary sets off again towards the final stops, long cycling paths that cross rustic landscapes, flourishing pinewood forests and the lovely city centres of Concordia Sagittaria and **Portogruaro**. The ancient lighthouse in **Bibione** at the mouth of the Tagliamento River is the end of this itinerary among earth and water.



2



3

The route follows a stretch of the "Eurovelo 8" European cycleway that continues along the Po river on one side and along the Adriatic upper coast on the other. There aren't particular difficulties or dangers. Beware of the second leg that is longer than the others. There are many opportunities to discover the Po Delta and the Lagoons of Venice, Caorle and Bibione by boat. You can also extend your visit to the Po Delta with a detour on the E3 excursion.

Distance 200 Km
Legs 4

Start: Passo Cimabanche, Cortina d'Ampezzo
Finish: Venice

14 Signposting
Brown Signposts

Info: www.veneto.to

04



1

From the Dolomites to Venice.

Cortina d'Ampezzo, Belluno, Vittorio Veneto, Treviso, Venice.

From the angular landscapes of the **Dolomites** to the long stretching views of the **Venice Lagoon**, the panorama you encounter during this striking itinerary gently changes day by day. The itinerary departs from **Cortina d'Ampezzo**, jewel of the Dolomites and World Heritage Site (3), following the cycle route built along the old railway track, among forests and peaks. The downhill ride will take you through the many towns of the Cadore area. After a



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short stretch by train, the itinerary continues from **Belluno** towards the Cansiglio Forest and Lake Santa Croce (1). Then the Faldalto pass leads you to Vittorio Veneto (province of Treviso), among rolling hills (2) where the **Prosecco** DOCG is produced. The next stop of the itinerary, identified with the letter I4 in signposts, is Conegliano with its beautiful medieval castle. Across the Piave River and around the Montello

the itinerary reaches **Treviso**, cultural center with precious architectural wonders. The last leg follows the banks of the Sile river and then along roads without traffic reaching Mestre - **Venice**.

One week of journey is suggested to enjoy the many natural and artistic beauties of the places reached along this itinerary. The route doesn't have significant uphill stretches. Watch out for traffic in brief sections near the cities. Pleasant stretches along unpaved cycle paths in the woods and along the Sile river are in store for you. Worth of note the culinary variety, from the Alpine to the Mediterranean tastes.

Distance 50 Km

Start: Passo Cimabanche, Cortina d'Ampezzo
Finish: Calalzo di Cadore

E1 Signposting
Brown signposts

Info: www.veneto.to
www.belledolomiti.it

01



1

Long Way of the Dolomites.

Cortina d'Ampezzo, Calalzo di Cadore.

The cycle path of the **Dolomites** (1) is one of the most rewarding journeys on two wheels in the Alps: you will ride surrounded by some of the peaks recognized by UNESCO as World Heritage Site. The itinerary follows the same route on the old railway tracks of the Dolomites that were built during World War I and closed down in 1964. The starting point is Passo Cimabanche (mountain pass), natural

divider between Valle d'Ampezzo and Pusteria Valley. The downhill slopes included on this trip are consistent and easily cyclable and you can find original stations, tunnels and bridges suspended over spectacular, plummeting gorges. The itinerary passes through the Boite valley, bordering the Boite River which feeds many alpine lakes, surrounded by conifer woods overlooked by the imposing and unmistakable Monte Pelmo, Monte Antelao (2) and the Tofane mountain group. The high-altitude cycle route continues towards **Cortina d'Ampezzo** and passes through all the towns of Cadore area: San Vito (3), Borca, Vodo, Venas, Valle and Tai. A brief detour leads to the centre of **Pieve di Cadore**, last leg before arriving to the train station of Calalzo, ending point of this wonderful cycle route.



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Easy itinerary suitable for families with children. In some stretches you will ride along well-preserved unpaved cycle paths. The are not significant uphill sections. Possibility to return to the starting point by public transport or private means of transport. In many points you can rent a bike. The recommended period is from May to October.

2

Distance 63 Km

Start and finish: Abano Terme, Battaglia Terme, Monselice, Este

E2 Signposting
Brown signposts

Info: www.veneto.to, www.termesport.it,
www.abanomontegrotto.it, www.bikepadova.it
www.welcomepadova.it

02



1

Circular path of the Euganean Hills.

Padua, Este, Euganean thermal baths.

From Padua, the **Euganean Hills** (1) stand out on the horizon with undulating lines in a surprising variety of forms - conical silhouettes atop gently rolling hills. In this unique geological scenery, nature shows its amazing biodiversity, archaeological evidence hands down stories of ancient civilizations and farmers produce excellent wines. This itinerary follows a circular route along ancient waterside routes,

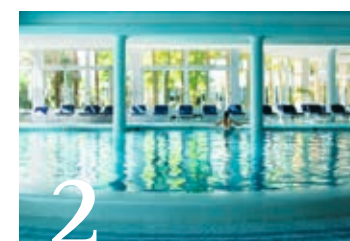


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around the Park of the Euganean Hills, crossing the walled cities of **Este** (3) and **Monselice**, the spas of **Abano and Montegrotto** (2), the waterside village of Battaglia Terme and boasts the Abbey of Praglia and many Venetian villas. The Euganean Hills ring can be a day trip or a proposal for a short break, combining bike rides with a wellness stay at the spas and a visit to archaeological museums,

Venetian Villas and historic centres. The itinerary follows cycle routes mostly paved and does not have significant climbs. Easy detours lead to Arquà Petrarca and to the city of Padua.

This easy and varied route features amazing landscape views. You can ride all year round thanks to the mild climate that characterizes this area. There is only one short uphill stretch. We recommend to stay two days to better discover the territory rich in history, art, wellness and food and wine tradition.



2

Distance 60 Km

Start and finish: Porto Tolle

E3 Signposting
Brown signposts

Info: www.veneto.to
www.deltapocard.it

03



The Donzella Ring.

Po Delta Park.

High dykes, pleasant sea breeze and soft lights: these are the impressions you get as you visit Ca' Tiepolo in **Porto Tolle**, starting point of the trip through the heart of the Po Delta (3). You climb up the right dyke of the river, and continue until you reach Tolle. Then follow the dyke of Po di Tolle until you come to **Scardovari**, a fishing village which has a large fish market. After passing through

Bonelli, a town of traditional houses with large cube-shaped chimneys (2), you come to the beach and to the **tourist resort of Barricata**, ideal place for tourist looking for a wild nature and a relaxing holiday. From these wet environments, man has always been able to make the best. In the valleys fishermen breed mussels and fish gilt-head breams, sea-bass and eels. In the countryside, farmers grow rice, cereals and vegetables. Crossing the river and following the left dyke of the Po della Donzella, the route leads to Ca' Vendramin where you can visit the **Regional Land Reclamation Museum** (1) where you can see a dewatering pump dating back to the beginning of the last century. From here the itinerary returns to the point of departure.



The route follows levees and country roads. Only the wind and the long sunny days can give some difficulties for tourists. To continue the discovery of the Po Delta, we recommend to follow the seaside cycleway (I3 signpost) towards Porto Levante (the Way of the Valleys and the Way of the dewatering pumps). The recommended period for this trip is from spring to autumn.



Distance 40 Km

Start: Circular route starting from Treviso

E4 Signposting
Brown signposts

Info: www.veneto.to
www.marcatreviso.it

04



The GiraSile.

Treviso, Casale sul Sile.

This itinerary follows the Sile river, the longest resurgence river in Europe, in one of the most wonderful stretches within the Regional Natural Park (1) among art cities, nature reserves, Venetian villas and lush countryside. The itinerary begins a short distance away from the historic centre of **Treviso** (2), elegant and wealthy city, following the towpath along the river (3). This route makes you discover many important waterway locations: Porto



di Fiera, last true port of the city, Silea's hydroelectric power station, the **"barge cemetery"** where sunken wrecks of large vessels that were used for goods transporting now languish. Not too far, the itinerary reaches other towns near the river as Casier, Lughignano and **Casale sul Sile**. From here you can cycle towards Treviso along country roads, flanking former clay pits today

renaturalized. Excellent vegetables are grown in the surrounding countryside and can be tasted with a glass of Prosecco in one of the many "osterie" in the old town centre of Treviso.

The GiraSile is one of the most famous cycle paths in the Veneto region. The itinerary is suitable for families with children. There are both paved and gravel road stretches always in excellent conditions. For trained cyclists we suggest to follow the I4 signpost and reach the village of Portegrandi overlooking the Lagoon of Venice.



Distance 40 Km
round trip

Start and Finish: Embarkation of Chioggia,
Fusina, Tronchetto, Punta Sabbioni

E5 Signposting
Brown signposts

Info: www.veneto.to
www.promovenetia.it

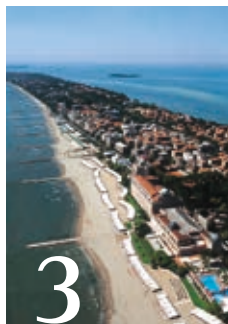
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The Venetian Islands Cycleway.

Lido di Venezia, Malamocco, Pellestrina.

The islands of the **Lido di Venezia** (3) and of Pellestrina mark the boundary between the Adriatic Sea and the Lagoon: open sea on one side, the lagoon on the other and **Venice** (1) sparkling in the background. Just this impression is worth the bike trip. From **Chioggia**, after visiting the old town centre with its original herringbone layout, take the short ferry crossing to



the island of Pellestrina and once arrived, descend in the direction of the Ca' Roman nature reserve. The itinerary takes you northwards to the town

of **Pellestrina**, with sixteen and seventeen century houses and then leads you to the town of Portosecco, where you may meet women making lace on lace pillows. On the second island, stop near Alberoni nature reserve and you can cycle along the road that flanks the lagoon to the old town centre of **Malamocco**, with its traditional Venetian "calli" and

"campielli". You then go up onto the path built on the "Murazzi" (2), large stone boulders arranged to provide defense against heavy seas until you reach the palaces that host the Venice International Film Festival, the old Jewish Cemetery and the church of San Nicolò, finishing point of this itinerary.

Easy itinerary for families with children. The recommended periods are spring and autumn. This cycleway allows you to discover an authentic and original Venice. Worth a visit the nature reserves along the way. Paying attention to the boat connections, you can also ride on the Island of St. Erasmo, famous for its vegetable gardens.



Distance 44 Km
one way

Start: Peschiera sul Garda
Finish: Mantua

E6 Signposting
Brown signposts

Info: www.veneto.to
www.lagodigardaveneto.com

06



The Mincio River Cycle Route.

Peschiera del Garda, Mantua.

This cycle route consists almost entirely of paved, well-marked bike paths on level ground. It begins in **Peschiera del Garda** (1), a walled city that Dante described as a "fortress fair and strong" in Canto XX of his Inferno. Indeed for many centuries this place had an important military function: Roman fort, castle and citadel of the Della Scala family, fortified city of the Venetian Republic,



Napoleonic fortress and nineteenth century Habsburg stronghold. After leaving Lake Garda, after about 15 kilometers, flanking the river, you come to **Valeggio sul Mincio**, a town which preserves its original medieval fortifications atop the hill and handful of houses of Borghetto (3), where you can admire old water mills and the Visconteo Bridge. Returning on the cycle path, you can follow the several signs which direct to the Centrale del Corno nature reserve and to the special conservation areas of Parco Bertone and Bosco Fontana. The last stretch of the Mincio river widens to form a series of lakes surrounding **Mantua** (2), the Gonzaga family's Renaissance city rich in historical and architectural gems and finish point of this wonderful itinerary.



This easy itinerary is protected and mostly along paved roads. During the day you'll discover lake landscapes, relaxing river views, breathtaking countrysides and charming art cities. You can't miss a visit to Valeggio sul Mincio. You should carefully organize transport to get back to the starting point.

Distance 30 km

Circular route with start
and finish in Vicenza

E7 Signposting
Brown signposts

Info: www.veneto.to
www.vicenzae.org

07



1

Palladio's Landscapes.

Vicenza, Lake Fimon.

The masterpieces of **Andrea Palladio** mark the beginning of an itinerary that leads from the outskirts of **Vicenza** (3) towards the peaceful countryside at the foot of the Berica Hills. You can explore charming landscape which has many surviving traces of rural life and stunning scenery. The cycle path of the Riviera Berica, built on the former railway track "Vicenza -

Noventa Vicentina", begins near Arco delle Scalette. After a brief stretch, Villa Capra Valmarana "la Rotonda" (1), one of Palladio's masterpieces, appears on the top of a hill and you can see in the distance the monument on the slopes of Mount Berico. The itinerary leads to the village of Longara, from where you have two possibilities: follow the route that leads to **Lake Fimon** (2), basin of great natural and archaeological value and then return to the city following a circular route, or continue along the new cycling route at the foot of the **Berici Hills** reaching Noventa Vicentina. The itinerary along the former railway leads to the rural towns of Lumignano, Castegnaro, Nanto and you can choose to make the trip shorter.



2



3

This flat circular route is easy even if there are some busy roads near Torri di Arcugnano. The entire ring route that reaches the centre of Arcugnano is recommended to trained cyclists. The linear cycle route instead, along the former Riviera Berica railway recently opened, is easier and very rewarding. From Vicenza to Noventa Vicentina there are 50 km (one way) along a paved cycle route.



Excursions

Tour of the 4 mountain passes
Dolomiti Grand Tour
Marmolada Tour
Around Mount Civetta
Around the Plateau
Tour of Valpolicella
Tour of the Prosecco Hills
Tour of the Euganean and Berici Hills

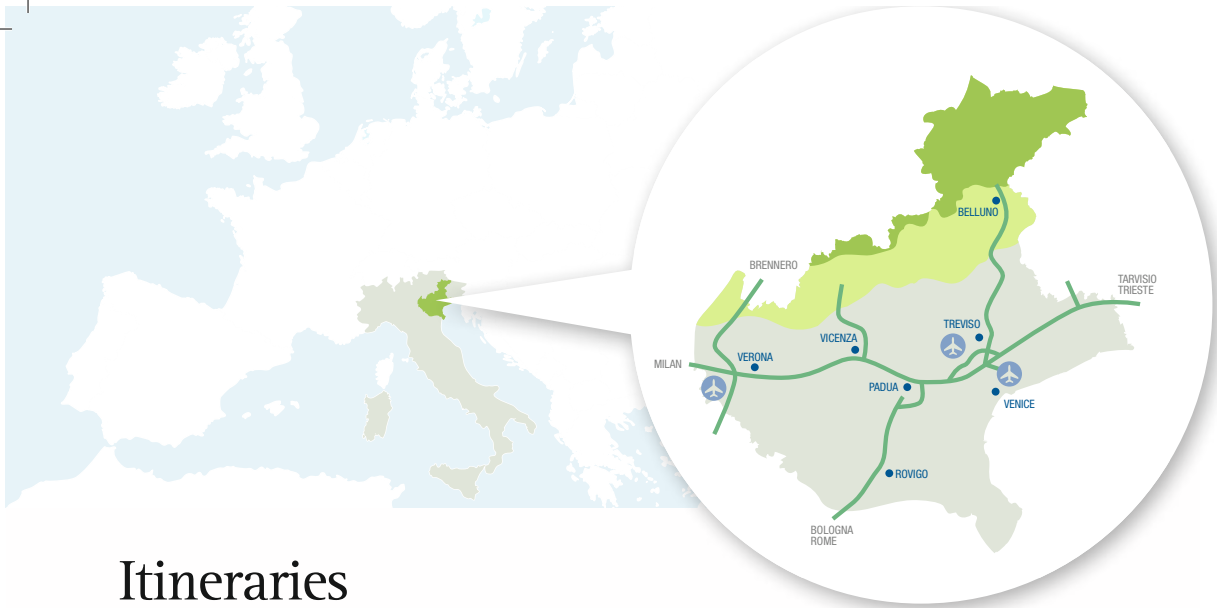
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From Cortina to Tre Cime di Lavaredo
From Bassano to Cima Grappa



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Cortina d'Ampezzo - Tour of the 5 Refuges
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Sappada, Comelico - Crossing Carnia
Prealps and Dolomites of Belluno - The Champions' Circuit
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- **From the Dolomites to Venice - I4**
Cortina d'Ampezzo, Belluno, Vittorio Veneto, Treviso, Venice - www.veneto.to

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Cortina d'Ampezzo, Calalzo di Cadore - www.belledolomiti.it
- **Circular Cycle Path of the Euganean Hills - E2**
Padua, Este, Terme Euganee - www.abanomontegrottosì.it - www.welcomepadova.it
- **The Donzella Ring - E3**
Po Delta Park - www.deltapocard.it
- **The GiraSile - E4**
Treviso, Casale sul Sile - www.marcatrevise.it
- **The Venetian Islands Cycleway - E5**
Lido di Venice, Malamocco, Pellestrina - www.promovenezia.it
- **The Mincio River Cycle Route - E6**
Peschiera del Garda, Mantova - www.lagodigardaveneto.com
- **Palladio's Landscapes - E7**
Vicenza, Lago di Fimon - www.vicenzae.org



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