



4.4 Treviso-Venice. Between the Sile and the Piave.



From Treviso (1) you can get to the Venetian Lagoon by following a river route which serves a dual purpose – offering both historical and natural delights. The comings and goings of the people in this land intertwine with the happenings of nature, thus creating an alternating route riding through the scenic natural environment and making stops in the historical villages. Treviso's identity is also closely linked to its rivers, with canals and

waterways innervating the historical city enclosed within Renaissance walls. You should also visit some of the artistic sites before setting back out. A few must-see places are the cathedral housing Titian's Annunciation, Piazza dei Signori, the Palazzo dei Trecento, and the Casa dei Carraresi with art exhibits and expositions. On the outskirts of the city, there is a route along boardwalks allowing you to get an up-close look at the *cimitero dei burci* (boat cemetery) where large, century-old cargo vessels lie beneath the water's surface. In Casier (2), you will notice the high river banks framing the bend, where the Sile's main river port once stood. Further on, the route follows the meandering river, amidst small distributaries and former gravel pits, which have become important natural habitats. In Casale sul Sile, you'll see a tall merloned bell tower and another medieval tower, which serves as evidence

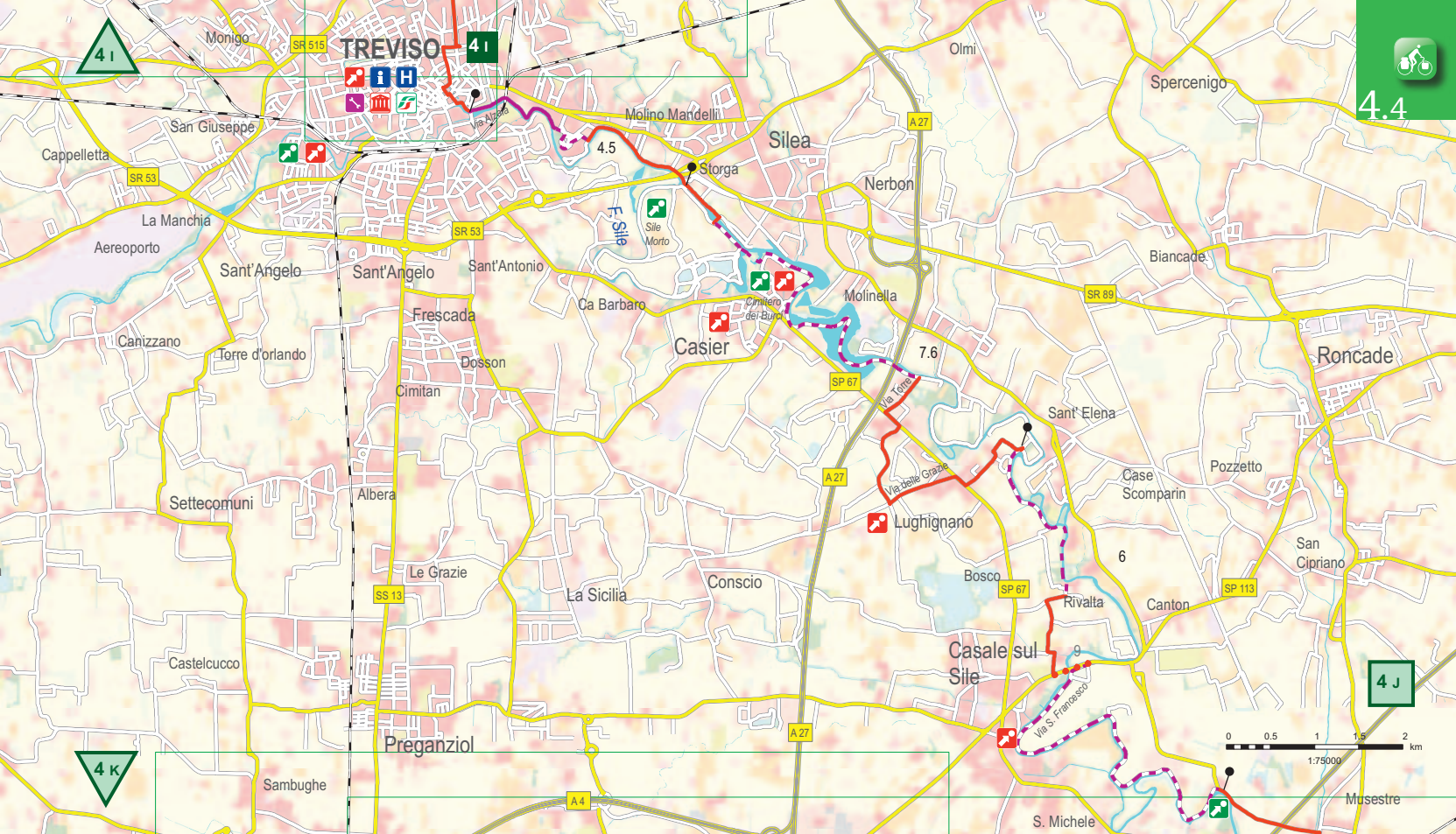


of the old fortified river control post. The surrounding countryside lying between the Sile and Piave preserves the features of traditional landscapes. The fields are trimmed with hedges to protect the crops where several trademark products originate. The rustic homes reveal unusual architectural elements, such as dark wood porticos and protruding fireplaces. In Quarto d'Altino, you might want to plan for a detour down the section of ancient

Fourth leg
Distance: 43 km
Difficulty level: ⚙️

road on via Claudia Augusta, to visit the archaeological museum displaying a number of artifacts from the Ancient Roman settlement of *Altinum*. For your return trip to Venice, you are free to choose between the land route heading to Mestre (page 60) or the river route, continuing along the Sile (3) up to the mouth of the river (page 78), through Caposile, Jesolo and Treponti.







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