



## 1.2 Verona - Vicenza. In the footsteps of Romeo and Juliet.

The second leg starts at Juliet's house (2) and heads south of the town, where the Adige flows through the plains taking a roundabout course to the sea. The surrounding countryside is expertly



cultivated, bearing fruit and vegetables of superior quality, such as the apples of Zevio and Belfiore, two towns that are included on the second leg of the tour. After around thirty kilometers, you'll come to Soave (1), a walled city

boasting Longobard origins. The village's medieval characteristics are evident in the many historical buildings in the centre, as well as in the majestic castle, city walls, and Scaliger towers embracing it. Surrounded by carefully harvested vineyards producing prized Soave white wine, the little city boasts the presence of many agricultural and viticultural businesses and sophisticated "osterie" where you can taste the wines and other local products. Heading back out on your journey, you'll pass through Monteforte d'Alpone at the foot of the Lessinia Mountains crossing into the territory of Vicenza on the plain that separates the Alpine foothills and the Berici Hills. After passing Montebello, you'll see two castles located in proximity to one another; these are commonly known as the castle of Juliet (Castello della Bellaguardia (3) and the castle of Romeo (Castello di Villa). These places set the original

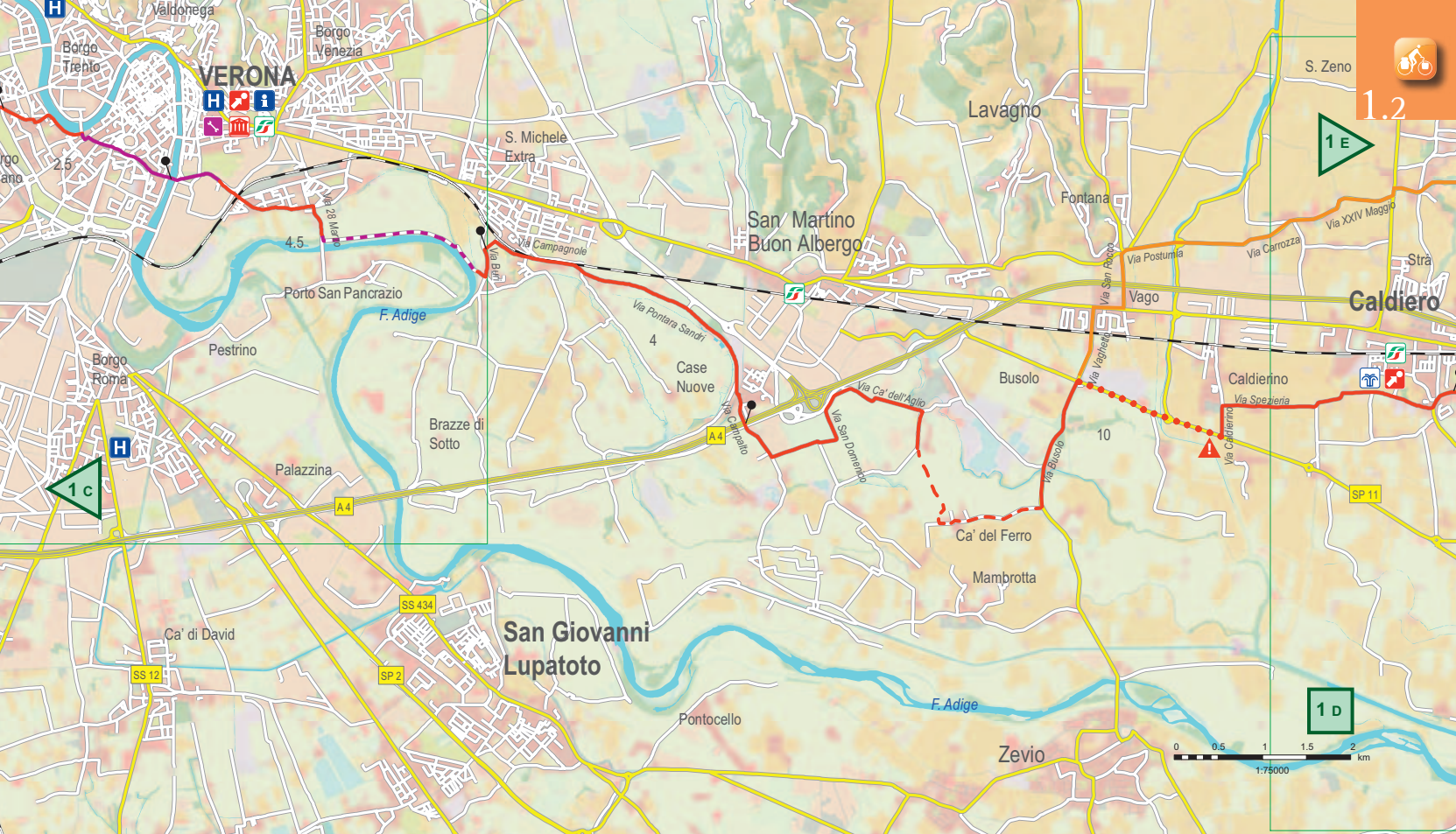


scene for the legend that inspired Shakespeare to write his famous tragedy. The route to Vicenza follows the roads leading up to Brendola, at the foot of the Berici Hills. The surrounding landscape is embellished by Venetian villas, serving as a prelude to the Palladian masterpieces guarded within the main city. Absolute treasures such as the Villa Pisani Bonetti of Palladio or Villa Pisani Ferri "La Rocca" designed by Vincenzo Scamozzi stand out, isolated on lovely hilltops. This low-traffic road goes uphill to an altitude of

Second leg  
Distance: 63 km  
Difficulty level: ⚙️⚙️

about 200 meters. However, your efforts will be repaid by one of the most breathtaking views on the itinerary – a first glimpse at Vicenza from the top of Monte Berico. Near the famous sanctuary there, you can enjoy a view of the entire city wrapped tightly around the "Basilica Palladiana". Upon your arrival downtown, the enchanting dream will continue – a harmonious strain runs through the city quarters – in the piazzas, buildings, churches, and Teatro Olimpico.





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San Giovanni  
Lupatoto

San Martino  
Buon Albergo

Caldiero

Zevio



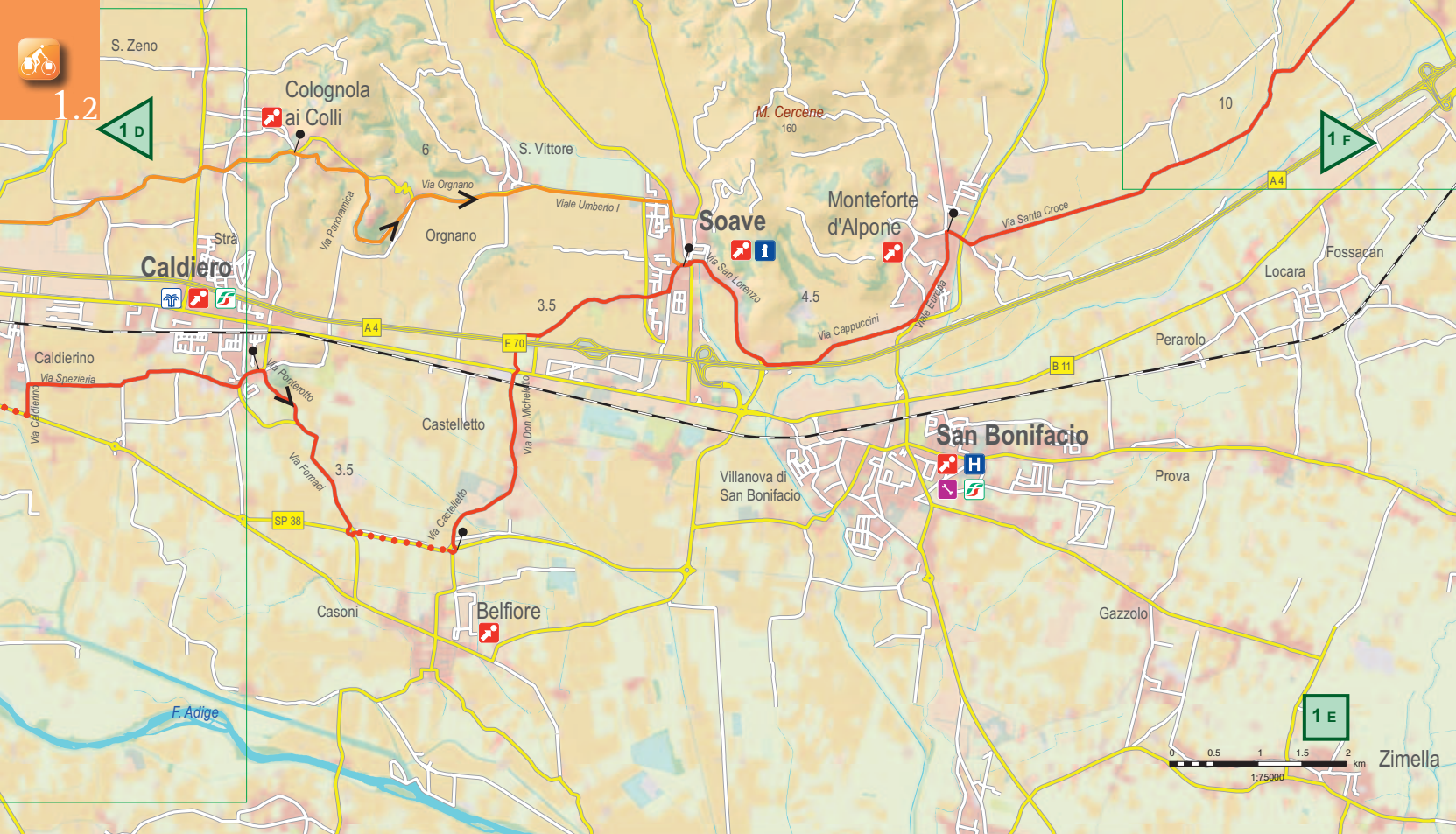
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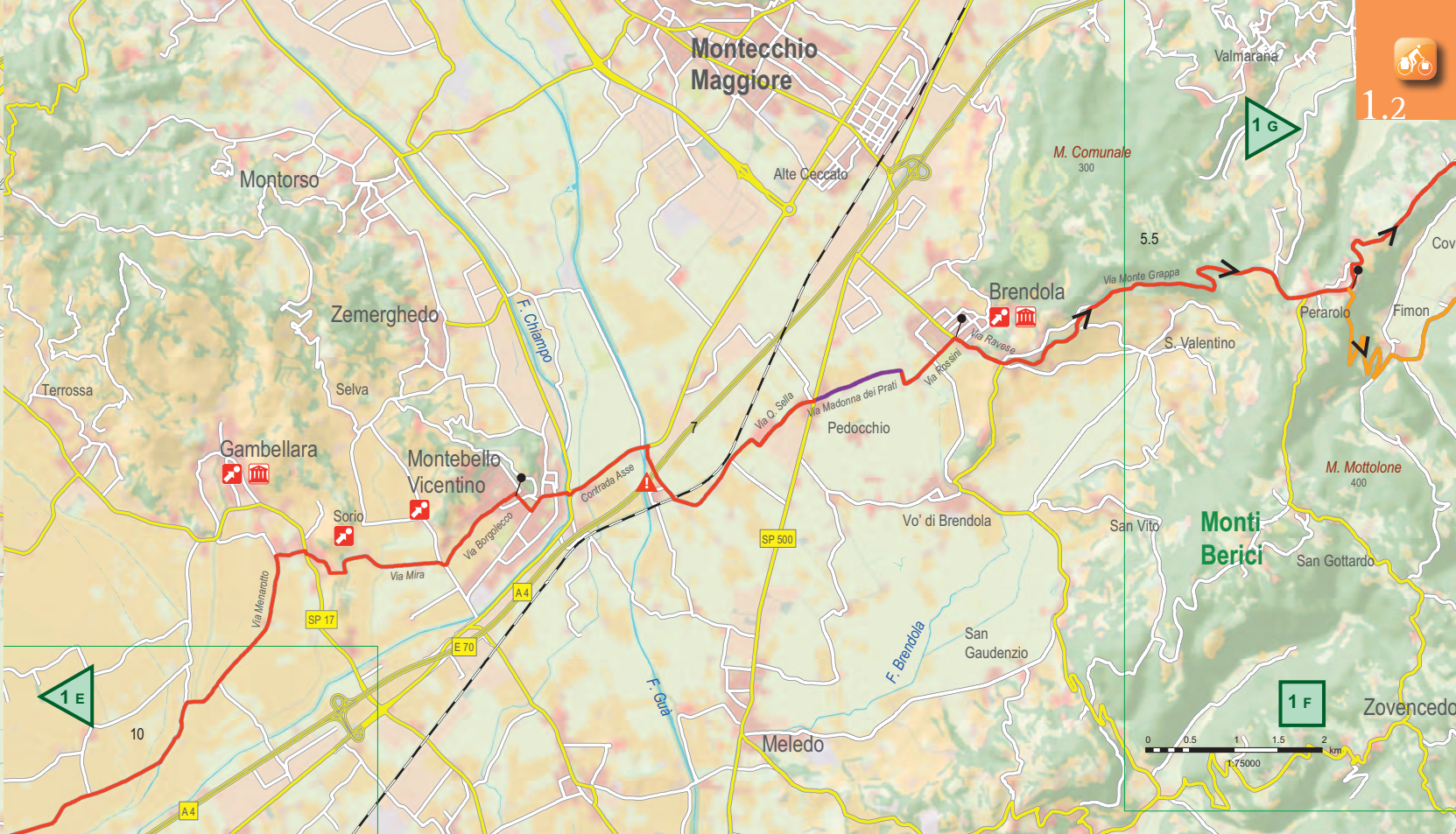


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