

Discover the history and the culture of the area!

- **AQUILEIA:** a place of historical memory and evidence of a distant past. The city is one of the most important archaeological sites in northern Italy, listed a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1998. It is considered the "Second Rome".
- **GRADO:** is a historic seaside resort, called the "Golden Island". You can discover the modern and historical aspects of the town. The centre of the city was built in correspondence to the ancient Roman Castrum and is a charming world of its own where time seems to have stopped.
- **STRASSOLDO:** is a small village located on the plains of the lower Friuli area. Surrounded by a lush countryside, the village distinguishes itself through its old town centre.
- **MARANO:** is a landscape of extraordinary beauty that hosts unique fauna and flora of significant naturalistic importance. Protected from the open sea by a series of islands and islets, like the Isola delle Conchiglie.



Let's go sightseeing!

(A) GRADO: is not just a holiday resort, in fact it is a historical centre of great interest: you can visit Campo dei Patriarchi with the Basilica of S. Eufemia, the Baptistery and the Basilica of S. Maria delle Grazie. Also you can recharge yourself in



body and mind at the Grado Thermae.

(B) AQUILEIA: The National

Archaeological Museum of Villa Cassis is worth a visit because it is one of the biggest archaeological museums in Northern Italy.

Do not miss the Early Christian Museum and the wonderful Santa Maria Assunta which stands in the historic Piazza Capitolo.

(C) STRASSOLDO: you can visit The castle of Strassoldo di Sopra, like its nearby twin castle of Strassoldo di Sotto, that is placed in the heart of a medieval hamlet and is surrounded by a centuries-old park and spring-water streams and rivers.



(D) MARANO: There are two nature reserves in the Marano Lagoon: the Riserva delle Foci del Fiume Stella that takes in the entire delta of the river, and can only be visited by boat, and the Riserva della Valle Canal Novo that covers an ex-fishing area of around thirty-five hectares.



The taste of the regional cuisine!

Among the many seafood specialities that are the result of a century-old experience, don't miss the bisato in spèo, the eel on the spit. And then the brodetto, a dish in which fish is boned and sifted.

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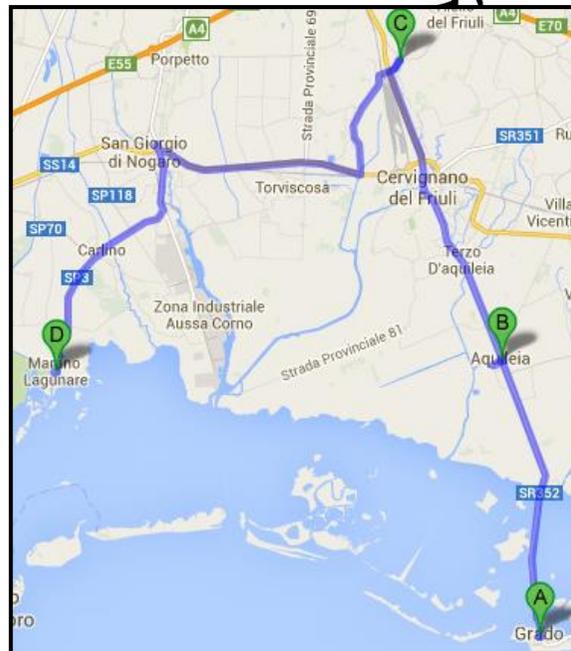
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EVENTS and EXPERIENCES not to be missed:

- ❖ Aquileia ... Mid-July "The big battle: Roman soldiers against Celts": a mobile castrum in the centre of Aquileia, Barbarian and Roman legionaries figurants recreate a historical setting as close as possible to the ancient one.
- ❖ Marano ... 15 June "The procession of San Vito": a rite that dates back to the 14th century to fend off the perils of the sea and an occasion to commemorate those fishermen who lost their lives.
- ❖ "Discover the lagoon of Marano by boat": you can choose among different boat trips on the lagoon, with motorships that will allow you to observe the unspoiled nature in these place.
- ❖ "Bicycle tours to the discovery of Grado": this panoramic route crosses areas of great natural and historical interest.
- ❖ Grado ... "Perdòn di Barbana": on the first Sunday of July every year there is a picturesque festival, in which a procession of boats decorated with flowers and flags sails to the Marian Sanctuary on the island of Barbana in a votive ritual dating back 800 years.

Welcome to the south of Friuli:

Aquileia, Grado, Marano and Strassoldo are four towns located in the south of Friuli Venezia Giulia, near Mar Adriatico. In this area you can find a combination of the Roman and medieval worlds, the charm of the Hasburg atmosphere and comforts which attracts every year a very large number of visitors, coming from all over the world. All these aspects are harmoniously combined to accommodate guests for "unique" and exclusive holidays.



The "Bassa Friulana" between Nature and History



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