

VILLA MANIN

The majestic ensemble of Villa Manin, located in Passariano, near Udine, is one of the most important artistic monuments in Friuli Venezia Giulia.

It was commissioned in the 17th century by Ludovico Manin I to celebrate the power and wealth of the family.

The structure consists in a central block, the family's residence and several quarters, where agricultural activities were performed. Visitors access the Villa through a pleasant **entrance-hall** which opens onto the **richly-frescoed room**. The central salon was the splendid venue for many **historic meetings and events**.



Visiting Villa Manin also gives you a chance to admire its **permanent museum collections** and the splendid **chapel**, decorated in **Baroque style** with a lot of sculptures and paintings.

The Villa is immersed in an 18-hectare century-old walled-in **park**, where **concerts and festivals** are often held.



CUISINE

To taste typically Friulian dishes like **Frico** (potatoes and cheese), **Polenta** or **Tagliolini with San Daniele ham**, we recommend "**Matteotti**", a restaurant in Piazza San Giacomo, a fine dinner for an unforgettable evening.

The **tajut**: in the late afternoon after work, people usually meet in one of the traditional osterias like "**La Polse**" for "un taj di chel bon", a good glass of wine and a typical bruschetta with tomato sauce or bacon.

Also historic cafes like "**Contarena**" are worth a visit. Drinking a coffee in a historical setting like Udine's city centre, is like travelling back in time.

SHOPPING

The fascinating city centre streets are full of **fine shops** and **craft workshops** or you can visit the **Città Fiera** shopping centre, the biggest in the region.

ACCOMMODATION

AL VECCHIO TRAM: is a *** modern and quiet hotel in the city centre.

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UDINE

Palmanova and Villa Manin



ART, MUSIC AND WINE

A JOURNEY INTO THE PAST FROM THE CITY OF TIEPOLO, TO THE STAR-SHAPED CITY, TO THE GREAT VENETIAN VILLA.



UDINE

The Friulian historical city of Udine is situated in the centre of the region and is ringed by the Alps.

It can be described as a **crossroad** of various **cultures** and a **mix** of different architectural and artistic **styles**.

The city is dominated by the **Castle** and while enjoying yourself in the city centre you can feel the influence of the **Austrian Empire** in the lively café society but also of the **Venetian domination** in the elegant and historical buildings and squares.

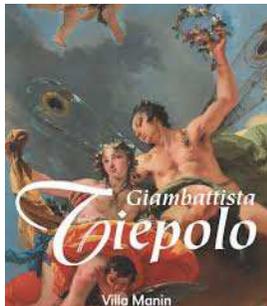


ART LOVERS

Udine has a lot to offer to those interested in art.

There is a network of **Museums**, like the **Civic Museum** containing pieces of ancient art, the **Galleries of History and Art in the Castle** with a rich historical and artistic archive, the **Diocesan Museum** and **Tiepolo Galleries**, the former exhibits important masterpieces from the 13th to the 18th century while the latter highlights Gianbattista Tiepolo's works; last but not least, the **Cathedral Museum** with its significant patrimony regarding history, culture and art of the Patriarchate of Aquileia.

There are various guided **itineraries** to appreciate the best the city has to offer.



WINE LOVERS

For those who appreciate a good glass of wine, Udine is the ideal place to visit.

Here you can find a **wide range of wines** and taste both excellent red and white wines.

An important event in Udine is the **Friuli Doc**, it is a four-day festival during the second week of September and it is the synthesis of the Friulian culture, cuisine and wines.



MUSIC LOVERS

Udine has hosted many **concerts** of



important and well known international singers, musicians and bands and has a valuable **concert season** and **musical shows** at the **Teatro Giovanni da Udine** and at the **Conservatorio J. Tomadini**.

CINEMA AND THEATRE LOVERS

The city also hosts important **cinematographic events** and an exciting **theatre season**.

Unique and not to be missed is the **Far East Film Festival**, one of the most important festivals in Europe dedicated to Asian cinematography which takes place in April.



Also in spring the **Vicino-Lontano**, a cultural festival forum for debating problems concerning the global population is held.

PALMANOVA

Palmanova was built in the 16th century by order of the **Serenissima Republic** to defend its border in Friuli.

It was designed with the **shape of a nine-pointed star** for military reasons and today is a National Monument.

During the second week of July, the suggestive **historic commemoration** celebrating the Most Serene Republic of Venice and the founding of the city takes place. It consists in a procession in **seventeenth-century costumes**, a **carousel of knights** and **contests between villages**.



Interesting are also the **Monumental Gates**, the only buildings visible from the outside of the fortress and the **Piazza d'Armi**, the great square located in the exact center in an hexagonal area;

here you can enjoy the view while having a coffee in a typical bar.

