



3 DAYS – 2 NIGHTS

## Let's discover the Palladian's Villas

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Andrea Palladio had left his sign, undoubtedly precious, upon an époque unrepeatable, where the splendour of a few families had meet the technical skills of humble craftsmen which work, together with the genius of the big architect, has given to the

### 1st day: Vicenza



Arrival of the participants, around 10:00 o'clock, to Vicenza, in the proximity

of Villa Capra Valmarana called also "La Rotonda" (entrance with reservation request, internal visit on

Wednesday only € 10.00, other days garden visit only € 5.00, close on Monday), masterpiece of

Andrea Palladio, located at the main gate of Vicenza; meeting with our Multilanguage Speaking Tourist

Guide and visit to the Villa. Then, free time for lunch (not included but organised on request in typical

restaurant). In the afternoon, guided tour inside the city of Palladio: the historical city centre, the Teatro

Olimpico (entrance with reservation request € 5.00), which was designed by the famous Architect in

1580, Piazza dei Signori, where it's possible to admire the Palladian Basilica, also known as Palazzo

della Ragione (external visit and explanation only); this monument is considered the symbol of Vicenza

and it is included in the list of the World Heritage Site by UNESCO. In the evening transfer to the hotel

for dinner and overnight stay.

**2nd day: Bassano del Grappa**



After breakfast in hotel, meeting with our Multilanguage Speaking Tourist Guide, organisation on the

Coach and transfer to Marostica. On the way, shorts breaks to observe (external view only) a few Villas

like Villa Trissino Trettenero (Villa is not open to the public): between 1531 and 1538 Sir Trissino

renovate a gothic building already owned by the Valmarana family. According with the legend, during

those works, Sir Trissino met the “tajapiera” (stone cutter) Andrea “fiolo de Piero della Gondola” (son

of Piero della Gondola) to which he gave the name of Palladio, also described in his Poem. Then Villa

Valmarana Bressan (entrance with reservation request, free offer) build up around 1532 by Palladio,

according with a painting discovery of the building, in Great Britain. Once in Marostica, visit to the

Lower Castle, build up in the 1320 by Cansignorio della Scala, city's walls starting point. Free time for

lunch (not included but organised on request in typical restaurant). In the afternoon, transfer to Bassano

del Grappa, city famous for its bridge called Ponte degli Alpini, built up by Jacopo Da Ponte, and for the

precious pottery and Grappa (Italian digestive) production. The centre of the town is very attractive and

characterized by a Palladian Wood Bridge, the Castle of the Ezzelini and the Civic Museum. In the

evening return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

**3rd day: Poiana Maggiore, Fratta and Rovigo**



After breakfast in hotel, meeting with our Multilanguage Speaking Tourist

Guide, organisation on the Coach and transfer to Poiana Maggiore (entrance with reservation request €

3.00) to visit its Villa: extraordinarily "modern" in its forms and in the lack of any kind of decorative

stone element. Also for this reason this Villa is the “favourite” by generations of architects: inside the villa, there is also a museum of wooden models of factories designed by Palladio. Free time for lunch (not included but organised on request in typical restaurant). In the afternoon transfer to Fratta Polesine to visit the Villa-Temple: Villa Badoer (entrance with reservation request € 3.00). Palladium found, in the ancient Roman temple, forms to be used to characterize the new type of villa. In Villa Badoer the model is emphasized even more: to the usual eardrum with columns is added a structure of terraces

connected by steps, typical of Roman acropolis temples. In the evening, organisation on the Coach and

departure.

**Individual quotation for a minimum of 30 participants € 165,00**

Single room supplement € 20,00

Supplement FB with lunches in restaurant € 80.00



**The price includes**

\* Transfer by coach for the full period

- \* 2 overnights stay in hotel 3 stars superior
- \* Accommodation in double room with private services
- \* Half Board Treatment
- \* Multilanguage Speaking Tourist Guide as in the programme
- \* 1 free every 25 paying people

**The price does not include**

- \* Entrance ticket to the Villas
- \* Drinks during dinners
- \* Personal Extra and Tips
- \* What is not included in “the price includes”