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# Padova Convention Bureau



Future Vintage Festival Inaugural Concert, with Tronantino



## Who we are

Padova Convention Bureau is the M.I.C.E. department of the DMO Consortium, whose associates are the Province of Padua, its Chamber of Commerce and its Municipality. It was created to increase the tourism flow, both for leisure and for business purposes, and to enhance the touristic allure of our territory.

Padova Convention Bureau supports and promotes the organization of events, meetings and congresses. It counts on a network of affiliated tourist operators in the territory and it facilitates relationships with PCO and DMC, congress centres, hotel chains and service companies related to event organization.

# Our services

Our aim is promote, support and organize events and meetings within the city and province of Padua.

The deep knowledge of the territory, its venues and operators as well as a continuous monitoring and managing of the offer is our strength, facilitating the success of any event, both at a technical and institutional level.

Our objective is to promote the city and the Province's territory as an ideal destination and to be the connection between those who want to organize events in the area and the local providers of the services required.

What we do:

- We suggest and check availability for congressional and event locations as well as hotels
- We guarantee support for national and international congress bids
- We organize educational tours to discover the territory
- We organize site inspections of congress venues and hotels
- We collaborate with local institutions, with suppliers and with local operators
- We provide informational and promotional material such as presentations, images, digital and paper brochures, city maps and conference kits
- We provide support for the research of sponsorships and partnerships between institutions, local companies and agencies
- We collaborate to the event's communication through the international, national and local press as well as the new media
- We provide suggestions and contacts for pre and post congressional services as well as transportation services





## Directions

Padua is strategically located and easy to reach by car, train or plane from Italy and from abroad. To reach the closest airport, to move around in town or to explore the surrounding territory, our affiliates offer shuttle services, car rental with driver, comfortable buses and touristic boats.

**By plane:**

The closest airports to Padua are the Marco Polo airport in Venice (Tessera, 52 km)), the Antonio Canova airport in Treviso (66 km), the Catullo airport in Villafranca di Verona (96 km) and the Guglielmo Marconi airport in Bologna (119 km). They are all reachable from Rome and Munich with less than 1-hour flight and from London, Paris, and Frankfurt in less than 2-hour flight.

**By train:**

Padua is reachable from Rome in 3 hours and from Milan in 2 hours, thanks to high-speed trains.

**By car:**

A4 (Venice-Milan) and A13 (Bologna-Padua) highway are the fastest routes.

Moving around in town is easy, even without a car, thanks to multiple public transportation options to choose from (bus, tram, bike sharing and car sharing).

If anyone wants to benefit from premium transportation to move from a meeting to the next meeting, car services with private drivers, a private van, bus and taxis are at your disposal.

# Congressional venues for any need

From charming locations surrounded by nature with particular attention to sustainability, to modern and high-tech congress centres, Padua is the right place to find a solution for all your needs. For a event, the choice varies from elegant villas and castles, multifunctional buildings such as cultural centres, ateliers, industrial technology centres or “moving locations” such as the boats sailing around the city through the rivers following the town walls. The city of Padua hosts congressional hotels of any type: business international chains, boutique hotels in the historical centre, hotels with a long family heritage located in the thermal area with a modern wellness vocation.



Frescoed hall of Villa Foscari, Rossi



Plenary Hall Fiera di Padova



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Castle of San Palagio



Central frescoed hall of Villa Wollseburg



Photo Mauro Ranzani - Villa dei Vescavi



Ottoboni Hall - Villa Ottoboni Congress Center

# Special locations

The Convention Bureau facilitates the access to a series of institutional locations that Padua and its province offer: the Palazzo della Ragione, the Botanical Garden, Padua University conference rooms, the *San Gaetano* Cultural Centre, the *Palazzo della Salute*, the Diocesan Museum, the Verdi Theatre, are only some of the amazing locations exclusively eligible for meetings and events.

Photo Gabrio Tomelleri - Cultural Center - San Gaetano



Photo Andrea Avazzù - Vesalian anatomical theater of MUSME



Photo Gabrio Tomelleri - University of Padua











## The new Conference Centre

The new Conference Centre designed by the famous Japanese architect Kengo Kuma, will be located close to Padua Expo Centre and a few minute walk from the railway station or the city centre.

The construction work of this impressive state-of-the-art building has just started and within two years, the inauguration should take place.

The main hall, called “Giotto”, has a surface area of 1050sqm and is 16m high. It can host 1.600 people and it may be divided into three separate rooms.

The hall can be used as a big exhibition space and have a large foyer suitable for catering, sponsor and advertising area.

The “Mantegna” hall (800sqm and 6m high) can host 1.090 people and can be divided into three separate rooms. It contains also a large external foyer.

Furthermore, the Conference Centre has five multifunctional halls that can host 150 people. They can be divided in 10 smaller rooms hosting 75 people each.

A bistro with an external porch, spacious lobbies at the 1st and 2nd floor; a restaurant with terrace and two coffee shops at the 3rd and 4th floor are also available.

The Conference Centre will be act also as auditorium; moreover, there will be an outdoor area suitable for various types of events.

## Post congress & teambuilding

Padua and its province offer tailor made activities to meet specific needs of companies and groups. These activities are aimed at increasing the sense of belonging, creating new collaborations, fostering creativity and communication through team building initiatives and tours discovering the area. The success of any event also passes through special relaxing or amusing activities, organized after a congress.

Padua offers many options to its visitors: the *Palazzo della Ragione*, the most ancient and most beautiful “commercial hub” in Europe. Built 800 years ago alongside the markets in the squares, its elegant shops under the “portici” of ancient buildings. It is possible, even in the evening, to visit the main museums and monuments, to take a trip to the Euganean Hills, with wine and food tastings, to sail on the river stopping at the main Venetian villas and castles and even to visit Venice.



## Innovation and industrial tourism

Padua is a city of innovation, where the values of the industrial tourism merge with history, cultural tradition alongside food and wine. Thanks to many initiatives, it is possible to visit company museums, production and transformation plants, where internationally famous products are created, company sales points, unusual locations for an original post congress moment.

# About Padua

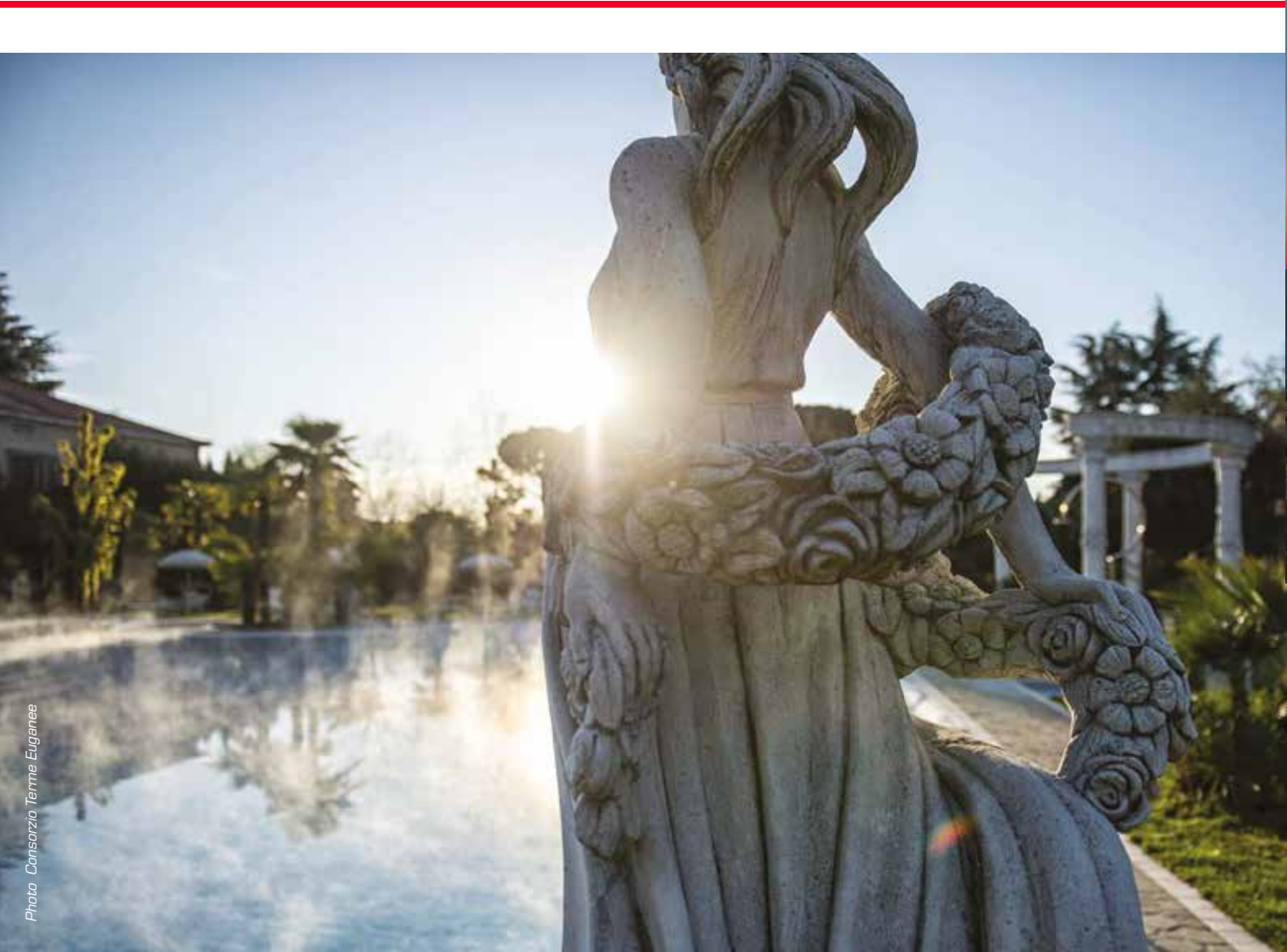
A city of art, music, science, well-being, Padua is a treasure chest to discover and enjoy: from the prestigious University, among the oldest in Europe, to the *Cappella degli Scrovegni*, painted by Giotto, from the Botanical Garden, which is a Unesco World Heritage site, to the monumental Prato della Valle. 365 days of initiatives are the best adjunct to any congress or meeting: exhibitions, theatre shows, concerts. Padua and its province are a destination full of possibilities, enriched by the excellent food and wine offer and the quality shopping.



# Terme Euganee

The thermal area of Abano, Montegrotto, Battaglia and Galzignano constitutes the largest thermal location in Europe and is very close to Padua. The perfect oasis for a relaxing moment of well-being, they include many hotels and equipped structures with swimming pools, thermal caves and wellness centres.

Furthermore, the mud of *Terme Euganee* have been recognised within the whole Europe with a protected designation of origin. This precious natural element is made of clay coming from the *Terme Euganee* basin, treated in ad hoc tanks for maturation with thermal water.





## The Euganean Hills, the villages and the walled cities

It is enough to go a few kilometres away from the town centre to enter the natural landscape of the Euganean Hills, the ideal destination for outdoor sport lovers or for those who want to spend some relaxing time in an amazing place. Woods and vineyards are interrupted by castles, ancient villas and historical villages, such as Arquà, the place where the poet Francesco Petrarca took inspiration from and at present a great location for charming events.

The paths within the Euganean Hills, for bikers as well as walkers, will make the visitor discover cellars and castles where to taste the best local products. The walled cities of Montagnana and Cittadella are not to be missed as well as the villages of Este and Monselice, rich of historical and cultural evidence and destination of sociable trips.



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