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*For the great desire I had to see
fair Padua, nursery of arts, I am arrived...
and am to Padua come, as he that leaves
a shallow splash to plunge in the deep, and
with satiety seeks to quench his thirst.
(William Shakespeare)*





Culture on every corner

A city rich in places dedicated to knowledge, art and science, Padua is the city of 'knowledge'. From the acclaimed University and the ancient Palazzo della Ragione [former courthouse and administrative offices] which houses the Salone, a great upper floor hall which is amongst the largest in Europe, to the imposing Basilica del Santo, where religion and tradition blend harmoniously in the architecture of its cloisters, domes and convent, to the monumental Prato della Valle, the large square which serves as the heart of the city with its atmosphere of sharing and exchange. It is the ideal destination for lovers of culture looking for signs, symbols and original atmospheres of bygone eras.



Photo: Gabriel Jarmellen

In the realm of frescoes

Padua is a treasure trove of art, where the fresco finds its greatest expression. Basilicas, churches, and palaces are home to wonderful fresco cycles that strike the heart and soul with the strength of the emotions evoked, the intensity of the subjects represented, the masterfully used colours. Talent and creativity have found their natural home here: famous artists, from Giotto to Titian up to Tintoretto have created their best works in Padua. The cycle of frescoes by Giotto, an undisputed masterpiece of Western art preserved in the Scrovegni Chapel and renown for its extraordinary artistic value, offers visitors a strong emotional impact. The Scrovegni Chapel and the 13th-Century frescoes are nominated in the Unesco World Heritage List.

University and science. Strolling around time

Padua is history, culture, knowledge and science: it is no coincidence, then, that the second oldest Italian University was founded here in 1222. Famous people, academics and scientists of all times have studied and taught here, the most important of which was Galileo Galilei. For those who love to immerse themselves in the past and the history of great discoveries, it is possible to admire real treasures and unique items such as Galilei's original teaching desk and the oldest anatomical theatre in the world in the Studio Patavino.



The Botanical Garden of Padua, founded in 1545, the first ever, boasts today 7 thousand vegetal species. Goethe, the great German poet, visited it in 1786 and that is where he had his evolutionary intuition published in the “Essay on plants metamorphosis”. The Garden has been part of the Unesco Heritage since 1997 as the centre of science and understanding of relationship between nature and culture. It has largely contributed to the progress of numerous scientific disciplines, particularly botany, medicine, chemistry, ecology and pharmacy. Today it is completely open to public and it was enlarged in October 2014, with the creation of the “Biodiversity Garden”.

Absorbed by nature and poetry





A land of great spirituality

A land of saints and great personalities of faith, Padua is rich in churches, shrines, chapels, hermitages, monasteries and cathedrals that testify to the strong spirituality. Saint Anthony, Saint Leopold and other charismatic Christian names are related to this land, which attract pilgrims from all over the world. Padua, with its hermitages and abbeys preserves locations strongly connected to mysticism and devotion, each with its own special story just waiting to be discovered.

Magnificent castles and majestic fortified structures, mighty bulwarks of a glorious past. Beautiful stately homes, the works of famous architects, immersed in nature, a symbol of the splendour and magnificence of the Venetian courts. Lovely walled cities, small medieval villages nestled like precious treasures, unique and authentic expression of ancient times, chosen by famous men such as Petrarca, Shelley, D'Annunzio and many others. A place for those who love to relive ancient traditions, through historical pageants and parades in period costume in places where time seems to stand still, and who love to savour moments of lost times with magic and mystery.

The jewels of the past



Proceed slowly: a new way to more intimately and truly enjoy time and discover places through deeper awareness, just following the slow passing of the days. Let yourself be swept up by the magic of this land, discovering its most authentic and genuine soul, on foot, by bicycle, or enjoying a boat ride along the river. Padua, a place where you can still enjoy the simple pleasures of life.

Euganean Hills and the nature, a continuous surprise







A journey through rivers and canals

A huge network of watercourses, canals, rivers connects lands and cities, guiding to the discovery of this territory. Once again water proves to be a vital element of the territory: on board leisurely boats, visitors can travel back in time and in history. Slowly floating on the water, it is possible to admire the sumptuous Venetian Villas, captivated by a unique and spectacular view, a balanced combination of art and nature.





Surrounded by nature

The territory of Padua is rich of landscapes of rare beauty, which change rapidly in colour and perfume, shifting from the smell of salt, fishing vessels and sand of the lagoon to the exhilarating, sweet and fruity one of the hills, from the smell of undergrowth to the riverside one. Long itineraries twist and turn through verdant and luxuriant nature, among woods, vineyards, and olive groves and along the slow flowing rivers. Framed by the Venice lagoon and the Dolomites, it is the ideal place for those who love nature in all its expressions.



Hot springs and much more

A piece of paradise awaits you at the Euganean Hot Springs, with the therapeutic and healing water and the lush beauty of the Euganean Hills. Health, wellness and relaxation have always been hallmarks of this land that boasts the largest thermal spa in Europe. An ideal place for the care of one's body and mind, the comfortable spas located in prestigious hotels are an authentic expression of an ancient thermal spa tradition and a deeply rooted culture of hospitality.



Shopping and craftsmanship

Modern fashion houses, small artisan shops and international luxury boutiques dot the streets in the centre of Padua. Shopping lovers are spoiled by the endless options, from designer clothes which are the symbol of Made in Italy, to fashion accessories, from trendy items to vintage and more sought after items. Even the market tradition is rich. They are authentic places in which to lose oneself among the scents, flavours and colours of the typical products, the voices of the merchants, and the aroma of coffee and traditional pastries.



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In search of authentic flavours

The union of the fertile and generous land and the creativity and industriousness of its people has given rise to the specialties of Paduan cuisine. Old recipes blend skilfully with their modern interpretations, creating an unique enogastronomic journey. From Fior d'Arancio wine to the extra virgin olive oil produced in the Euganean Hills, and the sweet raw ham (Prosciutto Veneto DOP), there are many ingredients offered by the land, the secret of healthy and genuine cuisine with authentic flavours.

Padua...



KEY TO SYMBOL

Main monuments

- 1 Scrovegni Chapel and Civic Museums
- 2 Botanical Garden
- 3 Prato della Valle
- 4 Basilica of Saint Anthony
- 5 MUSME, Museum of History of Medicine
- 6 Palazzo del Bo' - University of Padua
- 7 Piazza dei Signori
- 8 Piazza delle Erbe
- 9 Piazza della Frutta
- 10 Jewish ghetto
- 11 Palazzo della Ragione
- 12 Duomo and Baptistery
- 13 Specola (astronomical observatory)
- 14 Basilica of Santa Giustina
- 15 Sanctuary of San Leopoldo
- 16 Diocesan Museum

... and its province





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