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FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA DISCOVERING WONDERFUL PEARLS OF ART

In Friuli Venezia Giulia, a border region rich in inestimable treasures, many different peoples have met over the centuries. It is a land with an excellent cuisine and lots of delicacies to be tasted. Here, even shopping is different from any other place, thanks to the beautiful shops and boutiques, and the craft workshops where precious handicrafts are still carefully made. There are various antique shops and masters of goldsmith art. In some cities ((like Udine), guided tours, visits to museums and public transports for tourists are free, thanks to the FVGcard - the passpartout to discover the treasures of this region.

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Friuli Venezia Giulia is a magical region, lying between East and West. Walking through the elegant streets of its cities, you can discover fascinating unusual places, full of mystery, and the evidence of past time woven by many different peoples. The region is a blend of art and history made of very special events to be slowly savoured. You can start from the traces left by the Roman Empire in the magnificent Aquileia, also enhanced by the largest mosaic cycle of western Early Christian style. Cividale, the capital of the first Lombard duchy in Italy, is embellished with magnificent works of art, to be known through fascinating tours; among them there is a Lombard small temple, considered a rare example of the medieval art. To be visited also the "Mosaic School of Friuli" in

Spilimbergo, whose works adorn the most diverse corners of the world. At San Daniele del Friuli, called "Piccola Siena del Friuli", in addition to visiting the major architectural and artistic attractions, you can immerse yourself in a spectacular hilly environment and taste the local famous ham.

TRIESTE

TRIESTE, BEAUTIFUL TOWN

Trieste is an amazing compendium of elegant Hapsburg buildings and historical cafés, with the sea that seems to enter the city. The central Piazza Unità d'Italia, one of the most beautiful squares, faces the sea with its buildings in classical style. We would suggest you to admire it at night: its charm will surprise you. But Trieste is also famous for its cafés, where you can enjoy a tranquil moment of pause and discover that the classic "caffè macchiato" is called "capo in b". While you stroll through the streets of Trieste, you can meet people out of the ordinary! In fact, the city has inspired many writers, like Svevo, Saba and Joyce, who are part of the cultural heritage of the city, and to them the town pays homage.

UDINE

UDINE, THE CHARM OF FRIULI

Among the prestigious Venetian palaces and fascinating and priceless paintings by Tiepolo, Udine welcomes you in its picturesque squares and warm "osterie". The focal point of the old town is Piazza Libertà, one of the most beautiful Venetian squares on land. Behind the square, a way leads to the castle dominating the city, where you can enjoy a splendid view. Not to be missed the frescoes by the Venetian painter and master of European Rococo, Giambattista Tiepolo, housed in the cathedral and at Palazzo Patriarcale. When you want to take a break, you can choose one of the various inns in the historical centre, that offer the delicious local cuisine and a good glass of wine: the classic "tajut".

GORIZIA

GORIZIA, THE "NICE" OF THE HABSBURG EMPIRE

Gorizia, is a town that expresses all its Central European charm, where you can walk with "one foot in Italy and one in Slovenia". It has always been a meeting point of different cultures and its buildings, the majestic castle of the 13th century and its historical centre, offer you a trip back in time. In 2004, when Slovenia entered into the European Union, it was removed the barrier that, since 1947, had separated Italy and Slovenia. From then it only takes a few steps to move from one country to the other.

PORDENONE

PORDENONE, RICH IN NOBLE PALACES AND FASCINATING EVENTS

Pordenone is the town of frescoed palaces and arcades, where you will find one thousand cultural events, elegant shops and cafés. The centre is embellished with porches and beautiful buildings in the Venetian style, dominated by frescoes, recently restored and took back to their former splendour. Culture and shopping are within reach! Various shops, facing the main street, offer sweets and pastries, candies and specialities that can satisfy every palette!

"ITINERANDO": EIGHT INTERESTING ROUTES TO DISCOVER FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA

"Itinerando" is a guide of Friuli Venezia Giulia proposing routes to be taken in stages (by car, camper or motorcycle) between the Adriatic sea and the Alps, through rolling hills: an invitation to discover the scenery designed by the sea, lakes, hills and mountains, where everything is at human scale and where the original traditions are lost in time. The booklet offers eight routes dedicated to magnificent holidays, throughout the territory of Friuli Venezia Giulia, in places particularly important from the cultural, gastronomic and scenic point of view. This land is rich in unique landscapes and ancient villages, where you can breathe atmospheres suspended over time, a sensational environment, where green and blue dominate everything.

There are artefacts that you cannot find elsewhere, result of skilled craftsmen, and the cuisine is a mix of Mediterranean, Central European and Slavic flavours.

"Terre d'acqua" (Land of water) is a route going from Pordenone to Spilimbergo across springs, lakes, streams, majestic mountains and historical villages.

- "Non solo San Daniele" (Not only San Daniele) leads from Fagagna to Bordano in a gastronomic and cultural tour in the hills of Friuli.
- "Artigiani ai piedi delle nuvole" (Artisans at the foot of the clouds) starts from Tolmezzo and penetrate into seven enchanted valleys of Carnia, crowned by spectacular peaks.
- "Foreste da scoprire" (Forest to be discovered), from Moggio Udinese to Val Resia, towards the border among Italy, Slovenia, Austria.
- "Pietre di storia" (Historical Rocks) runs from Venzone to Udine, throughout caves that echo ancient legends and through Cividale, the first Lombard capital in Italy.
- "Vigne e Storia" (Vineyards and History) allows you to taste the excellent wines produced between Colli Orientali and Collio: the white wine among the best in the world and the full-bodied red wine.
- "La via del Mare e dei castelli" (The way to the sea and the castles) stretches along the coast, with the castles of Duino and Miramare, the beautiful city of Trieste, and the fascinating nature of the Carso plateau.
- "Lagune d'Arte" (Lagoons of Art) is a tour visiting the Venetian evidence of Grado and Marano, the beach of Lignano and the wonders of Palmanova, Villa Manin and the ancient Roman city of Aquileia.
- To promote the initiative, the Agency TurismoFVG has included a list of information points in the booklet. There you can stop and print a stamp that bears witness of your passage through the area. When you get ten stamps, you will be gifted with six bottles of the famous white wines of Friuli Venezia Giulia.

"For any information, please visit the site: www.turismofvg.it or call the toll-free 800-016-044.

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