



September 7 - 16, 2018

Venezia in Bicicletta: Terra e Mare Biking Venice: Land and Sea

Leader: Dick Cable Trip #1813 Co-Leader: Joe Thomas

REGIONE del VENETO: Venezia/Venice, the capital, is a collage of 117 islands, and many, many canals and bridges...a kaleidoscope of sights, sounds, gondolas, and sea water. Our trip begins and ends in Vicenza, a neighbor to the west, made famous by the architect, Palladio, of the 1500's. The greater city has 23 building by this master. Then there is Chioggia, the famous fishing city to the south, biked to by jumping island to island. One cannot miss Padova/Padua with one of the most famous and oldest universities, the University of Padua, founded in 1222 where Galileo was a lecturer.



Biking on this trip has been rated low intermediate.



In the middle of this circular bike trip, we spend two nights in Venice with a full day of guided explorations. All this might be too much for the senses to handle once you throw in some great bread and cheese and a gelato or two. 6 days of great biking makes it almost impossible to resist.

Join us in sensory overload!

Our Itinerary

Day 1 Friday, September 7

Leave US

Day 2 Saturday, September 8

Vicenza

Individual arrival. A nice and cozy historical city centre characterized by the buildings of the famous architect Andrea Palladio (16th century).

Day 3 Sunday September 9

Vicenza – Bassano del Grappa (40 km).

From Vicenza you cycle towards Marostica, famous for its castle and the chessboard in the main square. The last stop is Bassano del Grappa with its covered wooden bridge and the “grappa”.



Day 4 Monday September 10

Bassano del Grappa – Treviso (65/40 km).

You enter Asolo, which presents us the only real uphill section our ride. The downhill run takes you to the land of Prosecco vineyards and on Maser.

Day 5 Tuesday September 11

Treviso – Venice (45 km).

Leaving Treviso behind you, follow the course of the River Sile up to Casale. At the end of the trip Venice awaits you for an evening among canals and narrow streets. Accommodation in Venice.

Day 6 Wednesday September 12

Venice

Rest day in Venice. Guided visit in Venice then free time.

Day 7 Thursday, September 13

Venice – Chioggia (35 km).

After spending the night in Venice, you take a ferry along the canal Giudecca to Lido. This may be the most exciting day, pedaling on two narrow islands that divide the sea from the lagoon: Malamocco and the island of Pellestrina.



Day 8 Friday, September 14

Chioggia – Padua (60 km).

You will be pedaling along the two rivers that carried trade in and out of Venice in this area centuries ago: Bacchiglione and Brenta. You continue on to Strà, famous for the majestic Villa Pisani. On arrival in Padua, you will find the great basilica dedicated to St. Anthony, the historic Caffè Pedrocchi and Prato della Valle.

Day 9 Saturday, September 15

Padua – Vicenza (50 km).

The Bacchiglione River points the way out of the the city and you reach Costozza, a little town at the foot of the Berici hills. The bike path passes in front of Villa Rotonda, the most famous of the Palladian villas. Just before entering Vicenza you see the Villa Valmarana ai Nani with its marvelous frescoes by Tiepolo.

Day 10 Sunday, September 16

Vicenza. Departure after breakfast.

What Does The Trip Include

- 8 nights accommodations 3/4 star category (including 2 nights in Venice)
- all meals
- English-speaking guide on bike
- bike rental
- R/T transfer from and to Venice's Marco Polo Airport
- luggage transportation
- Girolibero Greens Cycling Guide + maps
- support van in the area
- guided tour of Venice
- 1 wine tasting and 1 cheese tasting
- ticket for ferry transfer
- entrance into Villa Valmarana ai Nani
- ice cream in the best ice cream parolour in Vicenza
- hotel taxes

TRIP CANCELLATION POLICY

The AMC Adventure Travel cancellation policy is based on the fact that your cancellation may not raise the cost to other participants or to the leaders. There is no penalty if you cancel before the trip has been filled and your initial deposit check has not been deposited. If you cancel after the check has been deposited, we will try to replace you on the trip. If a replacement is found and pays the full trip cost, you will receive a full refund less any expenses incurred on your behalf and not paid by the replacement. This may be determined before the trip commences or it may occur after the trip ends.



TRIP COST:

\$2435: \$900 due with application;
\$900 due January 1, 2018
and \$635 due June 1, 2018

TRIP INCLUDES:

8 nights 3/4* hotels with breakfast
Guide on bike and support van
All dinners and lunches
Wine tasting and cheese tasting;
Bike rental, water bottle
R/T Transfer from Venice's Marco
Polo Airport to Vicenza
Ferry transfer (including bike)
Travel insurance

TRIP DOES NOT INCLUDE AIRFARE
OF APPROXIMATELY \$1000

Leaders:

Dick Cable has been an AMC-AT leader for 7 years and has lead or co-led hiking and biking trips to Yosemite National Park, Mongolia, Sicily, Spain, Italy, France, Nepal, Patagonia, Finland and Tanzania He is an education programming specialist and teaches spinning and group exercise classes.

Joe Thomas has an avid interest in health and fitness which has paved the way to adventure travel. He has participated in bike trips through the Po Valley of Italy and the Camino de Santiago in Spain. He has co-led trips to Machu Picchu/ Easter Island, Puglia, Italy, Patagonia, Dolomites and Tanzania.

Both leaders have a strong interest in sharing the allure of adventure excursions to the most beautiful and intriguing places on earth. Both are CPR and Wilderness First Aid certified.

Disclosures

AMC Adventure Travel trips are run on a nonprofit basis. Leaders are not compensated except for their travel and administrative costs associated with the trip. A program fee is assessed toward AMC Adventure Travel Excursion program and administrative expenses.

OUR GOALS

As leaders, our goals for the group are to have fun, utilize your skills, and savor a foreign culture at reasonable cost and in the company of other adventurers with similar interests. We encourage your individual contributions, cooperation and good humor to enrich the group's experience. We anticipate each participant's engagement as part of a group, and expect each to abide by the leaders' decisions and work towards the group having a good time. Be prepared to help your fellow riders and spend time with other participants on the trip. In doing so, you will help ensure each participant's maximum experience and enjoyment of the trip.

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