

PILGRIMAGE TO PADUA

Thank you for your request for further information on this holiday/pilgrimage to Padua, the city of St Anthony, in the Veneto region of Italy. The programme (subject to change) is as follows:

- Thu 18** Arrive Venice Airports and onward transfer (around 50 minutes) to the **Casa del Pellegrino in Padua**. Lunch/Snack depending on arrival. Siesta. Late afternoon visit to the **Basilica complex of St Anthony** starting with an audio-visual presentation on the life of St Anthony, before a guided tour of the Basilica. Evening Mass. Dinner. Optional evening stroll to the **Prato** (a traditional place for fairs and amusements reclaimed in 1775 and featuring 78 statues of famous men, all born in, or connected with Padua).
- Fri 19** Morning visit to the **Church of the Eremitani** (15th century frescos of the Assumption and Stories of St James and St Christopher) and double-timed entry for the **Scrovegni Chapel** (Giotto's famous last work). The rest of the morning is free to visit the superb **Eremitani Museum** (ticket included). Lunch. Afternoon guided walking tour through the historic centre with visits to the **Palazzo Ragione** (built in 1218 by the Commune as a seat of government and law courts. In the galleries and under the arcades over 50 shops constitute the oldest commercial centre in Europe), and the Cathedral **Baptistry** (containing the finest and complete cycle of late 14th century paintings by Giusto de' Menabuoi). Evening Mass. Dinner.
- Sat 20** Morning guided visit to the Basilica of **Santa Guistina** (where the relics of St Luke have recently been re-found) for Mass. The rest of the morning is free to visit the weekly market on the **Prato** and/or to visit the ancient church of **Santa Sofia** in the Via Altinate or beyond the Prato to the **Sanctuary of Saint Leopoldo Mandic** and the nearby late baroque church of **Santa Croce** and/or the **Antonian Museum** in the basilica. (See also Monday pm). Afternoon guided visit of the University 'Bo' (medical theatre where James Harvey discovered how blood circulated in the body and from where the first women - Elena Lucrezia Corner-Piscopia - graduated in 1678.) and the **Café Pedrocchi**. Dinner.
- Sun 21** Morning Mass. Morning guided visits to the **Oratory of George** (14th century family chapel of the Soragna family decorated with frescoes.), the **Scuola del Santa** (built in 1427 for the Brotherhood of St Anthony with a cycle of 18 frescoes by various artists illustrating the miracles of St Anthony with three works by Titan from 1511) and the **Botanic Gardens** (the oldest in Italy founded in 1545 by the University Faculty of Medicine). Lunch. Afternoon excursion along the **Brenta Riviera** (the picturesque waterway that links Padua to the Venetian lagoon and on whose banks the noble Venetian from the 16th century onwards built splendid villas) with a guided visit to the *Versailles of the Veneto* - the **Villa Pisani** at **Stra** frescoed by 18th century painter Giovanni Battista Tiepolo and once owned by Napoleon, together with its gardens and a maze. Dinner.
- Mon 22** Morning excursion to visit the Sanctuary of the Walnut Tree at **Camposampiero** for Mass. Return to Padua via the Shrine of St Anthony at **Arcella** where the saint died. Free afternoon - see Saturday morning options. Dinner.
- Tue 23** Morning Mass. Excursion west of Padua to the **Euganean Hills** of volcanic origin and famous for its many spa towns for a morning guided visit to the gardens of the 17th century rural **Villa Barbarigo** at **Valsanzibio**. Snack lunch in Villa cafe. Afternoon visit to the Benedictine Abbey of **Praglia**. Dinner.

Wed 24 Excursion to the area west of Padua to visit the **Shrine of Our Lady of Monte Berico** (with Mass) overlooking the Palladian city of **Vicenza**. Afternoon visit to the **Teatro Olimpico** (built in 1597), the only surviving Renaissance theatre in the world. Dinner.

Thu 25 Morning transfers to Venice Marco Polo Airport.

In **Padua**, we stay at the **Casa del Pellegrino**. This popular three-star hotel is situated within the medieval city opposite the Basilica of St Anthony - thus making it very easy to visit the shrine (open 06.30 - 19.30 daily). The *Casa del Pellegrino* is a recent name for a hotel that dates back to the 18th century. Behind the 18th century façade this very friendly and very clean 3 star hotel offers (162) modern en-suite rooms (toilet and shower), air-conditioning and tv. Most rooms overlook the inner garden, while others overlook the Basilica of St Anthony. All rooms are accessible by lift. The large restaurant offers continental buffet breakfast and set menu main meals with ¼ ℓ wine and ¼ ℓ mineral water per person. The casa also has a snack bar - as well as its own small private chapel.

FLIGHTS TO VENICE

<u>Thursday 18 May</u>		<u>Thursday 25 May</u>	
From Bristol with <i>Ryanair</i>			
FR8240	Bristol 07.00 - Treviso 10.15	FR8241	Treviso 10.40 - Bristol 12.00
From Birmingham with <i>Jet2</i>			
LS1309	Birmingham 06.00 - Venice 09.15	LS1310	Venice 10.05 - Birmingham 11.50
From Gatwick (North Terminal) with <i>Easyjet</i>			
EZ8293	Gatwick 05.55 - Venice 09.10	EZ8294	Venice 09.55 - Gatwick 11.10
From Heathrow (Terminal 5) with <i>British Airways</i>			
BA578	Heathrow 08.40 - Venice 11.55	BA579	Venice 13.00 - Heathrow 14.20
From Manchester (Terminal 1) with <i>Jet2</i>			
LS801	Manchester 07.55 - Venice 11.25	LS802	Venice 12.15 - Manchester 13.50
From Stansted with <i>Ryanair</i>			
FR792	Stansted 06.20 - Venice 09.20	FR793	Venice 09.55 - Stansted 11.05

You are free to make your own travel arrangements. If you would prefer us to do so (with the exception of *Ryanair*), please indicate this on your booking form. Your flight booking will be processed by *Aviaggi Ltd* who have provided flight services to groups and individuals visiting Padua since 1991.

When your flights are booked you will be invoiced for them and supplied with an ATOL certificate to show that your holiday is financially protected by the ATOL (Air Travel Organisers' Licensing) scheme.

Please be advised that any cancellation fees applicable to your flights will be as per the booking conditions applicable to the airline and fare chosen.

COST £ 1295 per person (sharing)
£ 1395 per person (single occupancy)

inclusive of:

- 7 nights en-suite accommodation
- city tax (currently €2 pppn)
- continental buffet breakfast
- seven dinners
- four lunches
- wine and water with main meals
- all excursions, entry and guide fees
- Mass offerings
- tips to coach drivers.

The following items are not included:

- travel insurance
- flights/train travel to Italy
- airport transfers in Italy (these will be pre-booked for you and you pay the driver)
- three lunches
- entry and transport in free time
- personal expenditure.

FITNESS

A reasonable level of fitness is required for sightseeing on this pilgrimage as there will be a lot of walking and standing around whilst sightseeing in and around Padua.

DATA PROTECTION

In accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation, we will only use your personal information to administer your booking and to provide the services you have requested from us. We will supply your passport details to airlines for them to meet their requirements in terms of security and border control, and to hotels as required by Italian law.

HOW TO BOOK

Please complete (all sections) of the booking form and send this with your non-refundable deposit (of £200 per person) to **Anthony Coles, 18 Maresfield Gardens, London NW3 5SX** (Tel: 020 7431 3414). The balance of the cost of this pilgrimage is then due ten weeks prior to departure. All cheques made payable to: *Anthony R Coles Travel and Conferences*.

Please be advised this pilgrimage is limited to 24 people, so early booking is advised.



HOLIDAY/PILGRIMAGE **PADUA : 18 to 25 MAY 2023**

TITLE (Mr/Mrs etc) _____

SURNAME* _____

* = as in passport

FORENAME* _____

ADDRESS _____

_____ POSTCODE _____

EMAIL _____ TELEPHONE _____

DATE OF BIRTH Day _____ Month _____ Year _____ Day _____ Month _____ Year _____

PLACE OF BIRTH _____

NATIONALITY _____

PASSPORT No. _____

DATE OF ISSUE Day _____ Month _____ Year _____ Day _____ Month _____ Year _____

DATE OF EXPIRY Day _____ Month _____ Year _____ Day _____ Month _____ Year _____

WHERE ISSUED _____

REQUESTS : SINGLE DOUBLE TWIN ROOM / SHARE PARTNER _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____ FLIGHT No. _____ TIME OF ARRIVAL _____ FROM _____

DEPARTURE DATE _____ FLIGHT No. _____ TIME OF DEPARTURE _____ TO _____

Please book the above flights I/We will arrange our own flights Please arrange airport transfers

FLIGHT SEAT PREFERENCES WINDOW MIDDLE AISLE BUSINESS CLASS (BA only)

DIETARY EXCLUSIONS / VEGETARIAN MEALS _____

INSURANCE

All participants must have adequate travel insurance cover. If you already have cover, please provide the following information:

Insurance Co. _____

Policy No. _____

Insurance emergency telephone no. 0044 _____

If you require further information on insurance, please tick here

DEPOSIT £200 per person x _____ persons = £ _____

I will send a bank transfer to **Metro 23-05-80 / 40270493**

I enclose a cheque payable to **Anthony R Coles Travel & Conferences**

Please debit my Debit card

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Expiry Date □□/□□ CCV □□□

I/We accept the booking conditions : SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Please return completed form to: **Anthony Coles, 18 Maresfield Gardens, London NW3 5SX**

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