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Verona

The Veneto at New Year
Verona, Padua, Vicenza and Sirmione

Strategically positioned at the crossroads of major Alpine routes, the Veneto is a diverse region in northeastern Italy, bordering Austria, an area which flourished under Roman, medieval and Venetian rule, leaving a fabulous architectural and cultural legacy. Our programme encompasses the remarkable treasures of the Veneto, Giotto's revolutionary frescoes in the Cappella degli Scrovegni and Vicenza presents Palladio's architectural genius at its most refined.

Celebrating the New Year amid these monuments provides a particularly memorable way to mark the transition between seasons, with time to appreciate the enduring achievements of Roman engineering, Renaissance humanism and Venetian artistry in this captivating corner of Italy.

Key highlights

- Admire the work of Giotto at Scrovengi Chapel, undeniably Padua's most famous historical treasure
- Explore Desenzano Roman Villa, a once large and sumptuous property which enjoys stunning views of Lake Garda
- Discover the Teatro Olimpico, Palladio's last work — a breathtaking Renaissance theatre in the heart of Vicenza

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Day One: UK - Verona
We fly into Verona and meet your expert Guide Lecturer and fellow travellers at your hotel.

Meals: Dinner

Day Two: Verona
We devote our day to the Roman sites of Verona, starting with the magnificent **amphitheatre** and continuing with a visit to the first of three subterranean archaeological excavations: **Via San Cosimo**. We continue to the **Arco dei Gavi**, **Porta Borsari** and the **Cryptoporticus of Corte Sgarzerie**. In the afternoon, we explore the **Teatro Romano**.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day Three: Padua
We start with the **Scrovengi Chapel** and continue to the **Museum Eremitani** complex, housed in the cloisters of the former Augustinian monastery. In the afternoon, we visit the **Palazzo della Ragione** and the **Baptistery of the Cathedral of Padua**. We also see the **Anatomical Theatre**, where Galileo once taught.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day Four: Verona
We visit **Chiesa San Fermo**, a striking church known for its dual structure and beautiful frescoes and admire **Chiesa Santa Anastasia**, the largest church in Verona. We end the morning with a walk through **Piazza dei Signori**.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day Five: Vicenza
We drive to the UNESCO World Heritage city of **Vicenza** this morning and our first visit is the **Roman Cryptoporticus**. Next, we see the **Basilica Palladiana**, the **Loggia del Capitaniato** and the **Palladio Museum**. After lunch, we admire the works of Giovanni Bellini in Chiesa **Santa Corona** and the Renaissance **Palace of Chiericati**. Our final visit of the day is to **Teatro Olimpico**.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day Six: Sirmione - Verona - UK
We head to Sirmione this morning and visit **Castello Scaligero**. Next, we take the small train up the hill to the **Villa Catullus**, the largest and most complete Roman villa in northern Italy. Next is the **Desenzano Roman Villa**, a once large and sumptuous property. After our site visits, we transfer to Verona Airport for our evening flight back to London or continue your trip at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast

Activity level - **Moderate** ●●○

Your Expert Guide Lecturer

Dr Eireann Marshall



A Research Associate and Associate Lecturer with the Open University, Eireann has published a number of articles on Ancient North Africa and has co-edited volumes on Death and Disease in the Ancient City and Women's influence on Classical Civilisation. Eireann has led many tours, including several to Ravenna, Venice, Pompeii, Sicily and Tunisia, and is bilingual in English and Italian.

Your tour includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & professional Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites as per the itinerary
- Field notes
- All taxes & gratuities
- Return flights from London
- Private group transfers to/from the airport & hotel
- Local travel aboard a private air-conditioned coach
- 5 nights in the Hotel Verona, Verona
- 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 5 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner