

Art Treasures of Northern Italy

Based in Vicenza and Ferrara

Monday 07 - Saturday 12 May 2018

Vicenza

We will visit the Teatro Olimpico, a fascinating structure representing a piazza and streets in perfect perspective. It is Europe's oldest surviving indoor theatre, designed by Palladio in 1579 to stage theatrical performances.

Ravenna

The city was once the capital of Byzantine Italy, famous for its wealth of art treasures and magnificent mosaics, which will be the main focus of our visit. We will begin with the Basilica of San Vitale, which dates back to 548 and boasts many ornate mosaics with a noticeable Eastern influence. We will also visit the Mausoleum of Galla Placidia, which contains the earliest wall mosaics in the city, the extraordinary Domus of Stone Carpets, the 5th century Church of San Francesco, Dante's Tomb, the Basilica of Sant'Apollinare Nuovo and the Basilica of Sant'Apollinare in Classe.

Padua

The city's artistic and architectural highlight is undoubtedly the Scrovegni Chapel, one of Giotto's famous works. He painted a series of frescoes including *Scenes from the Life of Joachim*, *Scenes from the life of the Virgin* and *Scenes from the Life of Christ*.

TOUR PRICE

£1,190 per person sharing a twin/double room

(excluding the suggested flights with Ryanair)

£180 single room supplement

(limited availability)

The tour price includes: Return coach transfers to/from the airport, 2 nights' accommodation at the 4 star Hotel Campo Marzio in Vicenza, 3 nights' accommodation at the 4 star Hotel Ferrara in Ferrara, buffet breakfast daily, 2 dinners in hotel restaurants, final dinner in a local restaurant in Ferrara, local English speaking guides as per the itinerary, all coach transport as per the itinerary, all booking and entrance fees and portorage.



Verona

One of the most prosperous cities in Northern Italy, Verona's ancient centre boasts magnificent Roman ruins second only to Rome itself. The heart of the city of Romeo and Juliet is a network of interconnecting squares dotted with medieval palaces. Visits will include the Arena, the third largest Roman amphitheatre in existence and the church of Sant'Anastasia, which houses several important works of art, especially medieval masterpieces.

Mantua

Mantua is a provincial town surrounded on three sides by a lake and was home to one of the greatest Renaissance courts in Europe. Here we will visit the impressive Palazzo Ducale, which was the official residence of the Gonzaga lords of Mantua until the 17th century and the Palazzo Te, a grand suburban villa designed by Giulio Romano, a former pupil of Raphael.

Ferrara

The former capital of the Este dynasty, Ferrara has a rich history of art and architecture and is often referred to as the 'first modern city in Europe', due to its unique urban framework. We will visit the Palazzo dei Diamanti, a magnificent palace that takes its name from the diamond motifs on its façade and contains several separate art collections including the National Picture Gallery, the Palazzo Schifanoia, the summer residence of the Este family and the imposing Este Castle.

A full brochure and booking form will be available in September.

