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1 WEEK SAMPLE

Venice and the Palladian Veneto:

The discovery of Venice starts from the islands of the lagoon, where the first inhabitants settled escaping the invasions of Attila and the Huns in the 5th and of the Lombards in the 6th century A.D. On the way through the lagoon you will see parts of emerged land (barene) which still are as the first inhabitants found them, and on which they constructed an incredibly rich and powerful state, the Venetian Republic.

DAY 1 First stop in Murano, visit of a glass furnace owned by the same family for more than 700 years

From there to Torcello with a visit to the 1000 years old cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta.

Lunch in a private gothic villa on the island or in the locanda where also Ernest Hemingway used to spend his time writing and hunting.

In the afternoon a walk through the narrow streets of Burano, enjoying the small colourful houses of the fishermen and buying the handmade laces, an art which lasts here since the end of the 15th century.

Dinner in a private palace on the grand canal.

DAY 3 A walk with our guide visiting the heart of the town, St. Mark's Square with the Dogal Palace, followed by a more intimate and hidden Venice.

Lunch in a local restaurant.

Free afternoon for shopping or visiting workshops or artistic ateliers of Venetian artisans, painters, weaving factories or any other special places you desire.

Dinner in a private house overlooking St. Mark's Square and private night visit of St. Mark's Basilica.

DAY 2 Early morning at the Rialto market with a Venetian cook to buy fish, vegetables and anything else is needed to prepare a nice meal.

Cooking lesson and lunch.

In the afternoon rowing boat tour to see Venice from the right point of view: the water.

Dinner in a local restaurant directly from the boat.



DAY 4 By private car to a villa near Vicenza where to settle for the next three days.

Lunch and swim in the swimming pool if the season permits.

Afternoon guided visit of the beautiful town of Vicenza, and its famous architectural treasures, such as the Basilica Palladiana, Palazzo Chiericati and the Teatro Olimpico.

Dinner at home or in a local restaurant.

DAY 5 By car to the Villa Valmarana ai nani, guided tour to the famous frescoes by Giambattista and Giandomenico Tiepolo.

Lunch with the owners.

Afternoon visit to the most famous Palladian building: la Rotonda.

Dinner at home or in a nearby villa with the owners.



DAY 6 By car to Bassano del Grappa.

Visit of a Palladian villa and its cellar with wine tasting.

Lunch with the owners.

Afternoon visit of the town and the nearby small town of Asolo, one of the most beautiful and best preserved medieval villages in the area.

Dinner at home or in a restaurant in Vicenza.

DAY 7 By car to Padova, visit the Cappella degli Scrovegni, frescoed by Giotto in 1303-1305.

Lunch either in one of the many nice restaurants in the three central squares, or a visit to a villa of friends with cellar and lunch with the owners.

Departure.