

8 DAYS WALKING THE PROSECCO HILLS

DESTINATIONS

TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1

Destination	Pieve di Soligo
Meals included	Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

The trip starts in Pieve di Soligo, a small village located in the heart of the Prosecco hills, approximately 60km north of Venice. The surrounding area is picturesque, with lush vineyards covering the slopes of every possible hill and old churches, abbeys, villas and ancient castles dotting the landscape. Prosecco has been produced here for centuries, but only more recently, thanks to the surge in its popularity worldwide, has the area captured the deserved spotlight. Nevertheless, still relatively few tourists visit this wine region each year, making it an ideal location for a week of walking, wine tasting and cultural discovery in a still very authentic rural part of Italy. Depending on the group arrival time, there might be some time for a quick orientation walk near our hotel.

DAY 2

Destination	Pieve di Soligo
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

This morning we transfer to the pretty town of Cison di Valmarino, one of the best-preserved villages in the Prosecco area, containing numerous historical monuments and buildings that reveal its past role as major feudal estate. The gentle walk follows a waterway, crossing tranquil woodlands, and passing by the ancient manor and fortress of Castelbrando, which offers panoramic views over the farmland and villages far below. The walk ends in Follina, famous for the Cistercian monastery of Santa Maria, a mystical site enclosing one of Italy's most beautiful cloisters. The monks were the first to give a boost to the development of the textile sector in this area, weaving wool here from the Middle Ages onwards. In the afternoon we return to the hotel and the remainder of the day is free to relax in the village or you may decide to take an optional short walk along the picturesque river banks in proximity of our hotel
Approximately 7km

DAY 3

Destination	Pieve di Soligo
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

Today's walk takes us to the heartland of the Prosecco hills, namely Valdobbiadene, S. Pietro di Barbozza and S.Stefano. The majority of the winemakers are based right here, amongst the picture-perfect terraced steep hills which are arguably the prettiest of the whole Veneto region. Our walk follows a mix of man-made tracks and paths twisting through the vineyards, and offers spectacular views of the fertile landscape and hamlets perched on the hillsides. During the walk we will have the opportunity to visit of one of the top local Prosecco producers, whose passion for wine making goes back for generations in the family. After a tour of the wine cellars, we will have the opportunity to sample different varieties of Prosecco during a guided wine-tasting (included). We return to the hotel in the afternoon.
Approximately 10km

DAY 4

Destination	Pieve di Soligo
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

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In the morning we transfer to the pretty capital province of Treviso, a real hidden gem often overlooked and perhaps overshadowed by the neighbouring Venice. Rebuilt and restored after Second World War bombing, the town centre is a rambling maze of streets lined with arcaded walkways. The town is circled by a pretty wall and by waterways, which add to its very picturesque and elegant style. After a walking tour of the town's centre accompanied by a local guide, we enjoy some free time to wander around at our own pace and have some lunch (the world-famous Tiramisu was apparently invented in this city, so it is recommended trying some in one of the best cafes in town!). In the afternoon we leave the walls of Treviso behind and follow the water flow of Sile, the longest river of resurgent waters in Europe. This tranquil route through a nature reserve offers the opportunity to explore the local flora and fauna and brings to light many evidences of the age-old relationship between men and this river. Return to the hotel in the evening. Approximately 7km

DAY 5

Destination	Pieve di Soligo
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

After a short private transfer we reach another gem of the Prosecco area and the start point of today's walk: Villa Barbaro in Maser. The villa is one of the greatest masterpieces of the famous Italian architect Andrea Palladio (1508-80), and it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is situated in the middle of a flourishing privately owned estate, and six of its rooms adorned by beautiful frescos are open to the public. After a short visit, we set off for our walk starting with a climb to Monte San Giorgio, overlooking the villa. The route will then veer west, following one of the original front-lines used during the First World War. The war affected most of this area as well as many other towns around the Prosecco hills. During the walk we are able to see the evidence and memorials of the epic deeds that marked the destiny of generations of people and the course of history throughout the world. Our end point is the elegant hill-top town of Asolo, known as 'the pearl of the province of Treviso', for its beautiful setting and charming historic centre. Free time and return to Pieve di Soligo for dinner. Approximately 12km

DAY 6

Destination	Pieve di Soligo
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Free day to visit the lovely town of Conegliano (the other major centre of Prosecco production and wine studies), or take a day-trip to the one and only Venice (only a short train ride away).

DAY 7

Destination	Pieve di Soligo
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Our final walk takes us above the Prosecco hills, to Mt Cesen, a humble, rounded, grassy mountain, and the highest in its small group of Venetian Prealps. Rising just above the Piave River at an altitude of 1570 meters it offers a stunning panorama and popular walking trails which cross mountain pastures, meadows and a landscape which differs completely to the one we explored earlier in the week. On a clear day, the views can stretch as far as the Eastern Alps, Dolomites, and Venice. In the evening, there will be the opportunity to enjoy a fantastic farewell dinner in one of the best local restaurants located in a panoramic setting in the heart of the Prosecco hills.

If the weather conditions are good and the skies are clear, the group will have the option to go on a longer walk (Distance: 8 Km, Ascent: 450m, Descent: 450m, Maximum altitude: 1406m). Approximately 7km

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DAY 8

Destination	Pieve di Soligo
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Our trip ends in Pieve di Soligo in the morning.

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Inclusions

WHATS INCLUDED

7 nights at 4-star hotel, all rooms en suite
5 days centre-based walking and sightseeing; 1 free day
All breakfasts, 4 lunches, 2 dinners and 2 wine tastings included
All accommodation
London flights (if booking incl. flights)
Airport transfers for group flights
Enjoy quiet trails away from the crowds
Taste the authentic Italian bubbles and visit local producer
Explore charming mediaeval villages and Treviso
Stay in a comfortable hotel set in a picturesque location
Superior twin share accommodation
Sightseeing and transportation as per the itinerary

Fine Print

HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

Book now and secure your package with only a \$300 deposit per person.
Pay a 2nd instalment of \$400 per person within 28 days.
You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.
Booking Process

Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)
Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment. You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)
Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
Your position on the tour will be confirmed within 48 hours of completing your order. If your place cannot be confirmed, a full refund of the deposit will occur"

OPTIONAL TOURS

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EXCLUSIONS	International Airfares Personal Expenses Travel Insurance Optional activities Anything not mentioned in the itinerary or optional
HOTEL LIST	Cuiaba- Slaviero Slim Hotel Paraguay River - Hotel Baiazinha Lodge Araras Lodge
IMPORTANT INFORMATION	<p>Accommodation The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however, any changes are beyond our control.</p> <p>Single Supplement A single supplement is available on all nights of this trip from an extra \$410 subject to availability.</p> <p>Triple Share Not available.</p> <p>Children Children must be 5 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.</p> <p>Tour Documentation Final documentation will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.</p> <p>Activity Level This tour is classified as Leisurely/Moderate. 5 Days Walking. Leisurely; during the day we walk for 3 to 6 hours (including lunch and photo stops).</p> <p>Following a review of all our trips we have categorised this trip as generally not suitable for persons of reduced mobility. However if you are a regular traveller on such trips, please contact customer services to discuss the trip and your personal condition.</p>

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