# RELAIS MONACO OUR REGION



### RELAIS MONACO

Relais Monaco Country Hotel & Spa is located in an old Venetian villa, Villa Persico-Guarnieri, that dates back to the 1800s, in Ponzano Veneto, a quiet small town in the countryside, just a few kilometres away from Treviso. The hotel offers a warm and friendly atmosphere, along with a high standard service, for a pleasant and relaxing stay, whether for leisure or business. Elegant furnishings are mixed with modern facilities, in a combination of art and style unique in its kind, to give all guests memorable sensations.

Back in June 2016 a 700 sq m Country Spa was opened, to complete the services offered to the guests that include also a fitness room powered by Technogym, an outdoor swimming and a vast park.



# **OUR LOCATION**

Many destinations are easy to reach from our hotel, making Relais Monaco the ideal starting point to discover Veneto.

#### ART AND HISTORICAL TOURS

Treviso

Asolo

Possagno

Vittorio Veneto

Venetian Villas

Venice

Padua

Vicenza

Verona

Bassano del Grappa

The Great War



NATURE TOURS
The Dolomites

FOOD & WINE TOURS
The Prosecco Hills
Food & Wine

ACTIVE TOURS

Bike tours

Other sports

SHOPPING



#### **TREVISO**

Romantic and intriguing, Treviso is a small beautiful city, full of historical buildings, many of them still frescoed. Lots of channels flow through the city, somehow resembling Venice; as a matter of fact Treviso was in the past part of the Republic of Venice, the so called «Serenissima». All year round many events take part in the city: music, food and wine festivals, markets and lots more for everyone to enjoy Worth a visit Piazza dei Signori, Calmaggiore, the 1300s city walls, the Buranelli and the many museums, churches and alleys.

HOW TO GET THERE CAR 10 mins Bus n. 61 leaves about every 30 mins



#### **ASOLO**

Asolo is a wonderful treasure in the province of Treviso, that has been recently nominated one of Italian most beautiful villages. Known as **«the city of 100 horizons»** for its mountains settings or also «The Pearl of Veneto», Asolo lies on some beautiful hills, not far from the area of Prosecco. Its unique atmosphere has inspired over the years many artists such as Italian theater actress **Eleonora Duse**, English poet **Robert Browning**, English writer **Freya Stark** and many more. Main sights are the remains of a roman amphitheatre, the 1200s **Rocca** (castle), the **cathedral** and **Palazzo della Ragione**.



#### POSSAGNO

Famous for being the hometown of one of the greatest Italian sculptor of all time, i.e. **Antonio Canova**, Possagno is a small nice city at the foot of the Venetian Pre-Alps.

A famous landmark of the city is definitely the Tempio Canoviano, a church Canova designed, financed, and partly-built himself, inspired by the Pantheon in Rome. Worth a visit as well the Gipsoteca, containing a collection of plaster casts of the artist's main works.

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HOW TO GET THERE CAR
30 mins





#### VITTORIO VENETO

On November 22, 1866, soon after the Veneto was annexed by the Kingdom of Italy, Ceneda and Serravalle were joined into one municipality named Vittorio Veneto after the King of Italy, Vittorio Emanuele. The city was theather of the battle that ended the conflict between the Italian and Austrian armies, during WWI. Still today there are many signs of this event around the area.

Definitely worth a visit both boroughs Ceneda with the beautiful Castle of S. Martino and Serravalle with Piazza Flaminio, entirely paved with Istrian stone.

HOW TO GET THERE CAR
35 mins



#### BASSANO DEL GRAPPA

Bassano del Grappa is an artistically and historically interesting small town located between Padua, Treviso and Vicenza, at the foot of Venetian Prealps. The first settlements trace back to the pre-roman era, while more recently the city was theather of violent conflicts between the Austrian and Italian armies. Definitely worth a visit the bridge Ponte Vecchio or Ponte degli Alpini, designed on 1569 by Andrea Palladio and, very close to it the grappa store of Bortolo Nardini, opened there from 1779.



#### VILLE VENETE

Incredible architectures, art masterpieces, centuries-old parks, spectacular fountains, these some of the features of the ancient residences built by the Venetian aristocracy on the mainland.

Either in the heart of the countryside, along the rivers or on the top of the hills, there are many villas all over the Marca Trevigiana, as a permanent expression of the genius of great artists, with **Palladio** as the main representative. Definitely worth a visit **Villa Emo** and **Villa Barbaro**.

HOW TO GET THERE
CAR
Villa Emo 15 mins
Villa Barbaro 25 mins

■ villevenete.net



#### THE GREAT WAR

Another important cultural tour is represented by a visit to he WWI sites. Many evidences of this tragic events can be seen around the Province of Treviso; from Monte Grappa to Montello, passing through Vittorio Veneto and for sure the Piave river. During the conflict the area has been theather of tragic battles between Austrian and Italian armies.

This is a touching but yet significant tour, lest humanity forget and hopefully learn from the mistakes have been made in the past.

WHAT TO VISIT
Bassano shelter and Vittorio Emanuele gallery (Monte Grappa, 90 mins drive)
100 Days Road (Tovena, 45 mins drive)
Nervesa Memorial Monument (Montello, 15 mins drive)





#### PROSECCO HILLS

The northern part of Treviso, between **Conegliano** and **Valdobbiadene**, is full of luxuriant hills, covered by vast vineyards.

It is thanks to these grapes that the area is now globally renowned for the production of **Prosecco** and became also in July 2019 the 55<sup>th</sup> Italian **UNESCO** World Heritage Site.

Here's the perfect destination to spend some good time with family and friends, sipping this amazing wine, eating local cheese and cold cuts and enjoying the breathtaking view.

Many wineries do also organize guided tours, followed naturally with wine tastings.

HOW TO GET THERE
CAR
30 mins
BICYCLE
about 60 mins





# FOOD AND WINE

Despite the many speculations about its origins, it has been largely proved that Tiramisu, the world renowned coffee flavored dessert was first invented in Treviso, as a matter of fact the restaurant that created the recipe is still in business in the city center of Treviso.

Other world famous products from the area are for sure the Treviso Radicchio and the sparkling Prosecco. Nice experience not to miss is a meal at a local restaurant - hostaria, in order to try real local recipes.

Enjoy your meal and.... Buon appetito!

#### WHAT TO EAT

Radicchio risotto (Winter only) Soppa coada - pigeon soup Guinea fowl with pevarada sauce Tiramisù Fregolotta - Crumble cake





#### **BIKE TOURS**

The area of Treviso is a great destination for bike lovers. Many in fact are the tours to enjoy, from the more relaxing along the Sile or Piave river or across the city, to the more challenging, up and down the Montello or on the Prosecco Hills.

Our staff is always at your disposal to assist you in renting any kind of bike you like, from city bikes to racing and e-bikes, that can all be easily delivered directly at the hotel, ready to use. Alternatively, if you do have your own bikes we can of course take good care of them.

#### SUGGESTED PATHS

Girasile - along the Sile River Montello - climbing up Montello hill Villa Emo path - Venetian Villa Prosecco Hills



#### **SPORT**

Due to the popularity and to the great achievements basket, rugby, volley and football teams had in the past, Treviso is known as well as one of **Italian sport capitals**. It is thanks to this passion for outdoor activities and for the variety of landscapes our region has that sport lovers can enjoy practicing

#### Golf

Canoeing / Kayaking

Biathlon

Hiking

Ciclying

Horseback riding

Footfgolf

Skydiving / Paragliding

Wakeboard



## SHOPPING

Our hotel position is good not only for cultural or sport tours, but also for the shopping.

As a matter of fact many boutiques are located in the city center of Treviso, especially on Via Calmaggiore, the heart of Treviso.

Alternatively, 35 kms away from the hotel, the Noventa di Piave outlet has several designer brand stores, many of which Italian, but also international ones.

HOW TO GET THERE

<u>CAR</u>

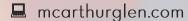
Treviso center 10 mins drive

Outlet 35 mins drive

<u>BUS</u>

Treviso N.61 about every 30 mins

Outlet bus from Treviso about every 35-40 mins





#### **VENICE**

Venice is a unique city, a world treasure that has to be preserved for the future generations. Its heart is for sure Piazza San Marco with the beautiful Bell Tower, the Cathedral of Saint Mark, the Doge's Palace and the Watch Tower. Few meters down the Piazza, at the beginning of the beautiful Riva degli Schiavoni, you can find the iconical Sighs' Bridge and the Piombi prison, from where Casanova had managed to break out. But besides these world famous landmarks probably the best thing to do in Venice is to get lost in it and discover new, otherwise unknown alleys every time.

HOW TO GET THERE CAR 40 mins drive through highway A27 or Strada Terraglio TRAIN 30 mins from Treviso Centrale station

■ turismovenezia.it - venezia.net



#### PADUA

Padua is a beautiful, large and old city. It hosts a renowned **University**, almost 800 years old, and famous, among other things, for having had **Galileo Galilei** among its lecturers.

The city is also known as the Saint City, as some remains of Sant'Antonio, the patron of Padua, are displayed inside the Basilica of Sant'Antonio.

Absolutely worth a visit the Cappella degli Scrovegni containing a fresco cycle by Giotto, completed about 1305, that is one of the most important masterpieces of Western art; and Prato della Valle, one of Europe biggest squares.

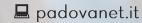
HOW TO GET THERE

CAR

50 mins

TRAIN

80 mins approx. (change in Venezia-Mestre)





#### VICENZA

Vicenza is a thriving and cosmopolitan city, with a rich history and culture, many museums, art galleries, piazzas, villas, churches and elegant Renaissance palazzi. With the Palladian Villas of the Veneto in the surrounding area, and his renowned Teatro Olimpico (Olympic Theater), the "city of Palladio" has been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1994.

The first human settlements in the area date back to the Roman Empire.

Besides the artistic and cultural value of the city, Vicenza is also famous for the beautiful Colli Berici (hills) and the numerous green area around the city center.

Not to miss Piazza dei Signori, and its Basilica and the iconic Olympic Theater.

HOT TO GET THERE
CAR
80 mins
TRAIN
60 mins



#### VERONA

Verona is famous all over the world for being the city of Romeo & Juliet. Still today Juliet balcony and both lovers' houses are quite popular destinations among couples.

In the summer the city gets really crowded and busy as the Opera season opens in the ancient roman Arena di Verona.

Italian and international main composers' masterpieces, come to life in a magical atmosphere, from Aida to Nabucco, from La Traviata to the Barber of Seville.

HOW TO GET THERE CAR 90 mins TRAIN 90 mins approx. (change train in Venezia Mestre)





# THE DOLOMITES

The Dolomites are a famous mountain range, part of the Southern Limestone Alps.

They are a coveted destination for ski, winter sports, trekking and nature lovers from around the world. Definitely worth a visit the Tre Cime di Lavaredo, three distinctive battlement-like peaks, that are probably one of the best-known mountain groups in the Alps and the mount Lagazuoi, that was also theather of harsh battles during WWI.

HOW TO GET THERE

<u>CAR</u>
about 2 hours drive from our hotel



#### LAKE GARDA

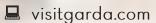
Lake Garda or (Lago) Benaco is the largest lake in Italy. It is a popular holiday location in northern Italy, between Venice and Milan on the edge of the Dolomites. Glaciers formed this alpine region at the end of the last Ice Age. The lake and its shoreline are divided between the provinces of Verona, Brescia, and Trento.

Water sports enthusiasts will find some of the best places for paragliding, windsurfing, and hang-gliding. Visitors can also go walking, mountain biking, visit a theme park, a water park, play golf, go sailing, or spend a couple of dolce far niente on the beach or exploring some of the typical villages and town.

Not to miss Sirmione, Lazise, Malcesine and Riva del Garda.

HOW TO GET THERE

<u>CAR</u>
about 2,5 hours drive from our hotel



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