

The Border Lands of Friuli-Venezia Giulia



Based in Trieste

Tuesday 21 - Saturday 25 May 2024

Located within the north-eastern borders of Italy, is the undiscovered region of Friuli-Venezia Giulia. Bound by Austria, Slovenia, the Veneto, and the Adriatic, its long-standing domination by Austria has resulted in a remarkable fusion of architectural styles and culture to savour and explore. Nowhere is the legacy of the Habsburg Empire more apparent than in Trieste and its environs. Under the Austrians, its great Adriatic Port and adjoining coastline rose in importance, and the city became a progressive and prosperous international melting pot until the 20th century when it was riven by borders, and often contested. The city was returned to Italy in 1954, but its history has gifted us an eclectic blend of ethnic, linguistic, and cultural varieties. Based in the border city of Trieste, our tour will highlight the charming cities and Roman settlements of this lesser-known region of Italy.

TUESDAY 21 MAY 2024

We will depart our local pick-up point by coach and travel to Heathrow Airport where we will check in for a morning flight to Venice with British Airways. We will be met on arrival by our local coach and guide, and travel to the former Roman settlement of **Aquileia**. On arrival we will have a **light lunch** in a local café prior to a visit to the **Basilica of Santa Maria Assunta** where we can view the largest mosaic floor of the Western Christian world.

We will complete the journey to **Trieste**. A city with a rich and tumultuous past, Trieste is framed by the Mediterranean Sea, lush grassland and the mighty Dolomites to the north. We will check into the centrally located 4 star **Savoia Excelsior Palace** for 4 nights' bed and buffet breakfast accommodation. A **welcome dinner** will be served in the hotel restaurant.

WEDNESDAY 22 MAY 2024

After breakfast at the hotel we will meet our local guide for a morning of visits in Trieste.

We will begin with a visit to the **Civic Museum of the Risiera di San Sabba National Monument**. The Risiera di San Sabba, a rice mill built in 1898, was used from September 1943 by the Nazi occupation force as a prison camp, and was the only concentration camp in Italy with its own crematorium. It was declared a National Monument in 1965 and is today one of the most important sites of remembrance in Italy.

Following our visit we will embark on a **walking tour** of the city of Trieste, with a **coffee break** in one of the city's many historic cafes. Our walking tour will end at the **Revoltella Museum**, which houses over 350 paintings and focuses on the works of significant 20th century Italian artists. The remainder of the day will be at leisure.

THURSDAY 23 MAY 2024

This morning we will travel by coach to **Udine**, a city and commune in north-eastern Italy in the middle of the *Friuli Venezia Giulia* region. We will visit the 16th century **Castle of Udine**, housing the Civic Museum of Udine which includes the Gallery of Ancient Art and the Archaeological Museum.

Our visit will also include the **Duomo** and the **Oratorio Della Purità**, which display superb frescoes by G.B. Tiepolo and his son Giandomenico. We will continue to the **Diocesan Museum** which houses the Tiepolo Galleries. There will be free time for lunch in Udine.

This afternoon we will continue to the town of **Cividale del Friuli**. Visits will include the **Duomo** and the **Tempietto Longobardo**. Cividale's 16th century, Venetian-Gothic cathedral sits on an ancient 8th century church and its treasures include the lacquered wooden statue of Cividale hero Marcantonio da Manzano and a medieval altarpiece. Commissioned by Patriarch Pellegrino II, the altarpiece consists of 123 embossed and gilded silver plates depicting the Madonna and Child surrounded by 25 saints. The Tempietto Longobardo was originally the chapel of a palace, accommodating the representative of the Lombard king, before being donated to a Benedictine monastery. It houses the finest 8th century sculpture to survive in Europe.

We hope to arrange a **winetasting** during the return journey to Trieste. This evening will be at leisure.

FRIDAY 24 MAY 2024

After breakfast at the hotel we will transfer by coach to **Miramare Castle**, on the Gulf of Trieste. The property was built between 1856 and 1860 by order of the ill-fated Emperor Maximilian of Ferdinand, of the House of Habsburg, and was designed by Austrian architect Carl Junker.

The castle reflects the artistic interests of both the era and of the archduke himself, with an eclectic mix of Gothic, medieval and Renaissance elements. The castle is surrounded by a large atmospheric Italian and English style-garden with valuable botanical species, sculptures and lakes. There will be free time for coffee following the visit.



Castello di Miramare

Late morning we will continue to **Grado**. Located in the midst of the Adriatic's northernmost lagoons, in Roman times, Grado was the first port of entry for ships headed upstream to nearby Aquileia. It is an elegant seaside town with a charming historic centre. Mid-afternoon we will return to the hotel by coach.

A **farewell dinner** will be served this evening in a local restaurant in Trieste.

SATURDAY 25 MAY 2024

This morning we will check out of the hotel after breakfast and travel the short distance by coach to the cathedral hill. The **Cathedral of San Giusto** stands on the hill of the same name, in the heart of the ancient Roman city of *Tergeste*. Following our visit we will return to the centre of Trieste on foot in the company of our local guide. There will be free time for lunch before our departure this afternoon.

This afternoon we will take our return flight back to London Heathrow from Venice airport. A local coach will be on hand for the return transfer to your original pick-up point.

As this tour has been planned many months in advance the final itinerary may vary slightly from the above.

Please note that this tour involves a reasonable amount of walking and participants must be able to walk at a pace to keep up with the group. It is therefore unsuitable for those with mobility issues.

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TRIESTE

TOUR PRICE

£1,745 per person sharing a twin/double room
£325 single supplement

PRICE INCLUDES

Return UK airport transfers to/from London Heathrow
Return scheduled British Airways flights
(Heathrow/Venice)
4 nights' bed and breakfast accommodation in Trieste
Dinner in the hotel restaurant on the first evening
Dinner in a local restaurant on the final evening
Light lunch in a local café on day one
Coffee break on day two
Winetasting in a local vineyard on day three
The services of a local guide throughout
All coach transfers in Italy as per the itinerary
All booking and entrance fees as per the itinerary
VOX audio headsets throughout
Gratuities

HOTEL DETAILS

Starhotels Savoia Excelsior Palace (4 star)

Riva del Mandracchio 4, Trieste

www.collezione.starhotels.com

Sea View Room upgrades are available at a supplement upon request. All requests are subject to availability.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is a condition of booking that each tour participant carries full travel insurance and it is your responsibility to ensure that you have adequate insurance for this tour. We have arranged a scheme with specialists Brokersure Limited who are fully authorised and regulated by the FCA (firm reference number 501719) full details of which can be found on the FCA website www.fca.org.uk. Please call Brokersure on 0330 880 3625 for a quote.
Please ensure that any policy has adequate cover for COVID-19 related issues.

PASSPORT & VISA REQUIREMENTS

British Nationals should be in possession of a valid 10 year passport: visas are not required for travel to Italy. Other Nationals should contact the Italian Embassy to confirm current visa requirements.

FLIGHTS

We anticipate using the following British Airways flights to operate the tour:

21/05/2024 - Heathrow/Venice - 08.45 (12.05)

25/05/2024 - Venice/Heathrow - 17.30 (18.45)

Please note that flight seats cannot be booked until we are in receipt of client deposits.

MINIMUM NUMBERS

The price of the tour is based on a minimum of 25 participants.

YOUR FINANCIAL PROTECTION

Our ATOL Number is 3707. All the flights and flight-inclusive tours in this brochure are financially protected by the ATOL scheme. When you pay you will be supplied with an ATOL Certificate. Please ask for it and check to ensure that everything you booked (flights, hotels and other services) is listed on it. Please see our booking conditions for further information or for more information about financial protection and the ATOL Certificate go to: www.atol.org.uk/ATOLCertificate.

BOOKING & FINAL TRAVEL DETAILS

To reserve your place on the tour, please send your completed booking form and deposit of **£500 per person**, to **Heritage Group Travel**, as soon as possible and no later than **Monday 02 October 2023**. You will receive a confirmation of your booking combined with an invoice for the final balance. The final travel details (itinerary, hotel details, flight ticket and luggage label) will be available approximately 10-14 days prior to travel. The final balance is due by **Tuesday 27 February 2024**.

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Please return any digital booking forms to
cheryl@grouptravel.co.uk.

Name must be exactly as is written on passport

FIRST PERSON

TITLE

FIRST NAME

SURNAME

Name by which you wish to be known on tour (if different from above)

Name must be exactly as is written on passport

SECOND PERSON

TITLE

FIRST NAME

SURNAME

Name by which you wish to be known on tour (if different from above)

ADDRESS

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TELEPHONE

MOBILE

EMAIL

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SPECIAL REQUESTS e.g. Dietary or health requirements, etc
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I/We would like to reserve the following room type Twin ☐

Double ☐

Single ☐

Supplement of £325 (subject to single room availability)

If you intend sharing a room with someone not specified on this form please give their name below:

Tour Reference: 153071

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FIRST PERSON
It is a condition of booking that every
tour member has adequate travel insurance.

INSURANCE COMPANY:

POLICY NO.

SECOND PERSON
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PASSPORT DETAILS

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All personal information is stored according to the guidelines set out under the Data Protection Act

METHODS OF PAYMENT

I/We wish to book place(s) on the tour and enclose a deposit of **£XXX per person.**

I/We enclose a cheque made payable to Heritage Group Travel for the sum of

Please debit my VISA/MASTERCARD the sum of

Please debit my DEBIT CARD the sum of

NAME OF
CARDHOLDER

CARD NO

EXPIRY DATE

**I/We have read the booking
conditions and confirm that I/
we have adequate insurance
for this tour**

Signature/Print Name

Date

Please telephone Heritage Group Travel on 01225 466620 with your 3 digit security code as payment cannot be processed without this number and bookings cannot be confirmed until payment has been made.

I/We have made payment by BANK TRANSFER to the following account: ☐

Account Name: **Heritage Group Travel Ltd**

Account Number: **11388808**

Sort Code: **16-12-53**

Reference: **153071 (& your SURNAME)**

Please note that we need to be in receipt of your booking form to enable us to process your booking



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BOOKING CONDITIONS

Heritage Group Travel Ltd, which is hereinafter called "The Company", holds ATOL number 3707 and ABTOT licence number 5093.

The Client here means the person who makes a booking and any other persons included within that booking.

All arrangements made by The Company on behalf of The Client are subject to The Company's Booking Conditions as set out herein.

All arrangements are subject to the terms and conditions imposed by The Company's suppliers, including ferry companies, hotels, airlines, coach companies, insurance companies and other companies and / or individuals. The Company will accept responsibility for the actions/omissions of its employees. The Company will take all reasonable steps to ensure that all arrangements made are reliable and proper and that the suppliers of all relevant services are efficient and reputable. The Company will also accept responsibility for the actions/omissions of its agents, sub-contractors and suppliers within the scope of the contracted arrangements, subject to any limitations as laid down in international conventions which govern air, sea and land carriers. The Company will not accept responsibility for and will not be liable in respect of loss or damage or changes caused by Force Majeure events such as political unrest, civil unrest, hostilities, industrial disputes, technical problems, weather problems, traffic problems or any other such events beyond its control.

If for reasons beyond the control of The Company the arrangements cannot be fulfilled
The Company will make every effort to provide suitable alternative arrangements.

Payment/Cancellation Terms

The booking form sets out details of deposit payments, with dates by which deposits must be received in The Company's offices.
The booking details also show the dates by which the final balance must be received in The Company's offices. The Company reserves the right to cancel any arrangements made and retain any deposits received if the schedule of payments is not adhered to.

If for any reason The Client wishes to cancel the arrangements made then The Company must be notified in writing.

Cancellation charges will be made on the following scale:

Notice Period Cancellation Fee
More than 56 days before departure Loss of deposit(s)
56 to 29 days before departure 30% (or deposit(s) if greater)
28 to 15 days before departure 60%
14 days to day of departure 100%

NB. The above scale of cancellation charges does not apply where additional services (eg low-cost flights, concert tickets etc) are not included in the tour price. Any refund due will be based on the basic tour price only.

Your Financial Protection

When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight inclusive holiday from us you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists what is financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you and who to contact if things go wrong.

We, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL Certificate, will provide you with the services listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where neither we nor the supplier are able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with the services you have bought or a suitable alternative (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL scheme (or your credit card issuer where applicable).

If we, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL Certificate, are unable to provide the services listed (or a suitable alternative, through an alternative ATOL holder or otherwise) for reasons of insolvency, the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust may make a payment to (or confer a benefit on) you under the ATOL scheme. You agree that in return for such a payment or benefit you assign absolutely to those Trustees any claims which you have or may have arising out of or relating to the non-provision of the services, including any claim against us, the travel agent (or your credit card issuer where applicable). You also agree that any such claims may be re-assigned to another body, if that other body has paid sums you have claimed under the ATOL scheme.

Prices

Prices are based on a minimum number of participants as set out. If numbers do not reach the specified minimum by the balance date shown, The Company reserves the right to cancel all arrangements made and refund monies paid.

Flight Ticket Amendment Fee

Flight tickets are non-transferable, non-endorsable and non-refundable. Therefore, once passengers' names have been advised to the airline for ticketing (approximately 8 weeks prior to travel), any changes will be subject to availability and the discretion of the airline and will normally incur a charge by the airline. In addition, we will charge an administration fee of £15.

Passports / Visas

For travel outside the UK, British Citizens require a valid 10 year passport which normally needs 3 - 6 months validity remaining from the date of your return. We will notify you if a visa is required for travel to a country included in your itinerary.

Complaints

Most complaints can be dealt with on the spot either with the relevant supplier or with your tour leader. Failing a satisfactory outcome

The Company must be contacted immediately and every effort will be made to rectify the matter. Should there be no satisfactory outcome, The Client must write to The Company within 14 days outlining the nature of the complaint. In the unlikely event that a dispute between a Client and The Company cannot be solved amicably, a low cost Independent Dispute Settlement may be called upon by either side to bring the matter to conclusion. This scheme is administered by an independent third party on behalf of the Association of Independent Tour Operators of which The Company is a member.