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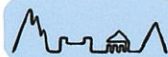
A solo e Monte Grappa.

Art and nature
to live by



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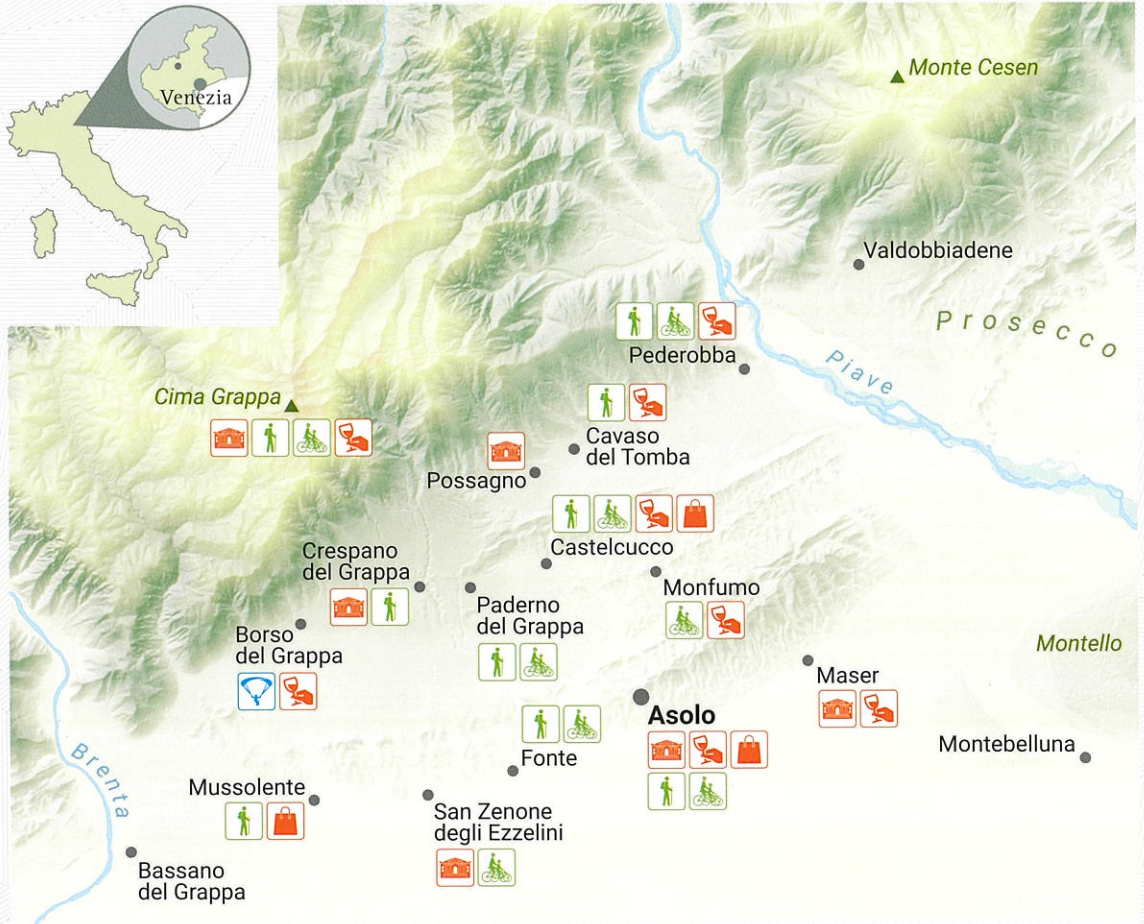


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Terre di Asolo e Monte Grappa

Asolo and Monte Grappa

One landscape, many horizons to discover



What to do:



Visit

Museums,
Venetian villas,
UNESCO sites.



Walk

Mountains and
foothills to explore



Pedal

Monte Grappa and
Asolo certification,
Bike parks and
cycling routes.



Fly

FlyCard,
candem flights,
flying courses.



Taste

Restaurants,
Farm holidays,
Taverns, Alpine
dairy, Wine tasting.









Shop

Sporting goods,
Artisanal Products
from historical work-
shops and Outlets.

*“... The low valley, with the curve of her sides,
is like a cradle overflowing to the horizon with beauty,
and I am happy to be in it,
rocking softly to the gentle sway of the Earth ...”*

Freya Stark, *A Peak in Darien*. 1976

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At the foot of Monte Grappa, nestled in the rolling hills of Asolo, lives a welcoming and industrious community that cares for the beauty of this elegant landscape. This extraordinary territory will reward you with once-in-a-lifetime experiences: admire the ingenuity of Canova's art and original plaster casts, wonder at architecture by Palladio and Carlo Scarpa, experience Monte Grappa from the air, bike, or by foot on one of many trails. Take your time and try our specialties in one of many locales in our historic town centres.

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Asolo and Monte Grappa, our lifestyle



**TAILOR,
Asolo
Daniele Berdusco**

"In my workshop in Asolo, I've learned that elegance is, above all, a feeling that requires respect. Elegance fosters a sense of wellbeing that allows one to feel at ease in everyday life. In Asolo, elegance endures every passing vogue or trend. Take a leisurely walk through the streets of the town centre and pay special attention to the decor of historic buildings, the wrought iron and the details that make Asolo special."



**DIRECTOR OF THE
CANOVA FOUNDATION,
Possagno**
Mario Guderzo

“Antonio Canova left behind an incomparable collection of historical and artistic importance in Possagno. To him we owe the renewal of neoclassical aesthetic tastes and a culture of artistic heritage protection. The museum complex, including the plaster cast collection, museum, and Temple, is the best departure point for learning about the aesthetics that link important architecture and art sites in this territory.”



**AGRICULTURAL ENTREPRENEUR,
Monfumo**
Lisa Dall'est

“It’s necessary to learn the secrets to cultivate this land with respect. For generations, we have received wisdom from our ancestors for raising livestock and caring for the forests. Today, being a farmer also means maintaining the beauty and cohesion of the landscape for visitors. Immerse yourself in Asolo’s natural heritage, its hills and mountains, discover foods, wines, and delicacies transformed by knowledgeable hands in the restaurants and locales of our extraordinary territory.”



Asolo and its historical town centres

At the foot of Monte Grappa, the elegant landscape is dotted with towns, and hamlets centred on their town squares where village markets spring up today, as has always been.



Asolo

One of Italy's most beautiful towns

An award received by this municipality in 2015 confirms the beauty of the "town of 100 horizons" loved by famed Italians, including actress Eleonora Duse, and by travellers, such as English author Freya Stark. Start with a visit to the civic museum, the cathedral and churches and don't miss the castle and the fortress. Wander the historic town, workshops, boutiques, historic buildings and cinematic locations.



Q Tips and suggestions

Antiquarian markets

Among the market stands you can find collection-worthy products from artisans and artists. Markets take place in Asolo's main square every second Sunday of the month and in San Zenone degli Ezzelini every third Sunday.

Leisurely walks on ancient paths

Each town is surrounded by rolling hills criss-crossed by well-marked footpaths. For more seasoned trekkers, the Trail of the Two Fortresses is a worthy undertaking, winding through the hills of Maser and connecting the Fortresses of Asolo and Cornuda. Less ambitious walkers will find great satisfaction on the nature trails of Mussolente and Castelcucco and among historical sites that can be found along the way.



Castelcucco

Chapels and Oratories

This town, with its soft ridgelines, is famous for its chapels and medieval oratories that can be reached by easy nature walking paths. Here the Muson River originates and only a short distance down the valley, the power of its waters served the prize-winning cooperative dairy, which has since been transformed into the Museum of Industrial Archaeology.

San Zenone degli Ezzelini

In the land of the Ezzelini family

Cradle of the Ezzelini, the powerful medieval family tied to the Emperor, San Zenone preserves the original tower of the old castle. To celebrate its notable historical value, each July the town organises a re-enactment of the siege of the old town that took place in 1260. The event puts on display a slice of medieval life, thanks to recreation of an artisan market, military encampment, parades, flag-bearers, and knights and ladies in historical dress.



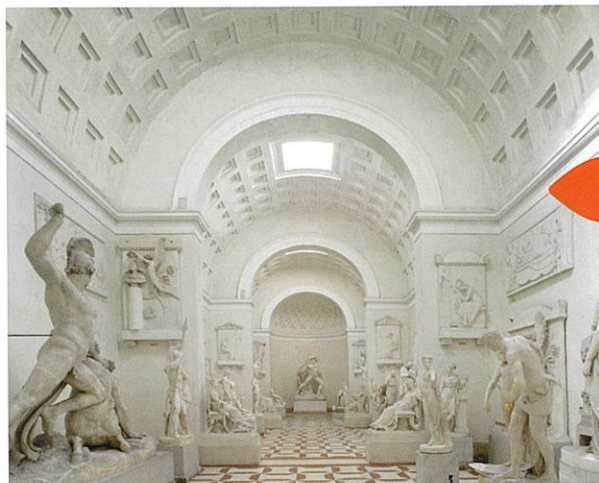
The Ezzelini trail by bicycle

The Ezzelini trail route is a comfortable bike tour to be taken at a leisurely pace from Asolo to Padua. The route follows the contours of the Mason river and permits safe travel through Castelfranco Veneto (17 km) and Camposampiero (27 km).



Canova and the ideal of beauty

In Possagno, within a short distance, you can visit the Canovian Temple, the Canova house museum and the valuable collection of plaster casts.



Possagno

The Canova Museum and Plaster cast collection

Canova left his artistic legacy in his birthplace in Possagno and nearby in the austere plaster cast gallery, constructed in 1936, which collects nearly every prototype for his sculptures: terracotta, sketches and paintings. The Canovian complex, restored by Carlo Scarpa, offers guided visits, educational activities, laboratories, and events to spread the art of sculpture.

Possagno

The Temple of Canova

From an artistic perspective, this neoclassical church, desired by the artist as a gift to his community, synthesises three different architectural languages.

The imposing colonnade recalls the style of the Greeks, the central structure resembles the Roman pantheon, while the apse and high altar draw from Christian architecture. The temple contains the artist's tomb and important works of art.



Q Tips and suggestions

The Island of Museums

The Island of Museums consists of five extraordinary sites for art, culture and landscape: The civic museum of Asolo, the museum and Plaster cast collection of Antonio Canova in Possagno, Villa Barbaro in Maser, Villa Emo in Fanzolo, and Casa Giorgione in Castelfranco Veneto. With the purchase of a ticket at one of these locations, tourists may visit the other four at reduced prices.
www.isoladeimusei.it

In the Land of Ezzelino

"The land of Ezzelino" is a biennial event that takes place in July, organised in San Zenone degli Ezzelini, with the beautiful backdrop of Monte Grappa. Three days of historical re-enactments, a town that returns to the Middle Ages: camps, markets, traditional crafts, cuisine, hosteria, galla dinners with jesters, music, dances, and duelling. The event concludes with the fire of the "Tower of Ezzelino".



From Palladio to Scarpa, a history of architecture

Architecture lovers from around the world flock to this area like an open-air school.

Maser

Villa Barbaro

Villa Barbaro is one of the architectural masterpieces of Andrea Palladio. Now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the villa was constructed between 1554 and 1560 in the Asolo hills. Commissioned by an aristocratic Venetian family, this splendid rural residence features two dovecote towers and a cycle of frescoes by Paolo Veronese.
www.villadimaser.it



Altivole

The Brion Cemetery

Situated in San Vito d'Altivole and oriented towards Asolo, the cemetery is a stark example of modern architecture, for which it has been listed as a National Monument. Constructed in the 1970s by Carlo Scarpa, the work was conceived as an oriental garden (Chinese and Japanese) and contains vessels filled with water and water lilies, a pavilion for meditation, a chapel, and the Brion family shrine.

Art Film Festival and Asolo Movie Tour

For the many Italian and foreign films that feature Asolo and for the residences of important members of the film and theatre community, the town is an important place for this seventh art. Each year the Art Film Festival takes to the stage in Asolo. Guided by a special map, visitors can see cinematic locations in Asolo's historical centre following a fifteen-stop itinerary.

Prizes, festivals, artistic and cultural festivals

The Hundred Horizons Theatre Festival – months of January/May
Asololibri book fair – month of May
Vacation of the soul – month of July
Asolo Encounters – International Chamber Music Festival – month of September
Festival of the traveller and Segafredo-Zanetti prize
Asolo City: A book for the cinema – third weekend of September



The Monte Grappa massif

Between the Brenta and Piave rivers, a pyramidal mountain massif rises. From its peak you can see from Venice to the Dolomites.

Monte Grappa

The alpine cheese route

Near the summit of Monte Grappa, forests give way to vast alpine pastures, maintained by over 20 *malghe*, traditional farming structures of the Alps.

In these *malghe*, cattle are kept from May to October and products are made such as the traditional Morlacco and Bastardo cheeses. Visitors can choose to stay to eat and sleep.

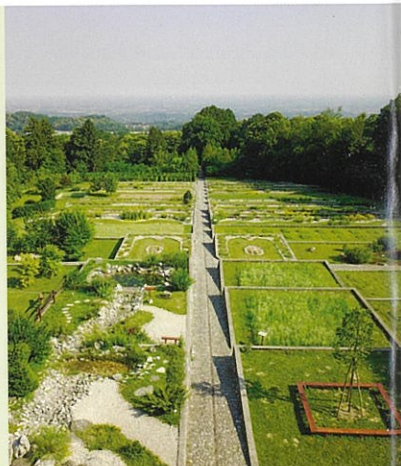
Malghe are easily accessible and are ideal departure points for longer walks and mountain excursions.



Q Tips and suggestions

The "Astego" Garden, Crespano del Grappa

The "Astego" garden on Monte Grappa is a unique educational garden cultivated on terraces. Here, diverse environments have been recreated, ranging from those of the peak of Monte Grappa to the plains. The garden contains a small creek and roccolo, a traditional structure made for bird viewing with a sensory path inside. The garden arranges plants by family and by use to people, with a special section dedicated to mushrooms and fungi. Visits are guided.



Col Moschin e Monte Tomba

Sites of the Great War

The name *Grappa* is inextricably linked to the events of the First World War. After the defeat of Caporetto in 1917, the bare slopes of the mountain became the crucial front for the war. There are numerous possibilities to visit the restored trenches, forts and outposts, such as the fortified complex of Col Campeggia, Col Moschin and Monte Tomba.



Monte Grappa

A biodiversity treasure trove

The geographical position of Monte Grappa between the Alps and the plains, along with its geological conformation, have shaped this mountain into a veritable treasure trove of biodiversity. Its flora includes over 1300 species, exceptional for its mix of Mediterranean, alpine and boreal plants. Walking the alpine trails, it is not uncommon to encounter deer and chamois, while in the sky, golden eagles circle.

Cima Grappa

Near the summit of Cima Grappa rises the monumental Military Memorial, constructed between 1932 and 1935 to commemorate fallen soldiers of both sides. Beside the monument is the Great War Museum, which collects documents, photography, and video to increase understanding of this important page in European history. Close to the museum is the entrance to the "Vittorio Emanuele" tunnel, a masterpiece of military engineering. It is now possible to visit this monument, with its five kilometres of tunnels and passageways.



Active vacations

From sea level to 1775 meters at the peak of Monte Grappa, this territory offers an unbeatable environment for sports on the ground and in the air.



Monte Grappa

Bicycle touring in all its forms

The climb of Monte Grappa is a classic leg of the Giro d'Italia and for this reason it has made its way into the imagination of cycling fans. Mountain bike lovers can find a bike park, easy forest roads, and difficult single track. The cycling routes of Monte Grappa are ideal for ebike use. For leisurely bike touring, don't pass up a ride along the Muson River, that winds its way from Asolo to Padua.

Borso del Grappa

Free flight capital

Easily accessible take-off sites, the possibility to fly 300 days a year, and absence of strong winds make this area ideal for paragliders and hang gliders for all levels. Tourism services of the highest calibre make Monte Grappa one of the most popular free flight destinations in Europe. You have the option to organise cross or tandem flights and take flying lesson.



Q Tips and suggestions

Flycard

The FlyCard is necessary to use the take-off and landing areas managed by the tourism consortium, Vivere il Grappa, that manages and maintains these areas in the Monte Grappa region. You can purchase your card online. On the FlyCard website you can consult technical descriptions for take-off and landing sites, rules and regulations, webcams and weather stations of flying zones.



Monte Grappa

Via ferrata and trekking

For hikers and alpinists, Grappa offers a wide range of possibilities, from easy trekking itineraries to difficult *vie ferrate*. The steep slopes of the mountainside are well known by trail runners while climbers may pursue their passion year-round. There are 19 actively maintained sport climbing areas with over 1500 bolted routes. With the assistance of an alpine guide, you can also try canyoning.



Cavaso del Tomba

Golf at the foot of Monte Grappa

Along the lush valley floor of Val Cavasia, between the Grappa Massif and the Asolo ridgeline, try one of 3 courses with 27 holes and a total of 140 ha.

La Via delle Prealpi

Equestrian tourism

The presence of numerous stables and gravel roads make it possible to organise horseback riding excursions for all levels. The Monte Grappa section of the Foothills Route is not to be missed!



The Monte Grappa and Asolo certificate

For avid cyclists, Monte Grappa and the Asolo hills offer three certificates attesting completion of climbs with annual validity. The Monte Grappa Trail Running certificate is for runners that complete the most difficult trails on Monte Grappa and the Monte Grappa cycling certificate covers its ten paved climbs from the plains to Rifugio Bassano at the top. Less difficult but equally fun is the Asolo certificate that is won on completion of ten climbs that reach the city. Each ascent is certified by a stamp in a booklet available from operators in public tourism facilities.

Enogastronomy and local cuisine

Asolo and Monte Grappa are centuries-old meeting points for rural authenticity, flavourful mountain foods and the richness of Veneto cuisine.

Refined wines and noble oils

Among rolling horizon, kissed by the sun, centuries of knowledge have been passed down on production of wines and olive oil. With Asolo Prosecco Superiore DOCG and many others, wine lovers can visit numerous wineries of the territory. Discover ancient local varieties such as Recantina and Bianchetta, from which profumed vintages are produced. The mild climate of the foothills favours the production of extra virgin olive oil, obtained from Leccino and Frantoio varieties that confer delicate and slightly spicy tasting notes.



Q Tips and suggestions

Chalices of Stars

Chalices of Stars is a tasting event that takes place on August 10 and features the best wines and local products of the territory, prepared by local chefs.



Restaurants, tradition at the table

There are a multitude of restaurants and trattorias scattered through the hills and towns of this territory. Each locale is attentively hosted, offering refined cuisine that harks to traditional

Veneto cuisine yet proposing innovative reinventions. Menus follow the rhythm of the seasons and use locally selected products. Find simple pleasure around the table, appreciating subtle and blends of aromas and flavours.



Farm holidays

Immerse yourself in nature and breathtaking views at one of many *agriturismi*. In summer relax under an arched portico or under an arbour, in winter beside a wood burning stove. In *agriturismi* you can enjoy typical local dishes, prepared with passion and genuine simplicity. Discover the traditions of rural Veneto, always welcoming, generous and familiar. Many farms also produce wine that can be enjoyed along with their own cured meats and cheeses.



Traditional cheeses and much more

Two cheeses stand out in this territory nestled between foothills and mountains. *Morlacco* takes its name from Dalmatian shepherds that established themselves on *Grappa* in 1200. On the palate, this cheese is sapid and persistent. *Bastardo* is a table cheese of light straw colouring with an intense yet smooth and pleasant flavour. Its name derives from its diverse production techniques. Many other products of excellence can be found here and nowhere else, distinguished by the conservation of age-old traditions and local production. Examples include the *biancoperla* corn variety, peas from *Borso del Grappa*, dwarf beans of *Levada*, *Montefumo* apples, *Pagnano d'Asolo* potatoes, cherries from *Maser*, honey from *Grappa* and *Monfenera* chestnuts.



HOW TO GET HERE



BY PLANE

Marco Polo Airport, Venice
Canova Airport, Treviso



BY TRAIN

Nearest railway stations:
Cornuda, Montebelluna, Castelfranco Veneto, Bassano del Grappa.



BY BUS

From Montebelluna (MOM)
Lines 111 - 112 - 113
From Bassano del Grappa (MOM)
Lines 112 - 202 - 207 - 217
From Castelfranco Veneto (MOM)
Lines 203 - 204 - 224



BY ROAD

From the east: highway exit "Treviso Nord", via Montebelluna / highway exit Treviso sud, via Castelfranco Veneto.

From the south: highway exit Padova Ovest, via Castelfranco Veneto / highway exit Padova Est, Via Nuova Strada del Santo.

From the west: highway exit Valdastico, then exit at Vicenza Nord, via Cittadella-Castelfranco Veneto / exit at Dueville via Bassano del Grappa.

From the north: SS47 Valsugana in the direction of Padova via Bassano / Montebelluna, SS 348 Feltrina, via Val Cavasia.

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