

Walking in the Prosecco Hills

Tour Style: Guided walking

Destination: Italy

Trip code: PWLCL

Trip Walking Grade: 2



HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

It's not just the Prosecco that sparkles in this part of northeast Italy – the scenery is pretty intoxicating, too. These gorgeous grassy terraces and beautiful hill ridges squeezed between Conegliano and Valdobbiadene are where the grapes that make the famous tippie are grown. So enchanting is the landscape, it's now a UNESCO World Heritage site. Spend your days discovering medieval villages, hillside hamlets, and ancient forests on foot before rounding off each day raising a glass or two and sampling authentic Italian cuisine.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from London Heathrow, including baggage and transfers
- A choice of 2 guided walks per day with local leaders (on walking days)
- HF Holidays Tour Manager
- 7 nights' accommodation in Bassano del Grappa
- 7 breakfasts & 7 dinners
- All in-destination transport

HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

- Admiring the Brenta Valley's stunning scenery from Monte Costa
- Enjoying the tranquility of the Asolo Hills
- Views that stretch from the Venetian plain to Dolomite peaks
- Walking along Monte Cengio with views of Val d'Astico
- Sipping Prosecco in the UNESCO-listed landscape of its origin
- Sampling regional Italian cuisine like the famous Asiago DOC cheese

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival Day

Arrive in Italy and transfer to your hotel in Bassano del Grappa.

Day 2: Discovering Bassano Del Grappa & Contra Privà

Option 1 - Discovering Bassano Del Grappa

Distance: 6.5 miles (10km)

Total Ascent: 920 feet (280m)

Total Descent: 920 feet (280m)

We'll leave on foot from our hotel and start from the town's lively historic centre. Having crossed the famous Ponte Vecchio, we go up the river Brenta and climb to the small hermitage of San Bovo which dates back to 1742. We continue to Contrà Privà with splendid views of Basano and the Brenta valley. Returning to Bassano we'll pass by the Venetian Villa Angarano.

Option 2 - Following The Brenta River & Silan Waterfall

Distance: 9.5 miles (15km)

Total Ascent: 1,215 feet (370m)

Total Descent: 1,215 feet (370m)

Departing our hotel, we'll follow the same route as Option 1, to reach San Bovo on Monte Costa. From here, we'll walk towards Valrovina and the Silan waterfall, then to Contrà Privà for valley views. On our return journey, we will admire the Venetian Villa Angarano.

Day 3: Asolo Hills

Option 1 - Maser & Mostacin Pass

Distance: 6.5 miles (10km)

Total Ascent: 1,080 feet (330m)

Total Descent: 1,080 feet (330m)

Starting from Villa Barbaro in Maser, our route takes us to the crests of the Asolo Hills. Having climbed the

Mostacin pass on foot, we reach the ridge path offering panoramic views on both sides. We'll arrive at Colle di San Giorgio with its characteristic oratory, and continue towards Asolo to explore its evocative historic centre.

Option 2 - Rocca Di Cornuda & Asolo

Distance: 8 miles (13km)

Total Ascent: 1,280 feet (390m)

Total Descent: 1,280 feet (390m)

A pleasant walk takes us from the Rocca di Cornuda along a ridge path up to the Rocca di Asolo. We'll continue up to the Mostacin pass and along the ridge path. Arriving at charming Colle di San Giorgio, we'll continue towards historic Asolo. This town has been a source of inspiration for poets such as Robert Browning and the traveller Freya Stark.

Day 4: Mount Grappa

Option 1 - Venetian Prealps

Distance: 4.5 miles (7km)

Total Ascent: 1,605 feet (490m)

Total Descent: 1,540 feet (470m)

Today we'll head to the summit of Monte Grappa, the highest peak in the Venetian Prealps. Its geographical position allows a 360° view from the Venetian plain to the Dolomites. By coach we reach the Forcelletto refuge and set off on foot towards Monte Pertica until we reach the Monumental Cemetery of Cima Grappa.

Option 2 - Conca Delle Bocchette To Cima Grappa

Distance: 7 miles (11km)

Total Ascent: 1,840 feet (560m)

Total Descent: 950 feet (290m)

This walk follows the same route as Option 1 to the summit of Monte Grappa. We'll then take a coach to the Forcelletto refuge and then head to the Conca delle Bocchette, passing traditional mountain huts and examples of ancient rural homes called "fojarol". We rejoin together at Cima Grappa, then visit the Bassano Refuge before returning to the hotel.

Day 5: Free Day

Each week there is a free day when no guided walks are offered. This is an ideal opportunity to relax around the hotel, walk independently, or visit local places of interest. Options include:

Venice

Just over an hour by train direct from Bassano del Grappa will take you to the magnificent city of Venice, where you can stroll along the many canals and admire sights such as St Mark's Basilica. The train station is less than 10 minutes' walk from the hotel.

Day 6: Asiago Plateau And Marostica

Option 1 - Punta Campanella & Coastal Gulf Views

Distance: 6.5 miles (10km)

Total Ascent: 720 feet (220m)

Total Descent: 1,540 feet (470m)

By coach we'll reach the Asiago Plateau, a site of many battles during World War I. We start at Monte Cengio, one of the most beautiful and history-rich places on the plateau. We'll reach Fort Corbin which was one of the fortresses that formed Italy's alpine defensive line in the WWI. Once we reach Treschè Conche we'll take our coach and cross the beautiful plateau passing through Asiago, famous for its DOC cheese, via Marostica.

Option 2 - Monte San Costanzo & Peninsula Panoramas

Distance: 8 miles (13km)

Total Ascent: 985 feet (300m)

Total Descent: 1,800 feet (550m)

With our fellow walking group, we reach the Asiago Plateau, then walk along Monte Cengio. We'll follow the entrenchment mule track to reach the summit of the mountain and on to Fort Corbin. Once we reach Treschè Conche we take our coach and cross the plateau through Asiago. Before returning to the hotel we'll stop in Marostica, famed for the legendary tale of the chess competition for the castellan's beautiful daughter, during the Middle Ages.

Day 7: Prosecco Hills

Option 1 - UNESCO Landscapes

Distance: 5.5 miles (9km)

Total Ascent: 885 feet (270m)

Total Descent: 560 feet (170m)

Today we'll enjoy a pleasant walk in the Prosecco Hills between Conegliano and Valdobbiadene, which recently made it onto the UNESCO World Heritage list as a cultural landscape. We'll reach Vidor by coach, on the banks of the Piave river, which acted as a barrier to the advance of the Austrian army in World War I. We'll then walk towards the heart of the Prosecco Hills, ending with the possibility of a tasting before returning to the hotel.

Option 2 - Conegliano, Valdobbiadene & Grave Del Piave

Distance: 8 miles (13km)

Total Ascent: 1,085 feet (330m)

Total Descent: 690 feet (210m)

Along with the first group, we'll discover the Prosecco Hills of Conegliano and Valdobbiadene, recently awarded UNESCO Heritage status. We'll reach Vidor by coach, on the banks of the Piave river, then discover the area of the "Grave del Piave", a large ecosystem of rare beauty. Finally, we'll walk towards the heart of the Prosecco Hills for a tasting.

Day 8: Departure Day

With-flight guests will transfer to the airport for their return flight.

ACCOMMODATION

Hotel Bonotto Belvedere

The charming four-star Hotel Belvedere is in the heart of quaint Bassano. Rooms come with all mod cons assuring guests a comfortable stay. Enjoy the tasty cuisine served at the hotel restaurant and relax in the evenings in the cosy bar lounge. The historic village centre is close by, perfect for an evening stroll, and the central squares and famous Ponte Vecchio are in easy reach.

USEFUL HOLIDAY INFORMATION

Joining Instructions (With Flights)

Book your holiday 'with flights' and you can choose to depart from a range of UK airports* to your destination. For latest flight times and prices please call us on 0203-974-8865 or email reservations@hfholidays.co.uk

If you choose to book your flights with us, we automatically include return transfers between the destination airport and hotel.

Joining Instructions (Without Flights)

Alternatively, tailor your journey to suit you by booking your holiday 'without flights' and you'll have the freedom to book your own flights from your local airport.

*Subject to availability

Essential Information

It's best to be prepared for all weather conditions. To make it easier, here is a list of items you should consider packing.

Essentials

- Walking boots
- Waterproof jacket
- Waterproof trousers
- Insulated jacket/top
- Walking clothing
- Walking socks (plus spares)
- Sunhat
- Gloves/mitts and warm hat
- Water bottle (minimum 2 litre capacity)
- Headtorch
- High-factor sunscreen (minimum SPF 30)
- Sunglasses with a dark lens
- Rucksack (15-30 litres)
- Mobile phone
- Personal first aid kit (containing your medication, blister plasters, etc.)
- Passport
- Visa (if applicable)
- Copy of your travel insurance policy

- UK Global Health Insurance Card (**formerly known as EHIC**)

Recommended

- Collapsible walking poles
- Swimwear and travel towel
- Snacks
- Dry bags
- Rubbish bags
- Insect repellent

Optional extras

- Camera
- Sit mat
- Flask for hot drinks
- Durable lunch box
- Gaiters
- GPS device

Useful Information

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is a condition of booking. Therefore, if you have not already arranged insurance, it is imperative that you do so, and advise us of the insurance company and policy number.

We work with Campbell Irvine to provide you with competitive single and annual multi-trip insurance. Please see our website for more information and details of how to contact them for a quote:

<https://www.hfholidays.co.uk/about-us/booking-information/insurance>.

For more information about healthcare abroad and its costs, please visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/>.

Local Currency

The local currency is the Euro (€)

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