

December itinerary

The high plateaus between Trento and Asiago



Trento - the Christmas fair



Trento, Palazzo Pretorio

TRENTO • This noble city with its austere aspect is found along a bend in the Adige River and it is filled with rich testimonies of Roman, Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque art and architecture. Trento boasts Roman origins and its current historic centre is built directly over the remains of a Roman city. The monumental heart of the city is Piazza Duomo, which is bordered by important buildings and decorated with the Fountain of Neptune from the seventeen hundreds and dedicated to Saint Vigilius. Next to it rises Palazzo Pretorio which dates back to the year two hundred and today it is the diocese museum with the most valuable objects from the Cathedral Treasury. Continuing on Via Belenzani and Via Mancini - two elegant roads flanked by historical buildings, some of which even have frescoed façades - you will reach the Castello del Buonconsiglio, the ancient residence of the prince-bishop rulers.

THE EVENT OF THE MONTH: THE CHRISTMAS FAIR IN TRENTO
The traditional Christmas fair is held in Piazza della Fiera

The valleys and the high plateaus that extend from Trentino to Asiago, between Trentino and Veneto, make up an almost one-of-a-kind landscape with pastures and extensive forests framed by mountain top and alpine views, lengths of rolling hills and snowy slopes. The old mountain culture and Italian traditions weave together with the influences of northern Europe making this land a crossroads and a blend of different civilizations. In every season, these sites merit a visit for sports activities, the thermal springs, the museums, shopping, tasting events and much more.

Trento, Cathedral



HOW TO ARRIVE

From "Catullo" airport in Verona take the Provincial Road SP26a, then turn onto Regional Road SR62 in the direction of the A22 highway and Brennero. At the roundabout, take the first exit to the A22 highway and follow the signs to Trento/Brennero. Exit at Trento Centro and from there it is only a couple of kilometres before reaching the city.





Rovereto, castle



Asiago, Military memorial



Asiago, Observatory

from November 22 to December 24 and it offers a vast array of sweets, wine and food specialties, artisan products, gifts, Christmas decorations for the tree or the home, candles, floral compositions and many other products bursting with Christmas spirit. The market in Trento began 16 years ago and it has become one of the most famous and visited markets in the whole alpine area with over 500 thousand visitors a year and over 70 exhibitors. Its origins date back to central European traditions where the so-called "Markets of St. Nicholas" offered occasions to buy sweets and gifts for the children.

All those who are ready to immerse themselves in the enchanting atmosphere of the Trento Christmas fair should visit the website www.mercatinodinatale.tn.it for useful and interesting information.

ROVERETO • Just a few kilometres from Garda Lake, Rovereto is a splendid town in Val Lagarina. In the castle, which was built in the fourteenth century and enlarged by the Venetians, the Historic War Museum now contains the largest and most interesting collection of objects, reminiscences and documents from before the world war. Not very far from the city, the Castel Dante memorial conserves the remains of people from various nations who died in the war of 1915-18. On the hill of Miravalle there is a large panoramic plaza where the Bell of Peace is located. It is rung one hundred times each evening in memory of all those that died in all the wars.

Rovereto is also a vital artistic centre: the very famous MART, Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art designed by architect Mario Botta and inaugurated in 2002 is the site of important temporary and permanent art exhibits dedicated to the best of twentieth century art.

FOLGARIA • This is a well known tourist and sports area both in winter and summer with 62 km of slopes for Alpine skiing and 47 km for cross country skiing. This skiers paradise is also a town with a long a glorious history with German-Cimbric origins. The community of Folgaria has always been free and independent battling against feudal powers and even today it boasts the title "Magnifica." There are many important memories from the World War, including the Austro-Hungarian cemetery on Monte Corsetto and the fortifications such as Fort Dosso del Sommo and Fort Sommo Alto.

TONEZZA DEL CIMONE • In the province of Vicenza, the landscape of Tonezza del Cimone extends over a high plateau. It is a summer and winter resort area for those who love skiing and hiking: fields and ski slopes, forests of larch, beech and fir, paths and relaxation are the beauties of this town. Here, as in surrounding areas, there is no lack of memories from the first world war. On Monte Cimone, not far away, is the ossuary that conserves the remains of 1,000 unknown soldiers from World War I.

ASIAGO • Surrounded by the high plateau of Sette Comuni, Asiago was completely rebuilt after being destroyed during World War I. In memory of those tormented years, there is the Military memorial in the museum annex that displays mementos, documents and photos of the conflict. Not far away we find two astrophysics observatories from the University of Padova. In the area surrounding Asiago, we find the interesting Calà del Sasso, a long stairway of 4444 steps that connects Sasso di Asiago and the Brenta River. Children may enjoy a visit to the Magic Village of Gnomes.

WHERE TO DINE

RISTORANTE ORSO GRIGIO, Via degli Orti 19, Trento, 0461 984400

RISTORANTE AL BORGO, Via Garibaldi 13, Rovereto, 0464 436300

RISTORANTE LA BAITINA, Via Kaberlaba 35, Asiago, 0424 462149

MALGA PORTA MANAZZO, Via Berga 126, Porta Manazzo (suburb), Asiago, 0424 462591

WHERE TO STAY

AGRITUR VAL D'ADIGE, Roncafort (suburb) 78, Trento, 0461 955008

HOTEL BUONCONSIGLIO, Via Romagnosi 18, Trento, 0461 272888

HOTEL LEON D'ORO, Via Tacchi 2, Rovereto, 0464 437333

HOTEL VILLA WILMA, Via della Pace 12, Folgaria, 0464 721278

Avis Point

Trento:

Via Brennero 53, 0461 420276

Rovereto:

Via Panizza 55, 0461 420276

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