



## WHAT TO SEE IN FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA?

What to see in Friuli Venezia Giulia? Natural places as the Gorgazzo Source, the Predil Lake and the Cormor botanic park, as well as landmarks, castles and villages as Tarvisio and Cividale del Friuli. Here below a guide of the 10 must-see places!



### Miramare Castle

Unmissable! Surrounded by a flourishing park, it soars over the sea. Located on the tip of the promontory of Grignano, this Castle observes majestic the Gulf of Trieste. A value building with a charming view, its construction was decided by Ferdinando Massimiliano d'Asburgo, to live in with his wife. The Castle, nowadays, preserves its original precious furniture.

### Grado

The Hapsburg aristocracy was used to come here to enjoy the precious Marine Spa, also nowadays available. Not to miss its churches and Barbana island, located in front of the city. From the city you must admire its lagoon, full of islands characterized by the *casoni*, simple houses with straw roofs, utilized by the fishermen which were used to move themselves through the *batela*, the characteristic boat. The beaches of Grado are sandy and slowly degrading towards the sea, full of marine biodiversity.



### Lignano Sabbiadoro

It is one of the most known and visited bathing locations of the Adriatic: extremely fine sand, served by more than 40 sea undertakings. You can't miss Terrazza a Mare, form which you can enjoy the landscape doing shopping and drinking a cocktail, better if during the sunset.

### Lago del Predil

Located on an ancient glacial basin, its green-light blue water, clear and fresh, guards of a small island, the Predil Lake will offer to your sight a significantly evocative landscape. The legend of its birth will do the rest.



## Palmanova



The starry town of Palmanova is surrounded by walls and trenches for a length of almost 7 km; six streets converge towards the center, there is a hexagon square which perfection will leave you without words. But also the numbers will surprise you: everything is based on the number 3 and its multiples: the star is of 9 points, as 9 are also bastions of the fortress and the circles of the walled enclosure. There are 3 entrance doors, 18 radial streets and 6 principal streets. In 2017 it became officially part of the UNESCO Heritage List.

## Gorgazzo Source

It is an underwater cave where the homonymous river has its origin, located in the Polcenigo Municipality. The cave is constituted by one of the deeper resurgences never explored in the world. At 9 meters of depth there is a statue of Christ that, thanks to the extremely clarity of the waters and of the seabed, during sunny days, is visible also from the external part of the river.



## Diga del Vajont

Located on Erto, one of the village belonging to the Parco Nazionale delle Dolomiti Friulane. The Vajont Dam, unfortunately, staged the landslide of the Mount Toc into the artificial lake of the dam, which caused death and devastation in the underlying valley on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October 1963. the Vajon Museum was set up in remembrance of the tragedy; moreover, since 2007 the crown of the dam has been open to the public.

## Tarvisio

Important frontier place, it started to be part of Italy in the 1919, with a population from the majority part German and Slovenian. It is one of the quadrilingual villages in Europe (Italian, German, Slovenian and Friulano). In its territory there are several ski-plantes and you must see the Orrido della Slizza: amazing with its calcareous rock, eroded by the action of the water.



## Cividale del Friuli



Town with a long history and fundamental location during the Second World War II, it is nowadays part of the World Heritage. Its several churches and noble palaces will bring you through its intensive life. You will have the opportunity to enjoy a walk in its charming town center, crossing the legendary Devil's Bridge over the Natisone river, until reaching the imposing Cathedral. You will also discover many art treasures, such as the Lombard Temple, a wonderful example of western early medieval architecture and a prestigious World Heritage Site; the Celtic Hypogeum, a charming vault whose original functions are still mysterious, and the Benedictine Monastery of Santa Maria in Valle.

## Aquileia

Location full of history and culture, it was of the richest town of the Roman Empire, so that it was called "second Rome". There is really a lot to discover here: from the amazing patriarchal Basilica of Santa Maria Assunta, part of the UNESCO World Heritage, as it is all the archeological area of Aquileia. What will impress you more is the mosaic flooring. Beyond the cypress, il Cimitero degli Eroi, dated 1915, characterized by elegant crucifixes made by bronze and wrought iron. Beyond Via Julia Augusta, cardus maximum of the city during Roman times, archeological sites extend themselves at open space.



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