

Discovering friulanity



Cultural and naturalistic itinerary along the main
waterways of Eastern Veneto

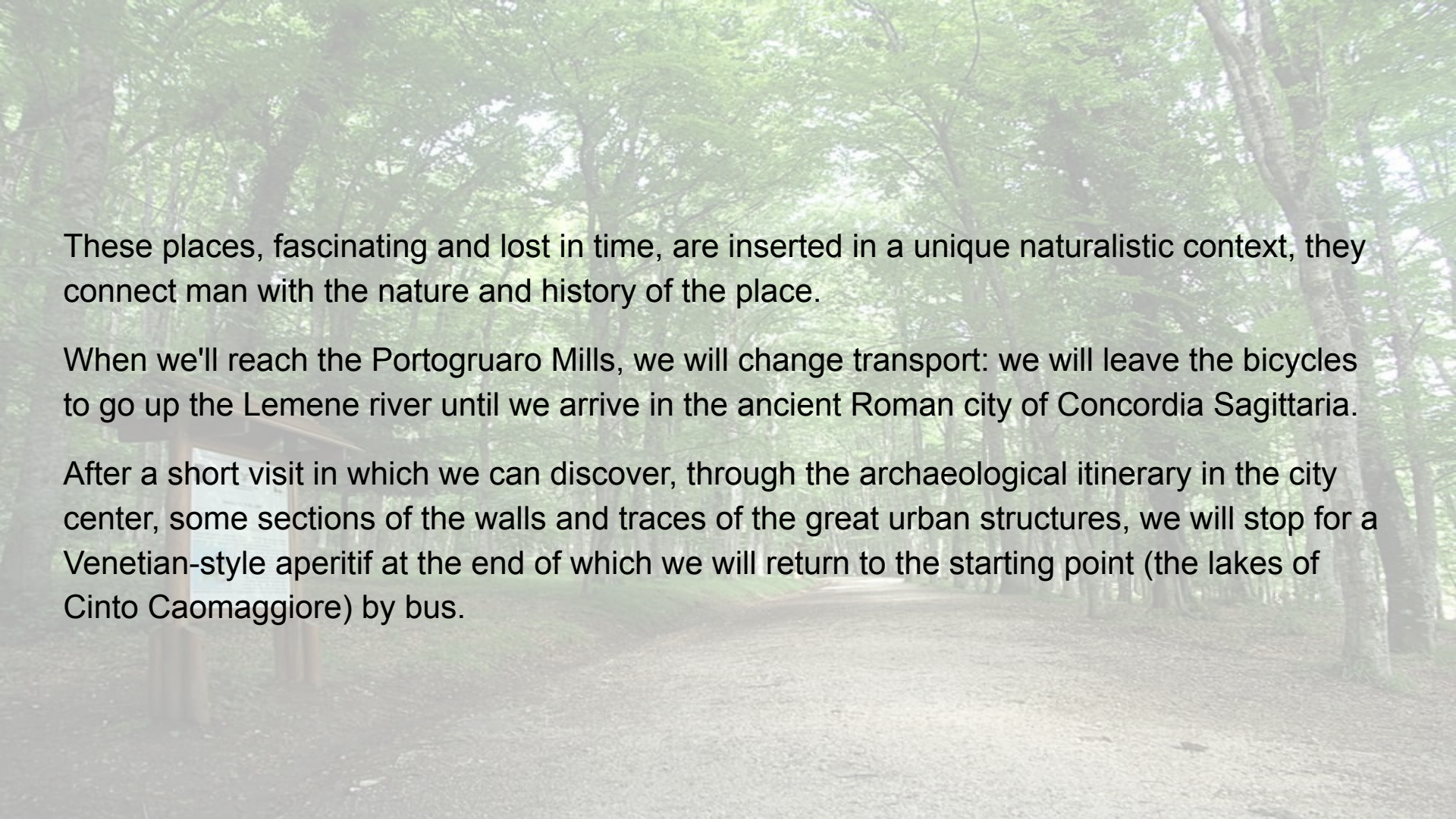


Discovering friulanity in the eastern Veneto area

In this cultural and naturalistic itinerary, which we will travel by bicycle, we will go to the discovery of friulanity through the border territory, following the course of the Reghena and Lemene rivers.

This territory, rich in culture, contains traditions, places and history to discover.

The roads that we will travel, surrounded by wheat fields and vineyards, will lead us to the discovery of the main mills that have been an integral part of the socio-economic life of the neighboring villages.



These places, fascinating and lost in time, are inserted in a unique naturalistic context, they connect man with the nature and history of the place.

When we'll reach the Portogruaro Mills, we will change transport: we will leave the bicycles to go up the Lemene river until we arrive in the ancient Roman city of Concordia Sagittaria.

After a short visit in which we can discover, through the archaeological itinerary in the city center, some sections of the walls and traces of the great urban structures, we will stop for a Venetian-style aperitif at the end of which we will return to the starting point (the lakes of Cinto Caomaggiore) by bus.

Departure from the lakes of Cinto Caomaggiore

The meeting is scheduled for 1.45 pm at the Naturalistic Oasis Agriturismo Ca 'del Lago in Cinto Caomaggiore.

The lake is the main part of the Oasis which is spread over an area of 600,000 square meters and it is home of flora and fauna of international interest.

After a short walk in the oasis, we will take the bicycles and we'll begin our journey to the first interest point: the Stalis Mills.



First Stop: The Stalis Mills



The Stalis area owes its notoriety to the presence of a complex of buildings, built along the course of the Lemene river, which constitute an important example of the milling and productive activity of the area since medieval times.

Now it has been transformed into a museum and a place for cultural activities.

The name Stalis is a Friulian form from Stabulum, or “stable”.

There are many testimonies of the Friulian culture in the area affected by our journey, not only for the buildings or the culinary traditions but also for the art.

This is the reason for our third stop: Church of San Tommaso Apostolo in Bagnara of Gruario.

Second stop: Church of San Tommaso Apostolo in Bagnara of Gruaro

The church, dating in 1463, contains a cycle of 15th century frescoes. Some of which seem to be attributable to the hand of Gianpietro da San Vito and to Bellunello. The work represent "The miracle of Santo Dominigo de la Calzada" stands out for its beauty and state of conservation, the subject suggests the inclusion of the church in the pilgrimage routes to Santiago de Compostela.



Third stop: The Boldara Mill

The Boldara mill stood in the middle of a swamp that extended over the waters of the Lemene or its derivations.

The main activities were the grinding of grains, the sawmill of wood and the beating of cloth.

The building, now unusable, is located in an area of great naturalistic interest, between the Lemene river and the Battiferro canal; the local volunteers have planted a large number of native trees, repopulating the waters with algae and aquatic plants.



After a short visit to the park of Villa Bombarda, a few steps from the mill, we will continue our journey to the Portogruaro mills.



The villa is located on the banks of the Lemene river, within a large park. The building is a typical example of a Venetian country villa.

The beauty of the park inspired the poet from Portogruaro, Fausto Bonò, who composed the poem "I Mulini di Portovecchio" in 1855.

Fourth stop: The Portogruaro mills

The town's mills date back to the 12th century. They were built by the bishops of Concordia. In 1870 their property passed to various private individuals; however, the activity continued regularly until the 1930s.

The mills were bought in 1970 by the Municipality of Portogruaro and they were transformed into an art gallery.



After the journey of 19 km by bicycle, we will change transport continuing our journey by boat.

Going up the Lemene river we will arrive in the ancient Roman city of Concordia Sagittaria.



A visit to the remains of the ancient Roman city

The Roman city was founded in the mid-first century B.C., with the name of Iulia Concordia.

After, probably in the Middle Ages, the center was called Concordia, until 1868 when a Royal Decree determines the appellative of Concordia Sagittaria, referring to the ancient arrow factory (sagittae) which was working at the beginning of the 4th century A.D.

Popular legends tell of a secret underground connection excavated between Concordia Sagittaria and Aquileia in Roman times, used during the 4th century Hun raids led by Attila. There are testimonies of the Friulian language, the connection with the Friulian culture is strong in Concordia as Aquileia is considered the mother city of Friuli from a historical and religious point of view.



Aperitif along the bank of the Lemene river

To round off our tourist itinerary, it is planned a stop for an aperitif in the town of Concordia, after that we'll change the transport again and we'll reach the starting point of our journey by bus.



The target group

Our tourist itinerary is designed for a group of 20 people (due to anti-contagion restrictions). We mainly apply to adults, aged 35 to 65, lovers of outdoor life, sports and curious to discover the area with different means of transport.



Timing

Meeting: 1.45 pm

Departure: 2.00 pm

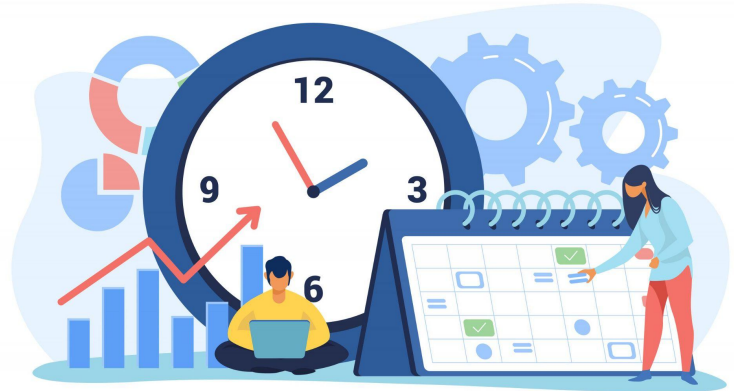
Bike itinerary: travel time 1 hour + stops = 3 hours

Arrival in Portogruaro: 5.00 pm

Boat itinerary: travel time = 25 minutes

Departure from Concordia: 7.15 pm

Expected return: 7.45 pm



Transportation



Bicycle: we will use the bicycle to cover most of the itinerary. The bicycles will be used to travel about 19 km, from the starting point (Cinto Caomaggiore lakes) to the Portogruaro mills.



Boat: once in Portogruaro, we will leave the bicycles to board in a small boat that will take us, navigating the Lemene river, to the town of Concordia (our last stop of the journey).



Bus: to return to the place of departure we will use bus transport. The journey, of about 15 minutes, will take us to the end of our day trip.

Collaborators and stakeholders

The half-day trip along the Eastern Venice wants to encourage the cooperation between public institutions, private companies and cultural associations.

Each one should only pay the costs of its services in the first year, encouraging the participation of more people to promote the destination.



Collaborator	Service	Do we have to pay for it?
Professional tour guide	Tour guide by bike and boat	Yes
Bike rental	Hiring bikes for the tour	Yes
Boat rental	Hiring electrical boats for the tour	Yes
Volunteer Association for the management of the River Lemene, Reghena and Cinto Caomaggiore Lakes	Opening and presentation of the development project about the Lakes of Cinto Caomaggiore and local rivers	No
Municipality and Church of Gruaro	Opening of the Stalis Museum and the Church of Bagnara	No
Restaurant in Concordia Sagittaria	Aperitif in Concordia Sagittaria	Yes
Museum of Concordia Sagittaria	Ticket discount for the museum (optional)	No
Bus company	Bus service to return to the starting point of the tour	Yes

Basic Needs

Tourist should be in the perfect situation to enjoy the journey!

The organization will provide different services to help everyone with their basic needs:

Service	Where are they?
Toilet	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● starting point (local agritourism)● middle point (Church of Bagnara)● ending point (bar in Concordia Sagittaria)
Buying snacks and water	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● starting point (local agritourism)● middle point (shops in the city center in Portogruaro)● ending point (bar in Concordia Sagittaria)
Pause	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● before the boat boarding● before the aperitif
Eat and drink	Aperitif in Concordia Sagittaria (at the end of the tour)

Tasting a new type of aperitif

The focus of the trip is to discover the precious differences between the venetian and friulian culture.

At the end of the journey, tourists will taste the huge heritage of food and wine from these two cultures, mixed together to celebrate local products and traditions.



Stakeholder	Service	Price for the group (25 people)
EU project management	Management and promotion	200,00 €
Professional tour guide	Tour guide by bike and boat	100,00 €
Bike rental	Hiring bikes for the tour	250,00 €
Boat rental	Hiring electrical boats for the tour	300,00 €
Restaurant in Concordia Sagittaria	Aperitif in Concordia Sagittaria	125,00 €
Bus company	Bus service to return to the starting point of the tour	150,00 €
Total costs for the group (1 day)		1125,00 €
Final price for each adult participant		45,00 € (children pay 30,00 € each)

Costs and ticket price

Adding each costs, the **final price** to the participant is **45 euro for the adults** and **30 euro for the children.**

However, we hope to arrange some agreements with the local municipalities or private companies to finance part of the trip and **reduce the price ticket to at least 30/25 euro.**



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