

# THE BOATS OF THE BRENTA CANAL

Enjoyable guided public cruises to discover the Venetian Villas along the Brenta Canal (Riviera del Brenta), from Padua to Venice and back, along the routes of the ancient Venetian burchielli of 16th century (boats that carried the Venetian noblemen). Navigation on the rivers and along the canals of Padua historic center of Padua.

## **Brenta highlights, cruising among Villas and Medieval Castles**

The tour provides:

- 9.00 a.m. boarding at Padua or at the landing stage near Villa Foscari La Malcontenta and navigation towards the Brenta Riviera;
- stop and visit to two Venetian Villas;
- navigation among villages, locks and swing bridges, explanation of the various villas seen from the canal during the navigation;
- crossing the lock of Mira and Dolo or the locks of Noventa Padovana and Strà;
- arrival at Dolo around 1.00 p.m.;
- transfer by your own coach to a Medieval Castle for the lunch;
- 1.30 p.m. lunch at the Medieval Castle.

Welcome with flag-wavers and trumpeters and pleasant medieval entertainment, on request. At the end of the tour, transfer to the hotel.  
Dinner and Overnight.

## **Water and Lights, night boat trips**

(Along the inner canals of Padua from April to October)

A fantastic and romantic night boat trip along the inner canals of the city of Padua.

The tour starts at 9.00 p.m. at Porte Contarine Lock, in the heart of Padua. The motorboat takes the guests to the historical centre along a charming waterway: criss-crossing the inner canals and coasting the old 16th century Venetian walls while the powerful reflectors of the boat floodlight the monuments.

The boat passes under the bridge of "Corso del Popolo" next to the Arena gardens, where the remains of the Roman Arena and the Scrovegni Chapel are. Then, the navigation continues passing the 18th century ex-slaughter house of Giuseppe Jappelli, coasting the Venetian walls and the little University city up to Portello, the most important river harbour during the Venetian dominion. Its 16th century steps and its wonderful gate in Istria stone are wonderful. Even Canaletto portrayed them in one of his masterpieces.

Viewing the walls, the bastions and the luxuriant vegetation, the boat reaches the old Graissi Bridge where it turns around to go back, along the same way, to Porte Contarine Lock.

End of the tour about 10.30 p.m. At the end of the tour, transfer to the hotel.