## Travel 31

## Este, the centre of the city

The visit of Este takes a day.

Visit churches and museums, restaurants and bars. If you have time, we recommend to climb up to the hills

To arrive to Este, take the plane to Venice, then car towards Bologna, exit Monselice.



Este, Piazza Maggiore

Este is a very old city, 3,000 years before our time.

The name comes from Atheste, i.e. the Latin name of the actual Adige. The river Adige passed through Este.

But, year 666, an overflow of rain moved the riverbed 40 km south, where it is now.

Este was the city of the original Veneties. They came from the south of Russia, 3000 years before our time.

The Veneties were renowned horse breeders. This was written by the ancient Greeks authors.

Visit the Archaeological Museum, to learn more.

It is an unknown museum, but a world value.



Museo Archeologico di Este

Este was a border city. Just before the sea or marches, who were the mouths of many rivers from the Alps.

To avoid floods, Este was built on the Euganean hills, which are the extreme south of the Alps.



Este by night

For local people, Este is renowned for its nightlife, young people meet after dinner.

The old town of Este is like a living room.

Starts with Piazza Maggiore, which is a marvel.



Town hall, in the same building as from Venice's time



View from Piazza Maggiore

Continue to Via Cavour to see the Duomo. It is oval. It has many works of art of incredible beauty.



II Duomo



Old Fish Market

Italy could live and make its citizens happy, only showing his works of art, instead the bad government and corruption forced all young Italians to emigrate for surviving.



From Duomo, go south through the city gate and over the bridge



Out of the wall, the route to Mantova



Canale Bisatto



Harbour Porto del Maino, 1899, Canal Bisatto, used to transport agricultural products.

From the harbour Porto del Maino, returns to the centre of the city and enter to the "castle".



Entrance to the Castle dei Carraresi

Go through the castle, then go up to the hill along the walls. Keep the wall to your left.

After 300 meters, you find a place with a beautiful view of the city from the top.



Este from the Colli Euganei

On the same place, on the right, you find a villa. Read the two plaques with the inscriptions of Lord Byron and Shelley when they visit Este.

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Inscriptions to Lord Byron and Shelley, when they visited Este in 1817

Comune di Este

Parco Letterario dei Trovatori

Aye, many flowering islands lie In the waters of wide Agony. To such a one this morn was led -My bark by soft winds piloted 'Mid the mountains Euganean I stood listening to the paean With wich the legioned rooks did hail The sun's uprise majestical

> **Percy B. Shelley** Versi scritti fra i Colli Eugar

Isole in fiore sì, si trovano / nel mare della vasta Angoscia. / Fu ad una d'esse che stamane / giunse la mia barca / da delicati venti pilotata. / Fra i monti Euganei mi trovai / e ascoltavo il peana / che legioni di cornacchie alzavano / al maestoso sorgere del sole Inscriptions to Lord Byron and

Return to Piazza Maggiore and continue through Porta Vecchia, 1600.



Porta Vecchia

Take left on via Fiume, until you get out of the city, and arrive to the national road no. 16.

Attention the traffic.

You will find an old tower, which was the control tower of the customs. To pass the river Frassine it was demand a tax.



Old control tower where to pay the tax to pass the river Frassine.

From here you can go to see the Villa Foscarini, now an immigration centre from Africans.



Villa Foscarini

Return to the centre and relax to

cafés, and restaurants .

This is Este, a very charming middle age town.

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