

Travel 32  
Monselice, Montagnana, Pojana, Noventa Vicentina

To arrive, flight to Venice, car towards Bologna, exit Monselice.



An old manor on the countryside

Begin with the visit of Monselice.

Monselice is a town from 1100.

It was a fortress of Ezzelino da Romano, the German-Roman emperor's administrator in this part of the empire.



Monselice with the "mont" on the background.

The name Monselice comes from "mountain" and "selice". Selice is the type of stone, that was carved out.

In Monselice there are many historical things to see.  
Find the walk up to the hill, where there are the famous small churches.



Piazza del Duomo

From Monselice take the road 16 to Montagnana, about 20 km south, direction to Mantua .

Montagnana is a dream of a Middle Age fortress.  
Breathtaking!

The history of Montagnana is the same as Este and Monselice:

- 3 fortress of the German-Roman emperor, on the border to the state of the Roman Pope.

The most extraordinary thing of Montagnana is its walls. The best preserved in the world.



The wall outside



Drawbridge and entrance from west

See the walls also from inside the town.  
Even inside, the walls are intact.



Incredible!



Internal walls

In the centre of Montagnana there are a church of course, the Duomo. Among the many paintings and arts, there is an important painting of the Battle of Lissa in 1500.

The battle of Lissa was an extremely important battle, that Venice won. It stopped the advance of the Turks by sea.

Very surprising that it is commemorated here in Montagnana also.



Piazza centrale with Duomo

After Montagnana, visit Pojana, a few km from Montagnana.

Pojana has a different story than Montagnana.  
It is a new town. From 1500.

After the loss of the territories in the Middle-east, the Venetian nobility invested here. They reclaimed the marshes, made them cultivables and developed a rentable agriculture.

With the agriculture, there built prestigious residences.

Palladio was the architect for that.  
An example is Villa Pojana.



Villa Pojana

After Pojana, you can continue to Noventa Vicentina, to see this wonderful city. Everything was owned by the Venetian noble Barbarigo.



Villa Barbarigo

In front of Villa Barbarigo there are two wings of animal barns. Everything is intact as in 1600. Beautiful.





Stables of Villa Barbarigo

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