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Walk through the Valpolicella region to Lake Garda

Verona, with its rich history, ancient Arena, Romeo and Juliet, and vibrant squares, serves as the perfect starting point for your week of hiking. Begin your journey with a leisurely stroll through the renowned wine-producing region of Valpolicella, known for its exceptional wines and enchanting atmosphere. In spring, the landscape comes alive with delicately blooming cherry and peach orchards, while autumn graces the region with shimmering vine leaves and ripe grapes. Along your path, you'll encounter historic villas, castles, and charming wine cellars, leading you to the shores of Lake Garda, adorned with picturesque little towns. Revel in the allure of this unique landscape while immersing yourself in Roman culture and Italian joie de vivre.

The Valpolicella region is situated between the scenic foothills of the Alps, the romantic Lake Garda, and the city of love, Verona. Nestled north of the Adige River, this hilly farming region, with its marble and stone quarries, is renowned for its wine production.

As you traverse some of the world's most renowned wine regions, your taste buds will be delighted by the delectable cuisine of Veneto.

Details about the hike from Verona to Lake Garda

Verona, a city steeped in ancient history and known for the tragic tale of Romeo and Juliet, marks the beginning of your week-long hiking adventure. Your journey will lead you through the enchanting Valpolicella region, renowned for its exquisite wines, as you traverse vineyards, pass by charming villas, explore ancient castles, and visit wine cellars. Nature's beauty will reveal itself in spring with delicate cherry and peach orchards in full bloom, and in autumn with the radiant vine leaves and luscious grapes. Step by step, your path will eventually lead you to the picturesque shores of Lake Garda.

Starting from the magnificent Piazza delle Erbe in Verona, your hike will take you through the terraced vineyards of Valpolicella, past scenic gardens, and alongside historic villas. Finally, you can bask in the Mediterranean ambience of Lake Garda to conclude your journey.

The highlights of this walking holiday at a glance:

- **Follow in the footsteps of Romeo and Juliet:** Visit the famous balcony, conveniently located at number 23 Via Cappello, approximately 150 metres south of the Piazza delle Erbe and 750 metres east of the Verona Arena.
- **Experience culture in Valpolicella:** With a wealth of historical landmarks to explore along your journey. Highlights include Castel San Pietro in Verona, Villa della Torre in Fumane, and the Church of San Zeno in Bardolino.
- **Indulge in wine delights between Verona and Lake Garda:** Hike through the renowned Valpolicella wine region, known for its exceptional wines. You can sample these exquisite wines at local wineries along your route. Don't miss the opportunity to visit the wine museum, 'Museo dell'Vino,' in Bardolino, your final destination.
- **For more adventure:** Consider extending your journey with an excursion to Sirmione on Lake Garda at the trip's end, offering even more incredible impressions and experiences.

Interesting facts about from Verona to Lake Garda

You'll enjoy leisurely walks on hiking trails, meadows, and through forests, as well as on paved sections that wind through the picturesque hilly wine region. A reasonable level of fitness is recommended to comfortably complete the daily hiking stages.

Throughout the eight-day walking tour amidst vineyards and olive groves, there will be ample opportunities for relaxation. We've planned for extended overnight stays at two delightful stops along the way. Along your journey, you'll have the pleasure of savouring the finest culinary delights, including the world's best rice, exceptional salami, fresh vegetables, and exquisite wine.

This tour has been graded as **Medium**. Find out more about our **walking holiday difficulty levels**.

Tour information



Medium



8 Days / 7 Nights



Self-Guided



Luggage transfers included



Total walking distance: approx. 67 km

To the online version



Itinerary

DAY
1

Arrival in Verona

Explore the enchanting city of Verona on foot, where you'll uncover its myriad of captivating attractions, including the iconic Arena and the famous Romeo and Juliet balcony. To make the most of your visit, it's advisable to start your day early and immerse yourself in the splendour of this remarkable city.

Embark on a guided walking tour through Verona's historic core, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2000. Meander along charming streets and quaint piazzas, discovering an array of captivating landmarks such as the Arena, Juliet's balcony, the medieval Castelvecchio castle, and the picturesque Castelvecchio Bridge. Don't forget to explore the vibrant Piazza del Erbe, the city's bustling heart, surrounded by charming Italian houses, offering numerous terraces, and vibrant market stalls. For panoramic vistas of Verona, ascend the 84-meter-high Torre dei Lamberti, a towering highlight visible from nearly every corner of the city. An elevator ride takes you to different viewpoints atop the tower, offering breathtaking city views.



If you're eager to ensure you don't miss any of Verona's treasures, consider booking a guided City Tour. Let an experienced guide introduce you to both the city's renowned highlights and its hidden gems, adding an informative touch to your exploration of this romantic city.

DAY 2	Verona – Parona di Valpolicella	approx. 13 km 3.5 to 4 hours
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Before embarking on your walking week in Verona, we suggest taking a detour to Castel San Pietro. From there, you'll enjoy a splendid panoramic view of the entire city, the Valpolicella wine region, and Lake Garda.

Your walking journey begins in Verona, heading west along the Adige River, crossing its seven bridges that link the riverbanks. Valpolicella, known as the 'Valley of Many Cellars,' is renowned for its diverse red wines, with four distinct variations produced here. Your ultimate destination is Parona, once a river port and now the gateway to the Valpolicella wine region.

Consider starting your hike with a visit to Castel San Pietro, where you can marvel at the breathtaking views of the city, Valpolicella, and Lake Garda. As you stroll along the Adige River, passing through the historic town with its seven bridges, you'll arrive at Parona, your entry point to this renowned wine-producing area.

 ca. 3 to 4 hours  12 km  60 m  40 m

DAY 3	Parona di Valpolicella – Fumane	approx. 16 km 4 to 5.5 hours
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Embark on today's walk into the heart of Valpolicella, where you'll relish a captivating journey through vineyards and alongside remarkable Romanesque architectural treasures. Your path will lead you through charming hamlets like Corrubbio, home to the 12th-century San Martina church, as well as San Floriano and San Pietro in Cariano, before reaching your final destination in Fumane.

 ca. 4 to 5,5 hours  16 km  160 m  50 m

DAY 4	Circular tour around Valpolicella	approx. 12 km 4 hours
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Indulge in complete relaxation as you leisurely explore this serene village. Consider a visit to the enchanting Molina Waterfall Park or embark on a hike to the Santa Maria di Valverde sanctuary, continuing to the charming village of San Rocco. To complete your experience, don't miss the opportunity to savor the finest Amarone and Valpolicella wines at one of the many renowned wine cellars.


DAY
5


**Fumane – Cavaion
Verones**


approx. 16 km | 5
hours

Following your visit to Gargagnago village, your hiking journey continues to San Giorgio di Valpolicella, perched atop a picturesque hill, commanding panoramic views of Valpolicella's vineyards on one side and Lake Garda on the other. Your route leads you through Via Ponton, the hub of marble processing, ultimately reaching Cavaion Veronese, a charming locale in close proximity to Lake Garda.

 ca. 4,5 to 6,5 hours

 16 km

 350 m


 360 m


DAY
6


**Cavaion Veronese –
Garda**


approx. 10 km | 3.5 to 4
hours

Enjoy a leisurely hike in the direction of Lake Garda, where you'll encounter the charming village of Bardolino, a coastal gem adorned with the historic San Zeno church and a delightful harbour, perfect for savouring a glass of wine. For your overnight stay, head to the renowned Garda, one of the quintessential lakeside towns, offering a serene atmosphere and serving as an ideal base for lakeside strolls and excursions.

 ca. 3 to 4 hours

 9 km

 130 m

 250 m

DAY
7

Return trip or extension

Your walking holiday in Verona ends after breakfast. If you want to enjoy this beautiful region even longer, book an extension.

Route information

Enjoy leisurely strolls along hiking trails, meadows, and through forests, as well as occasional asphalted sections winding through the undulating wine region. We recommend a basic level of fitness to comfortably complete the daily hiking routes.



Prices and dates

Price calculation and check availability: **Verona to Lake Garda**

Place of arrival: **Verona**

	Season 1 30.03.2024 - 12.04.2024 28.09.2024 - 12.10.2024 Daily	Season 2 13.04.2024 - 10.05.2024 07.09.2024 - 27.09.2024 Daily	Season 3 11.05.2024 - 06.09.2024 Daily
Verona to Lake Garda, IT-GAWVG-08X			
Base price	699.00	769.00	829.00
Single room surcharge	359.00	359.00	359.00

Hotel information: You will stay in beautiful 3*** hotels and agriturismo (Italian country houses and wineries)

Prices per person in GBP

Included services and travel information

Services

Including

- Accommodation as already mentioned
- Breakfast
- Luggage transfer
- 1 Boat ride on Lake Garda
- Carefully elaborated route description
- Detailed travel documents 1x per room (German, English, French)
- App for Navigation and GPS-data
- Service hotline

Not included

- Tourist tax, if applicable, to be paid locally

Arrival information

- Train journey to Verona.
- Verona airport and by bus to Porta Nuova train station. Duration approx. 20 minutes.
- Parking: a limited number of free public parking spaces or public parking spaces near the hotel approx. EUR 15 per day. Payable on site, no pre-booking possible.
- Return journey from Garda by bus to Verona in approx. 1 hour.