











Lake Garda to Venice

Mountains, lakes and palaces all the way to the sea

The Romans already used the Via Claudia Augusta to reach the Adriatic Sea and thus the Mediterranean Sea. The first stages lead you from the north shore of Lake Garda on ancient pilgrimage routes through the rocky deserts of the Sarca Valley to Trento.

The Garda Mountains, the Vicentine Alps or the high peaks of the Cima Dodici are your constant companions. Glittering lakes, rushing rivers and soaring mountains characterise the landscape of Veneto, eventually leading you through the wine region of Bassano del Grappa to the Venetian Lagoon.

Details about the walking tour from Lake Garda to Venice

In the first stage, you will walk one foot in front of the other through the vineyards of the Sarca Valley, until you finally walk through the "rocky desert of Marroche" in Pietramurata. There you will not only marvel at the highest rock faces in the mountains of Lake Garda, but you can also take a look at the Castello di Toblino in the "Valley of the Lakes".

In Trento, the Dolomites offer deep vistas over the Adige Valley and Trento's Old Town. Historic Roman roads, idyllic lakeside paths and fascinating high-altitude walks make your walk a relaxing moment to enjoy. On day seven, you will reach Venice. Arched bridges, the breathtaking St. Mark's Square with hundreds of pigeons and the impressive architecture of the palazzi bring a bygone era back to life.

The highlights of this walking holiday at a glance:

- **Trento - a pearl in northern Italy:** The capital of Trentino offers all kinds of monuments, palazzi and castles.
- **A city in the sea:** The lagoon city of Venice is best known for the Grand Canal and the palaces from the Renaissance and Gothic periods. Take a gondola ride and let the "Dolce Vita" float you through the lagoons at sunset.
- **Grappa tasting:** Not far from St. Mark's Square in Venice you will discover how grapes have been transformed into a delicious digestif with a rich experience.

Interesting facts about from Lake Garda to Venice

During the eight-day hike from Lake Garda to Venice, the hiking trails are mainly on paths and dirt roads. Only a few sections are rocky and narrow. If your fitness levels are not sufficient, there is almost always the option to opt for a shorter and easier variant.

Route summary

You walk along diverse hiking paths and trails, partly on gravel roads and forest paths. Only a few sections are rocky and narrow, otherwise, the paths run on easy terrain and are friendly to walk on. Nearly everywhere you have a choice of a shorter and more accessible option. The routes lead you on nice paths along rivers, lakes and through forests, often you walk high above a valley and enjoy unique long-distance views.

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. 84 km

To the online version



Itinerary

DAY 1	Arrival in Riva del Garda	
<p>Individual arrival in Riva del Garda, a palette of colours on Lake Garda. The blue of the water and the sky, the green of the Mediterranean plants and the white beaches are living works of art. Visit the Rocca, the old castle that can only be reached via a bridge, which now houses the City Museum and an art cabinet. The beautiful three-city gates, the baroque church Chiessa dell' Inviolata and the 34-meter-high tower Torre Apponale are not to be missed and provide a romantic atmosphere in the old town.</p>		
DAY 2	Riva del Garda - Pietramurata	approx. 13 km 4 hours
<p>Your walk through the vineyards of the Sarca Valley begins in Ceniga. Soon you will be greeted by a huge rocky area, reminiscent of a stone desert, the Marocche Nature Reserve. An imposing mass of boulders of enormous dimensions gives you the feeling that you have walked into a lunar landscape. The Marocche were formed by landslides during the Ice Age.</p> <p>Overlooking Lago di Cavedine, you will pass fruit and vegetable fields in the small town of Pietramurata, surrounded by the highest rock faces of the Garda mountains in the Sarca river valley.</p>		
 ca. 4 hours	 13 km	 300 m  150 m

DAY
3**Pietramurata – Trento** approx. 13 km | 4.5 hours

A bus transfer will take you past the famous Castello di Toblino to the "Valley of the Lakes". You walk to Lake Terlago where the high-altitude trail of Saint Vigil begins. Abandoned forests and karst plateaus take you to ancient fortresses and strongholds. Enjoy the fantastic distant views of the Adige Valley and the Dolomites below before starting the descent to Trento.

Nestled between the imposing mountains of the Dolomites, this city of brightly painted houses and an impressive cultural and architectural heritage. Visit the old town centre with its winding streets, Piazza Duomo, a medieval square surrounded by frescoed palaces and a special church, the Cathedral Di San Viglio, and the Baroque Neptune fountain from 1768, the symbol of the city, the castle of Buonconsiglio.



ca. 4,5 hours



13 km



400 m



650 m

DAY
4**Trento – Levico Terme** approx. 12 km | 4 hours

A short train ride will take you to the romantic centre of Pergine, a typical traditional town from the Renaissance period. You can take a nice walk here, and be sure to walk through Via Maier, one of the most beautiful residential areas from the Renaissance, with various works of art.

You leave the town and walk through the hills with orchards and forest fruit growing via the historic Roman road Via Claudia Augusta. This path leads you up to two huge lakes, Lago di Caldonazzo and Lago di Levico, both of which are beautifully situated in the middle of the green mountain landscape of the Dolomites. Lake Caldonazzo and Lake Levico are among the warmest lakes in the Alps and are connected by underground caves. This is where the river Brenta rises. The idyllic path along the shore invites you to take a refreshing dip in the warmest mountain lake in Italy before arriving at the beautiful spa town of Levico Terme, wellness and elegance in enchanting scenery. The baths, a rare eighteenth-century Ville d'eau.



ca. 4 hours



12 km



250 m



250 m

DAY
5**Levico Terme – Borgo
Valsugana**approx. 16 km | 5
hours

Today makes a beautiful high-altitude walk across the alpine meadows framed by high rock walls. Via the Sentiero Don Cesare hiking trail, you will be guided through waterfalls, rapids and rushing mountain streams. The trail winds through a wild and scenic environment and runs almost entirely on rock-cut slopes along the canyon. Via wooden bridges, you cross repeatedly from the right to the left bank of the Moggio stream. At the end of the Don Cesare trail, the "Arte e Sella" trail begins. An enchanting forest trail that takes in works by artists created using stones, leaves, branches, trunks and other materials found on site, an impressive open-air natural art exhibit.

At the Cipriani refuge, you can relax under the steep mountain peaks before you start the spectacular climb to Borgo Valsugana. This water town is located at the foot of Telvana Castle. The Brenta River runs right through the picturesque town and you will find the first Venetian bridges and arcades. Don't miss the shopping street Corso Ausugum with its baroque doors and various gourmet shops.



ca. 5 hours



16 km



450 m



650 m

DAY
6**Borgo Valsugana – Bassano
del Grappa**approx. 13 km | 4.5
hours

Today you will start with a climb to the Alta Via del Tabacco, a fantastic high-altitude path above the Brenta valley and ancient communication routes between the terraces where tobacco was grown from 1630 to 1960. The dry "masiere", built walls from the terraces are up to 8 meters high. Via the hermitage of San Bovo, you reach the valley again and you walk leisurely along the green river Brenta. Cross the famous Ponte Vecchio bridge to Bassano del Grappa, a town with a rich cultural and artistic heritage. This ancient city located at the foot of the Venetian Alps is known for its grappa, the oldest distilled drink, and the bridge Ponte degli Alpini, or Ponte Vecchio. You will find many handicrafts here, such as weavers, goldsmiths, potters and woodworkers.



ca. 4,5 hours



13 km



500 m



550 m


DAY
7


Bassano del Grappa – Venice (Mestre)

approx. 17 km | 4 hours

Via wooden bridges and footbridges, you walk through the unique and impressive river landscape of the Sile nature park, the famous Munich-Venice cycle route eventually leads you to the destination Quarto d'Altino. You reach the lagoon area of the UNESCO World Heritage Venice by train, you travel to your final destination Mestre, an urban district of Venice on the mainland, with excellent bus connections to the centre of the lagoon city. At the end of the trip, you can expect a small grappa tasting not far from St. Mark's Square!

 ca. 4 hours

 17 km

 20 m

 20 m

DAY
8

Return trip or extension

Your walking holiday ends after breakfast, but you can of course postpone the farewell and discover Venice further and make more memories by extending your trip.

Route information

You walk on varied hiking trails, partly on gravel roads and forest trails. The trails are easy and walkable, only some parts are rocky and narrow. There are also shorter and simpler variants to choose from almost everywhere. The routes lead on good riverside paths along rivers, lakes and through forests, often walking high above the valley and enjoying the unique views.



Prices and dates

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

Place of arrival: **Riva del Garda**

	Season 1 04.05.2024 - 18.05.2024 22.09.2024 - 06.10.2024 Saturday	Season 2 19.05.2024 - 15.06.2024 01.09.2024 - 21.09.2024 Saturday	Season 3 16.06.2024 - 31.08.2024 Saturday
Lake Garda to Venice, IT-GAWRV-08A			
Base price	899.00	989.00	1,049.00
Single room surcharge	289.00	289.00	289.00

- You will stay in beautiful 3*** and 4**** Hotels

Additional nights

Place of arrival: **Riva del Garda**

	Season 1 May 4, 2024 - May 18, 2024 Sep 22, 2024 - Oct 6, 2024 Saturday	Season 2 May 19, 2024 - Jun 15, 2024 Sep 1, 2024 - Sep 21, 2024 Saturday	Season 3 Jun 16, 2024 - Aug 31, 2024 Saturday
Riva del Garda			
Double room p.p.	89.00	89.00	105.00
Single room surcharge	49.00	49.00	49.00
Venice/Mestre			
Double room p.p.	75.00	75.00	85.00

	Season 1 May 4, 2024 - May 18, 2024 Sep 22, 2024 - Oct 6, 2024 Saturday	Season 2 May 19, 2024 - Jun 15, 2024 Sep 1, 2024 - Sep 21, 2024 Saturday	Season 3 Jun 16, 2024 - Aug 31, 2024 Saturday
Single room supplement	59.00		
Single room surcharge	59.00	59.00	

Prices per person in GBP

Included services and travel information

Services

Including

- 7 nights as described, including breakfast
- Grappa Tasting in Bassano or Venice
- Train ride Trento-Pergine
- Transfers according to program
- Personal welcome meeting (German, English)
- Luggage transfer(s)
- Travel folder 1 x per room (German, English with route and overview maps, detailed route description, places of interest, important telephone numbers, luggage labels)
- GPS data available on request
- Service Hotline

Not included

- Tourist tax, if applicable, to be paid locally
- Bus rides Pietramurata-Toblin and Levico-Barco, approx. €7 per person
- Train journey Quarto d'Altino-Mestre/Venice, approx. €4 per person
- (Optional) Return transfer Mestre/Venice-Riva/Torbole with shuttle service "Via Claudia Shuttle Service", information and booking at www.viaclaudia.org

Arrival information

- Distance: 979km from Arnhem
- Train: Riva station (www.ttesercizio.it)
- Parking: Limited number of hotel parking spaces. Public parking or underground parking "Terme Romane" approx. €70 per week
- Departure: Train ride Mestre-Rovereto, duration approx. 2 hours (1 change), then by bus to Riva

Sample hotel list

This is a sample hotel list. Hotels will be booked depending on availability.

Riva del Garda

Hotel Antico Borgo 4****

www.anticoborgogarda.it

Pietramurata

Hotel Ciclamino 3***

www.hotelciclamino.com

Trento

Hotel NH Trento 4****

www.nh-hotels.de

Levico Terme

Hotel Liberty 3***

www.hotelliberty.it

Borgo Valsugana

Hotel Locanda in Borgo 4****

www.locandainborgo.it/

Bassano del Grappa

Hotel Belvedere 4****

www.bonotto.it

Venice/Mestre

Hotel Residence Elite 4****

www.elitehotel.it