

Third week's journey

The road of the merchants and the *burci*

Venezia - Delta del Po - Ravenna

By bike from the city of the Doges to the capital of mosaics

From **Venice** you head to **Padua** along the Brenta canal, where many villas are reflected; in the city of the Saint (Padua) you can enjoy visiting monuments such as the Scrovegni Chapel, St. Anthony's Cathedral, the Specola.

Then you reach the foot of the Euganean Hills (Colli Euganei) where there are the spas of **Abano** and **Montegrotto**; from here you follow the ancient waterway until reaching **Chioggia**. Then you go towards the Po Delta with an amphibian route through the estuaries of the rivers Brenta, Adige and Po.

Finally you reach Adria, a small, very old town, as can be seen at the National Archaeological Museum.

Now you are in Polesine and you carry on to enter Emilia Romagna and visit the Bosco Mesola Nature Reserve: from here you quickly arrive at Goro and Gorino.

Then you ride past the famous IX century Pomposa Abbey to reach the historical centre of **Commacchio**; now it is time to pass through the fishing areas (for the eels) and the former salt mines, visiting the places of "Garibaldi's march".

Going alongside the **Ravenna** pine woods and beaches you are coming to the end of your journey, which finishes in the extraordinary historical centre, which hosts eight Unesco monuments: the Basilica of Saint Apollinaire Nuovo, the Basilica of Saint Apollinaire in Classe, the Mausoleum of Theodoric, the Mausoleum of Galla Placidia, the Basilica of Saint Vitale, the Arian Baptistery, the Neonian Baptistery, The Archiepiscopal Chapel.





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- 1 Venice, St. Mark's Square
- 2 Padua, Villa Dolfin-Kofler
- 3 Adria, Canalbianco
- 4 Lidi di Comacchio, beaches
- 5 Comacchio, fishing for eels
- 6 Ravenna, mosaic from the Arian Baptistery

ROUTE INFORMATION

Starting point: Venice

Arrival: Ravenna

Length: 350 km

Conditions: easy route, mainly asphalted, suitable for everyone

Indications: present

Inter-modality: bike + boat, bike + train

STAGES

1. Venezia - Padova

The Riviera del Brenta (km 50)

2. Padua - Abano e Montegrotto Terme - Chioggia

The salt and sugar road of (km 66)

3. Chioggia - Porto Viro - Adria

The road of the valleys (km 84)

4. Adria - Goro

Crossing the Delta del Po (km 46,5)

5. Goro - Comacchio

Between the park and the sea (km 32)

6. Comacchio - Sant'Alberto - Ravenna

Among valleys, beaches and pine woods (km 65)