

The poetry of travelling lies in the experience, the inner enrichment, our increased ability to understand the great plot that is earth and humankind, in rediscovering ancient truths and laws in completely new situations. (H. Hesse, The art of idleness, 1904)

## A walking holiday

While a walking holiday may sound like a bizarre idea, it is actually an experience shared by a growing number of tourists, also in Veneto. But why should you choose a Cammino as a holiday? You travel on foot as a return to nature. You walk as a personal challenge or to keep fit. You set out on a Cammino to experience the wonder of the old paths taken by pilgrims or merchants. The urge may come from a desire for spiritual pursuit, a hankering to rediscover historic routes or to be surrounded by nature or literature. In any case, travelling on foot allows you enjoy a slower pace, in the knowledge that the only footprint left on the environment is that of your shoes.



## The art of packing a rucksack

The best companion for any walker is their rucksack, the lightest, least bulky solution for carrying all that is necessary. Packing a rucksack teaches you an art perfected through experience, turning this accessory into the very symbol of your journey.



## Cammini

- **Via Claudia Augusta**  
[www.viaclaudia.org](http://www.viaclaudia.org)
- **Via Romea Germanica**  
[www.viaromeagermanica.com](http://www.viaromeagermanica.com)
- **Romea Strata**  
[www.romeastrata.it](http://www.romeastrata.it)
- **Cammino delle Dolomiti**  
[www.camminodelledolomiti.it](http://www.camminodelledolomiti.it)
- **Cammino di Sant'Antonio**  
[www.ilcamminodisantantonio.org](http://www.ilcamminodisantantonio.org)
- **Cammino Fogazzaro - Roi**  
[www.camminiveneti.it](http://www.camminiveneti.it)

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Veneto on foot,  
the poetry of travelling



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## The Land of Venice - Veneto on foot

Veneto on foot offers an enviable variety of scenery. In naturalistic terms, the region has widely diverse ecosystems with conifer forests in the Dolomites to evergreen woods on the Adriatic. Historically speaking, the Cammini alternate millenary cities and towns that were the cradle of many civilisations. Explorers of this cultural and environmental legacy will find a real treasure.





## CAMMINI IN HISTORY

# 1. Via Claudia Augusta

**A Cammino that follows  
in the Romans' footsteps,  
from the Danube to the  
Po and Adriatic Sea**

### The route:

Start: Augsburg (D)  
Finish: Ostiglia (Po),  
Altino-Venice (Adriatic)  
Duration: 29 stages  
Difference in altitude: 3000 m  
Distance: approx. 600 km  
Recommended season: April  
to October  
Website: [www.viaclaudia.org](http://www.viaclaudia.org)



This route invites you to leave your watch at home and look at places and scenery through new eyes

After two thousand years of history, the Via Claudia Augusta, the old Roman road that joined the Danube with the Adriatic plains, is now enjoying renewed popularity thanks to the many tourists who walk it or pedal it. This historic trail has become a bridge linking the environments and cultures of three countries: Italy, Austria and Germany. To the south it splits into two branches at Trento, one heads down towards the River Po through to Ostiglia across the Adige Valley, the other, via Valsugana and Feltre, seawards to the Adriatic and Altino, an old port bordering the Venetian lagoon.

## Get inspired

### The Cesiomaggiore milestone

In Cesiomaggiore, close to Feltre, a truly important milestone commemorating the Via Claudia Augusta is preserved in splendid Villa delle Centenere. This testifies to the name of the Via, its date of construction, who commissioned it, its length and starting and finishing points: Augsburg along the Danube and Altino on the Adriatic.

## Weekend breaks

### On the Via Claudia Augusta in Valbelluna

Taking in the high plains of Lamon, where the finest beans in Italy are grown, Pedavena and its big beer factory, Feltre city of art, Cesiomaggiore and the important Ethnographic Museum of the Dolomites, this trail leads to Mel, one of the most beautiful villages in Italy. Info: [www.dolomitiprealpi.it](http://www.dolomitiprealpi.it)

## Get inspired

### Credential and Testimonium

Each Cammino has its own Credential attesting the status of pilgrim. Issued by the associations that organise the pilgrimages, this "passport" gives the start and finish dates and places and is stamped in the churches and spiritual places on the way. Completion of the Credential entitles the pilgrim to receive a Testimonium seal that certifies completion of the pilgrimage.



# 3. Romea Strata

**Revival of the Cammini  
from the North and from  
Eastern Europe towards  
Rome**

From medieval times onwards, a network of roads and paths allowed pilgrims to reach holy places. Today, thanks to the Romea Strata, the original routes have been repaired, and tourists can now relive the experience of those ancient pilgrims and a pilgrimage as food for the soul. An important feature of the Romea Strata is that the abbeys and monasteries on its route still offer accommodation and shelter for pilgrims.

### The route:

is divided into five Cammini

- 1) Romea Annia  
Concordia Sagittaria to Badia Polesine,  
km 278
  - 2) Romea Vicetia  
Rovereto to Montagnana,  
km 140
  - 3) Romea del Santo  
Bassano del Grappa to Padua,  
km 50
  - 4) Romea Postumia  
Verona to Vicenza, km 50
  - 5) Romea Porciliana  
Verona to Montagnana, km 55
- Recommended season: April to October  
Website: [www.romeastrata.it](http://www.romeastrata.it)



## The Romea Annia Aquilaia to Rome

The Romea Annia is the hub of the Romea Strata in Veneto and connects Aquileia with Venice's Northern Lagoon. It winds its way up the Riviera del Brenta, famous for its density of villas, to Padua, touching the western slopes of the Euganean Hills, then down to Badia Polesine towards Nonantola, Fucecchio and from there to Rome along the Via Francigena.



## SPIRITUAL CAMMINI

# 4. Cammino delle Dolomiti

**Trails of faith at the foot  
of the Belluno mountains**



### The route:

Start and Finish: Feltre  
Duration: 30 stages  
Distance: over 500 km  
Recommended season: June to September  
Website: [www.camminodelledolomiti.it](http://www.camminodelledolomiti.it)

In the peace and quiet of the Belluno mountains, the forest paths and roads are suitable for everyone. They include some high altitude mountain passes in the UNESCO Dolomites but avoid any arduous routes. This Cammino is one to be walked together in small groups, to encourage meditation and the experience of a holiday in contact with nature and the people who live in this magical land. The route can be covered in one go or a little at a time. Walkers should request their Credential for stamping to prove they have completed the Cammino.

## Get inspired

### Places of Popes

One of the features of the Cammino delle Dolomiti is that it touches places meaningful for the lives of three Popes who have left a mark in recent history. In Canale d'Agordo, in the centre of town, stands the home of the Luciani family, where Pope John Paul I was born, while in Lorenzago di Cadore in the Piave valley, the route goes through places frequented and loved by Pope John Paul II and his successor Benedict XVI.



## Paths and roads that enrich the traveller's spiritual legacy

### The route:

Start: Camposampiero (PD) or Venice  
Finish: La Verna (AR)  
Duration: 22 stages



Distance: 431 km  
Recommended season: April to October  
Website: [www.ilcamminodisantantonio.org](http://www.ilcamminodisantantonio.org)

## Weekend breaks

### The last Cammino from Camposampiero to Padua

The last pilgrimage made by Saint Anthony, on 14 June 1231, goes from the Santuari Antoniani in Camposampiero, to the Santuario dell'Arcella where he died in the Cella del Transito and ends at the Basilica of Saint Anthony. Its 24 km include three very significant sites from a point of view of faith, art and history.



## LITERARY CAMMINI

### An author's Cammino that takes you into the realms of literature

# 6. Cammino Fogazzaro-Roi

**From Montegalda  
to Tonezza del Cimone.  
Literary routes  
in the Vicenza area**

### The route:

Start: Montegalda (VI)  
Finish: Tonezza del Cimone (VI)  
Duration: 4 stages  
Difference in altitude: 1000 metres  
Distance: 80 km  
Recommended season: April to October  
Website: [www.camminiveneti.it](http://www.camminiveneti.it)

This Cammino crosses the wonderful Vicenza countryside from the plains to the hills through to the mountains and links places dear to two prominent figures of a culture that is not just Veneto but Italian: Antonio Fogazzaro, a writer who lived at the turn of the twentieth century, and his great-grandson Giuseppe Roi, a great patron of culture in Veneto. The route goes through Palladio's towns and a good sixteen municipalities, wonderful scenery and Veneto villas, some of which are included on the UNESCO list.

## Get inspired

### Vicenza and the sixteenth-century Veneto villas

Andrea Palladio was an architect who lent an extraordinary artistic imprint to the landscape in Veneto and in Vicenza in particular. His legacy has conditioned the history of architecture and urban planning. This is why, in 1994, UNESCO recognised Vicenza and the Palladian Villas in Veneto region as part of the World Heritage Site.



# 2. Via Romea Germanica

**From Brennero  
to Rome, following  
in the footsteps  
of ancient pilgrims**

Brennero is the gateway from Italy into Germany, just as it was a thousand years ago, when the faithful would set out on foot for Rome, the centre of Christian spirituality. These pilgrims crossed the Alps into Veneto from Valsugana and walked through the plains, following the crisscrossing rivers and canals that in those days were navigable, between Bassano del Grappa, Padua, Rovigo and the River Po. Their winding route went through many cities, including Ravenna, Arezzo, Viterbo and Rome.



## THE PILGRIMS' CAMMINI

### Two historic religious Cammini through villages, towns and cities in Italy