

Friuli Venezia Giulia 2026: New Attractions and Major Events

Friuli Venezia Giulia is gearing up for a 2026 packed with events that reinforce its status as an international destination. **Trieste, the regional capital overlooking the Adriatic and renowned for its Middle European style**, is increasingly taking on the character of an open-air museum, thanks to its growing network of museums and cultural spaces where art, culture, and nature come to the fore. New initiatives such as the *Magazzino dei Venti* and the *Borarium* in Opicina reinterpret the Bora wind as a shared, evolving experience, while **ITS Arcademy** launches projects devoted to fashion and film. The iconic **Opicina Tram**—operating since 1902—has returned to service, connecting the city center with the Karst Plateau for a scenic, evocative ride. Meanwhile, the new *Campo Marzio Railway Museum* is under construction and scheduled to open at the end of 2026, and until January 11, visitors can enjoy the major **Tolkien exhibition**.

In **Aquileia**, the UNESCO archaeological heritage will be celebrated through excavations, itineraries, and tastings blending history and flavor. Sports fans can look forward to the return of the **Women's Alpine Ski World Cup in Tarvisio (January 17–18)**, just days before the Milano-Cortina Olympics. For the 2025–26 winter season, ski passes remain at the same price, with free access for children aged 0–8, €10/day for juniors and seniors over 75, family packages, and school discounts. The ski season begins on December 6, 2025.

Along the coast, **Lignano Sabbiadoro** will unveil its renewed **Terrazza a Mare**, a seaside icon reborn with a panoramic pool and event space, while **Grado** enhances its wellness offerings with a **brand-new spa center**.

Slow travel takes the spotlight with the *FVG2 Adriabike Cycle Route* (Trieste–Venice), connecting sea and lagoon, and the *FVG3 Pedemontana Cycle Route*, following the success of the *Alpe Adria Cycleway*. 2026 will also mark the consolidation of **GO! 2025 Nova Gorica–Gorizia European Capital of Culture** initiatives and the run-up to **Pordenone 2027 – Italian Capital of Culture**.

Finally, food and wine remain among the region's most authentic ambassadors: from the vineyards of **Collio** and **Friuli Colli Orientali** to the renowned **San Daniele Ham DOP** and **frico**, each experience offers a sensory journey through a land where sea, mountains, and historic cities blend harmoniously into a rich mosaic of flavors, landscapes, and culture.