

Friuli Venezia Giulia, an epitome of Italian beauty

Friuli Venezia Giulia is a proof that there are still places to explore in Italy. A hidden village to lose yourself in, the last vintage to taste, a mountain path to travel, new stories to listen to: each trip to Friuli Venezia Giulia is as exciting as the first time.

This region encloses all the characteristics that have made Italy a place loved by writers, poets and travellers: from the peaks of **the Alps and the Dolomites**, to the waves of **the Adriatic sea**, the squares of elegant cities such as **Trieste and Gorizia**, the streets of **old villages among the most beautiful in Italy**, **Unesco sites** and the **vine-clad hills** of the **Collio wine region**.

On the border between three countries yet at the heart of Europe, this region has made its geographical position its main strength: in just two hours, you can get to see the Italian, Slavic and Germanic cultures, expressed in some sort of a kaleidoscope of traditions, languages and religions.

Friuli Venezia Giulia in a nutshell:

- One thousand facets of art at the border between the East and the West: the cities of Friuli Venezia Giulia have travelled the world, listening to foreign languages and meeting distant cultures and religions. For centuries Celts, Romans, Huns, Lombards, Venetians and Austro-Hungarians passed through these places, all leaving an indelible mark that mingled with local traditions. Thus **Trieste** “dressed in Hapsburg clothes”, **Udine** became the home of Tiepolo, **Gorizia**, European Cultural Capital together with Nova Gorica in 2025, and **Pordenone**, whose frescoed palaces have earned it the title of painted city, alternates between Roman, Baroque and Gothic influences. These indelible marks can also be admired in places that have been recognised by **UNESCO as World Heritage Sites**: **Aquileia**, ancient city of the Roman Empire; **Cividale del Friuli**, the capital of the first Italian Longobard Duchy; **Palmanova**, a fortress town enclosed in the shape of a nine-pointed star; and **Palù di Livenza**, a pile-dwelling site whose archaeological remains are partially found in the Archaeological Museum of Western Friuli in Pordenone.
- The 130 km of curved coastline washed by the Adriatic sea, provide visitors with a wide range of seaside resorts: from **the golden beaches of Lignano and Grado**, with their shallow and sandy seabed, to **the cliffs and rocky inlets of the coast in Trieste**.
- The **freedom of no stress skiing over 90 kilometres of slopes** for safe and peaceful skiing in **6 ski resorts and more than 110 km of Cross-country ski trail loops** in magical surroundings, also by night.
- A diverse territory where indigenous, traditional and international **grape varieties** are cultivated. The excellence of **Friulian wines** is the result of an extraordinary combination of environmental and climatic elements that give this territory perfect conditions for growing vines and producing exceptional **high-quality wines**.
- Nature at its purest: 16,000 hectares of **lagoons**, 3 **parks** and 13 **natural parks in an unspoilt natural world**
- **The Trieste Convention & Visitors Bureau** was born in 2021 with the aim of developing tourism and congress activities and giving impetus to big events in venues such as the TCC - Trieste Convention Center, the largest auditorium in North East Italy located in Porto Vecchio, one of the most interesting examples of industrial recovery in Europe.
- Where the Bora wind blows: 130 km of coast, 25 marinas, 25 docks, 15,000 berths and 100 nautical events during the year, such as **Barcolana, the biggest regatta in the world**

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