

Padua Guide

What to See & Where to Eat

The Way To Italy



What to See

Scrovegni Chapel

The chapel was originally a part of the Scrovegni family palace, which was built along the remains of the Roman arena (part of which is still visible today). Also called the Arena Chapel for this reason, it houses magnificent fresco cycles by the early Renaissance artist Giotto. The frescoes were painted between 1303 and 1305. Admire the stunning frescoes by Giotto, an Italian painter, in this renowned chapel.

Address: Piazza Eremitani, 8, 35121 Padua PD, Italy

Website: www.cappelladegliscrovegni.it

Book Tickets Online: <http://www.cappelladegliscrovegni.it/index.php/en/>

Basilica of Saint Anthony

Construction began in 1232, just a year after Saint Anthony died. Visit the tomb of Saint Anthony and marvel at the beautiful Byzantine architecture of this important religious site.

Address: Piazza del Santo, 11, 35123 Padua PD, Italy

Website: www.basilicadelsanto.org

Prato della Valle

Enjoy a leisurely stroll or a picnic in this picturesque square (it's actually oval), one of the largest in Europe. The piazza is comprised of a central island which is surrounded by a circular canal. The canal is ringed with statues depicting famous people from Italian history.

Address: Prato della Valle, 35123 Padua PD, Italy

University of Padua

Explore one of the oldest universities in the world, known for its rich history and impressive anatomical theatre.

Address: Via 8 Febbraio, 2, 35122 Padua PD, Italy

Website: www.unipd.it

What to See

Orto Botanico di Padova (Botanical Garden)

Wander through the world's oldest academic botanical garden, featuring a diverse collection of plants and a peaceful atmosphere.

Address: Via Orto Botanico, 15, 35123 Padua PD, Italy

Website: www.ortobotanicopd.it

La Specola (Known to the locals as "Galileo's Tower")

Galileo, the famous Italian astronomer who vastly improved telescopes, made several important discoveries about celestial bodies, and proved the Copernican theory that the sun is at the center of the universe, lived in Padua for several years. He moved there in 1592, and taught university math there for 18 years. Galileo certainly left his mark on Padua, even though he didn't observe the heavens from La Specola.

Address: Vicolo dell'Osservatorio, 5, 35122 Padova PD, Italy

Palazzo della Ragione

Marvel at the grand medieval hall and the famous astronomical clock in this historic palace located in the heart of Padua's old town.

Address: Piazza delle Erbe, 8, 35141 Padua PD, Italy

Where to Eat

Sotto Salone

Underneath the Palazzo della Ragione is Padua's 800-year-old covered market, full of food stalls selling fruit and vegetables, meats and cheeses, fish, fresh pasta, bread, wine, and all sort of other things. It has a few takeaway, street-food-style places if you want a sandwich or a piece of pizza to go. There are a few enoteche inside as well, if you're feeling up for a spritz or a glass of wine.

Caffè Pedrocchi

Indulge in a coffee or aperitivo at this historic café, known for its elegant 19th-century architecture and vibrant atmosphere.

Address: Via VIII Febbraio, 15, 35122 Padua PD, Italy

Website: www.caffepedrocchi.it

Trattoria al Prato

Enjoy traditional Paduan cuisine in a cozy and welcoming atmosphere.

Address: Via San Fermo, 11, 35137 Padua PD, Italy

Website: <https://www.trattoriaalprato.it/>

Osteria ai Scarponi

Indulge in authentic Italian dishes and a wide selection of local wines at this charming osteria.

Address: Via dei Tadi, 7, 35141 Padua PD, Italy

Website: <https://www.osteriaaiscarponi.it/>

Ristorante Le Calandre

Treat yourself to an unforgettable fine dining experience at this Michelin-starred restaurant.

Address: Via Liguria, 1, 35030 Sarmeola PD, Italy

Website: <https://www.calandre.com/>

About Me



Hello!
I'm Pamela



I have been organizing and leading tours throughout Italy since 2011.

Fond experiences of time with my Italian grand-parents (grandfather born in Sicily) lead me to seek out and share authentic adventures in Italy.

- ❖ 23 years of experience in traveling to and from Italy. Currently living in Florence Italy.
- ❖ Passionate to work with local, family-owned, small businesses for authentic Italian experiences.

I can't wait to see what we can create together in the future. *Pamela Bomkamp*

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