



ASIAGO AND THE FIRST WORLD WAR SITES

A day tour through fortifications, museums and the 1st World War historic sites in Asiago

Arrival in the morning at 9.00 a.m. in Montebelluna – Vicenza

Visit to **Museo delle Forze Armate**, an exhibition dedicated to explore the two world wars in the last century: greater space is dedicated to the Italian Front, both for the Great War and for the Second. The Museum documents the war events with didactic paths and showing materials, remains and hundreds of original documents. Visitors can live a special atmosphere in the special trench representing the life of soldiers during the wars.

In the late morning, transfer to **Altopiano di Asiago**: it is a mountain region in the Province of Vicenza in the foothills of the Alps. This land was the site of a major battle between Austrian and Italian forces on the Alpine Front of World War I.

Lunch in a traditional restaurant, meeting the flavours of local recipes.

In the early afternoon, visit of the **Asiago War Memorial – Leiten** located in the town of Asiago. Surrounded by mountains that were the site of several World War I battles, the monument houses the remains of over 50,000 Italian and Austro-Hungarian soldiers and is a popular destination for travelers to the region. Leiten is the name of the hill on which the memorial sits.

As an alternative, for small groups is possible to visit **Forte Corbin**, an Italian fortresses forming the line of defence on the pre-alps at the north of Vicenza. After the war, it has been restored and valorized and now it is a museum: its construction started in 1906 on top of a cliff facing on to the Valley and its purpose was to provide the valley with an appropriate defence against an eventual Austro-Hungarian invasion. During the Strafens expedition of the spring of 1916, the fortress was easily occupied by the Austro-Hungarian army but at the end of the WW1 it fell into Italian hands and was no longer involved in any fighting. At the end of Nineties, the fortress was transformed in a Museum and now it is an ideal destination to understand the WW1 conflicts.

In the late afternoon, visit to the **Caseificio Pennar di Asiago**: the Pennar cheese factory is located on the Asiago plateau, at 1070 meters above sea level and it's a pleasant stop in Asiago. It was founded in 1927 following the post-war reconstruction on the ruins of another ancient dairy. It produces a wide range of cheeses, with a rigorous disciplinary respecting the environment: everything must take place in the mountains from milking to its transformation into cheese and subsequent refining. No preservatives are used, not even natural ones. The tour will show to visitors the production of cheese and will end with the tasting of local cheeses.

Free time for shopping in the center of Asiago and end of service.

Price per person: € 55, for a group of 45 participants (it includes 1 gratuity for the accompanying person) and excluding bus transport service. The package includes: a local tour guide, entrance fees and guided tours of the museums, fortress and/or monuments in the programme, visits to local craft companies, lunch at the restaurant.

