



# VICENZA CITY: HANDICRAFT AND PALLADIO TOUR

A day tour visiting the land of Palladio, the World Heritage cities and the artistic treasures

Arrival in the morning at 9.00 a.m. in Piazzale della Vittoria (Vicenza)

Visit to the **Monte Berico sanctuary** with a stop on the large square, to enjoy the view of the town, surrounded by the mountain range of the Pasubio and the Grappa.

Walk down to the **Villa Valmarana "ai Nani"**, that gets its nickname "ai nani" (dwarfs) from the sculptured dwarfs with eighteenth-century clothing, lined up on the perimeter wall. Visit to the interiors to discover frescoes painted by the Tiepolos and the portrait of Andrea Palladio.

Walk to **Villa La Rotonda**, the most famous villa of Palladio. The villa was copied all around the world; the White House in Washington D. C. is also inspired to the design of La Rotonda. Stop for a glimpse from outside.

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

In the afternoon, guided walking tour in the historical city centre of Vicenza with a visit of the **Teatro Olimpico**, one of the artistic wonders of Vicenza and the façade of **Palazzo Chiericati** that hosts a collection composed by paintings, sculptures and applied arts realized from the 1200s to the beginning of the 2000s.

Walking through the suggestive streets you can admire the palaces that the Unesco included in the Heritage List such as Palazzo Barbaran Da Porto and Palazzo Thiene and in the main square the **Palladian Basilica**, symbol and iconic building of Vicenza.

In the late afternoon, visit to the **traditional artisan factories** in Vicenza (**one** of the following):

> **BUSATO PRINTING STUDIOS**: the Busato family Printing Studios have been located in a 16th century palace in the historic centre of Vicenza for over sixty years. The owner started his own lithography and chalcography activity, thanks to the uncommon work-experience he had acquired in some of the most important artistic "botteghe" of the Veneto region since 1924. Year after year, the Busato Printing Studios consolidated their fame as a reference point for a large number of famous Italian and international artists. Thanks to its expertise, it offers you the possibility to interact with local artisans and select a refined present: every single work is hand printed and every single print is unique, thanks to the handwritten serial number and to the artist signature.

> **GOLDSMITH WORKSHOP DANIELA VETTORI**: the atelier is located in the historical downtown of Vicenza, just a short distance from the Basilica Palladiana, emblem of the city and heritage of Unesco. Here Daniela Vettori opened her workshop in 1981 and here she exposes her creations and she personally meets clients to suggest and create unique and customized jewels. In the atelier are also exposed special design silver objects and craft accessories. In this "open-space" Daniela Vettori organizes events, exhibitions and meetings with other artistic figures for cultural and creative exchanges.

Free time and end of service.

Optionally, you can end the day having a typical aperitif in one of the most beautiful and suggestive panoramic viewpoint in the historic centre: the panoramic **terrace of the Basilica Palladiana** (only during the summer season).

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Price per person: **€ 75**, 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 sanctuary, museums, palaces, villas and/or monuments in the programme, visits to local craft companies, lunch at the restaurant.

