



From Belluno to Feltre, following the River Piave

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The itinerary starts with a visit to the historical centre of Belluno: Piazza Santo Stefano and the 15th century church of the same name, the nearby civic museum in Palazzo Fucis, Porta Dojona the main entrance to the old renaissance city, **Piazza del Mercato** with the Monte di Pietà and its fifteenth century buildings, Piazza Duomo where the cathedral dedicated to S. Martino reigns and the magnificent bell created by Juvarra, Palazzo Piloni and its room of fresco paintings, Palazzo dei Rettori, and the Porta Rugo, to shut the south entrance of the city.

Following the national road no. 50 towards Feltre, the first stop on the route is in Sedico to admire the Madonna col Bambino (Mary and child)

by Francesco and Tiziano Vecellio, in the S. M. Annunziata church, and the old villas: Zuppani at Pasa, Rudio at Landris and de' Manzoni at Patt which houses the 7th Alpine Regiment Museum. Get back on to the national road and in Santa Giustina turn right to reach Cesiomaggiore, seat of the Bicycle Museum, of the Ethnographic Museum of the Province of Belluno and of an information point of the

Dolomiti Bellunesi National Park.

Now continue towards **Feltre** to visit the historic centre, along Via Mezzaterra, across the porta Imperiale and Oria, as far as Piazza Maggiore. Here rises the Palazzo della Ragione, which houses the Sena Theatre, the Palazzo Pretorio with the Room of the Coats of Arms and the Alboino Castle. In Via Luzzo you will find the Palazzo Villabruna, home to the Civic Museum. If you descend down the via Paradiso, we recommend a visit to the "Carlo Rizzarda" Modern Art Gallery and the Diocesano Museum of Religious Art. Outside the walls, beneath the Cathedral there is the Roman archaeological site.

A few kilometres from the city centre, you cannot miss a visit to the Santuario dei SS Vittore e Corona (XI - XII century), in a roman style, with byzantine artistic influences. From Feltre,

there are possible itineraries towards Pedavena and Monte Avena, Lamon and its plateau, heart of the renowned bean, Arsié and Corlo Lake, Grappa and again towards Belluno, this time on the left side of the river Piave, in the direction of Lentiai-Mel. In Lentiai the Santa Maria Assunta Church houses a set of works from the school of Tiziano and a beautiful ceiling designed by Cesare Vecellio. In the surroundings of Villa di Villa, near the village of Mel we recommend a detour to visit the Castello di Zumelle. In the historic centre of MeI, Orange Flag of the T.C.I. and one of the most beautiful villages in Italy (@ Borghi più belli d'Italia), situated on top of a hill, you can find a magnificent square, the parish church and neighbouring Addolorata Church which has works of Giovanni Da Mel, Andrea Schiavone and Pietro Marescalchi.

From Mel, in the direction of Belluno, the following places are worth a stop: **Trichiana**, with the Villa Piloni-Foscolo and the works of art by Paris Bordon and Giovanni da Mel in the Pialdier Church and the Parish Church, and Limana, reachable half way up a hill by crossing Valmorel, where you can visit the old Parish church with the remains of Saint Valentine. Returning towards Belluno, it is possible to go up to the Alpe del Nevegal on the right, and a little further on, past the turn off onto the A27 Motorway, the Santa Croce Lake, the Cansiglio Forest and the splendid Alpago mountains.



Misurina Lake and Tre Cime di Lavaredo

Ethnographic Museum Seravella, Cesiomaggiore © Davide Mores



Mel, one of the most beautiful villages in Italy

The itinerary starts from Pieve di Cadore, the main historic centre of the whole valley. Inside the central Piazza Tiziano the following is worth a visit: S. Maria Nascente church (Madonna con Bambino e santi by Tiziano and Bottega and other works by Francesco and Cesare Vecellio), the seat of the "Magnifica Comunità di Cadore", a fourteenth century building

which houses the civic archaelogical museum, and finally the birthplace of the painter Tiziano. Continue until you reach Calalzo di Cadore, a major tourist centre which descends down towards the Centro Cadore lake. S. Biagio church and the interesting Lagole archaelogical site is worth a visit too. A pleasant walk brings you to the villages of Grea and Rizzios, rare examples of ancient architecture.

The following stage is Vigo di Cadore, with a visit to the splendid S. Orsola church, then Lorenzago, place of Pope John Paul II and Benedict XVI's country retreat.

Continuing in the direction of Auronzo di Cadore you will arrive in the centre of the municipal area of the Tre Cime di Lavaredo, which spreads out over 8 kilometres

along the banks of S. Caterina Lake, an important location for sport competitions. The S. Caterina Church at Cella is worth a visit, a small but beautiful fifteenth-century building. In Santo Stefano di Cadore you can visit the parish church, the oldest in the Val Comelico, documented since 1200. Towards the west you can reach the small village of San Pietro di Cadore, and the Poli de Pol building, a marvellous example of a Venetian villa in the

mountains. Continuing now towards the north a small detour will lead you to San Nicolò Comelico, where you can visit the church by the same name with fourteenth century frescoes by Gianfrancesco da Tolmezzo. It is from there that you will come to Comelico Superiore, and Padola (typical the Carnival of Santa Plonia of Comelico Superiore), with the famous barns of Dosoledo, the local ethnographic museums of Padola, Casamazzagno and Costalta of San Pietro di Cadore, and the museum of paleontology in Danta di Cadore. Here there is also an important natural environment: the bogs "Torbiere di Danta", recognized as a Site of Community Importance (SCI). Our itinerary ends in Val Visdende (literally "the valley to be seen"): a plain with green meadows and woods (in Pra Marino you can also see the church Saint Mary of the Snows, where Pope John Paul II celebrated a Mass that remained in the heart

of the people from Cadore) closed by the white pyramid of the mountain Peralba, where the Piave springs are located, reachable also from Cima Sappada: the river that runs through the entire territory of Belluno up to **Venice**.



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Titian's birth house

(Pieve di Cadore)

The Dolomites World Heritage Site

On 26th June 2009, the Dolomites were listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site, an extraordinary recognition that awards the peerless characteristics of a unique region in the

The proportionally greatest number of Dolomites peaks belonging to the World Heritage Site falls within the province of Belluno, including legendary peaks such as Marmolada, Tofane, Antelao, Pelmo, Civetta, Pale di San Lucano, Schiara and Tre Cime di Lavaredo.



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Coming up from Feltre or Belluno, with a pleasant detour to **Sospirolo**, in the Valley del Mis di Sospirolo in the Dolomiti Bellunesi National Park and to the Certosa di Vedana, the first stop is the mine of Valle Imperina, a few kilometres

before Agordo. In the main square you will find the Villa Crotta de' Manzoni (which houses the Luxottica Eyeglasses Museum) facing the Arcidiaconale Church, painted with frescoes by the local painter Giovanni De Min, with the architectural particularity of two bells side by side.

Continue towards Cencenighe, there is an interesting church with a Flügelaltar, and then turning towards the left, you will enter into the Biois Valley. A worthwhile visit: the home town of Pope John Paul I (with a new museum), Canale d'Agordo, the San Simon church in Vallada Agordina with frescos painted by Paris Bordon, and Falcade where you can visit the Augusto

Murer studio-museum. Once you get back to Cencenighe you'll follow the way towards Alleghe for an unmissable stroll around the lake and a visit to the parish church (paintings by Valentino Rovisi, a student of Tiepolo).

If you make a detour to to the Val Fiorentina, in Selva di Cadore and Colle Santa Lucia, you can admire the Santa Fosca, San Lorenzo and Santa Lucia Churches. You go down towards Caprile and then to the right in the direction of Rocca Pietore, where you can admire a splendid parish church dedicated to S. Maria Maddalena with a Flügelaltar by Ruprecht Potsch, and then go up towards Malga Ciapela: here is the funicular to go up to the Marmolada, that with its 3,343 metres is the highest peak in the Dolomites. On the way back, it is worth a stop in Sottoguda, one of the most beautiful villages in Italy recognized as Orange Flag of the T.C.I. and located at the entrance to the Gorge of the Serrai di Sottoguda. And then Pieve di Livinallongo, with its Ladine Museum; a little further on there is Arabba, at the foot of the imposing Sella mountain range, then, and in the direction of Cortina, take a detour to the fortress of Andraz, an old fortified castle dating back to the 11th Century. Keep going on and you will reach the viewpoint of Passo Falzarego where you will reach at the end the bright valley of Ampezzo.



Canale d'Agordo

(Cortina d'Ampezzo)



Sottoguda, one of the most beautiful villages in Italy © archivio Comune di Rocca Pietore



Val di Zoldo: Coi village and Mount Pelmo © archivio Consorzio



Cortina d'Ampezzo home of the Milan Cortina 2026 Olympics is the queen of the Dolomites. This is thanks to its geographical position in a splendid valley with Tofane and Cristallo to the north, Sorapiss and Antelao to the south-east and Croda da Lago to the south-west. Situated in the heart of the Dolomites, the Ampezzo basin is unique for its history, a home point for climbers and skiers and international scene of the high-life but also a place where you can discover people and culture. It is a city which offers you at the same time the bright lights of the shops but also the authentic possibility to discover the Ladine culture. Not to be missed is a visit to the seventeenth century San Filippo and

Giacomo Church, and its bell tower, and the "Ciasa de ra Regoles",

home to the "Mario Rimoldi" Modern Art Museum. Also of importance is the "Rinaldo Zardini" Paleontological Museum and the Ethnographic Museum "Regole d'Ampezzo" in the Alexander Girardi Hall, also home to congresses. From the centre of Cortina towards the north-east, going through the Passo Tre Croci, it is possible to reach the Misurina Lake and Tre Cime di Lavaredo and Auronzo di Cadore (see itinerary 2).

From Cortina, heading towards the west, go up until Passo Falzarego, then cross the sites of the Second World War in the Dolomites. Continuing along you will enter into Agordino (see itinerary 3).

Via the Giau Pass, south-east of Cortina, you can reach Selva di Cadore, home to the Museum dedicated to the Mondeval man, one of the most important prehistoric finds in the area of the Dolomites. Going through Forcella Staulanza you will go down towards Zoldo Alto, then Forno di Zoldo where you can visit the old Pievanale church

and the Altare delle anime by Andrea Brustolon "the Michelangelo of wood". Continuing heading south, you will get to the centre of Longarone, right in front of the Vajont dam with its Memorial Sites. Go up to the **Dolomites Museum** on Mount Rite created by Reinhold Messner, at over 2000 metres high. Descending towards Cadore you will find Cibiana, the village of the Wall paintings. Finally, going back up towards the Boite Valley, you will find the villages of Borca and San Vito di Cadore. Definitely worth a visit is the fourteenth century Beata Vergine della Difesa church in San Vito. A couple of kilometres away, in only a few minutes, the Queen will grant you an audience with her, and once again you will be back to Cortina.



Crossing the Agordino and the Biois Valley

To and from Cortina, through the Val di Zoldo and the Val Boite



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