

On Holiday with Your Four-Legged Friend: Friuli Venezia Giulia is Pet-Friendly All Year Round

Pet-friendly beaches, accommodation facilities and even museums: the region confirms itself as an excellent destination for people travelling with their pets

Trieste, 22 July 2025 - Friuli Venezia Giulia has confirmed its position as one of the most pet-friendly regions in Italy, thanks to cutting-edge legislation, a widespread network of services designed for those travelling with their dog, and now a new section of the <u>Friuli Venezia Giulia</u> portal. Regional Law 20/2012 explicitly promotes the acceptance of pets in public and tourism places, recognising their social and affective value. This translates into beaches and accommodation facilities suitably equipped for your pets, accessible transport and even museums with dog-sitting services: a concrete and inclusive offer for experiencing every holiday together with your four-legged friend.

Equipped Beaches Along the Coastline

There are seven officially recognised pet-friendly beaches along the Friuli Venezia Giulia coastline, from Lignano Sabbiadoro to Grado and Trieste. Lignano Sabbiadoro is home to some of the most avant-garde facilities in Italy: the Doggy Beach, on the Marin promenade near Beach Office 1, was one of the first to specialise in pet hospitality. Still in Lignano, between beach offices 18 and 19, Sunny Pet is an enclosed beach with 27 stations equipped with beach umbrellas, dog-sunbeds, agility areas, mini showers, leashes, life jackets upon request and daily veterinary service. In Lignano Riviera, the Duke beach offers 90 stations, leash-free XL areas, dog-wash, dedicated showers, specialised shops and even a pet-friendly restaurant. In Grado, there are two options: Fido's lido, with individual enclosures, sun beds and dog toilets, and Snoopy's beach, popular for its agility area, dog-sitting service and veterinary assistance. In Monfalcone, in the Marina Julia area, the Pippo beach has deckchairs for dogs, water bowls (always fresh), toys and games, showers and a dedicated shop. At Sistiana, in the Trieste gulf, the Caravella beach hosts the Bau Beach, a fenced area where animals can move around safely. https://www.turismofvg.it/en/beaches

Pet- Friendly Accommodations and Restaurants

Hospitality also extends to hotels, farm holidays, B&Bs and campsites, many of which welcome pets at no extra cost. There are numerous facilities with shaded areas, walking areas, lakes and access to the sea reserved for dogs. Even restaurants, bars and clubs are increasingly equipped to offer pets fresh water, food, and dedicated areas, in keeping with a welcoming culture based on common sense and living together in harmony.

https://www.turismofvg.it/en/pet-friendly/accommodation?LangSetCMS=en

Getting Around Safely: Pet-Friendly Transport

Public transport in Friuli Venezia Giulia is increasingly pet-friendly. Small animals, contained in a bag or carrier, can travel free of charge on most public transport. For larger dogs, a leash, muzzle and, in some cases, an additional ticket are often required. Regulations change depending on the operator and route, and we recommend you to check for time restrictions or specific local rules.

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Itineraries and Hikes to Enjoy with Your Pet

Friuli Venezia Giulia also offers numerous **pet-friendly itineraries** along trails, lagoons, villages, and mountains. From the scenic **Rilke** trail between Sistiana and Duino, with a view of the cliffs, to the cooler paths of the San Simeone plateau in the



Bordano area, the region offers hikes and walks suitable for every type of dog and owner. Clear signposting, accessible routes, equipped stages: each route is designed to experience nature safely, even on a leash. https://www.turismofvg.it/en/routes

Events and Activities Designed for Pets

There is an increasing number of initiatives designed for people travelling with their pets. These include the successful 'Dog & Museum' experiences in Cividale del Friuli, which include guided tours with free dog sitting service. Numerous parks and gardens, such as the Isonzo River Mouth Natural Reserve and the Miramare Castle Park, welcome pets. There is no shortage of themed parades (such as those dedicated to dachshunds), one-day experiences in malgas, group walks, trekking and shared outdoor activities, also in SUP or canoe, to discover UNESCO sites, cities of art and breathtaking landscapes from the Alps and the Dolomites to the Adriatic Sea.

https://www.turismofvg.it/en/events-2

A Dedicated Website for a Holiday with Your Dog

The official website https://www.turismofvg.it/en/pet-friendly gathers all the information you need to plan a complete holiday with your dog: from accommodation facilities to beach resorts, from transport to itineraries, from events to hikes and tours. In just a few clicks you can create a tailor-made stay, enjoy unforgettable experiences, and strengthen your bond with your pet, immerse yourself in the beauty and variety of the area, and find the veterinary facilities closest to your individual needs. Those who love to travel with their pets know how important it is to have authentic experiences. That's why Friuli Venezia Giulia's pet-friendly community is also active on Instagram: through the official profile @FVGlive, you can tag your shots and share your adventures with the official hashtag #FVGpetfriendly.