

ARTI & CULTURE  
EXPERIENCE

FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA

[www.turismo.fvg.it](http://www.turismo.fvg.it)

HISTORICAL  
RE-ENACTMENTS



**ART &  
CULTURE  
EXPERIENCE**



**Friuli Venezia Giulia with art**  
*All the activities for exploring the region and its historical, artistic and cultural treasures.*



**SLOW  
EXPERIENCE**

**Friuli Venezia Giulia to relish**  
*All the activities to help you slow down, relax, and discover the region's unhurried beauty.*

**OUTDOOR  
EXPERIENCE**



**Friuli Venezia Giulia on the go**  
*All the activities for a dynamic vacation filled with sports and adventure.*



**FAMILY  
EXPERIENCE**

**Friuli Venezia Giulia for the family**  
*All the activities for a family-friendly vacation to discover all that the region has to offer.*

**BIKE  
EXPERIENCE**



**Friuli Venezia Giulia on two wheels**  
*All the activities to discover the beauty of the region by bike.*



**TASTE  
EXPERIENCE**

**Friuli Venezia Giulia to savor**  
*All the region's fine food and wine tasting tours and activities*

**INDEX**

- |    |  |    |  |
|----|--|----|--|
| 5  | <i>Introduction to the re-enactments</i>             | 22 | <i>Cormons Historical Re-Enactment</i>           |
| 8  | <i>The Entrance of Patriarch Marquard of Randeck</i> | 24 | <i>Palio di San Donato</i>                       |
| 10 | <i>The Passion and the Nativity</i>                  | 26 | <i>The Historic Re-Enactment of the Macia</i>    |
| 12 | <i>Napoleonic Battle Re-Enactment</i>                | 28 | <i>Medieval Cordovado</i>                        |
| 14 | <i>Romans Longobardorum</i>                          | 30 | <i>The Jousting Tournament of the Castles</i>    |
| 16 | <i>Tempora in Aquileia</i>                           | 32 | <i>The Middle Ages in Valvasone</i>              |
| 18 | <i>A.D. 1615 Palma Alle Armi</i>                     | 34 | <i>The Pumpkin Festival</i>                      |
| 20 | <i>Tempus Est Jocundum</i>                           | 36 | <i>Historic Train - Journey Through the Past</i> |
|    |  | 38 | <i>All appointments - calendar</i>               |



## **FRIULI-VENEZIA GIULIA AND ITS HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENTS**

*Who would not want to experience the thrill of temporarily finding themselves in a legendary past, filled with castles, knights, battles and court balls?*

*If this is something that interests you, then feel free to take part in one of the many historical re-enactments in Friuli-Venezia Giulia: you will discover first-hand the historical events that shaped this amazing area, be surprised by the ancient customs and traditions, discover hidden corners and be able to enter the most symbolic places of our thousand-year old history.*

*The re-enactment calendar covers the entire history of Friuli-Venezia Giulia from the Roman era to the Lombards, the Patriarchs in the Middle Ages and the Venetian period, up to the Napoleonic battles. These “living history” and “re-enacting” events are held in castles, villas, archaeological remains and sites where the bloodiest battles once took place.*



## THE ENTRANCE OF PATRIARCH MARQUARD OF RANDECK



### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

The town of Cividale del Friuli

turismo@cividale.net  
www.paliodicividale.it  
www.cividale.net



### Cividale del Friuli / Always held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January

The event commemorates Patriarch Marquard of Randeck's entrance in Cividale in 1366. Since 1984, hundreds of figures have re-enacted that event at the end of the traditional Broadsword Mass which is held in the town's cathedral: The Cividale community prepares to welcome the Patriarch by parading

in an important procession consisting of more than 200 people that arrives at Piazza Duomo, where a solemn ceremony begins. During this ceremony, Marquard von Randeck receives the tributes as the spiritual and temporal leader of the area. In the afternoon, the town comes alive with bands, medieval ar-

chery demonstrations, falcon and birds of prey shows, ancient fencing demonstrations, jester shows and drum performances.

### Points of interest

- \* Cividale Longobarda: The Lombard Temple, the Monastery of Santa Maria in Valle, the Christian Museum and the National Archaeological Museum
- \* Vittorio Podrecca International Centre - Maria Signorelli Theatre of Wonders
- \* Devil's Bridge, Celtic Hypogeum
- \* The Cave and Shrine of San Giovanni d'Antro, SMO (Slovenian media museum) in San Pietro al Natisone
- \* Walks along the traces of the First World War on Mount Kolovrat, near Drenchia
- \* The Sanctuary of Castelmonte

### Services

- \* Wheelchair-accessible internal pathways in the historic town centre
- \* Various free shows and side events

## THE PASSION AND THE NATIVITY



Held in **Sesto al Reghena** on Good Friday

The *Passion* and the *Living Nativity* of Sesto al Reghena are two sacred performances that are staged in the complex of the ancient Benedictine Abbey of Santa Maria in Silvis. Unlike traditional Easter and Christmas performances, these two performances in Sesto al Reghena have always had completely original expressive and scenographic elements. In fact, both rely on a reinterpretation of the Christian message and story via the contemporary styles of artistic performances (live music, projection mapping, installations). These are combined to create a coherent and dynamic theatrical performance, consisting of over 250 people in costume. In order to emphasise these performances, over 30 “scenes” are faithfully reconstructed inside and outside of the abbey with the ancient trades and sociality of Jesus’ time. The Nativity story text is from time to time, original and based on events that have affected the abbey over the centuries.

### Things worthy of note

- \* The *Living Nativity* has taken place biennially since 1970 (the 2018 edition will be the 23rd edition).
- \* The *Passion* has taken place annually since 2016.
- \* Guided tours of the abbey complex are available, followed by a showcase of the area where there will be the chance to sample some local products. (Must be booked in advance).

### Event dates

- \* *Living Nativity*: 24th and 26th of December 2018/2020
- \* The *Passion*: Good Friday 2018 (30th of March - feast day).

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Sesto al Reghena Association and the Parish Church of Santa Maria in Silvis

sestante.associazione@gmail.com  
www.abbaziasestoalregghena.it

## NAPOLEONIC BATTLE RE-ENACTMENT



### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Proloco ProPorcia

info@proporcia.it  
www.proporcia.it



### Porcia / May Day bank holiday weekend biennial re-enactment 2017/2019

The ProPorcia Pro Loco Association organises the **re-enactment of the Napoleonic battle** that took place in the area of Camolli, between Porcia and Sacile on the 18/04/1809. The re-enactors will set up camp in the municipal park of Villa Correr Dolfin, in order to try their hands at a series of military activities carried out during period being represented (presentation of the troops, parades,

enlistments, duels, films, music and conferences), that culminate in the battle re-enactment on the Sunday morning. The historical centre will be decorated to become the scene of some important moments of the event. To mark the occasion, some normally-closed buildings will also be open to the public, such as the tower of the cathedral bell tower.

### Points of interest

- \* The neo-Gothic style archpriest church of San Giorgio.
- \* The small church of the Beata Vergine Assunta.
- \* The church of Sant'Agnese at Rorai Piccolo, filled with historical and artistic memories, such as a reliquary cross of the Komnenian era from the Holy Land.
- \* The Castle of the Counts of Porcia.
- \* The 16th-century Loggia, the former town hall, and now the headquarters of associations, including ProPorcia.
- \* The clock tower, an ancient watchtower.
- \* The Castle of the Counts of Porcia with an external view only.
- \* Casello di Guardia, a 16th-century building that has been recently restored by the municipality of Porcia.
- \* The Pieve Church which is located in the homonymous hamlet and dates back to the Roman era. It contains fragments of a series of frescoes (dating back to the

12th-13th century), a stone stoup (1643) and a late 17th-century crucifix.

- \* Pond of the Bujon River with spring water bubbles and the centuries-old tulip poplar tree.
- \* Brunis Wood, a lowland wood in the hamlet of Palse, recreated with the aim of preserving endangered plant species and creating a living museum of the nature in these areas.
- \* "Bressana", an oasis and resting place for migratory birds where the birds breed and are studied.

### Services

- \* Guided tours in the historic centre and outlying churches (Pieve and Saint Agnes).
- \* Themed bicycle routes: route along the battle sites with a historical guide or an environmental route where you will discover the resurgence waters.

## ROMANS LONGOBARDORUM



### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

“Invicti Lupi” Amateur Sports  
Cultural Association

invictilupi@gmail.com  
www.invictilupi.org

 Romans Longobardorum

  Invicti Lupi



### Romans d'Isonzo / 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in May

**Romans Longobardorum** is the largest historical re-enactment of the Lombard period in Italy. During this re-enactment, a time window opens into the VI-VII century, and takes all of the visitors on a journey through time into the world of the Lombards. This is possible through various activities that are suitable for all age groups: such as the cultural and outreach matters discussed in the conferences, the sporting aspects that emerge during the combat demonstrations and those found within the narrated shows. The revival of the Lombard wedding, the enchanting night-time atmosphere of the

funeral and the stories around the fire of the warriors' incredible feats are also worth experiencing. You can also take guided tours through the exhibits of the civic museum, where you can hold and touch clothes, weapons and accessories that have been faithfully reconstructed by the re-enactors in the historical camp. There are educational workshops that have been set up for the younger visitors and evening concerts for the older ones. You can also taste some typical Lombard dishes at the kiosks and learn about our ancestors' cooking methods and food preparations.

Furthermore, there is the exhibition and photographic extempore. All of this can be enjoyed whilst getting the chance to live and breathe in an unspoiled, wild natural environment. Every year, there are historical groups that come from Italy and abroad, real and engaging fights, unique photo locations in a historic and natural context, informative lectures, the opportunity to touch and see first-hand the lives of the men and women during this period, guided tours and educational workshops, exhibitions, kiosks with various specialities, live music and much more.

### Points of interest

- \* Spessa Castle
- \* Ara Pacis Mundi monument in Medea
- \* Redipuglia War Memorial
- \* Nature trails and an adjacent cycle path

### Services

- \* Guided tours in the fields
- \* An educational area for children and teenagers
- \* Typical Lombard dishes at the kiosks
- \* Campervan area and free campsite
- \* Conventions held in hotels
- \* Photography and school competitions
- \* Information point with multilingual tourist information and hospitality
- \* Historic market

## TEMPORA IN AQUILEIA



### Aquileia / 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in June

500 Celtic and Roman re-enactors and three days to relive the spirit of the city's origins, thanks to the historical re-enactment performance: a journey through time to discover the history, tradition and legend of ancient Aquileia. Take a walk around the city's historic centre and archaeological sites and you might come across a Roman legionary or Celtic warrior going about their daily activities, discover the tastes and scents of the ancient market, join in with the cheering in the gladiatorial arena, and finally get carried away with the pleasant dances and sounds of the rites and libations being celebrated... three days to commemorate the life and splendour of ancient Aquileia at the time when the city was founded.

#### Points of interest

- \* National Archaeological Museum of Aquileia.
- \* The basilica, baptistry and bell tower.
- \* Südhalle.
- \* Audio guides.
- \* Aquileia, the treasures of an ancient Roman metropolis.
- \* Aiello: The Museum of Rural Life of Imperial Friuli

#### Services

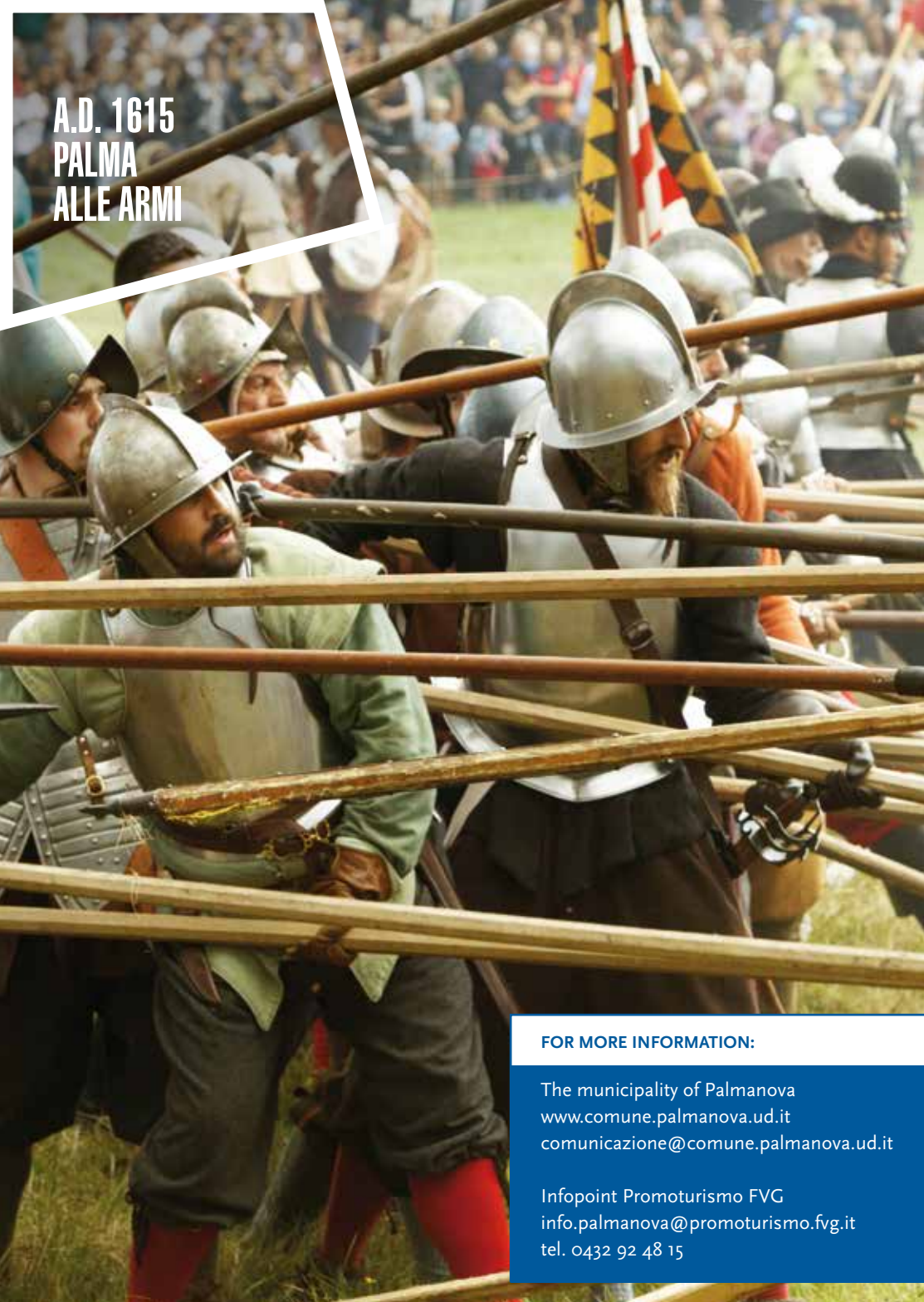
- \* Guided tours of historical camps with various educational activities provided by the re-enactors themselves about Roman and Celtic life (food, daily life, leatherworking, ironworking, the life of a legionnaire, ceramic processing, etc.) and special educational activities for children. Paid event.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

X Regio Aquileia

info@temporainaquileia.eu  
www.temporainaquileia.eu

A.D. 1615  
PALMA  
ALLE ARMI



**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

The municipality of Palmanova  
[www.comune.palmanova.ud.it](http://www.comune.palmanova.ud.it)  
[comunicazione@comune.palmanova.ud.it](mailto:comunicazione@comune.palmanova.ud.it)

Infopoint Promoturismo FVG  
[info.palmanova@promoturismo.fvg.it](mailto:info.palmanova@promoturismo.fvg.it)  
tel. 0432 92 48 15



**Palmanova** / 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of September

**1615 AD Palmanova at Arms** is the Italian historical re-enactment with the highest number of participants in period costumes. Over 800 re-enactors coming from all over Europe, such as the United Kingdom, Malta, Spain and Hungary, with faithfully-reconstructed costumes and outfits, bring the seventeenth century daily life back again. The re-enactment winds between the militia camp and the streets of the star-shaped city. The history of the fortress is presented on stage with pikemen, musketeers, soldiers and peasants, in the feverish days of the War of Gradisca against the Habsburgs. In 1615, all the European militias were housed in the fortress while they waited for the first shots of the cannon to be fired, before descending on Gradisca. The life of the seventeenth century returns to animate the streets of Palmanova with

military manoeuvres and challenges, open-field battles, skirmishes at the city's gates, tournaments and Renaissance games. With precise philological rigor, the largest militia encampment in Italian Renaissance re-enactment history will be set up. The area between the Garzoni bastion and the curtain of Porta Cividale will house 300 field tents. Furthermore, the historic market selling the artefacts of gunsmiths, tailors, shoemakers and all kinds of craftspeople, will respect the customs and ways of life of the period. It is an international intercultural meeting aimed at developing cooperation and cultural exchange. Since the 9th of July 2017, Palmanova has been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site on the transnational serial site: "Venetian Works of Defence between the 16th and 17th Centuries: Stato da Terra - Western Stato da Mar."

**Points of interest**

- \* *The militia camp near Porta Cividale.*
- \* *Historical markets along the villages.*
- \* *Zoghi de Palma (traditional games), entertainment and historical games in Piazza Grande and along the city's streets.*
- \* *Quintain on horseback, Palio della Rotella, flag-wavers, and entertainment in period costumes.*
- \* *The countermine tunnels of Veneto with an audio guide.*
- \* *Pathways along the traces of the UNESCO fortifications.*
- \* *Museum of the First World War and the Palmanova Fortress at Porta Cividale.*
- \* *The Dogal Cathedral, in addition to the Loggia of the Merchants and the Advance Guard in Piazza Grande.*

**Services**

- \* *Tavern underneath the Loggia of the Advance Guard in Piazza Grande.*
- \* *Historic dishes in the city's restaurants with picturesque sets and locations.*
- \* *Guided tours to the fortress, tunnels and encampment.*

TEMPUS EST  
JOCUNDUM



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

The Pro Glemona Pro Loco Association

info@prolocogemona.it  
www.tempusestjocundum.altervista.org

 Tempus Est Jocundum



**Gemona del Friuli** / 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in August

A re-enactment of the splendour of **Gemona** in the 14th century. The historic centre streets are decorated with standards and flags, a medieval market is set up, an encampment is rebuilt in the castle gardens and the historic group recreates a banquet under the town hall loggia. Every night at 21.15, the historical parade departs from Piazza Garibaldi to reach the Cathedral, where the herald reads the edict

inaugurating the event. This is followed by a firework display that seems to “fall off” the bell tower. Traditional medieval food and drinks can be tried in numerous taverns. In the squares, artists from all over Italy entertain the spectators with fire shows, fights, flag games and music. During the event, there is the challenge between the villages: a long table is set up in Via Bini on the Thursday and this is

where the villages dine together before challenging each other in the *Palio del Niderlech* (inspired by a patriarchal concession fee that the community of Gemona required from the merchants). The teams that come first and second play a match of the Living Chequers on the Monday night. The winning team will be able to elect their Lady of the Castle.

**Points of interest**

- \* *Religious monuments in Gemona: Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta and the Sanctuary of Sant'Antonio da Padova.*
- \* *Gemona historic town centre: Via Bini and the castle gardens.*
- \* *Venezia: one of the most beautiful villages in Italy.*
- \* *Savorgnan Castle in Artegna.*
- \* *Nature: Lago dei 3 Comuni (Lake of the 3 municipalities) and the Bordano Butterfly House.*

**Services**

- \* *Shuttle bus.*
- \* *“Diventa anche tu protagonista!” (Get involved!) A nobleperson's costume can be rented in order to participate in the historical parade and the Magnifica Comunitas Glemonae banquet.*
- \* *Campervan parking area near the re-enactment.*
- \* *Guided tours of Gemona's historical medieval town centre.*
- \* *In-depth history themed evenings.*

## CORMONS HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT



### Cormons / End of August

The **Cormons re-enactment** recalls the four centuries of Habsburg history that greatly influenced this town's past, starting from the edict that Emperor Maximilian issued in 1518. The re-enactment culminates with the public reading of this imperial document which is still preserved in the town hall and exempted the people of Cormons from paying taxes for six years. This event took place after the victory in the war against Venice, which saw Cormons come under Austrian rule until the end of the First World War. The figure of Maximilian I of Habsburg is still very much felt in this town, as can be seen from the monument that towers over the town centre. The Cormons re-enactment includes an environmental reconstruction that lasts for several days, with a historical parade, encampments, a caravanserai, warriors, markets, food, games, artists, music, knights, noblemen and peasants.

#### Points of interest

- \* *Statue of Maximilian I*
- \* *Cathedral and the medieval town of Cormons*
- \* *Panorama from Mount Quarin*

#### Services

- \* *Adjacent parking*
- \* *Fully usable area with no architectural barriers*
- \* *Guided tour for tourists inside the re-enactment area with the chance to participate in various activities.*
- \* *Tents with historical and educational games for children.*

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Pro Loco Castrum Carmonis

castrumcarmonis@hotmail.com

www.cormons.info

 Rievocazione Storica di Cormons

## PALIO DI SAN DONATO



### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

The town of Cividale del Friuli

turismo@cividale.net  
www.paliodicividale.it  
www.cividale.net



### Cividale del Friuli / The weekend near the 21<sup>st</sup> of August

The Palio di San Donato recalls the famous tournament that took place in Cividale until the mid-fourteenth century on the feast day of the patron saint, San Donato (21st of August). Since 2000, the town administration has undertaken a philological reconstruction project, in collaboration with various local Cividale associations, in order to recover this important tradition. It originally took place on the 21st of August, on the feast day of the patron saint. An imposing religious ceremony was held in the ducal city with a solemn procession with the relic of the saint, followed by fun competitions organised by the Magnifica Comunità di Cividale, archery tournaments and crossbow tournaments, in addition to footraces. When proposing this event, it was decided that

these competitions should remain, and the programme was enriched with medieval markets, street shows, concerts with music of the period and other themed initiatives. The reconstructions and medieval settings that have been set up along the village's main streets are very striking: the city becomes an authentic stage where people in costume bring the era back to life and the public becomes an integral part of the scene. This event has enjoyed tremendous success and public participation in its previous editions with over 80,000 admissions, and an exponential growth of foreign visitors (from Slovenia, Germany and France).

### Points of interest

- \* Cividale Longobarda: The Lombard Temple, Monastery of Santa Maria in Valle, Christian Museum and the National Archaeological Museum.
- \* Vittorio Podrecca International Centre - Maria Signorelli Theatre of Wonders.
- \* Devil's Bridge, Celtic Hypogeum.
- \* Cave and Shrine of San Giovanni d'Antro, SMO (Slovenian media museum) in San Pietro al Nativone.
- \* Walks along the traces of the First World War on Mount Kolovrat, near Drenchia.
- \* The Sanctuary of Castelmonte.

### Services

- \* Wheelchair-accessible internal pathways in the historic town centre
- \* Various free shows and side events

## THE HISTORIC RE-ENACTMENT OF THE MACIA®




### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Pro Spilimbergo

[iat@comune.spilimbergo.pn.it](mailto:iat@comune.spilimbergo.pn.it)

[prospilimbergo@gmail.com](mailto:prospilimbergo@gmail.com)

[www.prospilimbergo.org](http://www.prospilimbergo.org)

 RievocazioneMacia



**Spilimbergo** / Every year from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> of August

In the days of the patron saints (15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of August), Spilimbergo relives the glories of the early sixteenth century, when the likes of Charles V and artists such as the Pordenone came here and were attracted to the beauty and vivacity of the village. During the historical days, visitors can wander until late at night along the streets of the old village, roam through the army camps, stop to admire the merchandise

sold by the artisans, see the performances of the acrobats, musicians and flag-wavers, and stop for a refreshment in the old taverns. Every day, special events have been organised which will animate the festival: The solemn Pontifical in honour of the Assumption (the “Standard mass” in the monumental cathedral) in the presence of the standard-bearers of the villages, villas and confraternities. There

is also the “Palio dell’Assunta” (a footrace along the second circle of the city walls), the historic Macia parade (a procession of hundreds of people in costume, such as nobles, peasants, soldiers and archers who come from all over Friuli. Furthermore, there is the Tower to Tower Dinner, a long table that sits over 400 guests, who can taste the recipes of a time gone by in a magical atmosphere.

### Points of interest

\* *Mosaic School of Friuli*

*A worldwide-unique institution that was established in 1922 to instruct young people about the art of mosaics and terrazzo. Today the students come from all over the world and learn the techniques of creating Greek, Roman, Byzantine and contemporary mosaics. The classrooms, laboratories and permanent exhibition can be visited throughout the year.*

\* *The historic town centre: 11th century-castle, monumental cathedral, Western and Eastern towers, Palazzo Spilimbergo di Sopra with a belvedere.*

### Services

\* *Audio guide rental for visiting the town*

\* *Free “Renaissance Spilimbergo” guided tours*

\* *Free campervan parking area at 300 metres*

## MEDIEVAL CORDOVADO



### Cordovado / 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in September

Medieval Cordovado: a tradition that started more than 30 years ago. The Medieval Cordovado was founded in 1986 with its historical re-enactment and Palio dei Rioni. The event takes place during the last week of August and the first week of September. During the event the whole village of the province of Pordenone, including the remains of the 19th-century castle with its moats and towers, come alive with people in costumes and traders, in addition to national and international artists who perform touring shows, whilst armed knights face each other in duels with swords and spears. During the two weeks, the local village events start to unfold. There is the medieval dinner in costume, which is animated by musicians and actors, plus the Palio dei Rioni, where the four villages of Cordovado (Rione Borgo, Rione Saccudello, Rione Suzzolins and Rione Villa Belvedere) challenge each other on the playing field with tests of skill, strength and dexterity such as archery, flag jousting or the barrel stealing competition. On the final day, the first Sunday of September, almost 300 people in costume parade along the village, such as dames, knights, peasants and the not-to-be-missed flag-wavers and drummers who put on spectacular shows.

#### Points of interest

- \* *The 15th-century ancient parish church of Sant'Andrea*
- \* *The 17th-century sanctuary of Madonna delle Grazie*
- \* *The 11th-century fortified castle/medieval village*

#### Services

- \* *Dinner and lunch (by reservation only)*

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Pro Cordovado

procordovado@gmail.com  
segreteria@com-cordovado.regione.fvg.it  
www.medioevo.procordovado.it

## THE JOUSTING TOURNAMENT OF THE CASTLES



### **Pordenone** / 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in September

The “**Jousting Tournament of the Castles**” recalls an event that actually occurred in September 1499. In fact, during that period, the Turks had reached the gates of Pordenone and were encamped in the area now known as Comina. The Turks were attacked by surprise and thought that the Venetian army was on its way. As they had no desire to fight against this army, they dismantled the camp and fled eastwards. Since 1985, the Il Castello Association has focused on reminding the population of this very important event for the Pordenone area, and

for the Torre district in particular. The re-enactment has been developed with families in mind, and in fact, this event allows children to get closer to horses, whilst also experiencing the charm of the famous horse baptism. Furthermore, numerous historical games are organised which will keep all visitors entertained, in addition to a selected medieval crafts market and entertainment, such as travelling exhibits, flag-wavers, musicians, jesters and an open-to-all historical parade with over 200 costumed participants.

#### **Points of interest**

\* *The Torre Castle which houses the archaeological museum of Western Friuli is worth a visit, in addition to the church of SS Ilario and Taziano, plus the Noncello River and its springs.*

#### **Services**

- \* *The Torre district can be reached by bus numbers 5 and 8 from the centre of Pordenone.*
- \* *Ample free parking in the re-enactment area.*
- \* *Overnight accommodation in the surrounding areas.*

#### **FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

The Il Castello Torre Association

info@giostradeicastelli.it  
www.giostradeicastelli.it

## THE MIDDLE AGES IN VALVASONE



### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

The Middle Ages in Valvasone

medioevoavalvasone@gmail.com  
www.medioevoavalvasone.it



### Valvasone / 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in September

During the second weekend of September, The Grup Artistic Furlan Cultural Association, holds the “Middle Ages in Valvasone” historic re-enactment, an event known throughout the region, most of Italy and also in foreign countries, most especially neighbouring Austria and Slovenia. The event which brings the ancient village of Valvasone, one of the most beautiful villages in Italy to the forefront, allows numerous visitors (over 40,000 during the last editions) to immerse themselves in the typical medieval atmosphere. The historical reconstruction theme varies from year to year and focuses on an original theatrical performance. The performance is a travelling one that winds along the streets and squares of the medieval village, which is decorated for the occasion as if it were an open-air theatre. Hundreds of participants and actors are involved; there are around a thousand people in costume in total. The sets are professionally-made by the skilled workers of the Grup Artistic Furlan, and

these amaze the thousands of people who visit the historic centre of Valvasone. Within the village walls, there are also twenty entertainment and show groups from all over Italy. They animate the streets and squares, interacting with the public and recreating a scene of medieval life. One of the most popular attractions is the medieval fair which is animated by many artisans and exhibitors who show the visitors how people used to live and make items, in addition to how they procured food, made clothes, wrote and much more in the Middle Ages. Emphasis is placed on the revival of ancient crafts, so there are washerwomen, basket weavers, straw weavers, farriers, wool spinners, wood carvers, leather masters, stone masters, iron masters and mosaic masters. In the backdrop, there are typical taverns run by local associations where you can taste medieval-inspired dishes. During the three days of the Middle Ages in Valvasone, the medieval atmosphere is recreated by illuminating the village with

hundreds of torches in the evenings. It stands out due to its unique sets, numerous locations, taverns and an unmissable event: the Fiabesca medieval dinner. This is held in the cloister of a convent that housed the Order of the Friar Servants of Mary and the Dominican Order. The dinner menu is inspired by medieval recipes and expertly prepared by the Ars Coquinaria group of the Grup Artistic Furlan. The dinner is complemented with alternating enchanting music performances, dances and fireworks. The historical Brolo set, adjacent to the historical centre of Valvasone, is very popular. Here, the protagonists are armed groups that each settle in their own camp. In the shadow of Valvasone Castle, dynamic exhibitions are set up in the rooms with art performances and trades relating to the theme and period in question

### Services

- \* *Tourist-dedicated path through the re-enactment.*
- \* *An information point is available throughout the three-day event.*

## THE PUMPKIN FESTIVAL



### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Pro Loco Pro Venzone

festadellazucca@libero.it  
provenzone@libero.it  
www.venzoneturismo.it



### Venzone / 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in October

The Pumpkin Festival brings Venzone to life every year on the fourth weekend in October. As if by magic, musicians, jugglers, noblewomen, knights and figures like the Archduke of the Pumpkin, members of the Sacred Archconfraternity of the Pumpkin, the merciless warriors, the charlatan, the beggar and many others, descend upon the historical centre of this medieval city. However, the main focus of this event is the majestic pumpkin. Pumpkins are everywhere: in the square, shop windows, inns, medieval taverns and on the stalls. Pumpkin is seasoned in every sauce so that even those with the most exigent taste buds will find something that they like. There are pumpkins of all shapes and sizes, and there are even those that are measured with that gimmick known as the sugar meter. However, that is not all: there is also the precious (and often overlooked) vegetable competition: pumpkins that are heavy, long, carved or decorated in a thousand different ways so that they become true works of art. This unparalleled medieval day lasts until dusk!

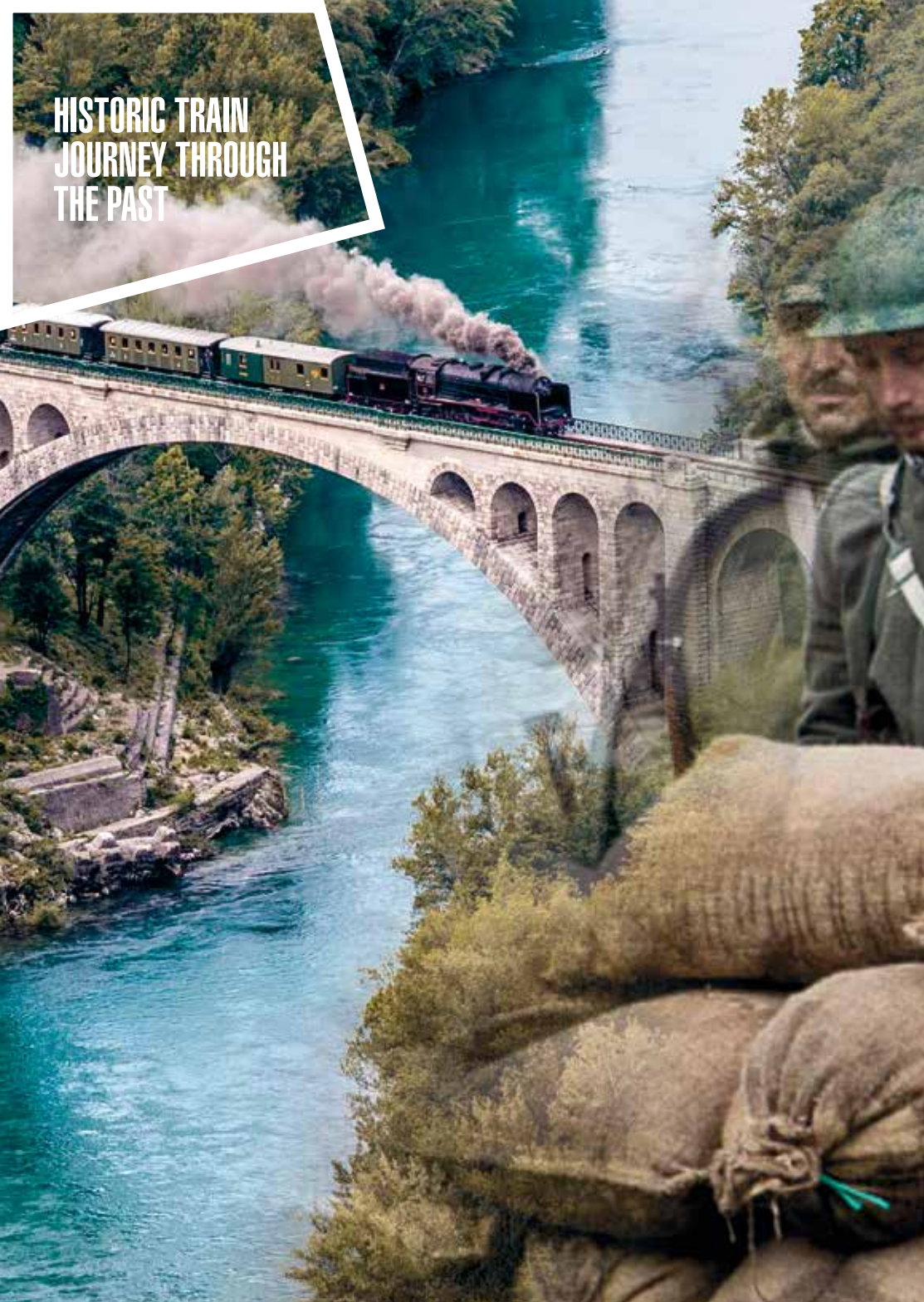
### Points of interest

- \* *The historic town centre, a national monument and winner of the Italian "Village of Villages 2017".*
- \* *The cathedral and mummy crypt.*
- \* *Tiere Motus Museum.*
- \* *Forests, Man and Economy in Friuli Venezia Giulia Museum.*
- \* *Natural Park of the Julian Prealps.*
- \* *Gemona del Friuli, Bordano and Cavazzo Lake.*

### Services

- \* *Free parking areas reserved for campervans - cannot be pre-booked*
- \* *Accessible to people with disabilities*
- \* *Free shuttle service from the car parks to the event*
- \* *Special trains (in collaboration with the region and Trenitalia)*
- \* *Room booking service*
- \* *Additional toilet facilities at the event*
- \* *Free event admission*

## HISTORIC TRAIN JOURNEY THROUGH THE PAST



### Redipuglia

#### Redipuglia – Caporetto

A sort of military troop train during the soldiers' return from the front. There is a great sense of euphoria and celebration throughout the train and in the stations. On the extremely vintage train, a number of historical experts will provide information about the train's route and reply to any questions the participants may have. Around one hundred soldiers in the correct period uniforms and representatives of formations for both the Royal Italian Army and the Imperial Habsburg Army will alternate with different performance styles and civilians will also join in. There will be kisses and hugs among relatives and acquaintances, celebratory moments and a lot of joy in the stations, which will be further enhanced by an improvised trio of musicians. In Revelnik, there will be a huge re-enactment of life in the trenches in the defensive district of Kobarid, with gunfire, sword-fighting and wounded soldiers.

#### Christmas in the trenches - Even the war stops

Historical re-enactment in the Bersaglieri Valley of Redipuglia with the participation of over 50 re-enactors representing the various military corps of the Royal Habsburg Empire and the Royal Italian Army. An educational demonstration and recital of the movement of the two sides in the nearby trenches at Christmas time. Somehow the Christmas spirit came out in the soldiers, so much so that they even shared a single Christmas tree to exchange good wishes. Promoting the culture of peace is still the main cultural theme that we want to pass along.

#### Points of interest

- \* Redipuglia War Memorial
- \* Monfalcone Great War theme park
- \* Mount Hermada
- \* Gunboat Tunnels of Mount St. Michael and Brestovec
- \* "Bersaglieri Valley" defensive district

#### Services

- \* Guided tours of First World War routes and places.
- \* Christmas in the Trenches - particularly suitable for school children.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

I.A.T.  
Pro Loco Fogliano Redipuglia

info@prolocofoglianoredipuglia.it  
www.prolocofoglianoredipuglia.it

 Pro Loco Fogliano

# ALL APPOINTMENTS



Discover all appointments with the **historical re-enactments**



## CALENDAR

### JANUARY

06.01.2018  
**Civiale del Friuli**  
THE ENTRANCE  
OF PATRIARCH MARQUARD  
OF RANDECK

### MARCH

30.03.2018  
**Sesto al Reghena**  
THE PASSION

### MAY

01.05.2018  
(biennial 2017/2019)  
**Porcia**  
NAPOLEONIC BATTLE  
RE-ENACTMENT

3<sup>rd</sup> week-end  
**Romans D'Isonzo**  
ROMANS  
LANGOBARDUM

### JUNE

3<sup>rd</sup> week-end  
**Aquileia**  
TEMPORA  
IN AQUILEIA

### AUGUST

1<sup>st</sup> week-end  
**Gemona del Friuli**  
TEMPUS EST  
JOCUNDUM

14-16.08.2018  
**Spilimbergo**  
THE HISTORIC  
RE-ENACTMENT  
OF THE MACIA

4<sup>th</sup> week-end  
**Cormons**  
CORMONS  
HISTORICAL  
RE-ENACTMENT

4<sup>th</sup> week-end  
**Civiale del Friuli**  
PALIO DI  
SAN DONATO

### SEPTEMBER

1<sup>st</sup> weekend  
**Cordovado**  
MEDIÉVAL  
CORDOVADO

1<sup>st</sup> week-end  
**Palmanova**  
A.D. 1615 PALMA  
ALLE ARMI

2<sup>nd</sup> week-end  
**Valvasone**  
THE MIDDLE AGES  
IN VALVASONE

3<sup>rd</sup> week-end  
**Pordenone**  
LA GIOSTRA  
DEI CASTELLI

### OCTOBER

4<sup>th</sup> week-end  
**Venzone**  
THE PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

21.10.2018  
**Redipuglia**  
HISTORIC TRAIN  
JOURNEY THROUGH  
THE PAST

### DECEMBER

14.12.2018  
**Redipuglia**  
CHRISTMAS  
EVEN THE WAR STOPS

24-26.12.2018  
**Sesto al Reghena**  
LIVING NATIVITY

Europa

Italia

Regione  
Friuli Venezia Giulia



## HOW TO GET

### BY CAR

Highway

A4 Torino - Trieste

A23 Palmanova - Udine - Tarvisio

A28 Portogruaro - Conegliano

### BY PLANE

Trieste Regional Airport

40 km from Trieste and Udine

15 km from Gorizia

80 km from Pordenone

[www.aeroporto.fvg.it](http://www.aeroporto.fvg.it)

### BY TRAIN

[www.trenitalia.it](http://www.trenitalia.it)

Call Center 89.20.21

