

Discover Verona, Italy

Why is Verona less visited than other major cities on trips to Italy? We'll give you a few tour guide tips that will make you ask the same question!

1. It's the original "City of Love" (from Romeo and Juliet). Upon arriving, you'll quickly realize why. The city is utterly romantic.
2. Roman influence is well-kept: numerous underground ruins, an amphitheater, city walls, and a small coliseum still used today for concerts & operas.
3. You'll be able to flow in & out of high-traffic areas, freeing you from tourism when you want. Some streets are so blissfully quiet, you'll forget you're in a large city.
4. It's uber walkable! The city center is quite easy to maneuver by foot. Should you wish to venture further, the bus system is cheap & easy to use.
5. Visit Verona when flowers are in bloom, and you'll be in awe. The city is packed with balconies displaying the most colorful floral arrangements.
6. Giardini Giusti: navigate a maze of manicured hedges and decades-old cypress. Then venture up a small spiral staircase that leads to a stunning city overlook.
7. Tour a castle sitting along the riverbank, with a picturesque red brick bridge joining both riversides.
8. Tour a 2ND castle that's an easy 10 minute walk from the city center on top of a hill, and offers a breath-taking view of the city from above.
9. The city sits just below the Alps, and the river water that flows down from there will turn into a lovely mint green hue when the weather is dry.
10. ...And, you can kayak on it!
11. There are multiple historic piazza's to explore, although the crowd favorite is Piazza Erbe. Simply look at images here to see why: <https://goo.gl/7pkta1>
12. Verona is a bit cheaper than its Venetian counterpart, Venice. Yep, you ready that right - Verona was once part of the Venetian empire. *So much history here!*
13. The city is perfectly located near mountains, lakes, and vineyards...
14. So take a day trip to Italy's lake country, and explore one of the locals' favorite summer getaways. Lake Garda just 20 minute drive from Verona.
15. Not interested in the lakes? There are more than enough vineyards near by to keep you busy! The region specializes in Valpolicella and Soave.
16. Feel like having a "pampered" day? Drive ~2 hrs towards the Alps, and you'll find tons of affordable spas with gorgeous elevated views.
17. Now. Are you going to add Verona to your next Italian vacation checklist? Because you should!