

weekend à la carte



WHAT TO DO IN VERONA

The majority of our clients choose the Verona short break to attend the opera at the Arena di Verona. However, most of the travel plans that we offer allow plenty of time for sightseeing.

Upon arrival at your hotel, you will receive a free Verona Pass which allows unlimited bus travel and access to various monuments, churches and museums across the city.

With a vast amount of options for sightseeing, we thought we would give you some suggestions based on our own experience and the feedback we have received:

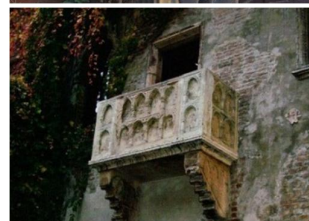
- **Juliet's balcony**
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- **Piazza della Erbe**
- **Castelvecchio Battlements**
- **Natural History Museum**

Juliet's balcony

The romantic feel of Verona stems from the famous Shakespeare play "Romeo and Juliet" being set in Verona, so it only seems right that tourists visit this courtyard. The house was once owned by a Veronese family who are rumoured to have had a rivalry with a neighbouring clan. Pairing this with the normal way to court a lady all those years ago – by persuading her to step out onto her balcony – it is understandable why this balcony has been dubbed as 'Juliet's Balcony'.

For a small fee, tourists can enter the courtyard and even go onto the balcony. The walls of the building are covered with romantic graffiti and love notes and there is even a statue of Juliet which is said to promise true love to anyone who touches it.

Opening Hours: Tue-Sun 8.30am-7.30pm, Mon 1.30pm-7.30pm



The Cathedral of Verona

Following an earthquake in 1117 which destroyed two Palaeo-Christian churches, The Cathedral of Verona (*Cattedrale di Santa Maria Matricolare*) took at least twenty years to rebuild. Two Romanesque porches were also added and in the 16th century a side chapel and semicircular choir became new additions. Although renovations have been made since, the building plan has remained unchanged.

The floor of the Cathedral is black and white marble. The Cathedral has many chapels which are dedicated to different saints and important families. The tombstone of Pope Lucio III is situated here following his death in Verona in 1185.

The Church of St Elena was dedicated to St. George and St. Zeno and is situated in the cathedral as well as the baptistery of St. Giovanni in Fonte. The latter contains an octagonal baptismal font, with the eight panels depicting scenes that represent Gospel episodes from the Annunciation until Christ's baptism.

Opening Hours: Mon-Sat 10am – 5.30pm
Sun 1.30pm – 5.30pm



Piazza della Erbe

Although it used to serve as a Roman forum, the Piazza della Erbe is now a market square which offers fresh produce such as fruits and vegetables, as well as souvenirs for tourists. The square boasts architecture from both the 14th and 15 centuries. The Lamberti Tower stands in the square at almost 85 metres tall. It is possible to climb the tower, however for a very small fee you can take the lift.

Opening Hours: Open 24 hours.



Castelvecchio Battlements

Castelvecchio was built between 1354-1357 by Cangrande II della Scala to fill the purpose of being his residence and fortress. The Scaligeri family ruled Verona at this point in time and built the castle with the intention of protecting themselves against external attacks from outside of Verona, but also from within their city. The castle also contains a museum which flaunts artwork including paintings and sculptures.



**Opening Hours: Tues-Sun 8.30 am to 7.30 pm
Mon 1.45pm to 7.30pm**

Natural History Museum

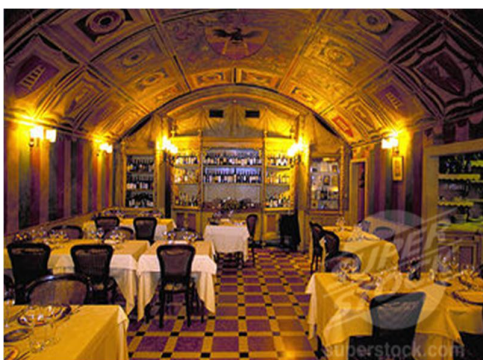
The Natural History Museum was founded in 1853 There are 19 rooms displaying over 2 million examples of the world's animals, plants, geology, palaeontology and prehistory. One of the major attractions is the fossilised fish from Bolca, an area on Veronese mountains famous all over the world because of the marine fossils considered among the most beautiful and best preserved in the world.



**Opening Hours: Mon-Thurs, Sat 9am - 7pm
Sun 2pm – 7pm. Friday CLOSED.**



RESTAURANTS IN VERONA



12 Apostoli

With its' history dating back to the early 1900's, this traditional and charming restaurant is extremely popular. It is advisable to book in advance - reservations can easily be made online via the website, or by **telephone: +39 645 596 999**. Prices tend to range from €45 to €65 per person excluding wine.

Ristorante Arche

Ristorante Arche dates back to 1877 and is known in particular for its excellent fish menu. Situated beside Juliet's balcony and Romeo's house, the romantic setting is perfect for an enjoyable evening in Verona. The meat menu starts at €15, whilst the specialities menu is slightly dearer with the fish dishes starting at €21. It is advisable to book in advance, they can be contacted by **telephone: +39 045 8007415**.



Ristorante Il Desco

Elegantly decorated, Ristorante Il Desco is yet another romantic setting that is perfect for a lovely evening out. The four course 'Fast Menu' costs €65, however the individual courses are more expensive, with starters being at least €38 and meat and fish dishes starting at €40. The online website allows reservations to be made, however they can also be contacted by **telephone: +39 045 595**

Al Cristo

Situated in the heart of Verona, Ristorante Al Cristo is the venue for an optional extra wine tasting offered by Weekend a la Carte. The menu is considerably cheaper than the other suggested restaurants though highly related by previous of our clients, with starters being priced between €8 and €15, and mains starting at €12. Reservations can be made by email (info@ristorantealcristo.it) or by **telephone: +39 045 594 287**

