

“Private Palaces, Villas & Gardens of Venice and the Veneto”

Organized by
Pamela Huntington Darling
Exclusive Cultural Travel Programs

Sunday, October 7 to Sunday, October 14, 2012

7 days and 7 nights



In view of the continuing success of “Private Palaces, Villas & Gardens of Venice and the Veneto”, we are pleased to propose this inimitable program once again this year. Fascinating Venice and Veneto, priding a rich heritage of art, architecture, and décor, are ultimately unique. Beyond the usual tourist ventures, there is a secret Venice and Veneto, known to Venetians of nobility and the privileged few.

As a participant of this unique program, you will have the opportunity to join an intimate group of discerning travelers and be invited by members of the esteemed cultural and social world of the Veneto and Venice to private visits, luncheons, cocktail receptions, and dinners in magnificent villas and *palazzi* of Venetian nobility, rarely opened to outside visitors, accompanied by a historian of the Venetian community.

Following the 500th anniversary of the birth of the great Italian classical architect Andrea Palladio, we will enjoy seven days of private visits and receptions in the most significant Palladian villas in the Veneto and *palazzi* in Venice, with their proprietors, specially organized for us.

We will observe the development of Venetian art, décor and architecture through its beginnings to the emergence of the Renaissance and the peak of Venetian heritage in the 16th and the 18th centuries.

Countess Giuliana di Thiene, expert lecturer and member of Venetian nobility, will guide us throughout this exceptional cultural travel program to the Veneto region and to Venice.

For the first three nights, we will stay in the picturesque, medieval town of Asolo, “city of a thousand landscapes”, set on gentle hills that inspired Titian and Giorgione, offering stunning views of the countryside. We will reside at the 4-star luxury hotel Villa Cipriani, originally built during the Palladian period, once home to the famous poet Robert Browning, perched above Asolo, surrounded by stunning gardens, offering a peaceful setting with spectacular views and warm hospitality, providing access to the villas of the Veneto region.

For the remaining four nights in Venice, we will reside at the 4-star luxury Starhotels Splendid Venice, recently handsomely renovated, situated near Piazza San Marco, rated by “Trip Advisor” as the top 18th hotel out of 450 in Venice. The welcoming and attentive staff will make our stay even more memorable.

Pamela Huntington Darling, specializing in organizing inimitable cultural programs, welcomes you to join us for this unique and memorable tour.

The program is limited to 20 participants (15 participants minimum). Reservations will be treated according to the date of registration.

For more information, the scheduled program, tour price, and to register, please call or email Pamela Huntington Darling: Tel. +33 1 45 67 62 81; Email: pdarling@exclusiveculturaltours.com.

