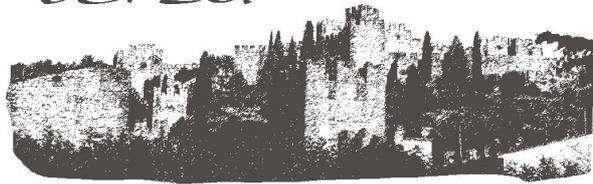
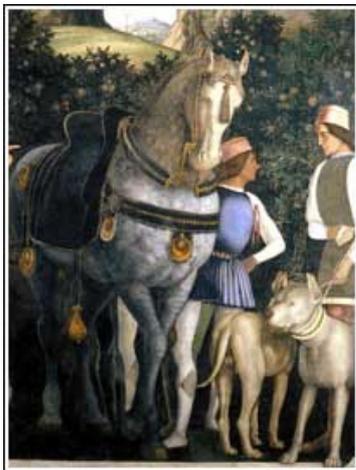


Bed & Breakfast
La Terza



“La Terza” Bed & Breakfast
via Pigna 62, 37038 Soave - Verona ITALIA
tel. +39 045 7675360 - mobile 335 1210735 info@bblaterza.it - www.bblaterza.it



MANTOVA

How to get there:

by train:

from San Bonifacio station, approximately 40 minutes.

By car:

Take the motorway A4, in the direction of Milano, 3 km after 'Verona Sud' change to the A22 in the direction of Modena, get off at 'Mantova Nord', follow the signs towards the centre.

Where to park:

plenty of parking space outside the old city walls and everything is close on foot.

What to see:

One of the greatest little towns in the area (and a personal favourite of ours), on the banks of lakes formed by the swelling of the Mincio river. It offers both natural and historical wonders.

It was the setting for Verdi's 'RIGOLETO',

It's the birth town of the poet Virgil,

And the place where Shakespeare sent his Romeo into exile from Verona...

It is one of the prettiest , most enchanting places you'll ever see, and a town where the people are just as beautiful and friendly as the scenery.

Mantova's historical centre is fairly small.

The two most important highlights are: **Pallazo Ducale**, the home of the Gonzaga family, with the very famous frescoes by Mantegna (the 'Camera Degli Sposi').

The second is **Pallazo té**, Giulio Romano's grand masterpiece of magnificent architecture and lavishly painted walls.

If you don't have time for both, we suggest choosing **Palazzo Ducale** since it's in the centre and from there you could stroll onto Piazza Dell' Erbe which is dominated by **the Basilicata di Sant Andrea**, the lovely **Rotonda di San Lorenzo** and **Palazzo Regione** with its clock tower.

As in every small town , the best thing to do is to roam the streets and find special places that are not in the guides, Mantova is full of great bars and cafés to sit in. don't forget to lift your eyes and look up, a lot of the buildings are painted and there are many small architectural gems everywhere.

Nature

The Lotus flower, one of the symbols of Mantova, also known as 'Lotus Town'.

The lotus flower is part of the landscape, especially in the summer when the rosy flowers emerge from the water with their huge green leaves and cover the lake.

Take a boat tour, they're not very expensive.

Places of great appeal can be discovered by boat, canoe or motor vessels through wetlands filled with reeds and lotus flower. The lakes are reserved national parks and you come across many protected species such as herons and egrets as well as your average ducks and swans.

Famous destinations by boat are the **Sanctuary of Santa Maria Della Grazie** and **San Benedetto Po**.

BOAT EXCURSIONS

Association "Per il Parco"

Tel: (0039) 0376 225724
(0039) 333 5669382

Association: "Barcaioli Del Mincio"

Tel: (0039) 0376 349292
(0039) 349 6194396

There are a lot of cycling paths which connect Mantova and its surrounding, it's a very green area and it's a wonderful (not to mention healthy) way to see it.

What to do with the kids:

There is a 'science park' on the Lago di Mezzo lakeshore, right outside the town's gates, where children can experiment with educational games. It's an area devised to attract and arouse curiosity with a variety of scientific instruments and structures.

Feeding the ducks and swans on the lakeshore has also been known to keep the small ones busy for hours (take some bread with you), plus there are great picnic tables there if it's a nice day.

NOT FOR SMALL CHILDREN, or the faint of heart:

Castello Di San Giorgio has a museum of medieval torture instruments... in case someone misbehaves...

We recommend:

- ICECREEM! Across from the Rotonda, it's home made, it's tasty and they have great strawberry 'granita' (slush).
- If you have some time to spare, there is a wonderful old science theatre.
- In the summer months there are night time tours on the lake when there is a full moon!
- The statue of Rigoletto behind the Duomo.
- Mantegna's house.