

**Giornata delle Ville Venete (Venetian Villas Festival)**  
**A long weekend to discover and experience the Venetian Villas**  
**22 and 23 October 2022**

Tastings of fine wines and food, overnight stays, guided tours, workshops and conferences, performances and public readings, extraordinary openings of places often closed to the public. And even more: green hikes, yoga and hands-on “art of the fresco” classes. And yet more one-of-a-kind events are on the calendar of the **Giornata delle Ville Venete (Venetian Villas Festival) scheduled for 22-23 October**. This year’s inaugural edition of the festival promises the public an entire weekend filled with themed events taking place in enchanting, stunning venues. The hosts are more than 50 splendid Venetian Villas, distributed across the Veneto and Friuli regions, that are offering more than 70 individual cultural events, organised around important themes such as Heritage, Green, Family, Food, and Dreams. Individually and together they constitute an immersive adventure that will be a magnet for visitors from every area of Italy and Europe eager to discover and experience the renowned culture long represented by the Venetian Villas, ranging from the architectural influence by numerous UNESCO World Heritage Sites, to landscapes of breath-taking beauty, and the ineffable fascination of ancient noble residences and venerable castles.

The initiative is organised by the Associazione per le Ville Venete, **under the direction of Princess Isabella Collalto de Croÿ**, with the collaboration and support of the IRVV (Regional Institute of the Venetian Villas), directed by Professor Amerigo Restucci, long committed to the protection, preservation, and promotion of this “diffuse museum”: the more than 4,000 villas distributed throughout the Veneto and Friuli-Venezia Giulia regions.

All of the villas and their respective programmes can be viewed on [www.giornatavillevenete.it](http://www.giornatavillevenete.it).

The event is sponsored by the Ministry for Tourism and for Cultural Assets and Activities and by the Region of the Veneto.

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