

# Caorle and its lagoon

- 14 Km
- 2 H
- easy
- Paved road, dirt road, gravel path, bike path

## 1 Itinerary

Visit Caorle, its centre, the lagoon and the surrounding area, leaving from the large square near the football stadium, across Viale Aldo Moro and across the wide space where on Saturday the weekly market takes place. At the first stop turn left and go on in Via Pretoriana (follow the arrow showing the city centre) to Piazza Veneto.

### Towards the Livenza river

Turn right into Viale Pompei, reach the port and go straight on till the end of the quay; then turn right and take Via dei Brazzozi. Go straight on in Via dei Tropic; on the right you can see the First Aid station and the healthcare unit. Going straight on, you can see the school area on the left and the Orologio marina on the right. At the end of the route, turn right and arrive at the skating ring; on the right a cycleway leads to the bank of the Orologio canal. Here turn left and cycle along the canal. Reach the confluence with the Livenza river and successively its mouth. The cycle path ends at a square where a ferryboat in summer takes you to the other bank of the Livenza, in Porto Santa Margherita. Come back towards the city centre across Via Livenza, Via Tagliamento and Viale Santa Margherita, a long avenue ideal for shopping. After two kilometres you arrive at Piazza Vescovado, the beautiful square in front of the millenary cathedral and the cylindrical bell tower, the symbol of the city; you continue eastwards to the church of the Madonna dell'Angelo, to which the inhabitants of Caorle are very devout; after the bend you find yourselves in Piazza Veneto again. Turn right and after a slight slope reach Lungomare Trieste, the beautiful seafront that leads to Falconera and to the lagoon of Caorle.

### Towards the lagoon of Caorle

Take the Lungomare Trieste, at the end turn left and after a hundred metres turn right into Viale dei Cacciatori, along the camping area, leading to Falconera. Turn right and then left and we are in front of the Niccolò canal, in one of the most characteristic areas of Caorle. On the other side of the canal you can glimpse the naturalistic oasis of Brussa with its pinewood, its dunes and its sandy beach. Continue on the asphalted road and at the end take the cycle and pedestrian path on the right. It is a dirt road going northwards to the so called "Island of the Fishermen". Here you can get in touch with an environment of high naturalistic value, dear to the Nobel Prize winner Ernest Hemingway, who described its charm in the pages of his short novel "Across the River and into the Trees". At the end of the path, park the bike and walk on the right along the bank; it is a wild area where one can take a rest and admire the "casoni", typical lodges in wood and swampy cane, evidence of the old and strong relationship between the inhabitants and the lagoon. Nowadays these buildings are used mainly as stores for the fishing equipment. Leave the "Island of the Fishermen" and take the gravel path along the canal Saetta and after 500 metres see its confluence with the canal Riello. A hundred metres further you can glimpse the stadium from where the route has started. Just before the stadium, turn left across the public vegetable gardens which are cultivated by the retired residents and across the Parco del Pescatore, equipped with tables and toilets, ideal for having a rest amidst the green.



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# 6 BIKE ROUTES

## Brian and Tezzon

17 Km  
2-3 H  
easy  
Paved road, dirt road

### 2 Itinerary

Leave Caorle along the fishing harbour and across the Saetta bridge, at the first roundabout turn left. Take the cycleway of Sansonessa and go towards Porto Santa Margherita. Go up the bridge on the Livenza river from where you can enjoy a beautiful sight of the west of Caorle and of Porto Santa Margherita, looking out to the mouth of the river with the fishing and pleasure boats passing by. Down the bridge, find on the left the entrance to Porto Santa Margherita. The sightseeing tour of this place, famous for boating, can be very interesting. If you go straight on, parallel to the sea at a distance of approximately one kilometre, you flank Lido Altanea, the modern tourist residential area immersed in the green. At km 5.4 at the roundabout turn right towards Brian and the countryside. Alternatively, from May to September, one can start from Caorle by taking the ferryboat which carries people from a bank of the river Livenza to the other, located at the mouth of the river (at the end of the Ponente beach). After getting off the boat, take Viale Lepanto, provided all the way down with a cycle route leading to the public indoor swimming pool and the church dedicated to Saint Pope Giovanni XXIII. Taking a small path on the right of the swimming pool, find the cycleway running parallel to the beach. Turn right towards Lido Altanea. When you see Hotel Maregolf, turn right and reach the hamlet of Brian; cross the small centre and after 500 metres you arrive close to a wide canal, the Brian (also called Livenza Morta), coming from the north, which in this point flows into the Largon canal. The big plant on the left across the water stream is a lock gate, which bars the confluence of the two canals Brian and Largon whenever the freshwater of the first (employed to irrigate the farmland) has a lower level than the salty waters of the second. Continue your route northward, first along a water stream on the left, then along the Brian canal. You are in the middle of a wide reclamation area witnessed by the dewatering pump (km 8.8). Leave the canal and take the asphalted road towards the countryside (Strada Pollastrona). Along this road you can admire in succession: on the right a "casone", i.e. typical lagoon lodge, of recent construction; on the left the dewatering pump of Termine, in red bricks; again on the right the small church of Valle Tagli. Go straight on, turn right at the first bridge (km 10.4), cross it and come back to Caorle. On this road, Strada Tezzon, you meet a small airfield, Alcaorle; there are many corn and wheat fields and the traffic is low. All around you can glimpse the typical farmhouses in red bricks built at the time of the big reclamation works and once inhabited by large families. Going on towards Caorle you meet another typical "balance" bridge (km 15.7) that reminds of a famous painting by Van Gogh. At this point you are 2.3 km far from the end of our route and from the entrance to Caorle.



## Eraclea Mare and Cortellazzo

35 Km  
3 H  
easy  
Paved road, dirt road, gravel path

### 3 Itinerary

This route takes to the western border of the territory of the Municipality of Caorle. Leave the city crossing the bridge Saetta. After the bridge turn left, towards Porto Santa Margherita and Duna Verde on the cycleway. Alternatively, from May to September, one can start from Caorle by taking the ferryboat running from a bank to the other of the Livenza, located at the mouth of the river (at the end of the Ponente beach). After getting off the boat, take Viale Lepanto, provided all the way down with a cycle route leading to the public swimming pool. A small path on the right of this building leads to the cycleway running parallel to the beach. Turn right towards Lido Altanea, a modern tourist resort, follow the cycle path up to the end, turn right and reach the roundabout on the provincial road, finally turn left to Duna Verde. If you choose the first option instead, follow the cycleway in the direction of Duna Verde, go past the roundabout of Lido Altanea and one kilometre further you can see on the left the wide green 18-holes golf course and the entrance to the holiday village Pra' delle Torri. Further on, you arrive at Duna Verde. Before visiting this seaside resort, you can have a rest in the green park equipped with recreational facilities, ideal for a picnic. Duna Verde is part of the Municipality of Caorle and can be considered its "garden". Its sandy beach is preceded by pinewoods and dunes, preserved and protected by constant interventions by the Forestal Regional Unit. In summer on Wednesday an open-air weekly market takes place. On leaving Duna Verde, go back to the main road and turn left in the direction of Eraclea Mare, a well-known tourist locality. After 1 km, at the roundabout, turn right and go straight on the cycleway for about 2 km. Turn left into Via Abeti, then immediately right into Via delle Pinete, then into Via della Pineta. You are now going parallel to the beach of Eraclea Mare, across a lush vegetation of maritime pines and holms. At the roundabout turn left into Via Marinella, then left into Viale dei Ginepri as far as the Laguna del Mort, an area of great environmental value. In 1936 a flood of the river Piave created this small lagoon, whose name derives from an old branch of the river. From here you can choose whether to go along the lagoon across an unspalled route leading to Viale dei Pioppi by turning right, or to turn right into Via Danzalia, then Viale dei Pioppi. After a straight road about a kilometre long, go up the bridge on the Revedoli canal and immediately turn right passing under the same bridge. At the stop, if you turn left you come back in direction Caorle, if you turn right you go in the direction of the port of Cortellazzo, where the river Piave has its outlet. By choosing the second option, you go along a narrow road with some houses on the right and the Revedoli canal on the left, flowing into the Piave. Go straight on and after 1 km there is a fork. If you turn left, after 1 km of unspalled road you come to the mouth of river Piave, where you can enjoy a beautiful landscape characterized by the fishing tradition. If you continue on the same road, after a slight bending on the right you come to the river. At this point there is a pontoon bridge that marks the border between the Municipalities of Eraclea and Jesolo. After crossing the bridge you are in Jesolo. It is time to come back to Caorle along the Revedoli canal. At the hamlet of Torre di Fine, follow the road signs to Caorle-Brian. Immediately on the right you see the old water pump plant of the locality (built in 1903). After 5 km on the right there is a farm where rice is cultivated, with its irrigated fields in springtime. One can stop here to buy some excellent Carnaroli superfine rice. When you arrive at Brian, you have two options: either cross the big bridge and take the cycleway direction Caorle, past Porto Santa Margherita, or take a longer but quieter route across the countryside. In the second case, go along the bank of canal Brian for about 1 km (Strada Pollastrona). Along this road you can admire in this sequence: the big plant called Bocche di Brian (1932), a lock gate barring the waters; on the right, a casone, typical lagoon lodge, of recent construction; on the left the dewatering pump of Termine, in red bricks; on the right the small church of Valle Tagli. Go straight on, turn right at the first bridge you meet, cross it and come back to Caorle (Strada Tezzon) past the airfield Alcaorle. At the end of the road, after 6 km, you are at the entrance to Caorle.



## A. Brussa B. Concordia Sagittaria and Portogruaro

A 64 Km  
B 50 Km  
4-5 H  
easy  
Paved road, dirt road, gravel path

### 4 Itinerary

For both routes we suggest two ways: the first is to leave from Caorle directly by bike; the second is to drive for the first part of the route, to park the car halfway, in Sindacale (Municipality of Concordia Sagittaria) and to take the bike from there. You can park the car near the bridge that takes you to Portogruaro, close to a petrol station. From there, you can choose whether to take a route of great naturalistic value in direction Brussa or the archaeological-artistic route, provided all the way by cycling paths, to the two historical towns of Concordia Sagittaria and Portogruaro.

#### From Caorle to Sindacale by bike

16 Km one way

Exit Caorle in direction motorway (SP 59) and after 3.6 km, immediately past the bridge, turn right. It is recommended to take caution on this road, especially in the summer. At the small iron bridge in San Gaetano (1.5 km), cross it and turn left into an unspalled path, a beautiful and quiet route worth making. It comes out just after the iron bridge at Marango. Before coming to its end, if you take a turning on the right, you can have a break at the wine-making farm La Fassinna where you can taste a glass of exquisite wine locally produced. At the Marango bridge, turn right and come to the SP 42, then turn right and travel about 300 m on the main paved road. You enter the territory of Concordia Sagittaria. Just after the bridge, it is possible to take the new unspalled cycle route leading to Sindacale across the Bosco delle Lame. There you encounter a birds-watcher tower from where a specific route starts, provided with four platforms used for bird-watching. You comes out to the main road again, with the petrol station on the other side. Here you can choose whether to go towards Brussa or Concordia Sagittaria.



#### A. Towards Brussa

16 Km one way

### A Itinerary

Brussa is one of the most interesting naturalistic sites of the upper Adriatic coast. It is a wide sparsely populated area in the eastern part of the Municipality of Caorle beyond the Nicisolo canal. In the last decades a remarkable environmental intervention has been implemented, transforming the area into a naturalistic oasis (Vallevecchia), 900 ha of protected environment characterized by lagoon, dunes and pristine sandy beach. Turn right just after the bridge, into Via Canal, then left into Via Ganbaldi, then right into Via Villaviera (covering 4.3 km). Finally turn right into Via Sindacale and then left into Strada Villaviera (covering 2 km). Immediately on the left side you can see an inn where you can have a deserved break. You have just entered the Municipality of Caorle again and now you are travelling in the direction of Castello di Brussa. From Sindacale bridge to Castello are 7.3 km in total. Before turning right towards the pinewood, have a look at the crenellated castle-like building (1924) which gave its name to the village. Take the main road and see on the right the Municipal Delegation building. Along the road there are some restaurants where the biker can have a rest. After 5 km on the right side, there is the Youth Hostel, an opportunity of accommodation in summer. Still 3.5 km and you are at the bridge leading to Vallevecchia, a coastal reclaimed area between Caorle and Bibione whose landscape is made up of cultivated land, lagoon, pinewood, dunes and sand coast. Here it is possible to see different species of vegetation and to observe a range of interesting animal species. From the bridge enjoy a beautiful view, with the pinewood ahead. Under the bridge, boats can moor and ultralight aircrafts can land; moreover, a typical restaurant is open from May to September. Immediately after the bridge, if you turn left, you find the Vallevecchia Environmental Museum (MAV), open on request, which exhibits the naturalistic elements of this territory. Go straight along the main road provided with a cycle path until you get to the parking area close to the pinewood and to the beach. Information plaques are spread around, showing that the flora and fauna of this place is rich and interesting. You can see a number of animals species, also rare, such as the bittern and the still-bird, and other aquatic and predator birds. A recommendation: please have the maximum respect for the environment.

#### B. Towards Concordia Sagittaria and Portogruaro

9 Km one way

### B Itinerary

If you have arrived from Bosco delle Lame by bike, cross the main road and go ahead into Via Lame, near the petrol station. The gravel path is 3.5 km long and, in the last part, it runs along the bank to join Via Frattuzza. Turn right, cross a small bridge and go along the main road SP 68, at the narrow S-bending in locality Cavanello. After 200 m join the cycle path leading to Concordia. You reach its centre by crossing the bridge on the Lemene on the left. We recommend a stop here in order to visit the Roman and early-Christian archaeological remains. Julia Concordia was an important Roman colony founded in 42 BC and successively it became the centre of one of the first Christian communities in the territory. The most remarkable archaeological monuments are: the Roman bridge, the two early-Christian churches, the adjacent funerary enclosures and a stretch of the Roman road Via Annia. Noteworthy are also the Romanic Baptistry and Bell-tower, the Cathedral and the Renaissance Town Hall. If you take Via Claudia, you can join the cycle path along the bank of the river Lemene (starting from the red iron bridge) until you get to Portogruaro. This town rose in the Middle Ages as a trade centre and had its utmost flourishing in the XV century, under the rule of the Venetian Sea Republic. The palaces in Gothic - Renaissance style facing on to the main streets are worth seeing.



## San Gaetano

20 Km  
2 H  
easy  
Paved road, dirt road

### 5 Itinerary

Leave Caorle following the signs to the motorway. Take Via Negrelli, cross the big bridge on the Saetta canal and go straight on. In this section one has to be very careful because the road can be busy, particularly in the summer. After 3.9 km at a second bridge (Riello) turn right in the direction of San Gaetano and enjoy the calm of the countryside. After a couple of kilometres and some bends you arrive at the village. It is a small hamlet developed around the old country house (now closed) of the Franchetti family, who implemented reclamation works in the surrounding area around 1860. The baron Franchetti was a friend of the famous American writer Ernest Hemingway. This enchanting environment inspired the Nobel Prize winning writer in some pages of his novel "Across the River and into the Trees". Though nowadays few families live here, lots of buildings were built there in the period between the two World Wars, such as a medical practice, a mill, a dry kiln and a dairy. The small swing bridge on the Lemene river, built in 1892, is the evidence of the importance of this village in the past. The original bridge built in 1872 was made of wood. In the past the Lemene river was an important waterway: during the Roman Empire it represented a remarkable commercial route leading to the Roman colony of Julia Concordia. Leave San Gaetano in the direction of Marango. From the bridge turn left into Stradone R. Franchetti, going past the small cemetery of the locality. A little further if you turn left the wine-producing farm Scala offers the opportunity to taste the wines of its own production. After 3.2 km you come to a road called Via Sant'Antonio, turn right and after a kilometre and a small bridge you come to Marango. This is a very small village where a monastic community has settled. A few km further, on either side you can glimpse some typical rural buildings now transformed into farm-houses with accommodation. Come back to Caorle following the same route or go along all Via Sant'Antonio and then turn left towards the locality of Ottava Presa. This is the main road leading to the seaside, please use due caution.



## Ca' Corniani and river Livenza

38 Km  
3 H  
easy  
Paved road, dirt road

### 6 Itinerary

Leave Caorle along the fishing harbour and across the Saetta Bridge, then go straight on following the road signs for "San Giorgio di Livenza / La Salute di Livenza". Just after the bridge, on the right, you can see the restored complex of rural buildings that long ago made up the Chiggiato farm. Now the complex has been renovated and has been designated for various uses, such as the National Archaeological Maritime Museum and the local police station. At the roundabout, go straight on and cross (km 1.2) the "balance" bridge. Continue parallel to the Livenza river, which is on your right. At km 1.8, after a short descent and near the power station of Caorle, go on and arrive at Ca' Corniani, a small farm village. On the right, you have again the Livenza river, while on the left you can glimpse the first houses of Ca' Corniani. The village was built up around 1700, at the beginning of the reclamation works of this area implemented by the Corniani family. It had a period of high density of population starting from the middle of the XIX century, when the Insurance Company "Assicurazioni Generali" bought these lands and gave a strong impulse to the farming and the building of water pumps. In the 60s, urbanization strongly reduced the number of the inhabitants, which nowadays amount to about one hundred units. Inside the big building on the left there are still the premises of the farm; nearby is a large square which once was the threshing floor, where in the past corn was collected and threshed. You can have a break at the characteristic tavern and pay a visit to the adjacent wine cellar Ca' Corniani, where you can taste and buy excellent local wines. Take the route again and enjoy the tranquillity of the countryside. At km 7.3, at the end of the slope and along the bank of the Livenza river, you can glimpse on the right a small church dating back to 1721, while on the left you see the small village of Ca' Cottoni, whose history is similar to Ca' Corniani's. Go past and arrive at La Salute. From here you can come back to Caorle (in total 20 km). Going straight on, along the road SP 62 on the bank of the river (thus extending the route for a total of 26 km), you reach the village of Sant'Anna di Boccafossa. From here you can again choose whether to go back or continue in direction Torre di Mosto, passing by the hamlet of Sant'Elena. By reaching Torre di Mosto, after 5 km, your route is thus extended for a total of about 38 km. It is a small village built around its town hall. The parish church of San Martino is worth a visit, with an astonishing fresco on the ceiling. In order to reach it, at the roundabout along the main road turn right and take Via 2 Giugno. If you decide not to continue, when you are at Sant'Anna di Boccafossa, turn left and take Via Boccafossa, where there is an interesting "Museum of the Landscape" (for the opening times please call our tourist Information Office in advance). At the end of the road cross an iron bridge and turn immediately left into Via Brian. Go on along Brian canal until San Giorgio di Livenza (3.4 km), then turn left, cross the village and arrive at the bridge on the river Livenza. From here turn right and come back to Caorle.

