



Amazing river cruises  
in Veneto and Friuli Venezia



# Your sailing holiday, no license needed



Rent your houseboat without a license, and discover the wonders of Veneto and Friuli Venezia Giulia. A completely customizable, unique and healthy travel experience.

Create the holiday of your dreams with us, choosing only what you really want. You can visit a natural park or a museum, dine in a restaurant or on a boat, stroll through the streets of an artistic city or relax on the beach.

Our packages give you the chance to live life to the full and are perfect for a week's holiday in company, enjoying nature, art, sport and relaxation.

They fulfill the desire for an active holiday, involving excellent gastronomy, secluded beaches, unknown islets, and historic villages.

As well as a desire to explore another side of Italy.



## Why organize a Houseboat holiday?

- For a unique and different experience;
- For the adventure of driving a yacht without the need for a boat license;
- For the dynamism of boat living;
- To share emotions.

Our houseboat fleet has been sailing the waters of Northern Italy for over twenty years.

To offer you the best possible experience, we directly handle itinerary selection, restaurant deals, agreements with ports, and the publication of navigation charts.

All this is possible thanks to our in-depth knowledge of the area, something we are very proud of.

## Eco-friendly travel: now you can choose an electric boat!



A boat license is not mandatory to drive our yachts, which travel at a speed of around 10 km/h.

You will do a training course on the day of departure, regardless of your experience. Our experienced, trained, and multilingual staff will carry out driving, mooring, and maneuvering tests with you for as long as you need to feel safe.

### A houseboat all to yourself

Perfect for **families** and **friends** who want to fully enjoy their holiday, independently choosing the pace and stops of the itinerary.

*from 2 to 10 people*

All boats are equipped with a satellite system, which allows us to monitor navigation in unauthorized areas in real time and provide prompt assistance.

In addition, the electronic depth control system will alert you if you are approaching a shallow area, so you can avoid it.

### A fleet cruise

If your **group is very large**, we will offer you several boats together at an affordable price, with or without skipper.

*from 10 to 40 people*

#### **What is included in the cost of the boat**

- Bed linen and towels
- Fully-equipped kitchen
- Telephone and on-site technical assistance
- Insurance covering Civil Liability (damage to third parties) and Damage Insurance up to the limits of the Insurance Deductible;
- Nautical charts, on-board manual, navigation guide.

#### **What is excluded from the cost of the boat**

- Fuel consumption.
- The final cleaning fee.
- Additional insurance (to extend your travel protection, visit: [www.houseboat.it](http://www.houseboat.it));
- Any item included in the extras list on the website [www.houseboat.it](http://www.houseboat.it);
- Port mooring rates where applicable.

# Itineraries



Do you want to give yourself a truly unique holiday, and to experience nature like never before? Our itineraries are the perfect way to combine the pleasure of sailing with the most unspoiled nature and unique culture that our country can boast.

Our routes are designed to offer a holiday rich in experiences; for this reason we advise you to cruise for at least 7 days.

The Venice lagoon and its smaller islands, a Unesco World Heritage Site.

The Riviera del Brenta, with its Palladian villas, up to Padua and the Scrovegni Chapel.

The Venetian coast, for days at the beach and evenings of pure fun, including Jesolo, Lignano, Bibione and Caorle.

And again, the lagoon and rivers of Friuli Venezia Giulia, rich in unspoiled natural environments.





## Venice Lagoon and the smaller islands

You will be able to sail on a houseboat in front of Piazza San Marco, admiring the skyline of the most important monuments.

To explore Venice, just moor in one of the paid ports of the island that has an agreement with our company.

You will then set sail to the smaller islands of the lagoon, including Burano and Murano, independently choosing the pace and stops of the itinerary.

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## Venetian Villas and Riviera del Brenta

Along the banks of the Brenta, you'll discover grandiose Venetian Villas, which create an architectural landscape. The ideal package for a cultural cruise suitable for the whole group.

The delightful villages you will encounter provide precious views and excellent restaurants and lead you into the magic of Padua; visit its churches, squares and buildings, guidebook in hand or by bike. You'll be captivated by the city's art.

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## Friuli Venezia Giulia

You'll be thrilled by the Marano lagoon and amazed by Grado.

The sights unfolding before your eyes include typical casoni fishing huts and spectacular sunsets; there's also the chance to feast on the freshest fish in restaurants that are only accessible by boat.

This itinerary will allow you to cross historic centers of great beauty, but also nature reserves.

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## Beaches and culture between Veneto and Friuli

You'll sail towards the golden beaches of Jesolo, Caorle and Lignano Sabbiadoro, crossing navigable canals of rare beauty. You can treat yourself to the thrill of swimming on a new beach each time. But you can also discover the many amusement parks in the area, immerse yourself in the nightlife, and stroll along one of Italy's coolest waterfront promenades.

If your idea of a holiday is a mix of culture and fun, this itinerary is really perfect for you.

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# Venice Lagoon and the smaller islands



The navigation route begins in the Natural Park of the Sile river and crosses the Venice Lagoon, incorporating many wonderful and little-known islands where you can enjoy the incredible peace and quiet. A day in dreamy and chaotic Venice is not to be missed, followed by long walks on the beaches of the Adriatic coast and a dip in the sea. A perfect combination of nature, culture, and history, accompanied by view that's been taking people's breath away for over 500 years.

Cruising through the Venice Lagoon is an incredible and unique experience. Venice is absolutely enchanting when seen from the water and you can avoid the city's crowded, chaotic streets and alleyways.

But the lagoon, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, offers much more. Cruise surrounded by incredible natural scenery; all the smaller islands around Venice (often little known to tourists), are wonderful places to stop.

Burano and Murano are definitely the most famous, but you can also reach smaller islands with your boat, such as Torcello, Sant'Erasmo, San Francesco del Deserto, Vignole, and Pellestrina.

That's as well as other enchanting places, including the Natural Park of the Sile River, which has some of the most beautiful scenery along Italy's waterways, as well as the beaches of the Adriatic coast.



Sail serenely along the Sile river, past Venetian-style villas with Italian-style waterfront gardens, and ancient villages. Alternate bike rides with Kayak trips. But above all, relax, and admire nature, in the peace and quiet guaranteed by this river with its fresh spring waters.

Your arrival at the Portegrandi basin will mark your arrival in the lagoon, and a change of pace for your holiday.



Visit Torcello, with its priceless archaeological heritage and monuments recognized as UNESCO World Heritage. Then continue towards Burano. With its colorful houses, the island looks like a painting.

The day passes quickly among alleys full of life and an aperitif. Discover the art of artistic lacemaking and try Mrs. Carmelina's artisan cookies. It's already time to leave, to discover Murano and its glass art.

Arriving in Venice is a truly exciting moment. A unique and timeless place in the world. Cruise along the Giudecca canal and admire the skyline of the most important monuments. Moor the boat and stroll through the mysterious streets until you reach Piazza San Marco.

Stop for a break in the historic Caffè Florian, before visiting the Doge's Palace and the Basilica. At sunset, climb to the top of San Marco's belltower, and you're sure to be delighted.



# Venetian Villas and Riviera del Brenta



Retracing the navigable route that has taken boats from Venice to Padua for over five centuries, you can admire these wonderful ancient villas.

The Riviera del Brenta is dotted with basins and movable bridges, and therefore requires patience and a certain driving skill.

You can even reach Padua, mooring near the historic center, and then visit the city by bike. Padua is one of Italy's most important cities, with a historic university, a wonderful historic center, artwork by Giotto, the basilica of Sant'Antonio, and much more.

It's important to remember that the departure and return of the cruise are always scheduled from the Casale sul Sile office.

Therefore, you first proceed through the Sile park, then through the Venice Lagoon, and on the third day reach the Riviera del Brenta, where you can cruise for the following 3 days, before returning to the starting base to complete your trip.

Riviera del Brenta observes a weekly closure on Mondays so it's a good idea to organize your cruise accordingly.

The famous "Venetian Villas", some of which were designed by the founding architect of this tradition, Andrea Palladio, can be visited as museums.

Other villas are private and are only viewable from the outside.



In the first part of the holiday you will be able to visit some incredible islets of the vast Venice lagoon, where good wine is produced, and visit museums with minor attractions. The scenery is vast and natural, and your gaze travels to the horizon marked by endless spires and bell towers. Search the navigation guide for the best fish restaurants and markets in the area.

Then turn the bow to the west, leave Venice behind you and get ready to enter the Riviera del Brenta.



The palaces and villas observe you austerely until you pass directly in front of them at low speed.

Moor the boat in the public quays of Mira and Dolo, and stroll in the central islands, where the mills turn slowly and squares are filled with restaurants.

Villa Pisani Nazionale, a magnificent palace with gardens and fountains, is the most monumental of the buildings, and is located in the center of Stra.

Padua is one of the oldest cities in Italy. It is located at the very end of the navigable canal, and mooring can be found near the center. Here the scenery is no longer natural, but urban.

Among the highlights of a visit to Padua, the Scrovegni Chapel frescoed by Giotto, the Basilica of Sant'Antonio, and the ogival square with fountains of Prato della Valle are not to be missed.



# Friuli Venezia Giulia



Starting from the Prencicco base, you can choose popular, well-serviced locations, with facilities for every age group, or head inland to fishing villages and archaeological sites.

The navigation area extends from Caorle in the west to Grado in the east.

Along the itinerary there are many tourist ports, guaranteeing the chance to moor near the most beautiful historic centers.

The suggested locations are all connected by internal canals, so you don't need to go out to sea. Cruising is varied, characterized by the vast lagoon landscape with both natural rivers and artificial canals.

During this cruise you can really relax.

The lagoon of Marano and Grado is easy to navigate and has unique features. We have fishermen friends who open their homes to our customers so you can enjoy grilled fresh fish and good wine in a friendly atmosphere before spending the night moored at the casone.

The Roman city of Aquileia, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is truly amazing. It's an archaeological pearl that is worth a visit, as is the ancient village of Marano, which today houses a colorful fleet of fishing boats and an access point to an important protected nature reserve.



Cruise through a green and relaxing natural landscape, often accompanied by curious swans, majestic and elegant herons, and flocks of seagulls.

After an hour's sailing, the scenery changes completely when the Stella River flows into the lagoon. Here you will be blinded by the glare of the sun on the still water and enchanted by the silence that pervades this part of the lagoon.



The lagoon is crossed by comfortable navigable canals. Travel armed constantly with a camera and binoculars for birdwatching.

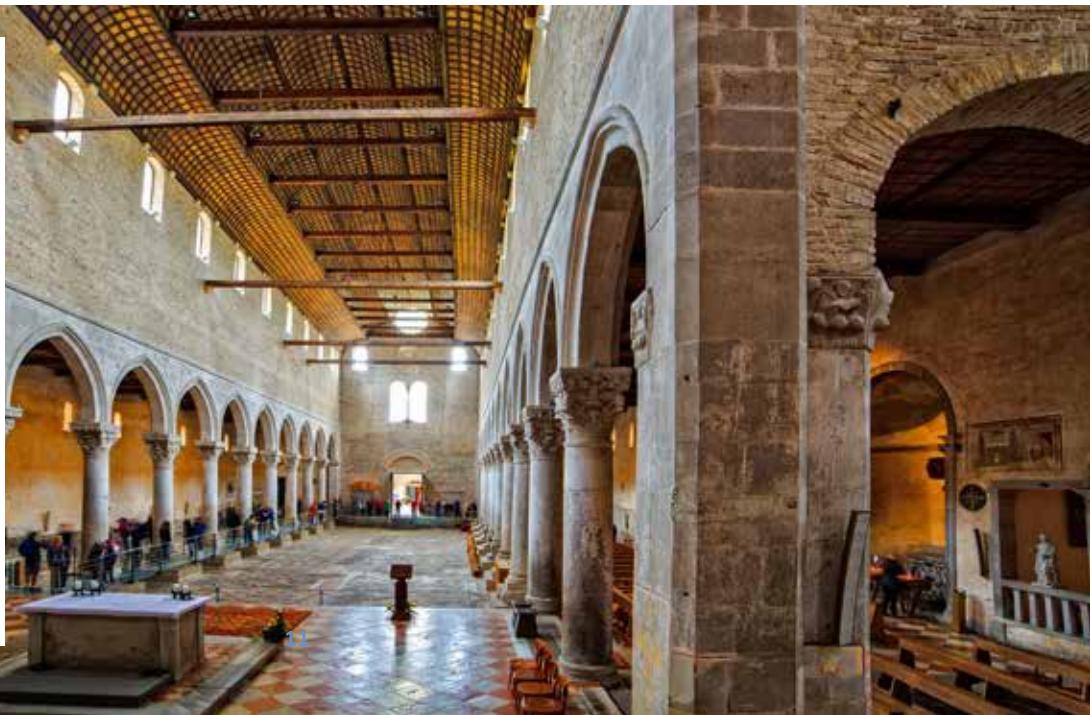
Call Daniele, and ask if his fishing net is free; stopping in this unique spot means you can experience authentic lagoon fishing, and taste the freshest fried fish, straight from the net.

For the night, choose a small village or a lively tourist resort.

The beaches of Lignano Sabbiadoro and Grado are very well-known, but the pearls of this itinerary are hidden from the eyes of distracted travelers.

Aquileia is one of Italy's most important archaeological sites in Italy, where the oldest and most famous Roman port on the Adriatic was unearthed.

Porto Anfora is a small island where you can relax and admire the most intense sunset when the sun plunges into the lagoon, the horizon melts, and everything takes on the color of fire.



# Beaches and culture between Veneto and Friuli



A one-way itinerary, which allows you to visit numerous places and avoid returning to the departure base half-way through your holiday.

The ideal solution for those who want the boat experience in the open air, with endless choices.

Every day, you can swim at a different beach, visit the nearest historic center, and spend the evening among renowned restaurants or on the deck of your yacht. This one-way cruise takes you between fishing villages and lagoons, with straightforward cruising through low-traffic canals, and many moorings available (many of them for free).

The itinerary includes a monumental archaeological area and allows you to make a quick detour into the Venice

Lagoon for one or two nights max., so as not to miss out on the chance to see a city that is unique in the world. It's a very varied territory in terms of landscape and nature, constantly switching between canals, lagoons and rivers. The scenery changes every hour, never remaining constant.

The spearhead of this itinerary is the historic village of Caorle, with its colorful pedestrian historic center and its long beaches, reachable by bike or on foot by mooring near the center.

Continuing, the view passes quickly from the canal to the marshes, and again from the lagoon to the sea, until you reach the two most famous seaside resorts on this itinerary: Lignano and Jesolo.



Beaches reign supreme along this itinerary. Stop and swim in a different location each day. Without a doubt, it's our seaside route par excellence. There's also the chance to dive into the water directly from the boat, in complete safety of course.

But it's not just the beaches. Attractions abound even for the little ones, with cycle paths for sportier travelers.



Concordia Sagittaria is a little-known center overlooking the Lemene River, where you can visit some impressive archaeological excavations.

To reach this historic jewel, sail through the enchanting natural scenery of the marshes of Caorle and Baseleghe, where the large free and low-traffic lagoons are often surrounded by the unmistakable forms of the marsh fishing huts with reed roofs.

Don't forget to bring your bikes with you: they're indispensable on this route. Cycle paths are everywhere, and the boat cannot always be moored in historic centers. It really is the ideal way to get around.

There are also many tourist itineraries for cyclists, and you can also split up, some staying on board the boat, and some traveling by bike, meeting up again a few hours later in a different location.



# Boats



Our boats are called Minuetto, and are the most modern on the Italian market. There are two models available: 6 berths (3 cabins) and 8 berths (4 cabins), in addition to the dinette convertible into an additional 2 beds. They all have ample space, both inside and outside, where there is the habitable deck with table, sundeck and the main driving seat.

Solid and safe, they can be easily maneuvered thanks to the lateral thrust propellers, great visibility and simple and intuitive controls.

All are authorized to be driven without the need for a boat license.

On-board comforts include a large and well-equipped kitchen, a single, separate shower room, and electric toilets, and heating.

A powerful air conditioning system ensures cool nights and sound sleep.

We are the only company in Italy and Europe to offer a houseboat with electric propulsion and hybrid operation, perfect for those who want to respect the environment and live in close contact with nature, while making considerable fuel savings.

Furthermore, upon request, a boat is available which can accommodate a guest in a wheelchair, making the holiday accessible to travelers with disabilities as well.

All our boats are remotely assisted by our operational team, thanks to a satellite tracking system that helps us to better manage your holiday and to protect you.



## Minuetto 8+

### BEDS: 8+2

13.50 x 4.10 m  
4 double cabins  
1 convertible dinette  
2 rooms w/ bathroom and shower  
1 bathroom  
1 shower room  
2 driving seats (external / internal)

### DATA SHEET

Bow side thrust propeller  
Stern side thrust propeller  
Electronic depth gauge  
AC current generator  
Electric toilets  
Air conditioning system  
Heating  
Dishwasher  
Large refrigerator  
Microwave oven  
Fully-equipped kitchen

AVAILABLE WITH  
ELECTRIC MOTOR



## Minuetto 6+

### BEDS: 6+2

13.50 x 4.10 mt  
3 double cabins  
1 convertible dinette  
1 room with bathroom and shower  
1 bathroom  
1 shower room  
2 driving seats (external/internal)

### DATA SHEET

Bow side thrust propeller  
Electronic depth gauge  
Electric toilets  
Air conditioning system  
Heating  
Fridge  
Fully-equipped kitchen

AVAILABLE WITH  
DISABLED ACCESS





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