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GARDENS OF VENICE & THE VENETO

Travel over land and water to discover the rich history and fine gardens of Italy's Serenissima region, **4-8 September 2012**

On arrival in Italy, your holiday begins with leisurely drinks in the garden of a private palazzo on Venice's Grand Canal. From there it is a short boat journey to the pretty, four-star Hotel Giorgione, not far from the Rialto Bridge.

The following day we cross the lagoon by boat and travel up the Brenta Canal to the Palladian **Villa Foscari**, before continuing to Verona and the grand Due Torri Hotel in the city's historic centre.

From here we visit a number of fascinating villas and gardens, among them **Isola del Garda**, a beautiful island garden reached by boat where you are invited to lunch on the terrace overlooking the lake. At **Villa Barbarigo** you will explore the garden's complex layout, discovering a maze, rabbit island and hidden water tricks. In Padua we will visit the oldest botanic garden in the world and at **Villa Rizzardi Pojega** you'll see one of Italy's finest green theatres.



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The garden at Villa Barbarigo has remarkable Baroque pools and fountains.



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BOOKING DETAILS

The tour price is **£2,289 (including return flights from London)**. For further information about the trip, day-to-day activities, hotel accommodation, single supplements and details of how to book, please contact Boxwood Tours, Quality Garden Holidays, Rhiw, Llanbedr, Gwynedd LL45 2NT, UK.

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