

# Getting in and around Padova

## Getting in

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### By car

- **Motorway** Venezia - Milano (**A4**)

exit Padova Est if you are arriving from Venice - exit Padova Ovest if you are arriving from Milan

- **Motorway** Bologna - Padova (**A13**) -

exit Padova Sud

ATTENTION: in Padua city centre there is a **ZTL zone**, an area in which car traffic is restricted. From 8am to 8pm no car traffic can enter the central streets, unless the car has a special permit allowing it.

### By train

Padova is a central railway node in the Veneto area. Many lines converge into the city central station, notably from:

- Venezia (Venice, Trieste, and points East) - Venice is only a 30-minute ride away.
- Bologna (Bologna, Ferrara, Rovigo, Rome, Florence) one hour and half ride.
- Milano (Milan, Brescia, Verona, Vicenza) two hours and half minute ride.
- Castelfranco (Belluno, Calalzo, Feltre) 45 minute ride.

From Padua Railway Station to the city centre:

- **by taxi**: taxi waiting area in front of the station or [call +39 0 49651333](tel:+39049651333), max. 10 minutes ride, **Recommended**
- **by bus** or tram (APS): departures every 5 minutes, bus no. 8, 10, 12,18 and the metrotram
- **by foot**: the Scrovegni Chapel is only 10 minutes far; the city centre 15-20 minutes

You can find train tickets and the timetable at the following link:

- Trenitalia (the main provider in Italy): [Train timetables](#)
- Italo (high-speed train): [Train timetables](#)

### By plane

- **VENICE**. [Aeroporto Marco Polo](#) (Tessera), is the nearest one to Padua. From this airport you can reach Padua in the following ways:
  - **by taxi** (40-60 minutes):
    - RADIOTAXI PADOVA: call 049 651333 at least 24 hours in advance to get on a collective taxi
    - LANDOMAS: call 049 8601426.
    - AIRSERVICE: collective bus shuttle call 049 8744025

- **by GoOpti shuttle:** GOOPTI: [www.goopti.com/en/](http://www.goopti.com/en/) **Recommended**
  - **by bus+taxi:** from Venice Airport to Padua Train Station, every 30 minutes from 6am to 11pm on working-days and approximately every hour on festive days
  - **by bus+train,** first take a regular bus from Venice Airport to Mestre Train Station or Piazzale Roma in Venice and then a train from Mestre or Venice to Padua (it takes approx. 40 minutes). ATVO website: <https://www.atvo.it/en-venice-airport.html>
- **TREVISO** [Aeroporto Antonio Canova](#) On working days from 7 am to 8 pm there are regular buses every 30 minutes connecting Padua with the airport in Treviso (it takes approximately 1 hour with regular traffic but it can take longer depending on the traffic).
    - **by GoOpti shuttle:** GOOPTI: [www.goopti.com/en/](http://www.goopti.com/en/) **Recommended**
    - **by bus+taxi** from Treviso Airport to Padua Train Station: SITA <https://www.sitabus.it/en/>
    - **by taxi:**
      - RADIOTAXI TREVISO: Telephone: +39 0422 431515; SMS taxi: +39 338 844 2000
      - GOOPTI: [www.goopti.com/en/](http://www.goopti.com/en/)
  - **VERONA.** [Aeroporto Valerio Catullo](#) (Villafranca Veronese). A shuttle service connects Verona airport with Verona Train Station. From Verona trains to Padua every 2 hours during the day, it takes about 2 hours)
    - **by GoOpti shuttle:** GOOPTI: [www.goopti.com/en/](http://www.goopti.com/en/) **Recommended**
    - **by taxi+train**

Other airport options further afield include:

- BRESCIA GABRIELE D'ANNUNZIO (VBS), 130km
- BERGAMO ORIO AL SERIO (BGY), 190km, many low-cost flights
- BOLOGNA GUGLIELMO MARCONI (BLQ), 120km

## Getting around

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### On foot

Discovering the city on foot is very easy. The historic centre is not very big, so you can go around in the narrow streets.

### By bicycle

Padova, luckily, is quite a flat city. Apart from the few roman bridges and some -not very steep- streets, you will not find any hills to hike. Especially in the city centre, most of the streets are narrow and quiet and the terrain is sometimes made of pavé or cobblestones. In some areas, the cobbling is such that it would be unsuitable for standard road bicycles. Outside the narrow streets, a bike lane is sometimes available. In the near Riviera del Brenta you can hire bikes at local shops , with free delivery services at your hotel, for make excursions in Padova region.

### By tram

[Busitalia](#) runs the only tramway line of the city, based on the rubber-tired TransLohr vehicle.

The line SIR1, entered service with passengers on 24 March 2007, and was extended in 2009 to link the north at Pontevigodarzere with the south at Capolinea Sud, calling at the main station and then passing the historic city centre. Useful stops for tourists are Stazione F.S. (Piazzale Stazione, the railway station), Eremitani, Tito Livio, Santo and Prato della Valle.



This line is very useful for tourists because it stops near various monuments, museums and local landmarks like Santo Basilica, Eremitani Civic Museums, Cappella degli Scrovegni, Prato della Valle, Santa Giustina Basilica, Botanic Garden, central squares.

Travel time is 32 minutes from terminus to terminus. The tram runs every 7 minutes during weekdays daytime, 10 at early evening, 15 at late evening, every 15-20 minutes on Sundays from around 06.00 till around midnight. See the full timetable.

### By bus

Busitalia also runs a network of local transport that covers the main areas of the city as well as some suburbs.

- lines with numbers are urban and sub-urban, as well as Minibus (Diretto Piazze-Diretto Duomo-Circolare Antenore) and LIS
- lines with letters A-M-T-AM-AT are connecting Padova to the Abano Terme and Montegrotto Terme Spa area.

Many lines run on the two main axes in the centre: North-South and East-West. Many of them terminate at the train station, which is also the main node of the bus network. Apart from the tramway, the most frequent are lines 10 and 3.

You can have information on prices [here](#) and you can find tickets and passes in:

- tabacchi shops (you can recognize them by the T outside the shop)
- some newsstands
- near the train station at the official Busitalia shop (it is a small brown building on the right of the train station). You can have information and see the opening hours at the following link:

<http://www.fsbusitaliaveneto.it/index.php/offerta/punti-vendita/107>



## Useful contacts

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### **Mobility and cooperation (Teachersrise)**

You will receive the phone details of your group tutor once you are enrolled.

### **Tourist Offices:**

<http://www.turismopadova.it/en>

### **Emergency numbers in Italy:**

In any emergency, dial **112**

112 is the emergency numbers for police, fire, and other safety issues in Italy

Dial 112 to call the police or call for an ambulance anywhere in Italy (anywhere in Europe, actually)