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<http://www.unipd.it/en/> (Website in English)

About Padua:

The city of **Padua, Italy**, (It. *Padova* IPA ['padova], Lat. *Patavium*) is the economic and communications hub of the Veneto region in northern Italy. The capital of Padova province, it stands on the Bacchiglione River, 40km west of Venice and 29km southeast of Vicenza, with a population of 211,985 (2004). The city is included, with Venice (Italian *Venezia*), in the Padua-Venice Metropolitan Area, population 1,600,000.



Situated in the geographical centre of Venetia region, Padua is one of the most culturally and economically alive and dynamic cities in the region. Because of its centrality and the many rivers flowing through it, the area around Padua has been inhabited since the earliest times. In the 9th century BC, it became the cradle of early Venetia civilization, and was one of the most important Roman cities in Roman Cisalpine Gaul.

Getting to Padua:

Travelling from Venice, as most who visit Padua do, you can take a train from Santa Lucia railway station in Venice to Padua. The journey time is around 25 minutes depending on the type of train taken. There is a regular service from Venice as Padua is on both the main railway lines from Venice to Milan, and Venice to Bologna. The station at Padua is near the city centre, in the north of the city and a brief 5 minute walk will bring you to the historical centre of the city.

It is also possible to take a shuttle bus directly from the Venice airport. This trip takes approximately one hour, with departures every half hour. Arrival information from other airports is listed below:

- Vérone: it is necessary to go into town to take the train or to rent a vehicle
- Brescia: even further, requires hiring a car but is served by Ryanair
- Treviso: (58 km), close to Venice and serviced by low cost airlines (in particular Ryanair, for those coming from Barcelona, Brussels, Frankfurt or London)
- Milano: 260 km from Padua but frequent express trains run