See "**Padua to Venice and back**" below for instructions on purchasing your train tickets to/from Venice. We must be in Padua station on Tuesday by 4:30pm at the very latest or we will miss our gondolas.

Please note that we will have **VERY limited** time to purchase tickets once we arrive at the Padua train station, and so it is **HIGHLY recommended** that you purchase your tickets to Venice (and back, ideally) in advance of our trip to Venice on Tuesday. For details see "**Padua to Venice and back**" below.

# **Italian Train Service**

To use the train is arguably the best way to move through the Fair Country, but we need to have some information about the services at our disposal.

For short distance traveling in Italy, it is best to use the **Regional** train service. It is much less expensive than the fast Freccia service. For example, to travel from "Padova" to "Venezia Santa Lucia" station the Regional service costs less than half than the Freccia service.

Timings of travel: **Freccia** service is the fastest, the **Fast Regional** (RV – **Regionale Veloce**) is only slight lower than the Freccia for short distances (and it costs exactly the same of the Regionale), Regionale is the slowest.

It is generally advisable is to use RV service (**Regionale Veloce**) whenever possible.

#### Where to purchase tickets

#### Mobile option:

If you have your mobile/wifi connection on your smartphone it is best is to install the **Trenitalia** App.

After a registration this App allows you to buy your ticket (with credit card). You don't have to print it out: you just have to show the train officer your QR code on the screen of your smartphone.

More information here: <u>http://www.trenitalia.com/tcom-en/Purchase/Mobile-Ticketing</u>

#### Internet option:

Same registration and account of the above mobile app method, but using the website instead of an app. In this way you can print out the ticket or show the PDF files that they'll send to your email address.

Website address: http://www.trenitalia.com/tcom-en/Purchase

#### Self-service option:

In every Italian train station, you'll find a lot of self-service ticket machines. You can use either cash or cards to purchase the ticket. **Pay attention: in this case you must <u>VALIDATE</u> the ticket via a validating machine** 

(usually near the entrance of the platforms corridor). If the train officer finds you on the train without a validated ticket <u>he will give you a fine</u>.

#### Ticket office option:

Usually after a queue (waiting in line) you can buy tickets in a ticket office in almost every Italian train station. The accepted payment methods are cash and cards. You must validate your ticket as noted above (see self-service option).

#### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):

Q: Why I must validate the ticket from self-service machine and from a ticket office?

A: These kinds of tickets are not related to a single train and time, but to a travel period. The ticket is valid for one travel, from station A to station B (for a given – written – amount of Km), but you can use it within 60 days from the purchase, and within 6 hours from the validation. And so you must validate your ticket at the time that you are going to use it.

IMPORTANT: You can't use a Regional ticket on a Freccia and you can't use a Freccia ticket on a Regional train. Freccia tickets are only valid for the Freccia train that you booked, you can change the train and booking before it has been used from one of the above explained ticket purchasing options.

### Padua to Venice and back

Concerning the travel from Padua to Venice and back of the 21<sup>st</sup> June in the evening for those who are attending the gondola ride (VR Workshop) and evening dinner in Venice:

Please note that we will have **VERY limited** time to purchase tickets once we arrive at the Padua train station, and so it is **HIGHLY recommended** that you purchase your tickets to Venice (and back, ideally) in advance of our trip to Venice on Tuesday so that you don't have to wait in line.

You should buy a ticket from "Padova" to "Venezia S. Lucia" (that is the name of the station of historical Venice), and vice-versa for your return ticket to Padova. The cost for Regional service ticket, both Fast (RV) than Regular (R), from Padua to Venezia S. Lucia is 4,10 euro, and the same to come back, for a total of 8,20 euro. We must be at Venezia S. Lucia station by 17.30 (5:30pm) at the latest at, so we need to be on the train in Padova at 16.51 (4:51pm). This means that we must be in Padua station <u>at least</u> 20 minutes earlier, at 4:30pm at the very latest, or we will miss our gondolas!

The table below lists the trains from Venice to Padua starting at 18.45 (6:45pm, which is after our gondola ride but before dinner) until midnight in case you want to return to Padua before dinner or on your own, or stay in Venice a little later than our scheduled departure:

Departure	Arrival	Duration	Train (	Offer Price	
19:05 Venezia S. Lucia	19:54 Padova	00:49	Regionale <b>20876</b>	from 4.10 €	
19:12 Venez S. Lucia	ia 19:38 Padova	00:26	Regionale Ve <b>2728</b>	loce from 4.10 €	
19:25 Venezia S. Lucia	19:51 Padova	00:26	Frecciargento <b>9455</b>	From 14.90 €	
19:42 Venezia S. Lucia	20:08 Padova	00:26	Regionale Vel <b>2249</b>	oce from 4.10 €	
19:49 Venezi S. Lucia	ia 20:39 Padova	00:50	Regionale <b>20697</b>	From 4.10 €	
19:50 Venezia S. Lucia	20:16 Padova	00:26	Frecciarossa <b>9750</b>	From 14.90 €	
20:05 Venezia S. Lucia	20:54 Padova	00:49	Regionale <b>20886</b>	From 4.10 €	
20:12 Venezia S. Lucia	20:38 Padova	00:26	Regionale Velo <b>2730</b>	oce From 4.10€	
20:51 Venezia S. Lucia	21:19 Padova	00:28	Regionale Veloo <b>2758</b>	ce From 4.10 €	

Departure	Arrival	Duration	n Train Offer	Price				
21:12 Venezia S. Lucia	21:38 Padova	00:26	Regionale Veloce <b>2734</b>	From 4.10€				
21:35 Venezia S. Lucia	22:24 Padova	00:49	Regionale <b>20950</b>	From 4,10 €				
21:42 Venezia S. Lucia	22:08 Padova	00:26	Regionale Veloce <b>2953</b>	From 4,10€				
22:05 Venezia S. Lucia		22:54 00:49 Padova	Regionale <b>20946</b>	From 4,10 €				
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00:03 Venezia 00:36 Padova S. Lucia		00:33	Regionale Veloce <b>2732</b>	From 4,10 €				

## San Gaetano Cultural Center – Padua

#### Walking from Train Station

You can easily go to from the Padua Train Station to San Gaetano Cultural Center. It's only 1.2 km distance.

### Google Maps links

Out of the train station cross the road in front of you and go toward *Corso del Popolo*. Keep walking straight onto *Corso del Popolo* for 400m, then continue straight onto *Corso Garibaldi* for 300m. Turn Left in *Piazza Eremitani* and continue onto *Via Eremitani* for 150m. Turn Left onto *Via Altinate* for 300m.

San Gaetano Center is on the Left side.



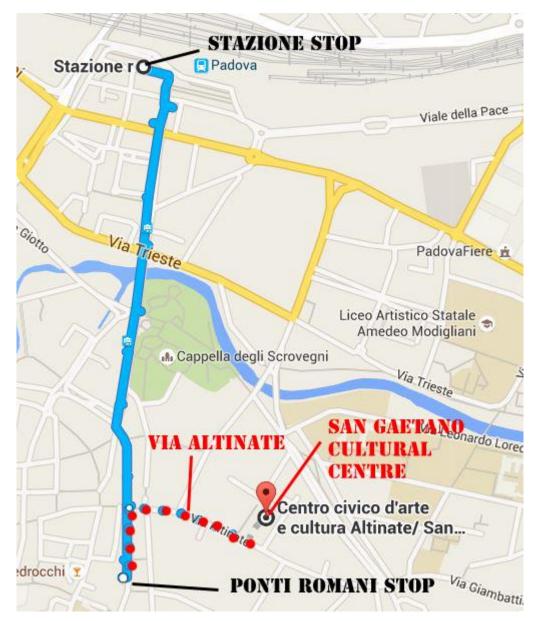
# From Train Station to San Gaetano Centre by Tram

You can buy Tram tickets at the ticket office in front of the train station. Ask for the "urban tram" ticket that cost 1.30 €. There is a tram every 5-8 min. Pay attention: You must validate this type of ticket via a validating machine inside the tram. The ticket is valid for 75 minutes after validation.

### Google Maps

Take the Tram to *Capolinea Guizza* at the *Stazione stop* in front of the Train Station, on the other side of the road. Get off at *Ponti Romani stop.* Cross the road and come back onto *Riviera Ponti Romani* for 50m. Turn Right onto *Via Altinate* and walk for 300m.

San Gaetano Center is on the Left side.



You can use the same ticket you buy for tram to travel by urban bus for 75min from the time of your validation.

### Aula Nievo – Palazzo Bo – Padua

You can easily go to from Padua Train Station to Palazzo Bo – Aula Nievo, the historical seat of the University of Padua. It's only 1.3 km distance.

### Google Maps

Out of the train station, you cross the road in front of you and toward *Corso del Popolo*. Keep walking straight onto *Corso del Popolo* for 400m, then continue straight onto *Corso Garibaldi* for 500m. Cross *Piazza Garibaldi* and continue straight onto *Via Cavour* 120m. Continue straight onto Via VIII Febbraio 140m. On the right side you can see the famous *Caffè Pedrocchi* and the City hall. On the left side there is *Palazzo Bo.* 



# From Train Station to Palazzo Bo by Tram

You can buy the Tram ticket at the ticket office in front of train station. You ask for the "urban tram" ticket that cost 1.30 €. There is a tram every 5-8 min. Pay attention: You must validate the ticket via a validating machine inside the tram. The ticket is valid for 75 minutes after validation.

#### Google Maps

Take the Tram to *Capolinea Guizza* at the *Stazione stop* in front of the Train Station, on the other side of the road. Get off at *Ponti Romani stop*. Continue ahead 120m on *Riviera Ponti Romani*. Turn Right onto *Via Cesare Battisti* to a pedestrian zone, then turn left onto Via VIII Febbraio. Palazzo Bo is on the left.

