



VICENZA

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THE CAT EATERS - People from Vicenza are known as "cat-eaters". This is because of an ancient and popular saying in Veneto: "Venesiani gran signori / Padoani gran dotori / Veronesi tuti mati / Visentini magnagati." (Translation: Venetians are great Lords/ those from Padua great doctors / those from Verona are all crazy / those from Vicenza eat cats). However, we can assure you that this is just a legend. We do not eat cats, on the contrary we do love those juicy and succulent animals! The reason of this epithet is quite mysterious. Some people say that in 1699 Venetians sent an "army" of cats to Vicenza to fight an invasion of rats that endangered the city. The strategy worked fine, but the cats were never returned to the Venetians when they claimed them back... Since then, Vicentini are known with the epithet of cat-eaters, and the cat became the symbol and mascot of the city.

SPRITZ-TIME - The cozy renaissance squares of Vicenza are the ideal setting for young locals' favorite activity: socializing in front of **sauzon** (local appetizers) and a **spritz**. Spritz is a cocktail made of white wine, soda water and **Aperol** (sweeter) or **Campari** (more bitter). It is the most popular drink in Vicenza. Actually, spritz-time is more than a tradition in Vicenza; it's almost a religion. Locals usually meet up before dinner, and just keep on chatting, discussing and philosophizing till late... And what was supposed to be a pre-dinner aperitif, spritz after spritz, spunciotto after spunciotto, often becomes the dinner itself and goes on till bedtime.

FROM NORWAY WITH LOVE - It can seem weird but the local and authentic dish of Vicenza comes from the far north of Norway. How is it possible? Well, in 1431 a local merchant while traveling to Bruges, wrecked ashore in the Atlantic Ocean, ending up in the Lofoten Islands, 2000km north of the Polar Circle. The locals helped the merchant and, as a gift for his journey back, they gave him 60 stockfish, a special cod dried in the arctic wind. In Vicenza, this kind of mummified fish was then turned into our creamy, delicious and world-famous **risotto**. Today, you can enjoy the same dish of half-millennium ago: the Venerabile Confraternity of Baccafi endorses the restaurants preparing baccafi following the ancient recipe with Norwegian stockfish.

A.L.E. VICENZA - *Vicenza Calcio* founded in 1902, is the only true religion of the city. Locals have revered players like Roberto Baggio, Paolo Rossi and Luca Toni for several years, since they have played with the red&white shirt, the colors of the city. In 1978 Vicenza Calcio gained the second place in the main league and in 1997 we won the Coppa Italia and, the following year, we played a historic match against Chelsea in the semi-final

of the Cup Winners' Cup. At the moment we are playing in the second series of the Italian league, but we are not worried sooner we'll rise again! P.S. Remember, if you're from Vicenza you can never be a fan of Hellas Verona. We are good, they are evil.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROCK FEST - The best time to visit Vicenza and have fun is definitely summer, between June and August, when the whole town comes alive on the spur of rock festivals held in different districts. These festivals focus on music (and beer) and have a very rich annual program, from local bands to big national names. Wanna know when? Check out **"Coordinamento feste rock"** on Facebook or ask the locals!

SWIMMING LAPS IN VICENZA - The city center is so beautiful that walking along it is one of the locals' favorite occupations, especially on Saturday afternoon. This habit has a specific expression: **"to do swimming laps"**, which literally means "to do swimming laps". This expression fits perfectly because people go back and forth along the main course (covering many miles) just like swimmers. Let's dive!

CESTE - Young locals use this word very often (maybe too much). What does it mean? A lot of things to tell the truth, it could be translated as "I don't care", "I won't do it", "forget it", depending on the context. The word appeared between the 70s but its origin is still shrouded in the mystery. Try to use it as you speak with locals, they will be impressed.

GOODOOD MORNING VICENZA! - If you see some large and muscular men jogging in a row early in the morning, you have probably just spotted a troop of American soldiers from one of the US Army bases placed in Vicenza. The US military community in Vicenza is nearly 10,000 units. There is some questioning (euphemism) about the presence in Vicenza of the US Army... go ask the locals if you want to start a lively discussion!

FEEL THE MUSIC - The coolest event of the year is the **Vicenza Jazz Festival**, that is organized every year in May since 1994. Eccentric jazzmen, hipsters and alternative musicians come to Vicenza from all over the world, and for one week jazz resound in every piazza/pub: cool, smooth, acid, crossover, bluegrass, bebop, free funk, fusion, ska... Yeah man!

ENJOY THE FEST! - The patron Saint of Vicenza is celebrated in the month of September. During the whole month of September, Campo Marzo becomes a crowded amusement park, full of glittering carousels (our favorite? Boris' bumper cars) and diabetogenic sweets: check your glycemia after one of our deep fried pastries!

1 JOIN THE RICE SIDE - If you feel like eating Italian risotto, go to **La Fojetta** and you will have plenty of choices: risotto with mushrooms and soft cheese, or with curly and peppers, asparagus and eggs, bruscandoli (wild hops) and much more... In short, risotto for all tastes! Mon-Sat 12-15/19-24. (Via Giovanni Durando 62)

2 FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE - Russian Pub is very close to the city center and it's quite miss Russia for local youngsters. If you like Baltika beer and fat-rich sandwiches you will love this place. The outside seating area gets crowded especially during the weekend so grab your beer and find a place to sit before it's too late! Open 17-2. (Via Giuseppe Mazzini 267)

3 GREEN LUNG - Parco Quarenzi is the largest green lung of the city. It is popular among people of all ages for its peace and tranquility, it offers a great sporting course for those who like jogging and sports, numerous benches for more thoughtful people and big lawns where you can have a picnic, play ball games, frisbee, and whatever is to your liking. The local fauna is very interesting; it consists of bunnies and cocks strolling on the grass. Swans, ducks, water turtles, and nutria swim in the pond surrounding the small temple in the center of the park. The park is great for romantic walks or family strolls, and especially in summer, for doing some sport with friends. Open from sunrise till sunset.

4 THE REAL PANIN ONTO - Sandwiches and rolls! A hometown fast food with a variety of options for all tastes and a careful selection of beers... I mean, do you want a real Panin onto (literally "dirty sandwich")? Go to **Beppe Snack** and don't forget to try his special sauce! Don't be in a hurry, the service is a bit slow but it gives you the time to impregnate yourselves with the smell of fried food and it makes your mouth water. 12-14/19-20. Closed on Sat morning and Sunday (Porta S. Lucia 168)

5 ULTRAS, WINE AND SPUNCIOTTI - Pitanta is the traditional osteria of Vicenza football club supporters. It is quite crowded on the weekends during spritz-time. Fingerfood here is just delicious and you can't miss fried seafood to couple with a good goto of the house white wine for just 0,80€. If your aperitivo takes longer than expected, you can stay for dinner and enjoy a plate of Bigoli con l'arna (6€). Open 8-23 (Contrà porta S. Lucia 8)

6 VEGETARIAN TAVERN - Locanda di pasta is a cozy inn for a quick burger or dinner in the center of Vicenza, with specialties from the Vicenza area or vegetarian dishes such as pasta with seitan ragout. Open every day 12-15/ Tue, Wed, Fri 19-23. (Corso Fogazzaro 109)

7 SICILY IS CLOSE - Il Molo (the quay) is a piece of southern Italy in the center of Vicenza! Small and just outside the main streets, this restaurant offers excellent choices of dishes and wines. Good fish in all its forms. If it is full, ask to eat at the counter, chatting with Salvo, the manager. The view on sweets will brighten up your night. 12-14.30/19.30-24. Closed on Sunday and Monday (Contrà Pedemuro San Biagio 20)

8 STREETS OF GREECE - The Teatro Olimpico in Vicenza was built in 1585 on the basis of a 1580 design by Andrea Palladio. It is the most ancient indoor theatre in the world. The interior is decorated with wood, stucco, and plaster and it is so splendid that when Napoleon Bonapart conquered Vicenza in 1796-1797 and saw it for the first time, he wrote to his wife Josephine de Beauharnais: "Madame, we are in Greece!" ... No need to add more! Tue-Sun 9-16/Piazza Matteotti 11)

9 KMO BURGER - A newly opened and already successful fast food that uses only local products. At **Bamburger** you can enjoy delicious burgers, also vegetarian ones, with ingredients from local producers and businesses; the beer also reflects Slow-Food philosophy. It is crafted by the finest brewers of the area! 12-14.30/19-22.30. Closed on Tuesday and Sunday at lunch (Contrà Cantarane 15)

10 BEAUTIFUL CLOISTER INSIDE - The majestic gothic-romanesque San Lorenzo's Church (XIII century) with its sculptured portal and magnificent cloister is worth a visit up close (free entry). You can ask the Franciscan friars to take you on a tour. The sprays of the fountain just in front of the church make San Lorenzo square one of the locals' favorite outdoor lounges, especially in summer... so refreshing!

11 CRAZY PIZZA FOR CRAZY STUDENTS - Whether you are still in high school or a late law student at university, it does not matter: **Crazy pizza** is your place, especially at lunchtime where crowds of students flock from schools and from

the nearby library. The slices of pizza are perhaps a bit expensive but filling; you must try the sausage & potato pizza. As soon as you have taken your slice of pizza and have sat outside on the sidewalk, enjoy! (Good luck with the oil dripping!). (Contrà Riale 21)

12 SHAKESPEARE IS A COPYCAT! - A commemorative stone of Luigi da Porto (1485-1528) hangs by one of the magnificent buildings of the glorious Contrà Porti. Luigi is the author of a novel which tells about two young lovers, named **Romeo and Giulietta**, whose impossible love was advertised by their family and eventually killed themselves: Romeo by taking poison and Giulietta by stabbing herself with his dagger... does this remind you of something?

13 PREMIUM DELICATESSEN - Il coppo ("the log") is the most popular gastronomy shop of Vicenza, which is especially frequented by well-off lads of the town center. The shop at ground level is plenty of typical delicatessen, a unique collection of premium salami, cheese, wines and other local specialties. During lunch breaks, the fascinating underground wine cellar is converted into a small bistro and it is possible to taste typical local dishes prepared just as only the best grandmas can do. Tasting menu from €18. Mon - Sun 8-19.45. (Corso Palladio 196)

14 CHEAP - BUT - GOOD PIZZA - A welcoming restaurant with one of the cheapest pizzas in Vicenza: Pizzeria Vesuvio is great if you are unpretentious and want to go cheap but stay in the city center. Open at lunch and dinnertime. (Corso Palladio 204)

15 ITALIAN GRAFFITI - Giardino Salvi is a garden situated next door to Porta Castello. It is one of the entrances to the old town and a popular green area. The river surrounding this garden mirrors the Loggia Valmarana, another building attributed to Palladio. If you enter from Viale Roma on the opposite side and turn left, you will find great wall murals. P.S. Giardino Salvi is the place where 16-year-olds hide out for a first kiss: please, do not disturb :) Open 7-20.

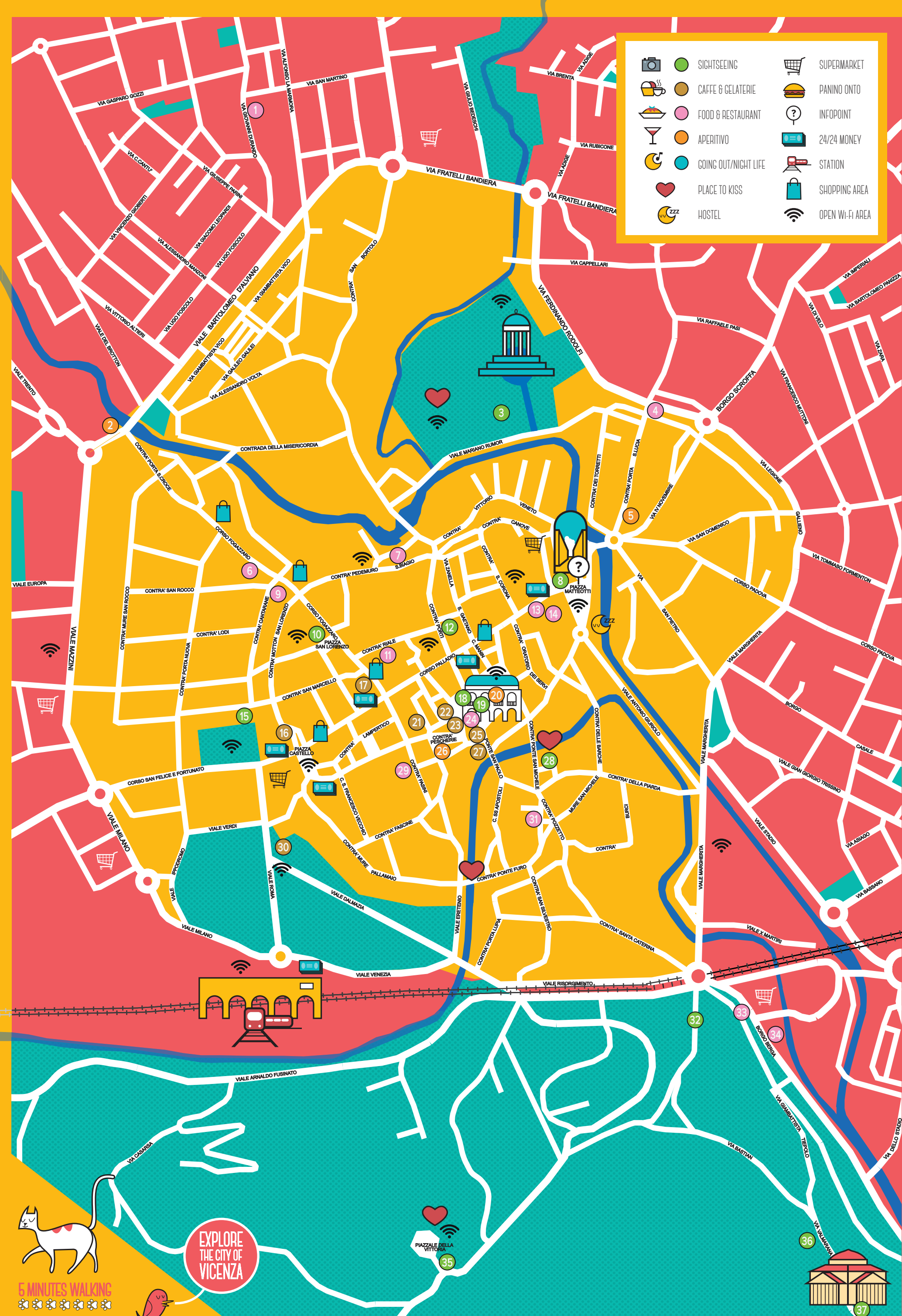
16 BOOKS & ESPRESSOS - Galla Café is connected to the bookshop, making it the ideal place to browse through a good book while enjoying tea, coffee or a glass of prosecco. Climb the stairs if you want a more relaxed atmosphere. The staff is young and very friendly. Mon-Fri 7-20, Sat 9-21, Sun 15-20 (Piazza Castello 2)

17 YUMMI ORGANIC ICE CREAM - Oiii is an ice-cream parlor that uses only local milk & eggs from cows & hens raised in green and sunny grasslands, seasonal and organic fruit, and no artificial flavors at all. The ice cream is simply delicious, and slushies taste just like real fruit! Are you vegan or food-intolerant? Don't worry: at Oiii you can find gluten free, lactose free & egg free ice creams! No more excuses not to enjoy a great ice cream! Mon-Th 13-20, Fri-Sat 13-23, Sun 11-13/15-20 (Corso Fogazzaro 13)

18 PIAZZA DEI SIGNORI - Piazza dei Signori is the largest square of Vicenza and it is nestled between the Basilica Palladiana and the Loggia dei Capitaniato (council offices). You won't be able to hold back the desire of capturing some of the most exciting views offered by our city. The architectural details of the Basilica next to it, and even the view of the square itself will amaze you, there is no limit to the beauty that this large open space can provide. Once you are done taking picture, you can take refreshments at one of the many bars all around the square.

19 THE BEATING HEART OF VICENZA - The Basilica Palladiana was designed, innovated and developed between the XV and the XVII century. In 1994, UNESCO inscribed it on its list of World Heritage Sites and since 2013 it has been hosting temporary exhibitions of international resonance. From the large public terrace on the top floor, you can enjoy a breathtaking view of Piazza dei Signori, Loggia dei Capitaniato and even Monte Berico. In the summer you can enjoy the flawless bar service and the background music. Breathtaking scenery and romance is guaranteed. Tue-Sun 10-24. 3€ to go up once, 5€ for yearly ticket.

20 IN THE HEART OF THE CITY HEART - Bar Borsa is located just below the Basilica Palladiana and it has captured the hearts of the aperitivo lovers. We suggest you sit outside (even in winter, they have blankets!) if you want to admire the Palladian arches or Piazza dei Signori. Inside you can enjoy a fine selection of furniture and dishes. Prices are slightly higher than average but the location is unique! You will find a broad wine selection and the cocktails are well prepared, even if you order a simple draft



beer you will want more! You will be able to treat yourself even on Sunday mornings with sweet or salty brunch served from 10 a.m. It will get you back on track! Tue-Sun 10-2./Mon 19-2.

21 MMMM... TARTTEENEH! - The small "Fiaschetteria da Renzo" is located on a hidden side street of the center, so that it goes unnoticed by tourists. However, you can't miss Renzo's famous tartine (pronounce tart-tee-neh, small open sandwiches). The system that this historic bar has adopted is simple: each tartine costs € 1, as well as most of the drinks served in the goto, our local small glasses. Tartine are freshly prepared, topped with homemade mayo and simple ingredients. You will be able to choose among so many colorful delicious bites: eggs+anchovies, truffles, eggs + Bassano white asparagus, ham&mushrooms, octopus, swordfish and also caviar. So you just order your favorite tartina and a goto of prosecco... Et voilà! There you have your happy hour! WARNING: Renzo's tartine are seriously addictive and it's hard to stop, this is why the place is always crowded and it is difficult to find a place to sit! (Contrà Frascahe del Gambero)

22 MASTERCHIEF ICE CREAM - Vicenza city center boasts an incredible number of gorgeous ice cream parlors, which prepare delicious homemade ice cream in the best Italian tradition. Among these parlors, you can find **Pretto**, whose pride is the gourmet tastes personally created by Michelin-starred master chefs! Try the mysterious Segreto di Lorenzo flavor with Lara walnuts and maple syrup, or the one with saffron and caramel. The prices are simply great! These flavors are a bit more expensive than the traditional ones (3.5€ vs 2.5€) but you can ask to taste a spoon of each for free! Tue-Sun 11-24 (Contrà Muscheria 12)

23 SIORÈ'S CAFÉ - Le siore (old ladies) are the greatest experts of pastries, and **Soraru** is one of their favorite pastries, too. Here you can order a quick espresso on the XIX century wooden bar or have a cappuccino sitting in the shade of Andrea Palladio's statue. Tip: try the Sacher Torte, you won't find a better one, not even in Vienna! 7.30-19. Closed on Wednesday (Piazzetta Andrea Palladio 17)

24 DINER CHEZ PALLADIO - Angolo Palladio is a sophisticated restaurant in the historic center. It evokes the Venetian tradition while also offering special pizzas (some of those are wrapped up, 10€) and selected wines. If you are able to get a table, you can dine outside facing the Basilica, what a stunning view! Open every day 12-14/19-24. (Piazzetta Pescheria 12)

25 LUDICROUSLY GOOD PASTRIES - The Pasticceria Venezia is a true institution in Vicenza. Since the beginning of the XIX century, this historical patisserie has delighted the palates of several generations with handcrafted and freshly prepared pastries. The most popular and well known by locals are indisputably the cestini (pron. chest-tee-ny) with the glorious house buttercream... But let's not forget the meringues with whipped cream, the best croissants in the Northeast, the colorful macarons and chantilly cream puffs. P.S. Pasticceria Venezia also prepares shortbread and chocolate cats, so that visitors can become a true magnagati just like the locals! Tue-Sat 8-13/15-20 Sun 8-13/16-19 (Contrà Pescheria 4)

26 MELLOW MOOD AND LOT OF SPRITZ - Al Cancellotto is one of the most crowded bars in Vicenza, why? Because it is cheap and hangovers are guaranteed! The weekend is the best time to spend there. We suggest you arrive between 18.30 and 20.30 just to be sure it is open (even people from Vicenza never know when it is open), then push your way to get to the counter and try Fabio's cocktails. Specialino ("the Special One"), Maledetto ("the Accursed", also with gin) or a simple Campari spritz. A regular or large glass, the choice is yours! Sit on the sidewalk outside and enjoy your drink! (Stradella Tre Scalini 5)

27 THE DWARF PRINCESS - The legend of Villa Valmarana "al Nani" (of the Dwarves) tells of princess Lajana, affected by dwarfism, which used to live secluded in the Villa and surrounded by 17 dwarf servants. One day, upon seeing a beautiful prince who climbed the walls of the garden, she realized her condition and jumped down the tower. The pain the dwarfs felt for the princess petrified them into the statues of stone that can be seen over the walls of the Villa. Isn't it the saddest story you have ever heard? Apart from the legend, the real treasure of this beautiful Villa are its interiors: the walls are decorated with absolutely stunning Tiepolo's frescos, much better than Michelangelo's!

28 THE EXPLORER'S CAFÉ - The name Café Pigafetta refers to our (at least in Vicenza) famous citizen Antonio Pigafetta who kept Magellan's travel diary during their voyage around the world. If you go there during peak hours, don't be afraid to call the attention of its busy but seraphic manager, Gigi. There are many good coffees you can try but the Napoli centrale (either sweetened or not) will surprise you. The cups will remind you of your grandma's tea set, but the taste is delicious. (Contrada Pescaria 12)

29 KISS ME STUPIDI! - Do you have a camera? Shoot some pictures of **Ponte San Michele** from the opposite bridge called Ponte San Paolo. Do you have a boyfriend/girlfriend? Reach the bridge, sit on the white stone and kiss him/her. It's a historical and romantic place

where young lovers spend their evenings!

30 SELF SERVICE GREAT SERVICE - Lay the table by yourself, order directly from the kitchen and enjoy! **Righetti** is a place with self-service prices and the quality of a restaurant. Look out for the chefs though! They cook very well but they are pretty rough, so order only when you are 100% sure about what you want! 12-15/19-22. Closed on Saturday and Monday. (Piazza Duomo 3)

31 TERRACE ON THE PARK - Caffè Moresco was established in 1838, destroyed by bombs in WWII, rebuilt and then closed again for years. Today, it is back again and gives us a nice place to stop before starting a city stroll (see Act like a local) or after one. If you haven't been on the terrace upstairs you cannot say you have really been there! Open till late! Tue-Sun 7-2. (Viale Dalmazia 3)

32 AUTHENTIC OSTARIA - Dive into an authentic and historical osteria (tavern) of Vicenza, where patrons may not be that young but they are certainly distinctive! At the **Cursoro** you can choose whether to take some spunciotti (appetizers) at the bar or sit down and eat a local dish! 11-15 / 18-2. Closed on Tuesday (Strada del Pozzetto 10)

33 A STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN? - Come on, 192 steps are not that many! Start here your way up to **Monte Berico**. After the steps, follow the main road (always uphill).

34 A LITTLE PIECE OF NAPOLI - Da Vittorio is considered one of the best pizzerias in Vicenza. Maybe because the pizza maker comes from Naples? The prices are really good and the owner will make you die laughing if you're willing to be made fun of! The place is small so it might happen that you have to eat next to strangers, a good chance to make new friends. 19-24. Closed on Tuesday. (Borgo Berga 52)

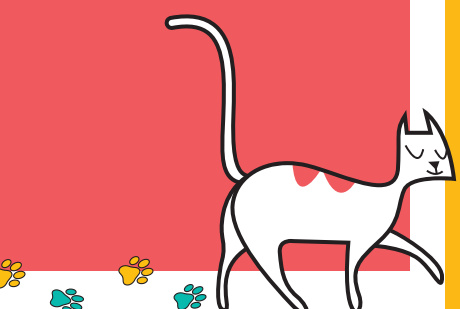
35 PASTA, PASTA, PASTA! - If you want to binge on pasta dishes, this is the right place to go! At **Al Fiore** the portions are generous and the price is really cheap. Test your stomach by ordering the Giro Pasta (10€). Wash everything down with the house wine and finish with a limoncello at the counter (be nice and it will be offered!). (Via Borgo Berga 15)

36 PILGRIMS & LOVERS - In 1426, during a terrible plague, the Virgin Mary appeared upon Monte Berico, healing the city from its terrible and lethal disease. In sign of gratitude, citizens built a Sanctuary there. Every year, millions of pilgrims walk the path through the 150 picturesque portici (arcades) that lead up to the baroque Sanctuary of the miraculous Madonna di Monte Berico. From the square in front of the Sanctuary, Piazzale della Vittoria you can enjoy the most scenic and romantic view over Vicenza and over the Dolomites up north... this is why, in every season, local lovers come up to Monte Berico on their vespas: best place for kisses in town!

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38 THE PERFECT VILLA - "Maybe never a degree of magnificence." That's what the German writer Goethe thought about this building. **Villa Capra** is the architectural masterpiece of Andrea Palladio. It is commonly known as **La Rotonda**, because this square building, completely symmetrical, can be inscribed in a perfect circle. Truly a must see of your trip to Vicenza. Tue-Sun 10-12/15-18. 5€ per visit outside or 10€ for exterior and interior. Only on Wed and Sat. (Via della Rotonda 45)

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Informagiovani (Levâ degli Angeli 7): surf for free on Internet, and get here our USE-IT map! Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri: 15:30-18:30; Thu: 10:00-13:00. Tel:+39-(0)444-222045.

WHERE TO SLEEP:

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MUSEUM CARD:

The Civic and Private Museums and the Olympic Theatre can be visited with a **MUSEUM CARD** (15€ student price 12€) on sale at the Olympic Theatre ticket office. The same ticket gives access to the Pinacoteca di Palazzo Clericati, the Museo Naturalistico-Archeologico, the Museo del Risorgimento e della Resistenza, the Gallerie di Palazzo Montanari, the Museo Diocesano and the Palladio Museum. Valid for 3 days from first use.

WINE & SPIRITS - On the shelves of **Bibe** market you can find basically every kind of alcoholic drink, from the best local wine to the spirit produced 6000 km away. This place is a real Eden for both wine experts and University students planning their Friday night house party! 8-12.30/15.30-19.30. Closed on Wednesday (Via delle Barche 17)

THE MAD HATTER - The small Cappelleria Palladio is hidden under the shades of the archways scented of pastries and cappuccinos in Piazzetta Palladio. You can find countless hats for all sizes, all tastes and budgets (25€-800€) but, even if you don't want to buy anything, you can just sneak in to peek into the fascinating rare pieces of the owner's private collection, such as the mole skin top hat, the Churchill's Homburg hat, the Venetian tricorns, the hats of Tyrolese costumes, the English Bobby's helmet, the

Indian turbans and, many more... Mon 15.30-19.30 Tue-Sun 8.30-12.30/15.30-19.30 (Piazzetta Andrea Palladio 13)

THE READER'S OASIS - Concealed by an overgrown ivy in Campo Marzo, there is the Oasi del Lettore (Reader's Oasis), where it is possible to relax, chat with the friendly keepers, challenge locals at chess, read a book and enjoy wi-fi... everything for free! Most important, you can also get our USE-IT map here. Open from May to September, Mon-Sat 9:00-12:00 + Tue-Sun 17:00-21:00.

BUM! - **Berga Urban Museum** is a temporary open-air museum (until autumn 2016) exhibiting 150 meters of artworks by famous young illustrators from all around the world. The project aims at sexing up Borgo Berga, a new large residential complex that hasn't won the hearts of locals. We have quite an exigent architectural taste.

URBAN DICTIONARY

MONA is a crucial word in local Venetan vocabulary. Literally, it refers to the female reproductive organ. However, its meaning changes a lot according to the sentence. Here you are some typical, essential frames to practice with:

Me vâ in monal - oh, get off!
Ve tuto in mona - things go very badly
Se me tode in tanta mona - he's gone very very far away
Te st' drio a dir monale - you're talking nonsense
A sò smonà - I am bored
Và che bee monal - What a beautiful lady!
Viva la monal - God bless the female gender!

WHERE NEXT?



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38 ARTISAN BEERS INSIDE - **Birracrui** is not far away from the city center and it is the ideal place to taste local beer produced by artisans. Monte Crocetta is certainly their most popular beer but the others are also excellent, especially if you sip them sitting in the summer garden! Tue-Sun 19-2. (Strada Vicinale Monte della Crocetta 6)

39 NERD'S PARADISE - Nerds feel at home here. **Dominio** offers all that fun you can do at home: board, role-playing and card games, comics and all kind of related stuff. It's also the refuge of teenagers who skip school and come here to try freshly released videogames. On Saturday afternoon, you can challenge locals at Magic or other strategy games, or even learn miniature painting! Mon-Sat 10-19.30 (Via Gorizia 1)

40 ORGANIC WINEBAR - **Vivino** is a small wine bar run by two passionate and smart women (aunt and niece), they serve high quality organic wine and they also have special bottles of both Italian and non-Italian wine, always strictly organic. They love to serve white or red wine depending on the theme of the evening together with snacks, nibbles, and dishes paired with selected wine. Thu-Sat 19-22 (Via Legione Antonini 152)

41 YEAH, WE HAVE A BEACH - Pick up your flip-flops and head straight to **L'ultima spiaggia** (The last beach) near the Bacchiglione river! This bar is provided with a real outside beach with sand, umbrellas, deckchairs and lots of drinks! We can't really advise a bath but you can enjoy the sight of the river! Open 10.30-23.00 (Contrà san Biagio)

42 ST.PETER'S PUB - If you are looking for the real pub life, you can go to **St.Peter's pub**. Davide, the big innkeeper, will spill you a pint of Guinness, cook excellent pub food (great burgers and fish&chips), and you will be able to watch international football games on the large screen. Men's relief! Sun-Thu 12-1 / Fri-Sat 12-2. (Contrà San Pietro 26)

43 SECONDHAND BAR - **Ai Barco** is the bar of the Cooperativa Insieme, a non-profit association that creatively brings back to life and reuses vintage and old stuff. At this bar, you can have not only an espresso coffee... but also the cup, the lamp from the Seventies, the mirror behind the counter, the fancy chair or the teatable: everything here is for sale, literally! Whether you decide to buy something or not, you can seat and taste local beers, organic wine & appetizers, as well as a choice of healthy smoothies and fruit veggie centrifuges. Art exhibitions of eco designers are held in a room beside the bar, as well as DJ-sets every 2nd Saturday of the month. Mon 15-20, Tue-Sat 9.30-12.30/15-20 (Via della Scuola 255)

44 WINE & MUSIC - **Mavalà** is situated on a narrow street that connects the porches of Corso Palladio to Piazza del Signori. This is the right place to enjoy good wine, cocktails and other spritz (and appetizers) as aperitivo or just to have a drink at night. From April to September, the venue offers outside tables, comfortable sofas and lounge chairs while maintaining a sophisticated but cozy style. If you are tired of walking you can just stop by the restaurant Malvasia, which is only few meters away. Tue-Wed 17.30-2/Thu-Sun 11-2. (Contrà delle Morette 1)

45 DRINK LIKE A VIP - **Julien** is a restaurant/cocktail bar that is always very crowded. Here you can find delicious fusion food with respect to the traditions of Vicenza. Reservations are strongly recommended! Mon-Sat 8.30-2. (Contrà Casablanca 13)

46 END OF THE LINE - **Pullman** bar is a newly renovated bar that boasts a magnificent terrace over the Bacchiglione river. Ask for a table in the rear terrace above the water and enjoy the view while savoring an aperitivo all'italiana. Open 11/15/17.30-2. (Via Giuriolo 17)

47 JOURNEY TO THE CENTRE OF THE CITY - **Grottino** is the perfect place for an aperitivo sitting right on the steps of the Basilica Palladiana. Here spritz is a must, but you can also have a top-notch glass of red or white wine, whether sparkling or still, sweet or dry, served with tasty snacks. It is what magnagati like to do. Mon-Thu 17-2, Fri-Sun 12-2. (Piazza delle Erbe 2)

48 A HARD CHOICE - **Ovosodo** is a bar located in the city center whose specialty is spritz, the traditional drink of Vicenza consisting in wine and water mixed with Campari, Aperol, or China (pron. Keen-na). Spritz and other kinds of drinks make Ovosodo one of the most popular bars among young locals. The average price is 2.50€/glass, including potato chips, nachos and snacks. Great quality drinks made by real magnagati! 17-13.00, closed on Tuesday (Contrà Pescherie Vecchie 12)

49 UNDER THE BELL TOWER - **Al Campanile** has remained unchanged since it was first opened. The wine selection is wide, ask the patrons to suggest you a drink and sit outside to watch the comings and goings of Piazza delle Poste. If you are hungry you may want to order the tostino with a hot sauce called momola, enriched by a secret ingredient! Tue-Sat 9-14/17-21 (Contrà Battisti)

50 GIGS & BEER IN A NICE GARDEN - **Sartea** is an early 1900s Liberty-style venue that is only a 10 minute walk away from the center. Its soft lighting and summer garden will make you forget about the adjacent busy street. Sit back and enjoy outdoor concerts held during the weekend! Tue-Sun 8-2 (Corso S. Felice e Fortunato 362)

51 PARTY IN THE PARK - **Sorvaldo** is an easygoing place that offers alternative events almost every weekend. It is one of the few places where you can dance without being too far from the center and if there is a party you are likely to find a happy hour from 10 to 11PM. Open Tue-Sun 6.30-2 (Viale Venezia 9)

52 ROCK N' ROLL ALL NIGHT LONG - Feeling like rock'n'roll till early morning? The **Art Café Live** might be the place for you! On Fridays and Saturdays bands perform live any kind of rock: hard, alternative, heavy, southern, rockabilly... The American soldiers of the local US army bases also appreciate the place. Mon-Sun 7-4. (Via Vecchia Ferreria 141)

53 TOTEM - **Totem Gallery** is the most famous club in Vicenza. It opened in 1989 and everyone in Vicenza has been here to dance at least once in his or her lifetime. Commercial house, rock, punk and electronic music are mixed together to spice up parties where no elegant dress code is required. October - May: Wed 23-2am, Fri-Sat 23.00-4 Friday and Saturday night 23.30-4. (Via Vecchia Ferreria 133)

54 SUMMER NIGHTS - **Villa Bonin** is the most popular summer outdoor disco club in Vicenza. It spreads all over the garden of an elegant renaissance villa, playing different music in each different spot (house, electronic, trance, minimal). Dress code: elegant. Open May to September. Fri-Sat 22-4. (Via del Commercio 8)

55 DO YOU FEEL JAZZY??? - This old building was once a **bocceodromo** (Italian bowling ground). It has been recently renovated and turned into a cultural center, in which many political, cultural, and sport activities take place and where you can have good beer and wine. On Wednesday evenings, from September to July, the atmosphere spices up with the **JazzLab&Spritztime** (free-entry), i.e. spectacular jam sessions of the best local jazzmen and international guests... Yeah man! Mon-Sat 16-24 (Via Rossi 198)

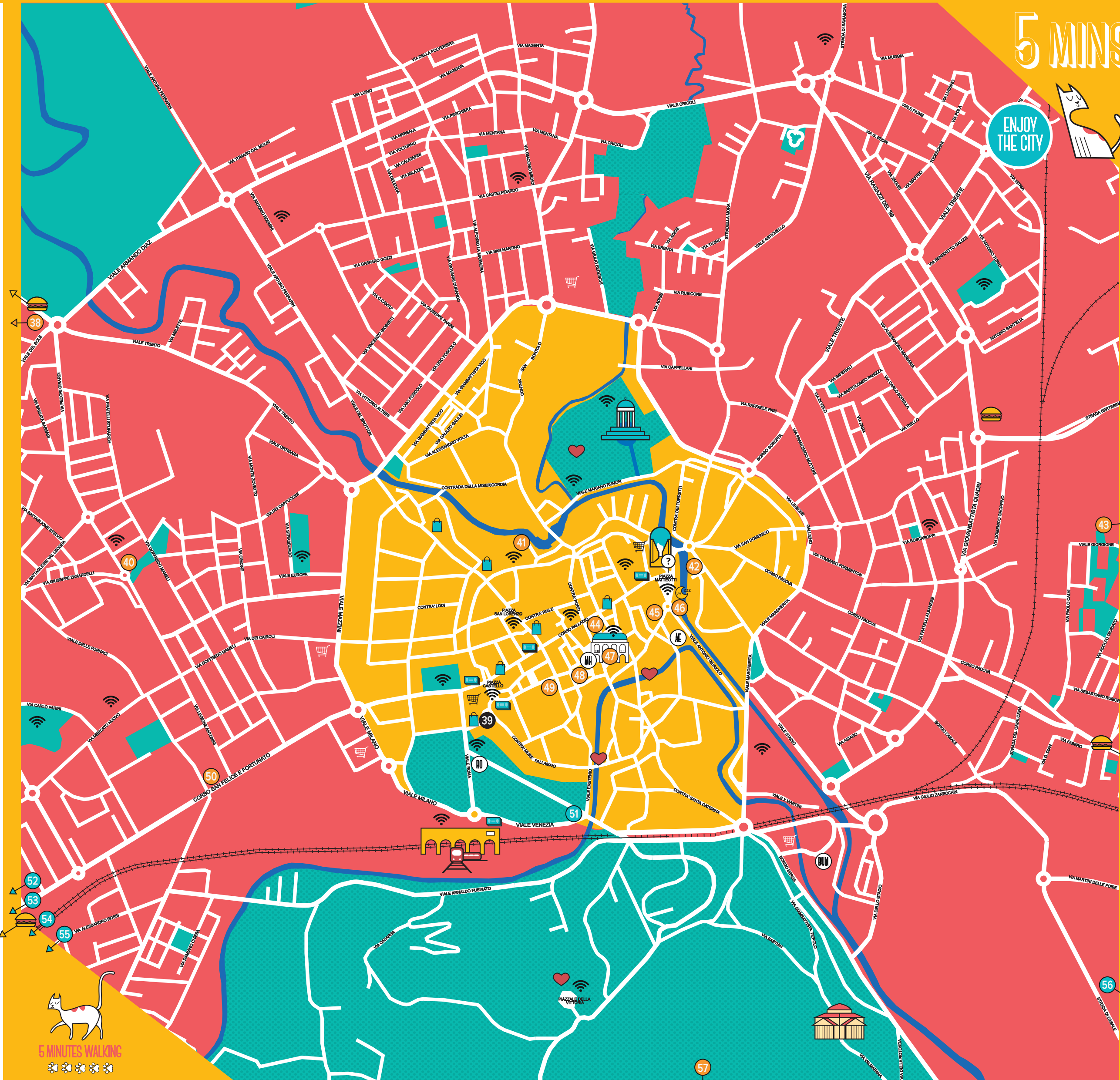
56 DON'T STOP ME NOW - If you are not a disco club and/or commercial music lover, **K2 Music Place** might be the right place to spend your Saturday night and dance till 4 in the morning. It is a large space where the most disparate musical genres are played. Reggae, drum & bass, trash, or even electronic and techno. A wide choice of music together with cheap entry and drinks. Check out their facebook page to know what's next! Open September to May: Fri-Sat 22-4. (Strada Pelosa 183)

57 THE GRIMPY CARLETTO - The name of this place is **Carletto**, but everyone simply calls it "Carletto" after its crusty and crabby innkeeper. It is an old-style osteria, with rustic furniture, a cozy fireplace and a couple of cats resting by the old stove. Carletto's wife prepares excellent gyros and tasty bruschettas, big plates with salami and delicious homemade sweets (try their special caramelized fruit!). Don't ask for spritz or other fancy cocktails if you don't want to get snubbed: Carletto only serves local wine and beers! It is crowded but it offers a nice atmosphere with jazz flowing from the speakers. Free live-music nights usually take place on Fridays. Carletto's is an essential part of Vicenza and many locals had their first date here. The only problem is that Carletto's is in the middle of nowhere (Fimón) and difficult to reach. Here is the solution: your mission is to befriend a local car-equipped boy or girl - according to your tastes - and get there together. You won't regret it! Tue-Sun 16-24 or later, it depends on Carletto! (Via valle dei molini 5, Fimón)

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BIGOLI A LARNA: thick homemade spaghetti with succulent duck-meat ragout. It does not matter what the menu offers, a true local cannot resist bigoli a l'arna.

CREDITS



5 MINS OF HISTORY

VICENTURY BC: the Venetribes, which were our grand-grand-grand ancestors, settled in this region, living in wooden palafitts (lake-dwelling on foundation piles). The name of our tribe comes from the indoeuropean "Wen", which means "Love". Hippies!

37 BC: Allied with Romans, the Veneti defeated the Celtic tribes and founded the city of Vicentia, i.e. "Victorious"

452: Attila, Scourge of God, visited Vicenza with his friends, the Huns. Vivacious people!

1404-1797: Vicenza peacefully joined the Serenissima ("Most Serene") Republic of Venice, and the nice statue of the Saint Marc's Lion was placed in Piazza del Signori.

1432: Sailing to Bruges, the merchant Querini wrecked ashore in the North Sea, ending up in Norway. He came back to Vicenza with a stock of stockfish and invented the Baccalà a la Vicentina.

1519-1522: Antonio Pigafetta joined the Magellan's crew, keeping the ship's log of the first expedition around the world. Pigafetta was one of the 18 tough men (out of 240) who completed the circumnavigation.

1813-1866: Austrian domination. Spritz was invented in this period, as it happened that Asburgic soldiers used to dilute our wines by "spritzing" some water in it...

1907: The glorious team of Vicenza Calcio was founded. God bless the white-reds!

1945: Vicenza was the most damaged city in Veneto by Allied bombings. The Basilica Palladiana was seriously damaged.

1955: Vicenza became home to the US army post Casema Ederle.

1977-1978: Vicenza Calcio finished runner up in Serie A, led by a young striker, Paolo Rossi.

1987: Foundation of the Confraternity of Baccalà.

1993: Our beloved citizen Roberto Baggio won the FIFA World player/Ballon d'Or. He is Vicenza's pride.

1994: The City of Vicenza and the Palladian Villas of Veneto were listed in the UNESCO World Heritage.

1997: Vicenza defeated Napoli 3-0 and won the Coppa Italia... Yahoo!

2014: First USE-IT map of Vicenza.

PALLADIO WHO??? - In 1994, Vicenza has been named UNESCO World Heritage. Why? Because Vicenza is just beautiful! It's surprising how such a small town can contain so many architectural jewels: the Basilica Palladiana, the Teatro Olimpico, Villa La Rotonda. All thanks to one architect, Andrea Palladio (1508-1580). During the XVI century Palladio changed the outline of the medieval town and - as it happens - the concept of architecture in the whole world. Palladio is now widely considered the most influential individual in the history of Western architecture. If you are interested in architecture, you should visit the Palladium Museum (Contrà Porti 1). The statue of a thoughtful Andrea Palladio stands just aside the Basilica Palladiana: go say hi!

EAT-PARADE



BACALA' A LA VISENTINA: It is our most famous dish. It's a creamy fish made with stocksh, a sort of mummified fish coming from the arctic Lofoten Islands (Norway). Bacalà is usually eaten with polenta, our typical corn bread.

ASIAGO CHEESE: Old wise locals say "la boca non l'è straca se non la sa de vaca" (translation: the mouth is not happy if it doesn't taste like cow), that is, you MUST eat cheese at the end of your meal. **Asiago** (fresh or seasoned) is our most famous cheese and it is produced in our Alps.

LA PUTANA: as a dessert, don't be shy and ask for La Putana (translation: "woman of questionable morality"), an old traditional cake made with winter fruit and leftover bread.

LA SGNAPA: our true spirit, grappa (or sgnapa) is a fragrant, grape based pomace brandy served as digestivo (after-dinner drink). Grappa may also be added to espresso coffee to create a caffè corretto (corrected coffee), or you can do the rasentini (little rinse): after drinking a cup of espresso with sugar, a few drops of grappa are poured into the nearly empty cup, swirled and drunk down in one sip.

PANINO_ONTO - Even after a whole night spent at a nightclub or watching a concert, night is not over yet! You must follow Vicenza's tradition, that is, have a panino onto. As a matter of fact around the city you can find several vans that cook at the moment the sandwich of your dreams. Pork, sausage, ham, onions, peppers, cheese, ketchup, mayonnaise are just few of the many ingredients you can put in your personal sandwich. It will be easier to fall asleep with a full belly. The happy end of your memorable nights... Good night! Open usually from 23:00 to 5:00.

