

#### 4.1.1.2 Accessible city routes; Bordeaux; Athens; Venice; Padua

**Bordeaux, Destination for all; Bordeaux:** In Bordeaux, inclusion is at the heart of public policies, so that the region is accessible for all. Bordeaux 'Tourism and Handicap' certified routes are accessible for those with mobility or hearing disabilities, and four map displays for the visually impaired have been installed. The Bordeaux Tourist Office has also developed a dedicated guide for those with disabilities and contains all the services available to people with reduced mobility. The guide is regularly updated, considering the feedback and needs of users. Additionally, the 'City and Handicap' task force has helped to make major cultural events such as the Bordeaux Wine Festival and the Bordeaux River Festival accessible for visitors with special needs. The municipality has paid particular attention to adapting sites where these events take place with e.g., access ramps, adapted sanitary facilities, zones reserved exclusively for use by persons of reduced mobility and human assistance.

Find out more at: <https://www.bordeaux-tourism.co.uk/accessibility>

#### **"The Grand Walk of Athens"; Athens:**

In summer 2020, Athens implemented an initiative called "The Great Walk of Athens" that transformed streets into walking and biking paths in areas heavily utilized by cars. The pilot phase of a long-term redevelopment program, the Grand Walk generated wide discussion about urban infrastructure as a public good. Helping residents participate in the design of public spaces helps raise awareness of streets that need to serve many different purposes and populations with differing privileges and abilities.



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Find out more at: <https://news.gtp.gr/2020/07/17/grand-walk-of-athens-project-enhance-citys-tourism-identity/>

**Dedicated accessible tour through the city; Padua:** Padua has designed an accessible tourist itinerary, especially for those with physical disabilities. The tour includes a 2.5 km route that can be done on foot or with mobility aids such as wheelchairs.

**Exploration made barrier free; Venice:**

The city has introduced an “itinerary without barriers”, an itinerary to explore and experience the city specifically designed for wheelchair users visiting Venice. These itineraries take the visitor throughout Venice along specifically designed and accessible routes for wheelchair users offer suggestions on visiting the city despite the obstacles that it's the city with all its bridges entail. These routes and itineraries have been designed by the Office for the Elimination of Architectural Barriers of the Municipality of Venice and have been created in collaboration with resident with limited mobility living in the city. Through this collaborative process, Venice has taken the residential experience as a platform for creating a better tourist experience for everyone.



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Find out more at: <https://www.veneziaunica.it/en/content/itineraries-without-barriers>

**4.1.1.3 Accessible infrastructure; Bordeaux; Dublin; Genoa; Ljubljana; Szczecin; Venice**

**Accessible transport system; Bordeaux:** Bordeaux's public transport network is 100% wheelchair accessible, thanks to large sliding doors, step-free access and reserved spaces. In the city, the creation of a pedestrian GR-accredited circuit follows the same dynamic. The network of footpaths runs for 160 km through the suburbs and green spaces. It is