# Verona

Verona (Italian pronunciation: [ve'ro:na] ( listen); Venetian: Verona or Veròna) is a city on the Adige river in Veneto, Italy, with 258,108 inhabitants. It is one of the seven provincial capitals of the region. It is the second largest city municipality in the region and the third largest in northeast Italy. The metropolitan area of Verona covers an area of 1,426 km² (550.58 sq mi) and has a population of 714,274 inhabitants. [1] It is one of the main tourist destinations in northern Italy, because of its artistic heritage and several annual fairs, shows, and operas, such as the lyrical season in the Arena, the ancient amphitheater built by the Romans.

Two of William Shakespeare's plays are set in Verona: *Romeo and Juliet* and *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*. It is unknown if Shakespeare ever visited Verona or Italy, but his plays have lured many visitors to Verona and surrounding cities. The city has been declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO because of its urban structure and architecture.

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# History

The precise details of Verona's early history remain a mystery. One theory is it was a city of the <u>Euganei</u>, who were obliged to give it up to the <u>Cenomani</u> (550 BC). With the conquest of the Valley of the <u>Po</u>, the Veronese territory became Roman (about 300 BC). Verona became a Roman *colonia* in 89 BC. It was classified as a *municipium* in 49 BC, when its citizens were ascribed to the Roman tribe*Poblilia* or *Publicia*.

The city became important because it was at the intersection of several roads. <u>Stilicho</u> defeated <u>Alaric</u> and his <u>Visigoths</u> here in 403. But, after Verona was conquered by the <u>Ostrogoths</u> in 489, the <u>Gothic</u> domination of Italy began. <u>Theoderic the Great</u> was said to have built a palace there. It remained under the power of the Goths throughout the <u>Gothic War</u> (535–552), except for a single day in 541, when the Byzantine officer <u>Artabazes</u> made an entrance. The defections that took place among the Byzantine generals with regard to the

#### Verona

#### Comune

#### Comune di Verona



A collage of Verona, clockwise from top left to right: View of Piazza Bra from Verona Arena, House of Juliet, Verona Arena, Ponte Pietra at sunset, Statue of Madonna Verona's fountain in Piazza Erbe, view of Piazza Erbe from Lamberti Tower





Location of Verona

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booty made it possible for the Goths to regain possession of the city. In 552 <u>Valerian</u> vainly endeavored to enter the city, but it was only when the Goths were fully overthrown that they surrendered it.

In 569, it was taken by Alboin, King of the Lombards, in whose kingdom it was, in a sense, the second most important city. There, Alboin was killed by his wife in 572. The dukes of Treviso often resided there. Adalgisus, son of Desiderius, in 774 made his last desperate resistance in Verona to Charlemagne, who had destroyed the Lombard kingdom. Verona became the ordinary residence of the kings of Italy, the government of the city becoming hereditary in the family of Count Milo, progenitor of the counts of San Bonifacio. From 880 to 951 the two Berengarii resided there. Otto I ceded to Verona the marquisate dependent on the Duchy of Bavaria.

When Ezzelino III da Romano was elected *podestà* in 1226, he converted the office into a permanent lordship. In 1257 he caused the slaughter of 11,000 Paduans on the plain of Verona (Campi di Verona). Upon his death, the Great Council elected Mastino I della Scala as podestà, and he converted the "signoria" into a family possession, though leaving the bghers a share in the government. Failing to be re-elected podestà in 1262, he effected a coup d'état, and was acclaimed capitano del popolo, with the command of the communal troops. Long internal discord took place before he succeeded in establishing this new office, to which was attached the function of confirming the podestà. In 1277, Mastino della Scala was killed by the faction of the nobles.

The reign of his son Alberto as capitano (1277–1302) was a time of incessant war against the counts of San Bonifacio, who were aided by the House of Este. Of his sons, Bartolomeo, Alboino and <u>Cangrande I</u>, only the last shared the government (1308); he was great as warrior, prince, and patron of the arts; he protected <u>Dante, Petrarch</u>, and <u>Giotto</u>. By war or treaty, he brought under his control the cities of <u>Padua</u> (1328), <u>Treviso</u> (1308) and <u>Vicenza</u>. At this time before the <u>Black death</u> the city was home to more than 40,000 people.

Cangrande was succeeded by Mastino II (1329-1351) and Alberto, sons of Alboino. Mastino continued his uncle's policy, conquering Brescia in 1332 and carrying his power beyond the Po. He purchased Parma (1335) and Lucca (1339). After the King of France, he was the richest prince of his time. But a powerful league was formed against him in 1337 – Florence, Venice, the Visconti, the Este, and the Gonzaga. After a three years war, the Scaliger dominions were reduced to Verona and Vicenza (Mastino's daughter Regina-Beatrice della Scala married to Barnabò Visconti). Mastino's son Cangrande II (1351-1359) was a cruel, dissolute, and suspicious tyrant; not trusting his own subjects, he surrounded himself with Brandenburg mercenaries. He was killed by his brother Cansignorio (1359-1375), who beautified the city with palaces, provided it with aqueducts and bridges, and founded the state treasury. He also killed his other brother, Paolo Alboino. Fratricide seems to have become a family custom, for Antonio (1375-87), Cansignorio's natural brother, slew his brother Bartolomeo, thereby arousing the indignation of the people, who deserted him when Gian Galeazzo Visconti of Milan made war on him. Having exhausted all his resources, he fled from Verona at midnight (19 October 1387), thus putting an end to the Scaliger domination, which, however, survived in its monuments.

The year 1387 is also the year of the famous <u>Battle of Castagnaro</u>, between <u>Giovanni</u> Ordelaffi, for Verona, and John Hawkwood, for Padua, who was the winner

Antonio's son <u>Canfrancesco</u> attempted in vain to recover Verona (1390). Guglielmo (1404), natural son of Cangrande II, was more fortunate; with the support of the people, he drove out the <u>Milanese</u>, but he died ten days after, and Verona then <u>submitted to Venice</u> (1405). The last representatives of the Scaligeri lived at the imperial court and repeatedly attempted to recover Verona by the aid of popular risings.

From 1508 to 1517, the city was in the power of the Emperor Maximilian I. There were numerous outbreaks of the plague, and in 1629–33 Italy was struck by its worst outbreak in modern times. Around 33,000 people died in Verona (over 60 per cent of the population at the



Coordinates	3.43 ZON 10 33 L			
Country	Italy			
Region	Veneto			
Province	Verona (VR)			
Frazioni	Avesa, San Michele Extra, San Massimo all'Adige, Quinzano, Quinto di Valpantena, Poiano di Valpantena, Parona di Valpolicella, Montorio Veronese, Mizzole, Marchesino, Chievo, Cà di David e Moruri			
Government				
• Mayor	Federico Sboarina(FI)			
Area				
• Total	206.63 km <sup>2</sup> (79.78 sq mi)			
Elevation	59 m (194 ft)			
Population (2018)				
• Total	258,108			
<ul> <li>Density</li> </ul>	1,200/km <sup>2</sup> (3,200/sq mi)			
Demonym(s)	<ul><li>Veronese (plural: veronesi)</li><li>Scaligero (plural: scaligeri)</li></ul>			
Time zone	UTC+1 (CET)			

time) in 1630-1631<sup>[3]</sup>

In 1776 was developed a method of bellringing called <u>Veronese bellringing art</u>. Verona was occupied by <u>Napoleon</u> in 1797, but on <u>Easter Monday</u> the populace rose and drove out the French. It was then that Napoleon made an end of the <u>Venetian Republic</u>. Verona became <u>Austrian territory</u> when Napoleon signed the <u>Treaty of Campo Formio</u> in October 1797. The Austrians took control of the city on 18 January 1798. It was taken from Austria by the <u>Treaty of Pressburg</u> in 1805 and became part of Napoleon's <u>Kingdom of Italy</u>, but was returned to Austria following Napoleon's defeat in 1814, when it became part of the Austrian-held Kingdom of Lombardy-Venetia.

The <u>Congress of Verona</u>, which met on 20 October 1822, was part of the <u>series of international conferences or congresses</u>, opening with the <u>Congress of Vienna</u> in 1814–15, that marked the effective breakdown of the 'Concert of Europe'.

In 1866, following the Six Weeks War, Verona, along with the rest of Venetia, became part of United Italy.

The advent of $\underline{\text{fascism}}$ added another dark chapter to the annals of Verona. As throughout Italy, the
$ \   \text{Jewish population was hit by the } \underline{\text{Manifesto of Race}}, \text{ a series of anti-Semitic laws passed in 1938, and } \\$
$after\ the\ invasion\ by \underline{Nazi\ Germany}\ in\ 1943,\ deportations\ to \underline{Nazi\ concentration\ camps}\ An\ Austrian\ Fort$
(now a church, the Santuario della Madonna di Lourdes), was used to incarcerate and torture $\underline{Allied}$
$\underline{troops}, \ Jews \ and \ \underline{anti-fascists}, \ especially \ after \ 1943, \ when \ Verona \ became \ part \ of \ the \ \underline{Italian \ Social}$
Republic.

As in Austrian times, Verona became of great strategic importance to the regime. <u>Galeazzo Ciano</u>, <u>Benito Mussolini's son-in-law</u>, was accused of plotting against the republic; in a <u>show trial</u> staged by the Nazi and fascist hierarchy at <u>Castelvecchio</u> (the <u>Verona trial</u>), Ciano was executed on the banks of the Adige with many other officers on what is today Via Colombo. This marked another turning point in the escalation of violence that would only end with the final liberation by allied troops and partisans in 1945.

After World War II, as Italy entered into NATO, Verona once again acquired its strategic importance, due to its closeness to the <u>Iron Curtain</u>. The city became the seat of SETAF (South European Allied Terrestrial Forces) and had during the whole duration of the <u>Cold War</u> period a strong military presence, especially American, which is decreasing only in these recent years. Now Verona is an important and dynamic city, very active in terms of economy, and also a very important tourist attraction thanks to its history, where the Roman past lives side by side with the Middle Age Verona, which in some senses brings about its architectural and artistic motifs.

# Geography

### Climate

Verona has a <u>humid subtropical climate</u>characteristic of Northern Italy's inland plains, with hot summers and cold, humid winters, even though <u>Lake Garda</u> has a partial influence on the city.<sup>[4]</sup> The <u>relative humidity</u> is high throughout the year, especially in winter when it causes <u>fog</u>, mainly from dusk until late morning, although the phenomenon has become less and less frequent in recent years.

• Summer (DST)	UTC+2 (CEST)		
Postal code	37100		
Dialing code	045		
ISTAT code	023091		
Patron saint	Saint Zeno of Verona		
Saint day	12 April		
Website	Official website		
UNESCO World Heritage Site			
Criteria	Cultural: ii, iv		
Criteria Reference	Cultural: ii, iv		
	,		
Reference	797		



The Roman Ponte Pietra in Verona



Equestrian Statue of Cangrande I



The Lion of Saint Mark located in Piazza delle Erbe, symbol of Venetian Verona



The Arche scaligere, tombs of the ancient lords of Verona

			Climate	data for	Verona (	(1971–20	000, extre	nes 1946-	present	)			
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Record high °C (°F)	19.8 (67.6)	22.1 (71.8)	27.2 (81.0)	31.8 (89.2)	36.6 (97.9)	36.4 (97.5)	38.2 (100.8)	39.0 (102.2)	33.2 (91.8)	29.2 (84.6)	23.6 (74.5)	18.8 (65.8)	39.0 (102.2)
Average high °C (°F)	6.1 (43.0)	8.9 (48.0)	13.4 (56.1)	17.2 (63.0)	22.7 (72.9)	26.3 (79.3)	29.2 (84.6)	28.8 (83.8)	24.4 (75.9)	18.0 (64.4)	11.0 (51.8)	6.7 (44.1)	17.7 (63.9)
Daily mean °C (°F)	2.5 (36.5)	4.5 (40.1)	8.4 (47.1)	12.0 (53.6)	17.2 (63.0)	20.8 (69.4)	23.6 (74.5)	23.3 (73.9)	19.0 (66.2)	13.3 (55.9)	7.1 (44.8)	3.1 (37.6)	12.9 (55.2)
Average low °C (°F)	-1.2 (29.8)	0.1 (32.2)	3.4 (38.1)	6.8 (44.2)	11.7 (53.1)	15.4 (59.7)	18.0 (64.4)	17.8 (64.0)	13.7 (56.7)	8.7 (47.7)	3.2 (37.8)	-0.4 (31.3)	8.1 (46.6)
Record low °C (°F)	-18.4 (-1.1)	-18.4 (-1.1)	-10.4 (13.3)	-2.2 (28.0)	0.0 (32.0)	3.8 (38.8)	7.3 (45.1)	8.1 (46.6)	2.0 (35.6)	-4.6 (23.7)	-7.9 (17.8)	-15.5 (4.1)	-18.4 (-1.1)
Average precipitation mm (inches)	50.9 (2.00)	43.3 (1.70)	48.7 (1.92)	70.4 (2.77)	74.2 (2.92)	87.2 (3.43)	62.6 (2.46)	81.7 (3.22)	76.2 (3.00)	91.0 (3.58)	64.8 (2.55)	52.5 (2.07)	803.5 (31.63)
Average precipitation days (≥ 1.0 mm)	6.8	5.1	6.0	8.9	8.6	8.6	5.5	5.8	6.0	7.4	7.1	6.2	82.0
Average relative humidity (%)	85	78	73	75	73	73	73	74	76	81	84	84	77
Mean monthly sunshine hours	94	102	156	180	241	255	304	262	199	158	72	81	2,104
Source #1: Servizio Meteorologico (humidity 1961–1990) [5][6][7]													
Source #2: Danish Meteorological Institute (sun, 1931–1960) [8]													

# **Demographics**

In 2009, there were 265,368 people residing in Verona, located in the province of Verona, Veneto, of whom 47.6% were male and 52.4% were female. Minors (children aged 0–17) totalled 16.05% of the population compared to pensioners who number 22.36%. This compares with the Italian average of 18.06% (minors) and 19.94% (pensioners). The average age of Verona residents is 43 compared to the Italian average of 42. In the five years between 2002 and 2007, the population of Verona grew by 3.05%, while Italy as a whole grew by 3.85%. [9] The current birth rate of Verona is 9.24 births per 1,000 inhabitants compared to the Italian average of 9.45 births.

As of 2009, 87% of the population was <u>Italian</u>. The largest immigrant group comes from other European nations (the largest coming from <u>Romania</u>): 3.60%, <u>South Asia</u>: 2.03%, and <u>sub-saharan Africa</u> 1.50%. The city is predominantly <u>Roman Catholic</u>, but due to immigration now has some <u>Orthodox</u> Christian, and Muslim followers.

2017 largest resident foreign-born groups $^{[11]}$				
Country of birth	Population			
Romania	12,520			
📆 Sri Lanka	7,234			
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<b>■■■</b> Moldova	5,008
■ ■ Nigeria	3,233
Morocco	2,857
Albania	2,500
China China	1,975
<b>Ghana</b>	1,444



Panoramic view of the city from Castel San Pietro

### Government

Since local government political reorganization in 1993, Verona has been governed by the City Council of Verona, which is based in *Palazzo Barbieri*. Voters elect directly 33 councilors and the Mayor of Verona every five years. Verona is also the capital of its own province. The Provincial Council is seated in *Palazzo del Governo*. The current Mayor of Verona is Federico Sboarina (LN), elected on 26 June 2017.

This is a list of the mayors of **Y**erona since 1946:

Mayor	Term start	Term end	Party
Aldo Fedeli	1946	1951	PSI
Giovanni Uberti	1951	1956	DC
Giorgio Zanotto	1956	1965	DC
Renato Gozzi	1965	1970	DC
Carlo Delaini	1970	1975	DC
Renato Gozzi	1975	1980	DC
Gabriele Sboarina	1980	1990	DC
Aldo Sala	1990	1993	DC
Enzo Erminero	1993	1994	DC
Michela Sironi Mariotti	27 June 1994	28 May 2002	<u>FI</u>
Paolo Zanotto	28 May 2002	28 May 2007	DL
Flavio Tosi	28 May 2007	26 June 2017	LN
Federico Sboarina	26 June 2017	incumbent	<u>FI</u>



Palazzo Barbieri is Verona City Hall



Palazzo del Governois the seat of the Province of Verona

# **Main sights**

Because of the value and importance of its many historical buildings, Verona has been named a <u>UNESCO</u> <u>World Heritage Site</u>. Verona preserved many ancient Roman monuments (including magnificent <u>Arena</u>) in the <u>early Middle Ages</u>, but much of this and much of its early medieval edifices were destroyed or heavily damaged by the <u>earthquake of 3 January 1117</u>, which led to a massive <u>Romanesque</u> rebuilding. The <u>Carolingian period</u> <u>Versus de</u> <u>Verona</u> contains an important description of <u>Verona</u> in the early medieval era.

### **Roman edifices**

The Roman military settlement in what is now the centre of the city was to expand through the <u>cardines</u> and <u>decumani</u> that intersect at right angles. This structure has been kept to the present day and is clearly visible from the air. Further development has not reshaped the original map. Though the Roman city with its basalt-paved roads is mostly hidden from view it stands virtually intact about 6 m below the surface. Most palazzi and houses have cellars built on Roman artifacts that are rarely accessible to visitors. <u>Piazza delle Erbe</u>, near the Roman forum was rebuilt by <u>Cangrande I</u> and <u>Cansignorio della</u> Scala I, lords of Verona, using material (such as marble <u>bocks</u> and statues) from Roman spas and villas.

Verona is famous for its Roman amphitheatre, the Arena, found in the city's largest piazza, the Piazza Bra. Completed around 30 AD, it is the third largest in Italy after Rome's Colosseum and the arena at Capua. It measures 139 metres long and 110 metres wide, and could seat some 25,000 spectators in its 44 tiers of marble seats. The *ludi* (shows and gladiator games) performed within its walls were so famous that they attracted spectators from far beyond the city. The current two-story façade is actually the internal support for the tiers; only a fragment of the original outer perimeter wall in white and pink limestone from Valpolicella, with three stories remains. The interior is very impressive and is virtually intact, and has remained in use even today for public events, fairs, theatre and open-aired opera during warm summer nights.



Porta Borsari



The Ponte Scaligero, completed in 1356



Verona Arena

This theatre was built in the 1st century BC, but through the ages had fallen in disuse and had been built upon to provide housing. In the 18th century Andrea Monga, a wealthy Veronese, bought all the houses that in time had been built over the theatre, demolished them, and saved the monument. Not far from it is the <a href="Ponte di Pietra">Ponte di Pietra</a> ("Stone Wall Bridge"), another Roman landmark that has survived to this day

There is also a variety of otherRoman monuments to be

found in the town, such as theRoman theatre of Verona.

The <u>Arco dei Gavi</u> (Gavi Arch) was built in the 1st century AD, and is famous for having the name of the builder (architect<u>Lucius Vitruvius Cordone</u>) engraved on it, a rare case in the architecture of the epoque. It originally straddled the main <u>Roman road</u> into the city, now the Corso Cavour. It was demolished by French troops in 1805 and rebuilt in 1932.

Nearby is the <code>Porta Borsari</code>, an archway at the end of Corso Porta Borsari. This is the façade of a 3rd-century gate in the original Roman <code>city walls</code>. The inscription is dated 245 AD and gives the city name as <code>Colonia Verona Augusta</code>. Corso Porta Borsari, the road passing through the gate is the original <code>Via Sacra</code> of the Roman city. Today, it is lined with several <code>Renaissance palazzi</code> and the ancient <code>Church of Santi Apostoli</code>, a few metres from Piazza delle Erbe.

<u>Porta Leoni</u> is the 1st century BC ruin of what was once part of the Roman <u>city gate</u>. A substantial portion is still standing as part of the wall of a medieval building. The street itself is an open <u>archaeological site</u>, and the remains of the original Roman street and gateway foundations can be seen a few feet below the present street level. As can be seen from there, the gate contains a small court guarded by towers. Here, carriages and travelers were inspected before entering or leaving the city



Piazza dei Signori

#### Medieval architecture

The Basilica of San Zeno Maggioreis Romanesque style church, the third such structure on its site, built from 1123–1135, over the 4th-century shrine to &fona's patron saint, St. Zeno (died 380). The façade dominates the large square, and is flanked with a beautiful 72 metres tall bell tower, which is mentioned by Dante in Canto 18 of Purgatory in the Divine Comedy. The weathered Veronese stone gives a wam golden glow, and the restrained lines of the pillars, columns, and cornices, and the gallery with its double windows, give the façade an air of harmonious elegance. The hugeose window is decorated as a Wheel of Fortune. The lintels above the portal have carvings of the months of the year Each side of the doorway is embellished with 18bas-relief panels of biblical scenes, and the inner bronze door panels have 48 primitive but forceful depictions of Biblical scenes and episodes from the life of St Zeno. The meaning of some of the scenes is now unknown, but the extraordinarily vivid energy of the figures is a superb blend of traditional and Ottonian influences. The interior of the church is divided into the Lower Church, occupying about 3/3 of the structure, and the Upper Church, occupying the remainderThe walls are covered with 12th and 14th centuryfrescos and the ceiling of the nave is a magnificent



San Zeno Basilica like many other Veronese churches, is built with alternating layers of white stone and bricks

example of a ship's keel ceiling. The vaultedrypt contains the tomb of St. Zeno, the first Bishop of Verona, as well as the tombs of several other saints. North of the church is a pleasant cloisterThe church also houses the tomb of KingPippin of Italy (777–810).

- The Basilica of San Lorenzois another Romanesque church, albeit smallerIt dates from around 1177, but was built on the site of aPaleochristian church, fragments of which remain. The church is built of alternating tracks obrick and stone, and has two cylindrical towers, housing spiral staircases to the women's galleries. The interior is sobebut still quiet. The striped bands of stone and brick and the graceful arches complement the setting.
- Santa Maria Anticais a small Romanesque church that served as the privatechapel of the Scaligeri clan, and is famous for the GothicScaliger Tombs. The <u>Duomo</u> is also a notable Romanesque church.
- Sant'Anastasia is a huge and lofty church built from 1290–1481 by the Dominicans to hold
  the massive congregations attracted by their sermons. The Pellegrini chapel houses the
  famous fresco St. George and the Princess of Tebizond by Pisanello as well as the grave
  of Wilhelm von Bibra An art festival is held in the square each may

With a span length of 48.70 m (159.78 ft), the segmental <u>arch bridge Ponte Scaligero</u> featured, at the time of its completion in 1356, the world's lagest bridge arch.



Piazza delle Erbe

# Notable people

- Aleardo Aleardi, a poet
- Paolo Bellasio, composer of the Renaissance; member of the Roman School
- Stefano Bernardi, baroque composer
- Massimo Bubola singer-songwriter born inTerrazzo
- Paolo Caliari, well known as "Veronese" painter
- Lou Campi, professional bowler
- Mario Capecchi, Nobel prize in Medicine 2007
- Giovanni Francesco Caroto painter
- Catullus, Latin poet
- Walter Chiari, actor
- Gigliola Cinquetti, singer who brought Italy its first<u>Eurovision Song Contest</u>twin in 1964
- Damiano Cunego, former world number 1 cyclist and former Giro d'Italia winner
- Giorgio de Stefani, tennis player, finalist at the 1932 French Open
- Franco Donatoni, composer
- Gino Fano, mathematician
- Girolamo Fracastoro also known as Fracastorius, renowned scholarphysician and poet
- Giovanni Giocondo architect and scholar
- · Girolamo dai Libri, illuminator of manuscripts and painter
- Romano Guardini, theologian
- Marc' Antonio Ingegneri composer, teacher of Claudio Monteverdi
- Ernestine von Kirchsberg Austrian landscape painter
- Cesare Lombroso criminologist
- Scipione Maffei, writer and historian
- Matteo Manassero, British amateur golf champion, 2009
- Arnoldo Mondadori, editor
- Romeo Montague and Juliet Capulet, fictional characters from the well known Shakespearian playRomeo and Juliet
- Marcantonio Negri, Baroque composer, associate of Monteverd
- Carlo Pedrotti, 19th-century composer conductor, voice teacher and opera administrator
- St. Peter Martyr, Dominican preacher and saint
- Ippolito Pindemonte poet
- Ratherius, Medieval bishop and writer
- Francesca Rettondini actress
- Vincenzo Ruffo, composer of the Renaissance
- Emilio Salgari, novelist
- Antonio Salieri, composer
- Michele Sammicheli architect
- Sara Simeoni, former world high jump primatist and Olympic gold medalist
- Marco Stroppa, composer
- Bartolomeo Tromboncino, composer of the Renaissance period
- Giorgio Zancanaro, baritone



The balcony of Juliet's house



The Portoni della Bra



The Verona Cathedral

Verona was the birthplace of <u>Catullus</u>, and the town that <u>Julius Caesar</u> chose for relaxing stays. It has had an association with many important people and events that have been significant in the history of Europe, such as <u>Theoderic the Great</u>, king of <u>Ostrogoths</u>, <u>Alboin</u> and <u>Rosamund</u>, the <u>Lombard</u> Dukes, Charlemagne and Pippin of Italy, Berengar I, and Dante. Conclaves were held here, as were important congresses. Verona featured in the travel diaries of

## Sport



Stadio Marcantonio Bentegodi which was used as a venue at the1990 FIFA World Cup is home to Verona's major football clubsHellas Verona and Chievo Verona

The city has three professional football teams. Historically, the city's major team has been Hellas Verona. Hellas Verona won the Italian Serie A championship in 1984–85, and played in the European Cup the following year. Chievo Verona represents Chievo, a suburb of Verona. As of the 2017–18 season, both clubs play in the first division of Italian football, Serie A. The teams contest the Derby della Scala and share the 38,402-seater Stadio Marcantonio Bentegodi, which was used as a venue at the 1990 FIFA World Cup. Virtus Vecomp Verona is another Verona-based football club.



The Santa Maria Antica

Verona is home to the volleyball team Marmi Lanza Verona (now in Serie A1), the rugby team Franklin and Marshall Cus Verona Rugby (now in Serie A1), and the basketball team <u>Scaligera Basket</u> (now in Legadue).

The city has twice hosted the <u>UCI Road World Championships</u>, in <u>1999</u> (with <u>Treviso</u> as co-host) and in <u>2004</u>. The city also regularly hosts stages of the <u>Giro d'Italia</u> annual cycling race. Verona also hosted the baseball world cup in 2009, and the Volleyball World Cup in September–October 2010. Verona is hosting the Volleyball Women's World Championship in September–October 2014. The city also regularly hosts stages of the <u>Giro d'Italia</u> annual cycling race. Verona also hosted the baseball world cup in 2009, and the Volleyball World Cup in September–October 2014.

# Infrastructure and transport

#### **Buses**

Buses are operated by the provincial public transport companyAzienda Trasporti Verona (ATV).

### Railways

Verona lies at a major route crossing where the north-south rail line from the <u>Brenner Pass</u> to Rome intersects with the east-west line between Milan and Venice, giving the city rail access to most of Europe. In addition to regional and local services the city is served by direct international trains to Zurich, Innsbruck and Munich and by overnight sleeper services to Paris and Dijon (Thello), Munich and Vienna (ÖBB).

Verona's main station is <u>Verona Porta Nuova railway station</u>, to the south of the city centre. It is considered to be the ninth busiest railway station in Italy, handling approximately 68,000 passengers per day, or 25 million passengers per year<sup>[13]</sup>

There is a lesser station to the east of the city at <u>Porta Vescovo</u>, which used to be the main station in Verona, but now only receives trains between <u>V</u>nice and Porta Nuova.



Verona Porta Nuova railway station

## **Airport**

<u>Verona Airport</u> is located 10 <u>km</u> (6.2 mi) southwest of Verona. It handles around 3 million passengers per year. It is linked to Porta Nuova railway station by a frequent bus service. [13]

There are direct flights between Verona and Rome Fiumicino, Munich, Berlin, Moscow, Naples, Frankfurt, Catania, Paris Charles De Gaulle, London Gatwick, Dublin, Palermo, Cork, Manchester Vienna Schwechat, Liverpool and Cagliari among others.

## **International relations**

Verona is twined with eight cities. [15]

- Munich, Germany<sup>[15]</sup>
- Nîmes, France, has a similarRoman amphitheatre [15]
- Saint-Josse-ten-Noode Belgium<sup>[15]</sup>
- Salzburg, Austria<sup>[15]</sup>
- Pula, Croatia, has a similarRoman amphitheatre <sup>[15][16]</sup>
- Albany, New York, United States 15]
- Nagahama, Japan<sup>[15]</sup>
- Fresno, California, United States

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### See also

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