## **Battaglia Terme**

## WHERE IS BATTAGLIA TERME?

Battaglia Terme is a small district near Monselice, in the province of Padua. It lies among the beautiful Euganei Hills to the west, and to the east many winding canals.

There are four canals, Battaglia, Bisatto, Vigenzone and Rialto that run through the territory of Battaglia Terme.

In the past the port of Battaglia Terme was extremely important because it connected many cities to the Venetian Lagoon.





## **The History**

- At the beginning of the XIII century, Battaglia was a small agricultural and thermal village,
- Around the year 1000 Battaglia was known because there was a hospice for pilgrims.
- After the construction of the "canale battaglia", the village grew along its banks and developed an intense commercial activity.
- Some of Battaglia's industrial trade became very important between the end of the 19th century and the 1980s, such as the "Galileo electromechanical workshops".
- Battaglia, always a spa town, in the nineteenth century was a luxurious establishment built by architect Pietro Selvatico.
- In 1936, when the old building was demolished, the I.N.P.S. "Pietro Abano" plant was inaugurated.
- Today Battaglia Terme strengthens its tourist vocation by rediscovering its history and treasures.





## The territory and the waterways

From the center of Battaglia you can see the euganea trachyte quarries which is the paving of streets and squares of Venice, including Piazza San Marco.

Battaglia Terme has a very characteristic appearance: everything, in fact, it is connected and is related to water.

Taking advantage of the hydro power due to the level's difference between the Battaglia and Vigenzone canals, a lot of industries arose since the Middle Ages next to the Arco di Mezzo.

They have made Battaglia an important and dynamic craft and commercial center.

The entrance of Vigenzone was the fluvial port of the city, in which the goods were loaded reaching the lagoon and Venice itself.





