

The Grand Tour - Part 2

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These two books are the story of our 3000mile car journey to Italy from 27th August to 16th September 2011.

The story follows aproximatly the date order of the journey.



Montefalco

This should have been a cultural visit, but we were too late in the day. As the village is known for its gastronomy and wine we decided to have lunch. All the restaurants in the square were empty except for one.... which was filling up. Finding a good position on the edge, we started off with a late coffee and then moved into a relaxed lunch of rolled aubergine and truffle bruschette and pork in a wine sauce with what looked like black currants served with grilled vegtables. Another coffee finished this memorable meal....great foood and beautiful place.

After a post lunch wandering about to admire the view from the hill top.



















Spello

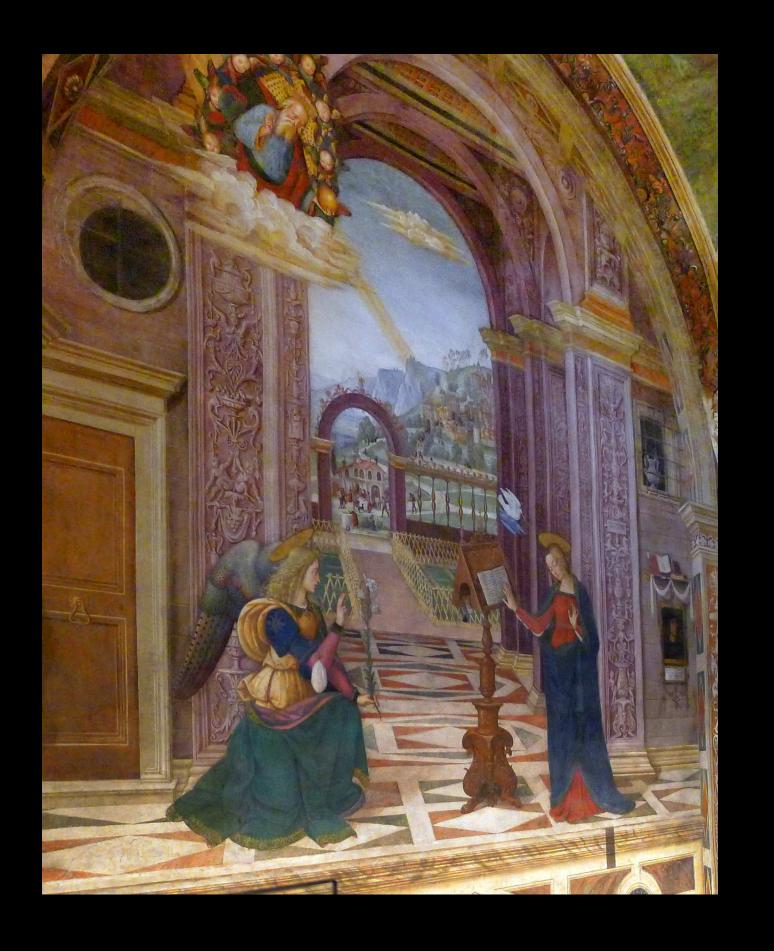
After Montefalco we visited this lovely hill town. It is famous for a church with frescoes by Pintoricchio.

We then climbed to the top of the town admirred the view, ate an ice cream and drove home.

Days total: 2 Churches, 1 VVG, 1 great lunch.

















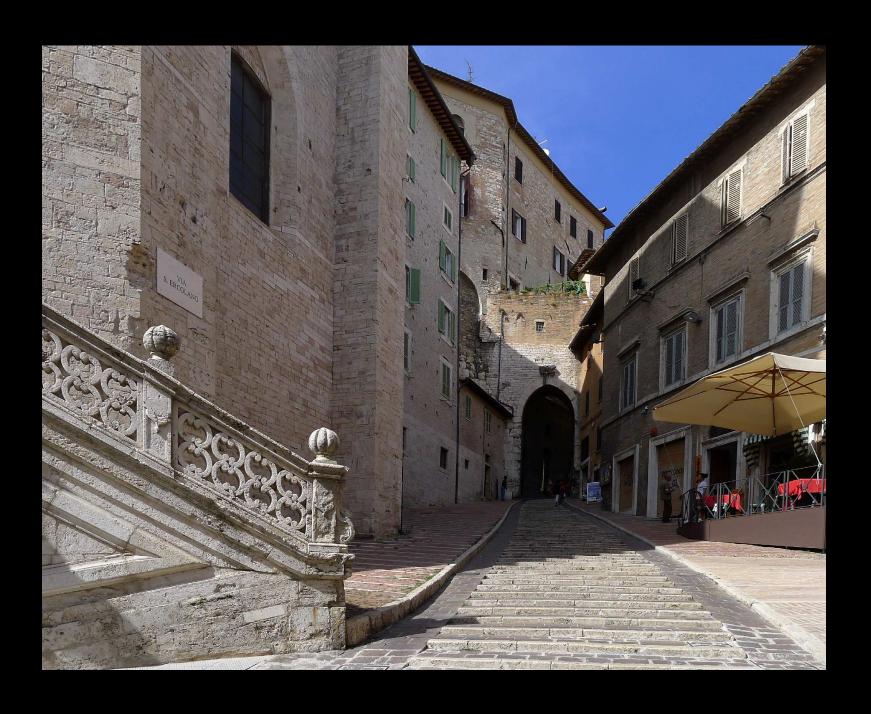
Perugia

After a morning in Assisi we visited this university town which is perched on the top of a hill. The key attraction is the National Gallery, which was very good. The Cathedral is famous for its outside, built of Roman remains but not the inside. We then walked to the end of the walled town and admired the view from the top of the hill.

Days total: 1 Cathedral, 1 art gallery.





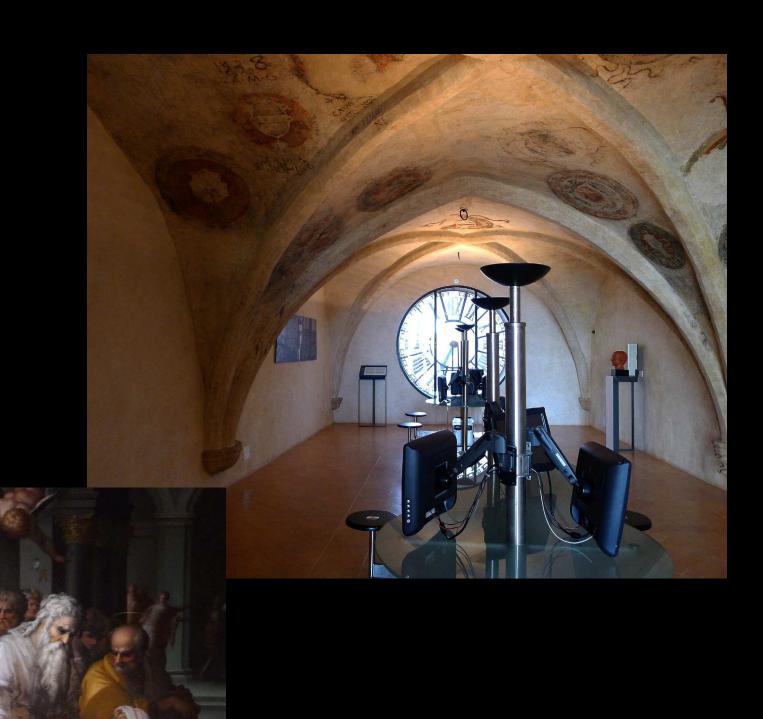
























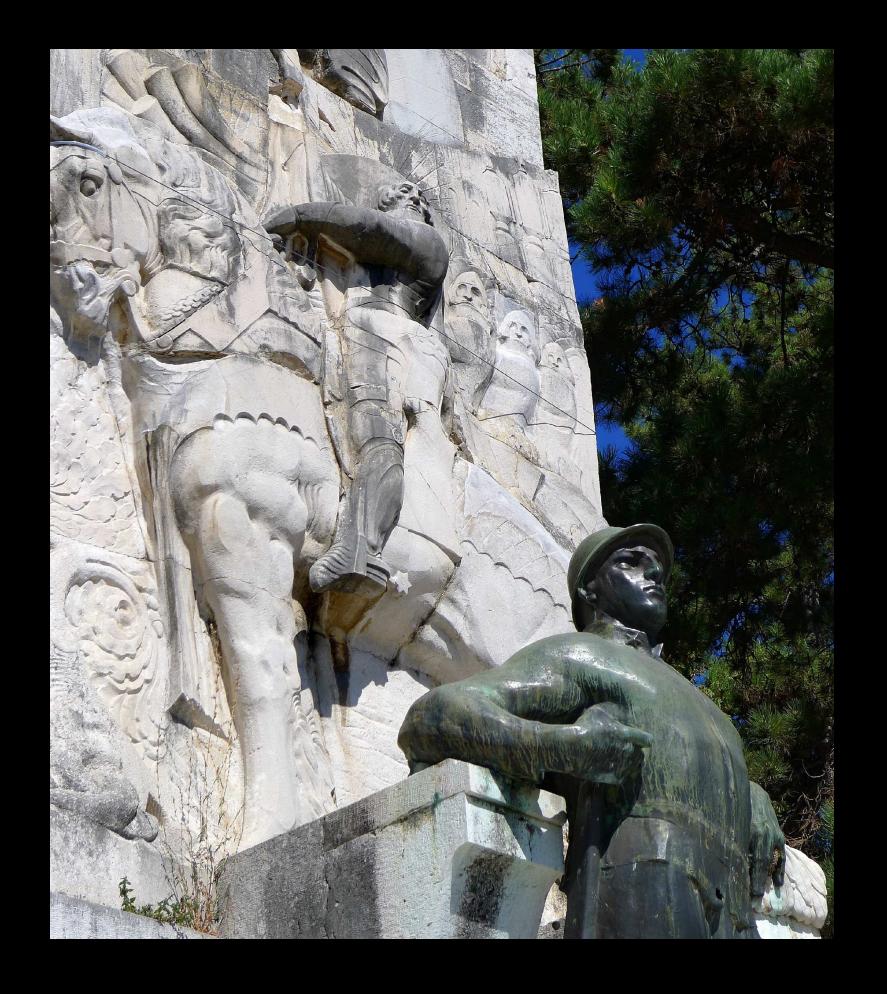


Gubbio

The journey to Gubbio was through beautiful countryside, stunning views and rolling hills.

On arrival we consumed the coffee and sticky buns, then straight in to look at the frescoes in the church of St Francis. Then we had the slog up the hill to the top of the town, but were saved by two lifts. We started the tour with the Palazzio dei Consoli, a museum on local history and art.

Then up to the next level for Diocesan Museum, followed by the Cathedral.





















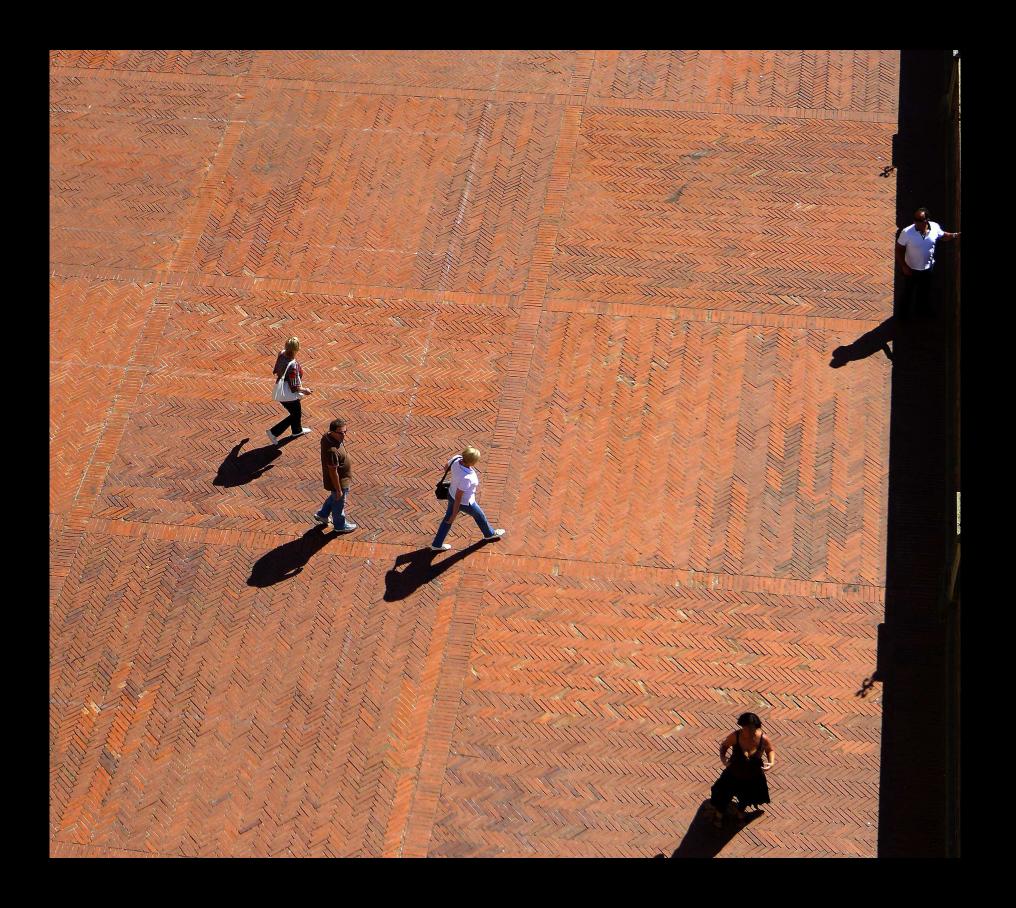














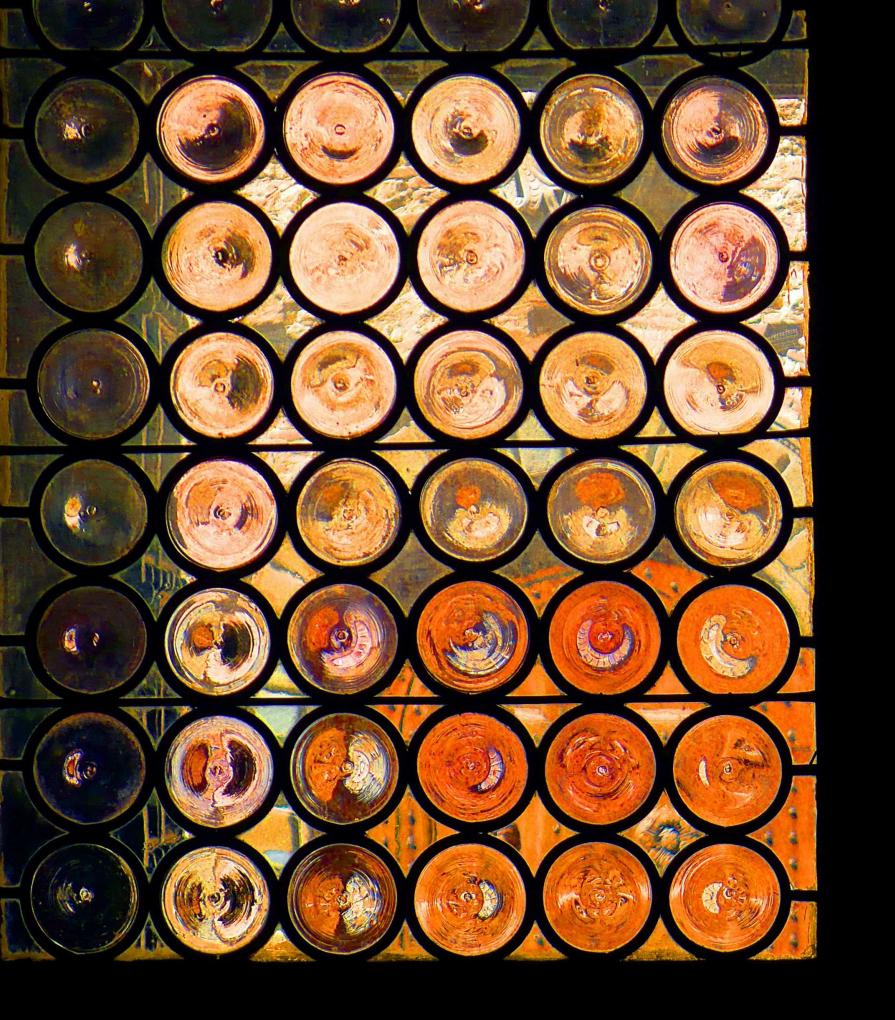




















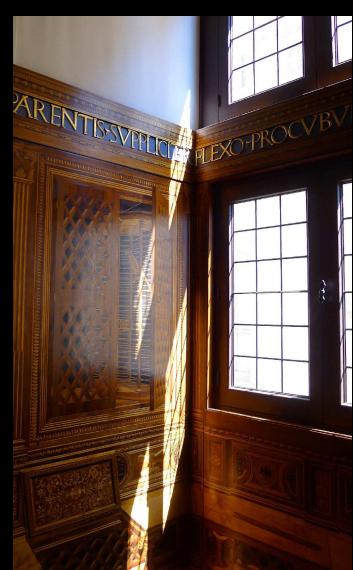
After the Cathedral we crossed the road to the Ducal Palace which had been turned into an art gallery. To recover after all this activity we descended a level for a forcasia lunch and mass post card writing session.

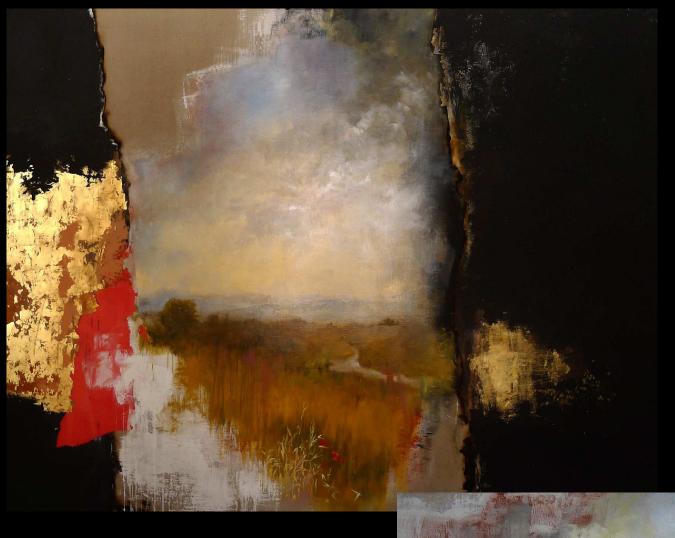
On the way back to Casa Rosa we found an ice cream parlour.

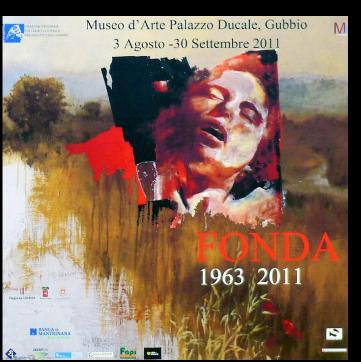
Days Total: 2 churches, 2 Palaces/ galleries, 1 ice cream parlour.

















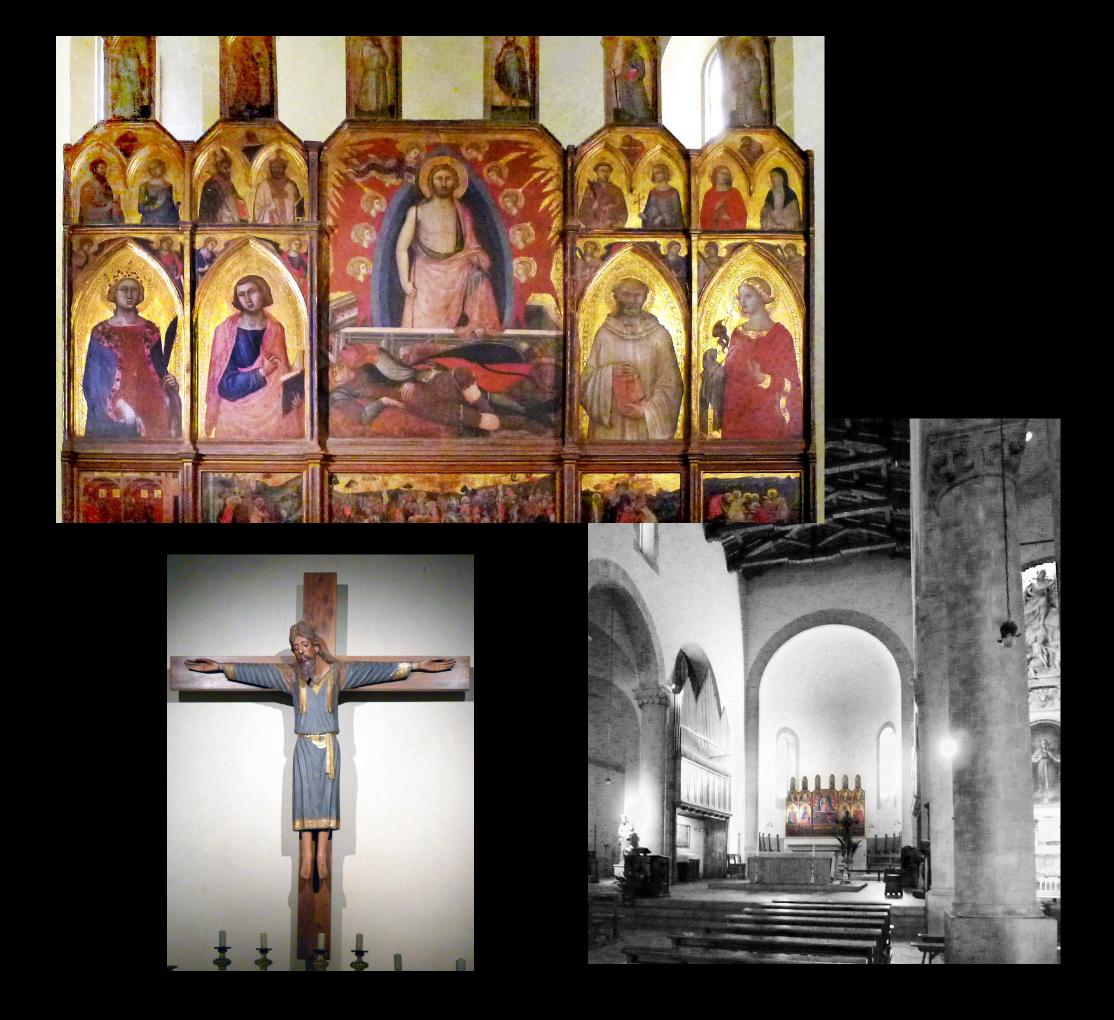




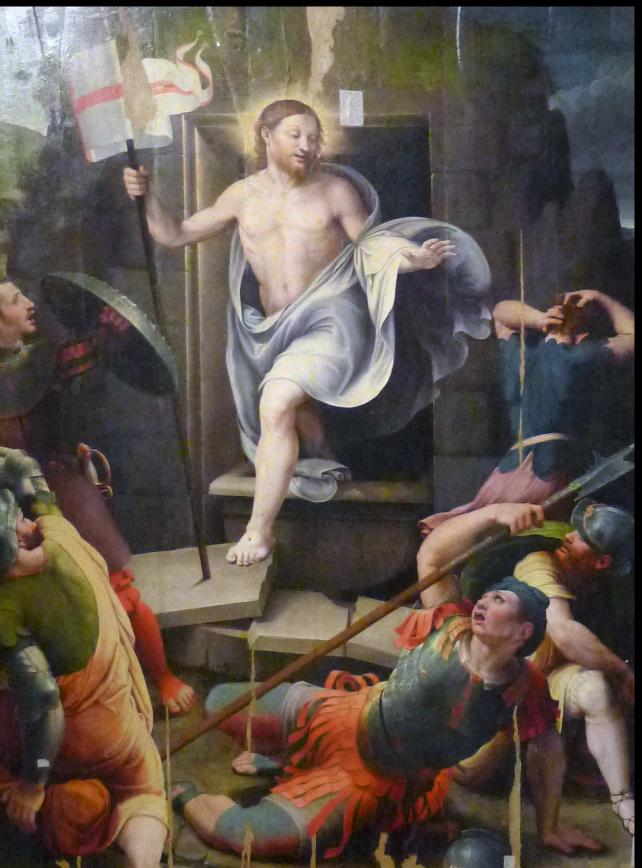
Sansepolcro

On the way to Revenna we stopped at this small town, mainly for one famous painting, but found so much more in the couple hours we were there. After a cup of coffee and croisant we crossed the road to the Duomo. We eventually found some famous and faded frescoes to St Benedict in a corridor outside the main buildind. By a bit of digital enhancement you can see how good they were originally.

We then headed for the Civic Museum which housed the Piero della Francesca painting of the resurrection... now a little faded but brought back to life digitally here.







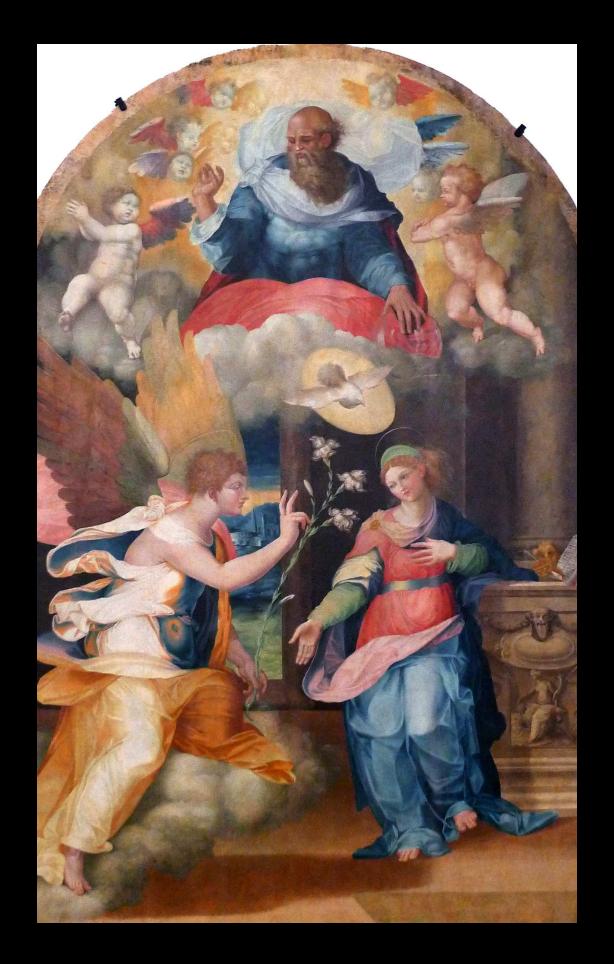


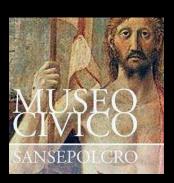


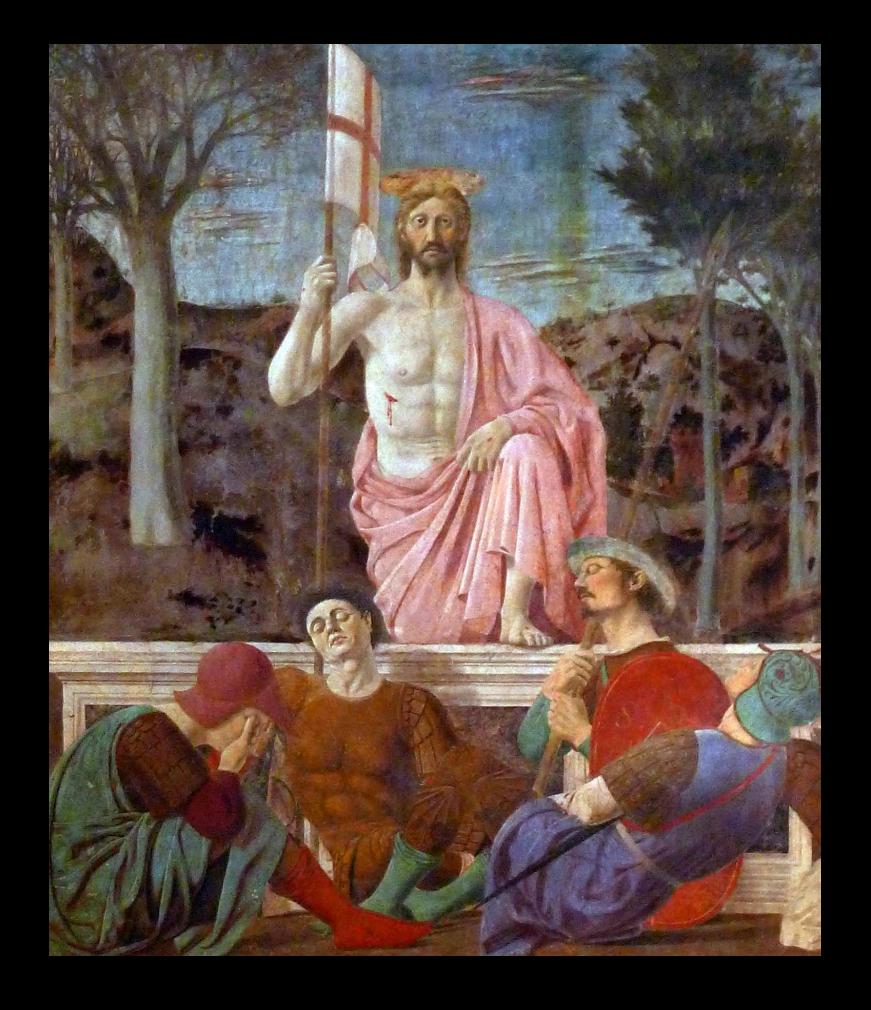




























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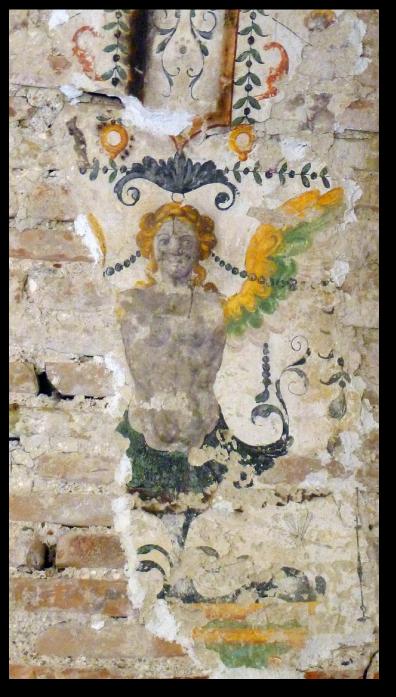
Arrived at lunch time and found room for a pizza. This city is famous for its mosaics; we started at a small Baptistry and then headed for Basilica di Sant'Apollinare Nuovo both were very impresive. We then visited the civic museum and Duomo , which were not so 'wow'.

However the best was saved to last. The XI century Basilica di San Vitale was truly breathtaking in design and for its mosaics. Attached to this is the Mausoleo di Galla Placidia a V century building with more impresive mosaics. After this it was time for a VVG & beer. In the evening we eat pasta in the town square followed by another big ice cream as we wandered back to the hotel.

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Day Total: 8 churches/ baptistries etc., 1 civic museum, 1 VVG and 6000 calories consumed (top eating day for bulk, if not quality)









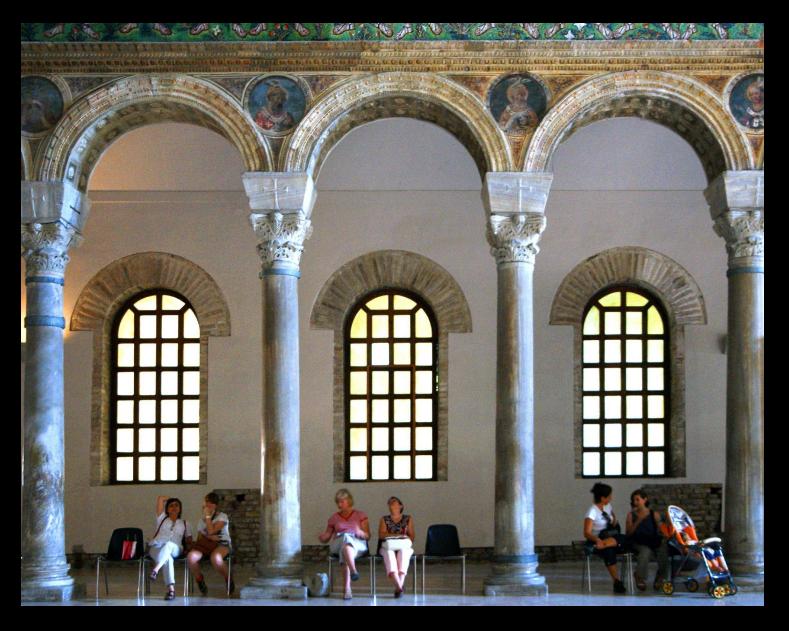


























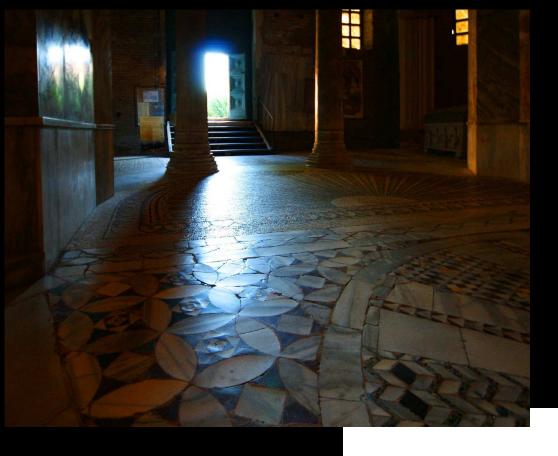




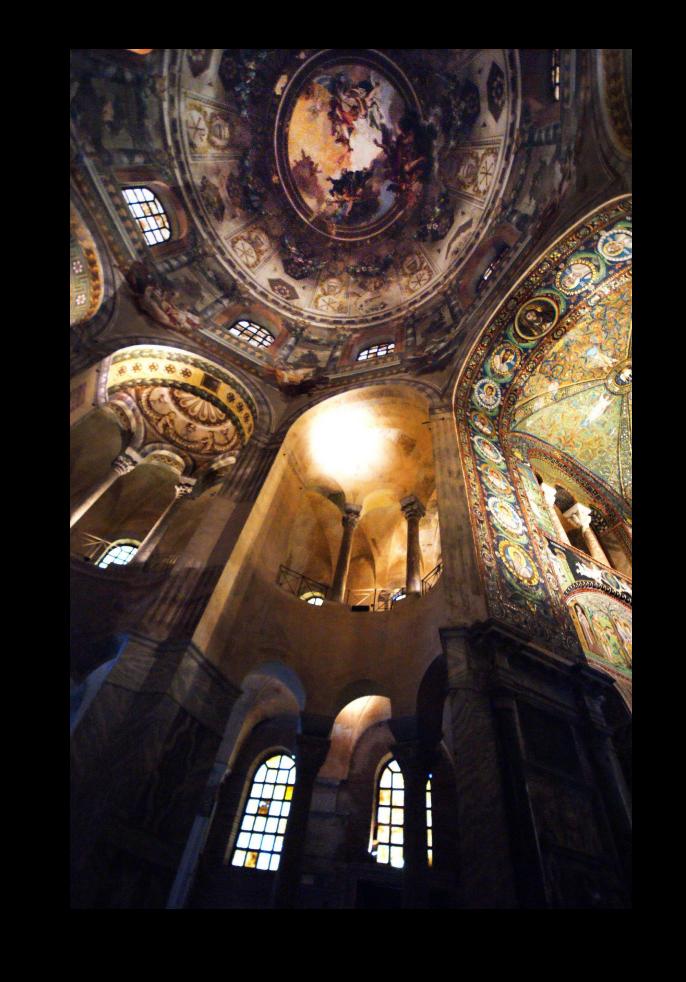


























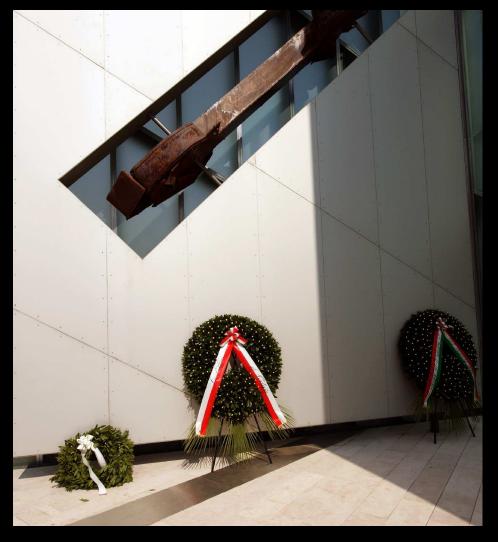


Padua

After finding our hotel we walked into town. The first stop was at a very fitting momorial to the victims of 11th September attacks exactly 10 years before to the day . The centre was a girder from the New York trade centre towers.











Next we visited the Scrovegni Chapel to see Giotto's frescoes. Cameras were clearly not allowed so we reproduce a couple of pictures from the guide book, all very impressive.

Then into the museum next door, followed by a restored monastry all good and interesting stuff.

We then walked further into town and visited city hall followed by the Duomo, which did not have any frescoes to speak of.

Beer and VVG's followed by dinner in one of the many squares. An interesting and funday.

Day Total: 3 churches/ chapels. 1 museum, 1 city hall, 1 VVG.

























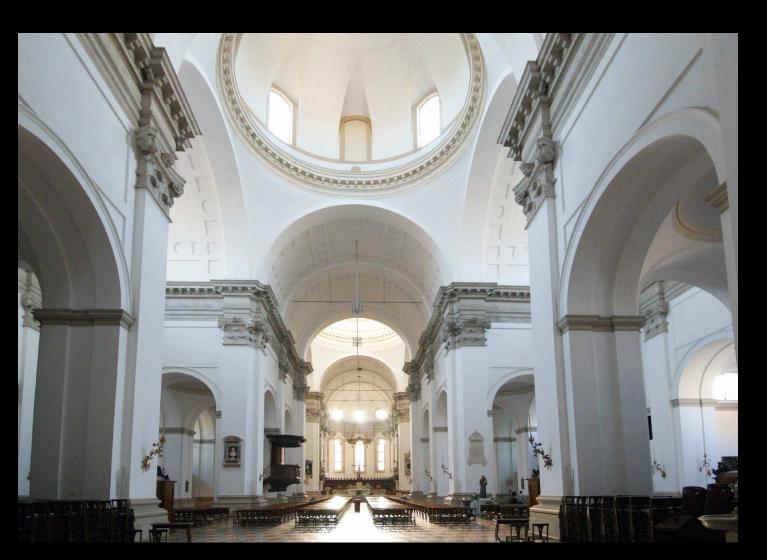




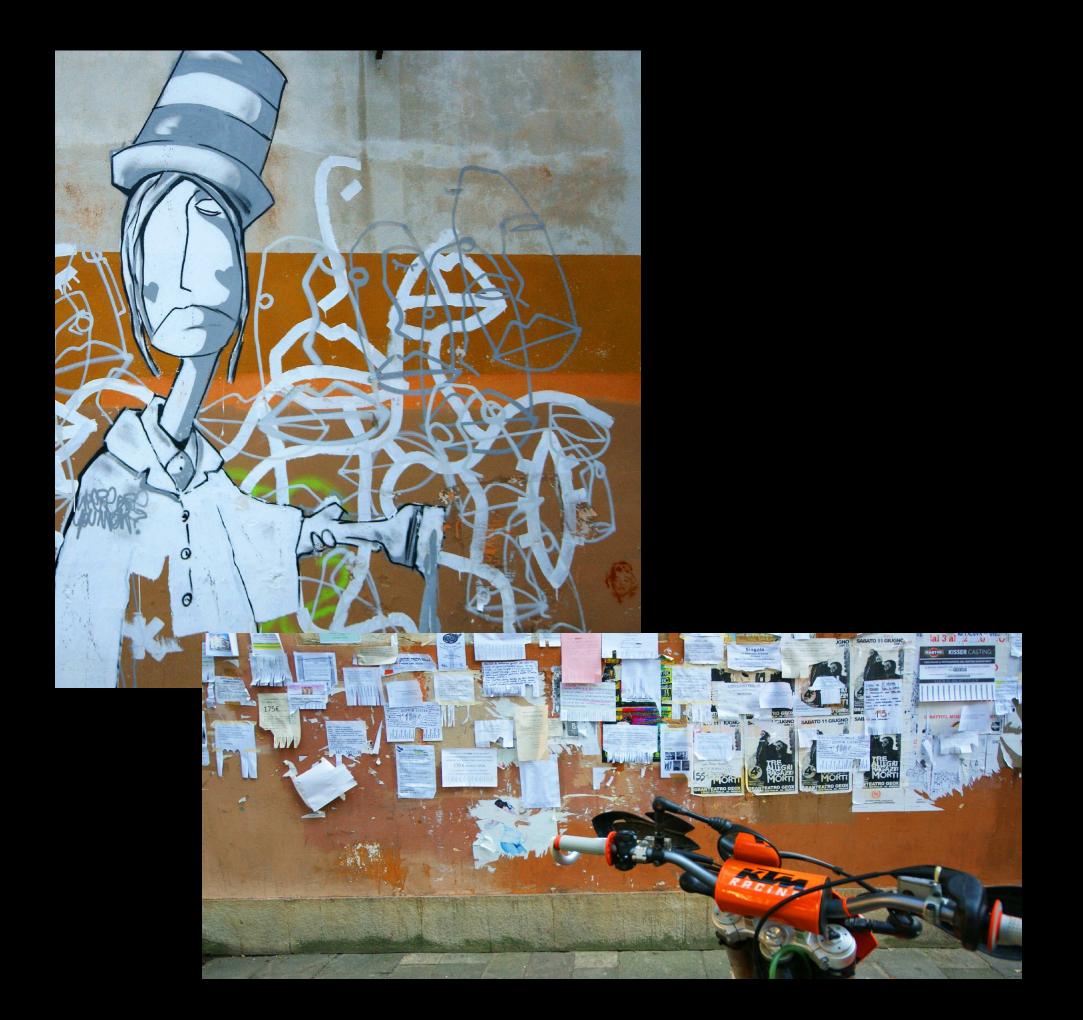














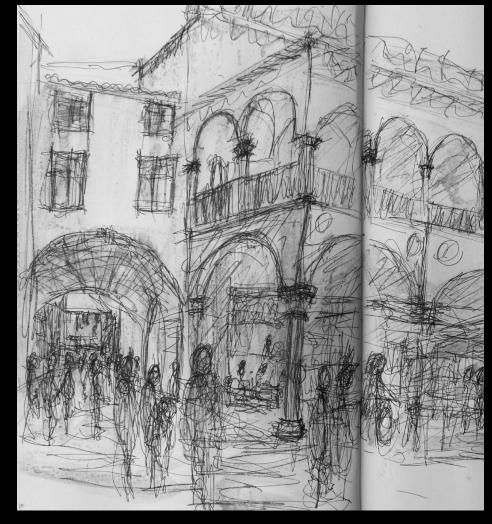














Before leaving for Vicenza, we made a visit to Padua Basilica followed by coffee and VVG at the edge of the market. The three piazzas had been transformed.

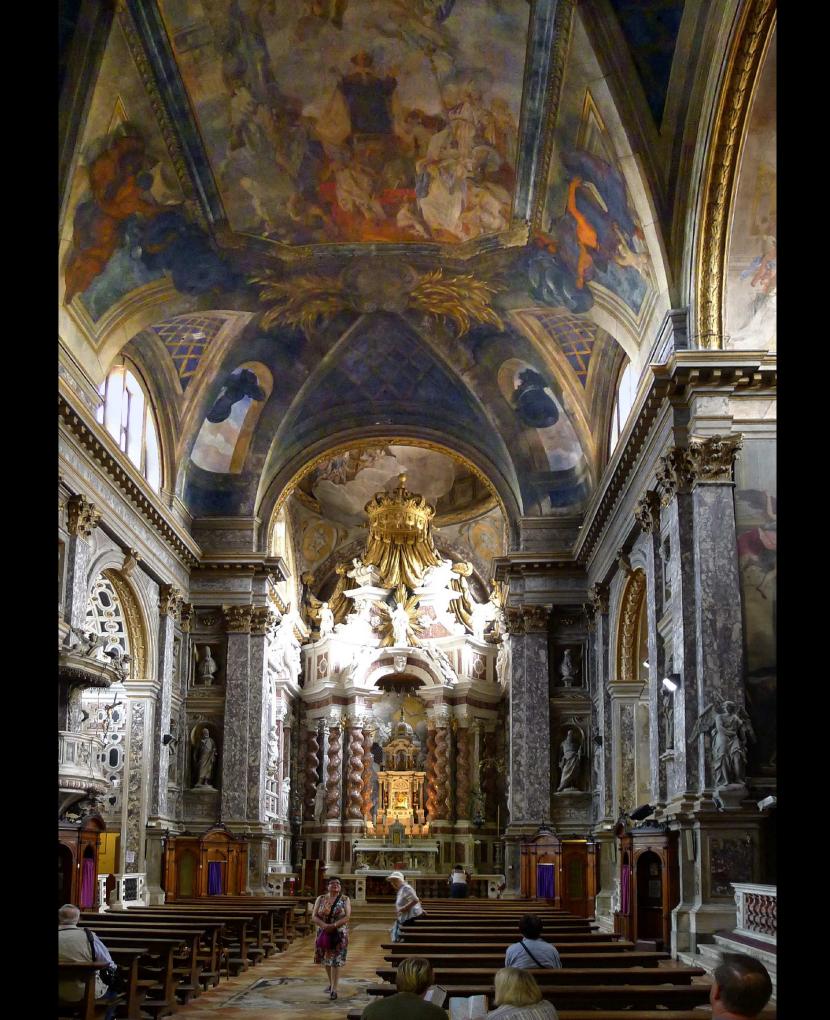




Venice

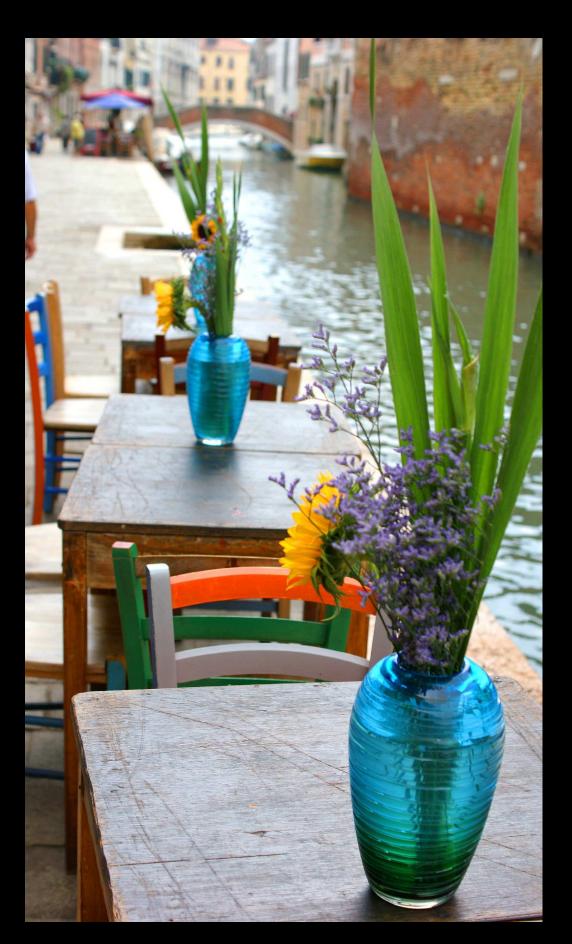
The next morning we took the train to a very crowded Venice, revisited old memories, walked a lot, visited off the odd church, notably the Basilica dei Frari and the Salute; drank coffee at expensive bars with great views, produced two indifferent VVG's, dined by the side of the canal and arrived back into Padua on the last train. A great fun, but exhausting day.

Days Total: You name it, we did it.



























nnounces its upcoming fusion with my company. May 8th. Excerpt from my speech befor shown at the cinema Club 13 in Paris. June 15th. A porn diva, I was elected by the Italian party Partito Radicale and have been given a seat in parliament. June 16th. I have started on a fli Bridge. June 19th. Germany. Currency reform in the western occupation zones. s. June 18th. London. My corpse is found under Blackfriars Hyde Park in London to take part in the demonstration of the women Leine near Hannover and started looking for the culprit. June 24th. Accompanied by camera man Carl-Axel Söderström, I arrive in Berlin. I have driven my car. an Adler Standard. around the world for th puisiana. June 30th. The last day of the East German Mark. From tomorrow on, the German Mark will be introduced in the German Democratic Republic as well. With my last notes I bought a pipe on the Sch first color television broadcast takes place in my Baird S Wimbledon with the final game against Zina Garrison. July 8th. In a military briefing I decide to attack and destroy the Soviet capital Moscow. July 9th. Straßlach near Munich. I kill the Siem tivist organization Greenpeace, in order to prevent the ship proceeding to the Mururoa Atoll, the French test area for nuclear weapons. July 11th. Somewhere in the world the five billionth human being Greek interior minister Pattakos has declared you an enemy of the people. What do you think of this?" Melina Mercouri answered: the lights go out, all the trains and undergrounds stop, all the elevators get stuck. Two important power plants that provide the city with electricity have Catholic church. July 14th. New York. At 9:34 pm al I set off the first atom bomb for test purposes. July 17th. In Melilla, Spain, I begin the civil war. July 18th. Day of German Art. I inaugurate assassinate Hitler fails. July 21st. I am the first person to set foot on the moon. July 22nd. My bomb attack destroys the headquarters of the British mandate troops in Palestine, first automobile. I bought the model A for 950 dollars. July 24th. In Fosso Reale near Livorno three stone heads are fished out of the river. Italian art historians agree that the heads are sculptures by Amedeo Modigl collides in the mist with the Swedish ship Stockholm and sinks off the American coast. July 26th. Oldham, UK. My first test tube baby is born: Louise, July 27th. On the island of Java in Indonesia a Cholera ar in Liberia. In a refugee camp of the international Red Cross in Monrovia I kill 600 people (mostly women and children). July 31st. In the encyclical es off. 84 people die, more than 200 are severely wounded. I survive. August 3rd. In Göteburg at the Swedish automobile manufacturing company Volvo, I proclaim the switch from conveyor belt production to team werdose of sleeping pills. August 6th. I drop the first atomic bomb on the Japanese city Hiroshima. August 7th. I lift the border controls on the coast of Cuba. Thousands of people flee to the US. August 8th. ucceed in escaping from the Geneva jail Champ Dollon. August 11th. Solar eclipse in Europe. I stare into the sun without protective glasses. August 12th. Oklahoma. Sentenced t Berlin wall, at first using barbed wire divisions. August 14th Bridgeport. I manage to fly 900 m at a height of 12 m in my home-made airplane. August 15th. Today I am found dead in my Hamburg apartment. My broken TV sets, 2 radios and 3000 old newspapers. 250 trash sacks are filled. August 16th. Rock festival in Woodstock. Despite the rain I take part in the open air pty bottles of beer and wine, Searle & Co in the US. August 19th. In Moscow, the first Trotskyite show trial begins. rike. August 18th. From today on I can buy the contraception pill Enovid produced by the American compan . The purpose of the show trial is to quench any criticism of my role as a leader. August 20th. My tanks occupy Prague. This brutally ends the thbors and the discretion of the police. August 23rd. Boston, Massachusetts. In spite of an unproven charge and world wide protests, I am executed on the electric chair for alleged murder with robbery. August 24th. iter Cesare Pavese with an overdose of sleeping pills in a hotel room in Torino, dead. August 27th. I declare war on the Austro-Hungarian Empire. August 28th. Washington. Martin Luther King gives his speech z materials, e.g. soles out of paper. (Brass, rubber, cloth and aluminium are reserved for war use.) August 30th. Hamburg. Jil Sander and I sign a contract together: I buy 75% of Sander shares. August 31st. Lady Dian triggers World War II. September 2nd. I win the 100m race at the Olympic Games in Rome. 11 sec.: world record. The Süddeutsche Zeitung writes, a day later: I win the elections with the support of socialists and communists. September 5th. Hans Martin Schleyer has been kidnapped by me in Cologne. September 6th. I renamed Leningrad St. Petersburg. September 7th. Republic of Korea. September 10th. Flushing Meadow. I win the U September 8th. In Berlin the retreat of my troops begins. September 9th. In Pyongyang I proclaim the formation of the Democratic People t. The president Salvador Allende is arrested and dies during the putsch. September 12th. I prevail and free Belgrade. By doing so, I become the single leader of the Yugoslav resistance movement. September 13th. in the Gaza strip and Jericho. September 14th. Nice. I die in a car accident. I suffocate because of my long red scarf, which gets caught on a wheel of my Bugatti. September 15th. In Berlin I open the I raid Vietnamese street peddlers. September 18th. My Christian militias kill more than 1000 Palestinian to Bavaria on board a hot air balloon I secretly built myself. September 17th. In the town Hoyerswerda in Saxony, on the left side of my clothing. September 20th. In Italy the so-called 'Merlin law' comes into effect. Brothels are abolished. I am close to ruin. September 21st. My colony Malta becomes an independent state. September shown for the first time. September 24th. Rome. I attend the presentation of my film 'Roma, città aperta'. September 25th. Visiting Berlin, I am ceremoniously welcomed by Adolf Hitler. September 26th. Earthquake in Ital I take my life in Port Bou on the border between Spain and France. September 28th. On the day of my 26th birthday I try to kill myself with an overdose of sleeping pills. September 29th. The first issue of the mag the first exile program of Erika Mann's political cabaret Die Pfeffermihle. October 1st. Beijing. At a mass demonstration in front of the emperor's palace I proclaim the People's Republic of China. October 2nd. New York. roops true to the regime end the putsch launched by the opponents of the reforms. October 5th. My troops continue preparations for the colonial war in Abessinia, marching into the city of Adigrat today. October 5th. I decid by Marina Abramovic and Ulay takes place today. The two artists sit back to back with their hair tied together for hours. October 9th. I exam. October 12th. I recieved a copy of the book 'Orlando' by Virginia Woolf which was published today by the Hogart Press. October 12th. New York. The first three-dimensional film is shown. I can see the 3D-effect with Unité d'Habitation by Le Corbusier. October 15th. Vincennes. I am shot at 6.15 in the morning by a French execution squad. I was working as a spy for the German Intelligence Agency. I decline to have my eyes covered ber 17th. I give my last speech to the 'descamisados'. October 18th. Stuttgart-Stammheim. I found Andreas Baader, Gudrun Ensslin and Jan-Carl Raspe dead in their cells. October 19th. I find Petra Kelly and Gert Bastian dead in October 21st. I opened the Solomon R. Guggenheim museum in New York. It is the last building of the late architect Frank Lloyd Wright. October 22nd. I am awarded the nobel prize for literature. I don't accept the honor. led by me. October 28th. I am made EU commissioner by the Italian government. October 29th. My troops attack Egyptian positions on the Sinai peninsula. This widens the conflict around the Suez canal. October 30th. october 24th. Chicago. I am arrested by the FBI for cheating on taxes. October 25th. 'Black Friday my bodyguards. November 1st. Ostia near Rome. Tonight I am first beat up, then run over by a car and murdered. November 2nd. I support the founding of a Jewish state in Palestina. November 3rd. I read about the tle for freedom and independence of the people of Latin America". November 4th. Floods in Florence. November 5th. Washington. I occupy the National Office for Indian Affairs in protest against contracts broken CDU party gathering in Berlin: 29-year-old Beate Klarsfeld slaps chancellor Kurt Georg Kiesinger to make a statement about his Nazi past. November 8th. In the Munich Bürgerbräukeller my assassination attempt against Adol: The party gathering in Berlin. 25-year-old Marketier my assassination attempt agains mb, am arrested shortly afterwards. November 9th. Late in the evening I open the borders of the German Democratic Republic to West Berlin. November 10th. I have deported 35 000 Jews from Berlin to the concentration mb, am arrested shortly afterwards. November 9th. Late in the evening I open the borders of the German Democratic Republic to West Berlin. omo, am arrested shortly arterial account of the concer in the San Francisco I magazine and the Movember 16th. Islamabad. I win the parliament elections in Pakistan. I am the first woman to be elected as the head of an Islamic state. November 17th. I inaugurated the Europe et ed chancellor for the fifth time. November 16th. Islamabad. I win the parliament elections in Pakistan. on 8th Ave. November 19th. Jonestown. Over 900 members (including 100 children) of the sect People's Temple kill themselves in the Guayana jungle. I, the leader of the sect, ordered the mass suicide over lou ember 21st. I delivered SS officer Erich Priebke, responsible for the Italian massacre at Fosse Ardeatine near Rome, to Italy. He had disappeared in Argentinia. November 22nd. I shot US president John F. Kennedy fresh in print today. The Italian publisher Giangiacomo Feltrinelli is able to publish the book, which was declined in the Soviet Union. Movember 24th. My loss against the Central Powers Germany, Austro-Hungary mak, fresh in print today. The Tvarian particle taking described in the South of Casablanca, directed by Michael Curtiz, featuring Humphrey Bogart and gest Germany. I want to move the Western countries toward putting pressure on Israel to give up occupied territories. November 25th. I watch the film 'Casablanca', directed by Michael Curtiz, featuring Humphrey Bogart and Charles and Casablanca', directed by Michael Curtiz, featuring Humphrey Bogart and Charles and Charle st dermany. I want to move the most are stated by michael curviz, leaturing numphrey Bogar es in newborn children. November 28th. Teheran. For the first time, the heads of state Roosevelt, Churchill, Stalin and I meet. Among other things, we discuss the allotment of the German Reich after the end of es in newborn children. Bovember 20th. The board speaker of the Deutsche Bank, Alfred Herrhausen, is killed by my bomb attack in Bad Homburg. December 1st. I buy the first issue of Playboy. Marilyn Monroe in Josip Tito becomes prime minister. Hovember 30th. The board speaker of the Deutsche Bank, Alfred Herrhausen, is killed by my bomb attack in Bad Homburg. December 1st. I buy the first issue of Playboy. Marilyn Monroe in Joseph 1st. Opening day of the Bayboy. 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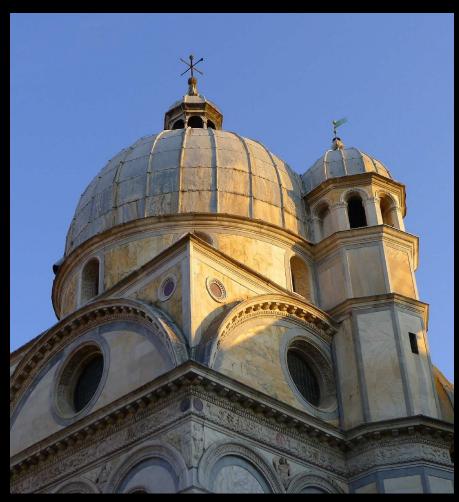
















Vicenza

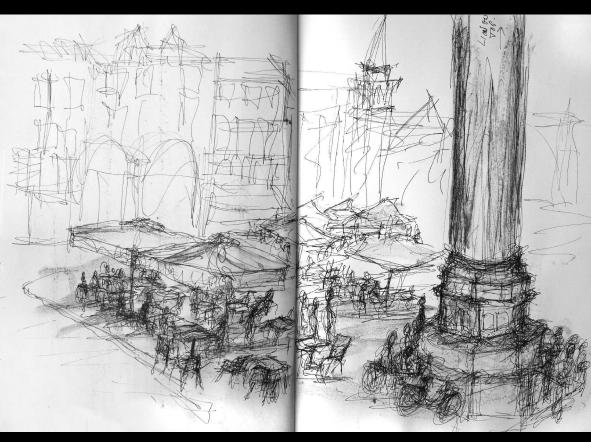
Arriving late on the first day we had a quick tour and a balcony drink in the cafe over looking the main square... a birds eye VVG produced, before heading off for food.

Day Total: 1 Basilica, 3 VVG's.



















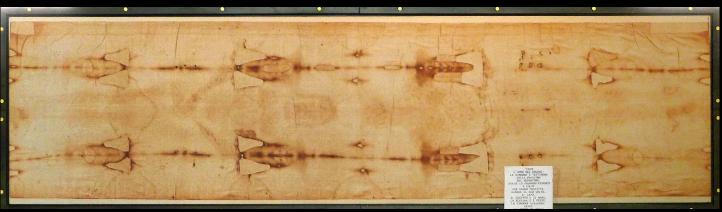
The next day started off with a tour of the Doumo, nothing spectacular, but the Diocesan Museum housed some amazing paintings. Once again cameras were technically banned; however an enthusiastic steward directed us to the important paintings by Bellini and others. We then went on to the Civic Museum, which housed some great art but regretably it was all dirty and dark. A digital effort has improved reproductions here.

We ended the day at the famous Paladian wooden theatre that Brian Sewell mentioned in his TV series. We spent the rest of the day recovering and enjoying our last meal outside ('J' had a great spaghetti Vongole) and our last big ice cream of the trip on the way back to the hotel.

Day Total: 1 cathedral, 2 museums, 1 theatre, 1 VVG.







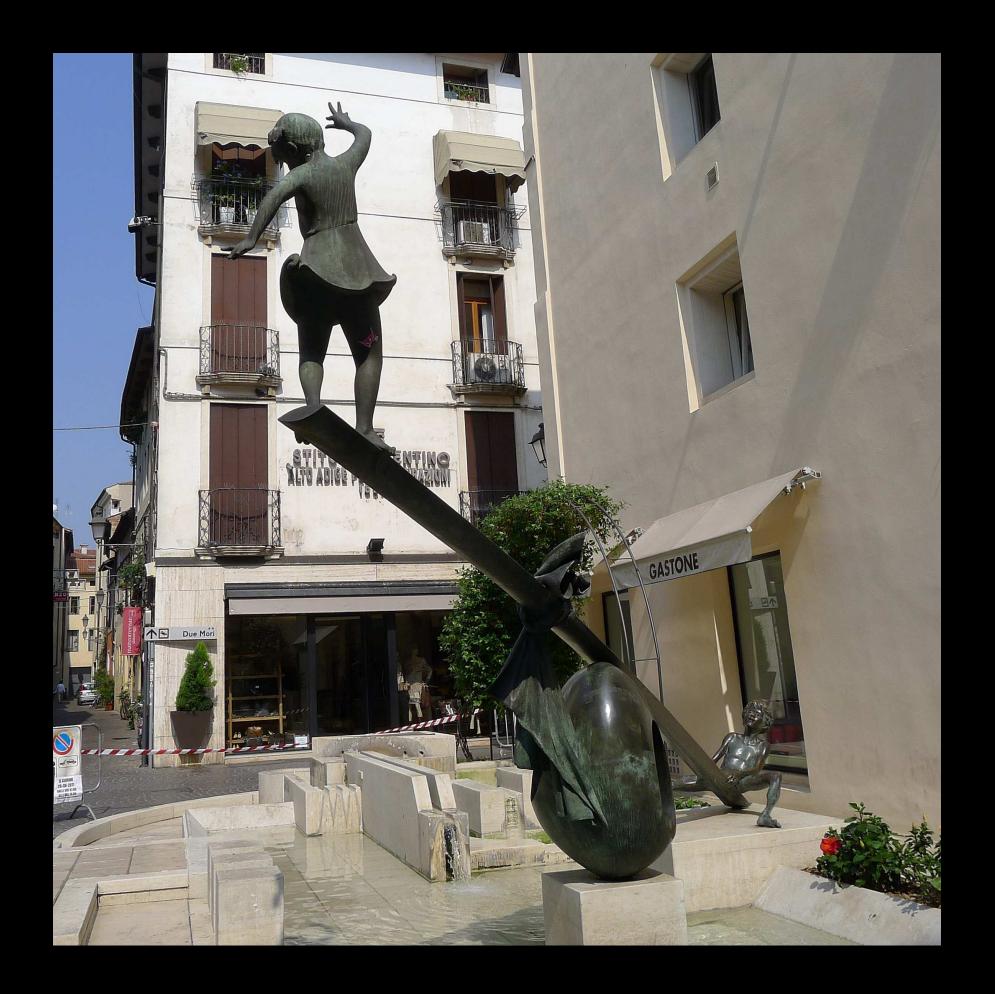


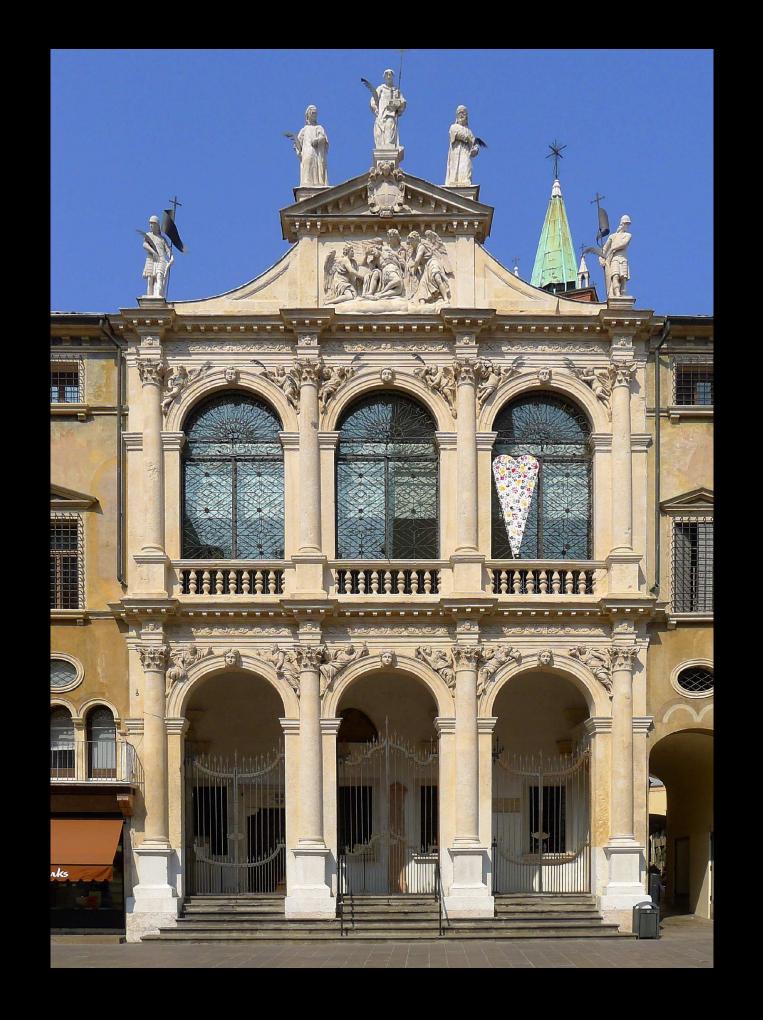






















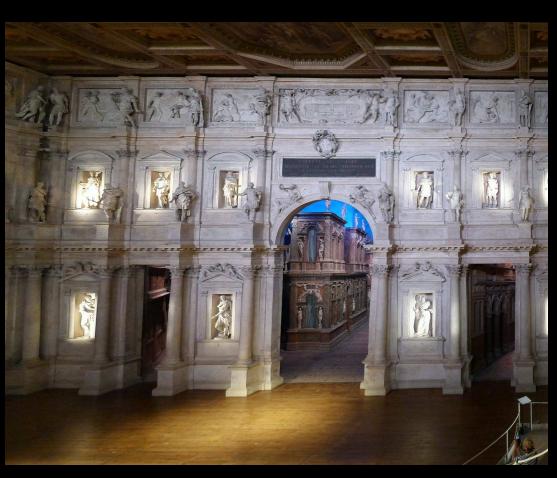


















We visited this container display on Italian design on our way back to the hotel in Vicenza. Not sure where shipping containers fit in the list of churches and museums, but it seemed a good note to end on.





Because of the big hold up near Lucerne on the way down, we decided to go back via Insbruck. It was longer in distance and time, but was good fun to see somewhere we had not been to before.

Lunch was taken at a mountain village off the motorway in Austria











From our overnight stop near Colmar, we tackled the long drive home, stopping at Verdun for a pleasant if chilly meal outside.

Just before we reached the tunnel we had a sticky bun break in a French motorway place... it was very good.



