

Mantua, Lombardy, Italy

Encircled by three shimmering lakes and crowned by 500-room ducal palaces, Mantua is the Gonzaga family's Renaissance masterpiece — and one of northern Italy's most rewarding river cruise stops.

 Docked (river pier)  Typical call: 6–8 hrs  Euro (€)  Italian

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:	Arrive:	All aboard:
Excursion:	Notes:	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River ships berth at Porto Catena on Lago Inferiore — ~1.2 km flat walk (15–20 min) to Piazza Sordello

Best For: Renaissance art, Gonzaga palaces, unique Lombard cuisine

UNESCO Status: Historic centre of Mantua & Sabbioneta listed 2008

Don't Miss: Camera degli Sposi frescoes (book online!) & Palazzo Te's Chamber of the Giants

 Getting around:  Taxi  €7–€12 ·  Rideshare  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Palazzo Ducale & Camera degli Sposi** — The Gonzaga's 500-room royal complex is Italy's second-largest residential palace after the Vatican.
- **Palazzo Te — Chamber of the Giants** — The Gonzaga pleasure palace designed by Giulio Romano contains the Sala dei Giganti — an immersive room where the...
- **Lotus Lake Boat Tour (Jul–Aug)** — In summer, Lago Superiore blooms with thousands of lotus flowers — the largest colony in Europe, introduced in 1921.
- **Piazza Sordello & Piazza delle Erbe Walking Tour** — Mantua's interlocking medieval squares are lined with the Astronomical Clock Tower (1472), Basilica di Sant'Andrea, and...
- **Tortelli di Zucca Cooking & Tasting** — Mantua's signature pumpkin ravioli — stuffed with sweet squash, amaretti, and mostarda, tossed in sage butter — is...

BEST WALKS

- **Lakeside to the Ducal Palace** 1.2 km · 15 min · Flat · Easy — Stroll north from the river dock along the lake promenade, enter through Porta Pradella, and follow Via Fratelli Bandiera to Piazza...
- **Centro Storico Loop** 2.5 km · 40 min · Flat · Easy — From Piazza Sordello, loop through Piazza delle Erbe past the Clock Tower and Basilica di Sant'Andrea, south through Via Roma and Via...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Book Camera degli Sposi weeks ahead. Entry to Mantegna's famous Bridal Chamber is timed and sells out fast — reserve at coopculture.it before your trip.

Mantua, Lombardy, Italy — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Church of St. Barnabas | Historic church with beautiful art and architecture. | 2 Te Palace | Renaissance palace famous for its stunning frescoes. |
| 3 San Sebastiano's Church | Early Renaissance church, now a memorial temple. | 4 Teatro Scientifico del Bibiena | Exquisite 18th-century Baroque theatre, acoustically perfect. |
| 5 National Archaeological Museum | Museum showcasing Mantua's Roman and prehistoric artifacts. | 6 Museo Diocesano "Francesco Gonzaga" | Diocesan museum displaying sacred art and artifacts. |
| 7 Casa della beata Osanna Andreasi | Historic house and sanctuary dedicated to Blessed Osanna. | 8 Voltone St. Peter | Historic arched passage connecting two main squares. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |