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Water tourism routes and vessels in Italy

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Inland touristic navigation data

Daily passenger ships

- Registered as commercial boats and they are both scheduled or not.
- Big congestion is created by daily passenger ships traffic, especially on the lakes in the north of the country and in the Venetian Lagoon; average data (2014):
 - Northern and central lakes:
 - Passengers: 10 mil
 - Fleet:
 - 500 small ships (from 20 to 150 pax each)
 - 100 ships (from 150 to 1200 pax each)
 - Venetian lagoon:
 - Passengers: 18 mil
 - Fleet:
 - 800 small ships (from 10 to 150 pax each)
 - 200 ships (from 150 to 1200 pax each)

Inland touristic navigation data

Pleasure boats

- This kind of boats is used by private owners for pleasure, except in cases of charters with a skipper, which can carry up to 12 pax. The total numbers are (approx data):
 - 50.000 over 10 m. length (they must be registered)
 - 300.000 up to 10 m. length (they are not obliged to be registered)
- The 10% of these boats sail in inland waterways and another 10% are sailing boats
- Regarding the building material, the 85-90% are in fiberglass and the remaining are in wood or aluminum

Daily passenger ship features

- Lakes of North Italy: hull with deep V hull, most in fiberglass, the biggest in steel, few in aluminum
- Lagoons plus lakes of Center - South Italy: flat hull's bottom, low draft
- Rivers: low water and air draft, flat hull's bottom, made by steel
- Generally low-tech traditional ships

Touristic waterways

Lakes of North Italy



- Large water touristic movement: big scheduled ferry, small daily trip ships (10-15 m., carrying 30-120 pax.)





Touristic waterways

Venetian Lagoon



- A big fleet of steel scheduled ferry coexists with various kind of ships: fiberglass taxiboats for 15-20 pax, two decks daily passenger vessels for 100 - 250 pax (fiberglass or wood)



Touristic waterways

River Po

- Few touristic navigation, no one cruiser vessel, few houseboats, a lot but unused floating docks for passenger ships



Touristic waterways

Delta Po

- Quite a few number of ships with small draft, made by various material, carrying 20 - 300 pax

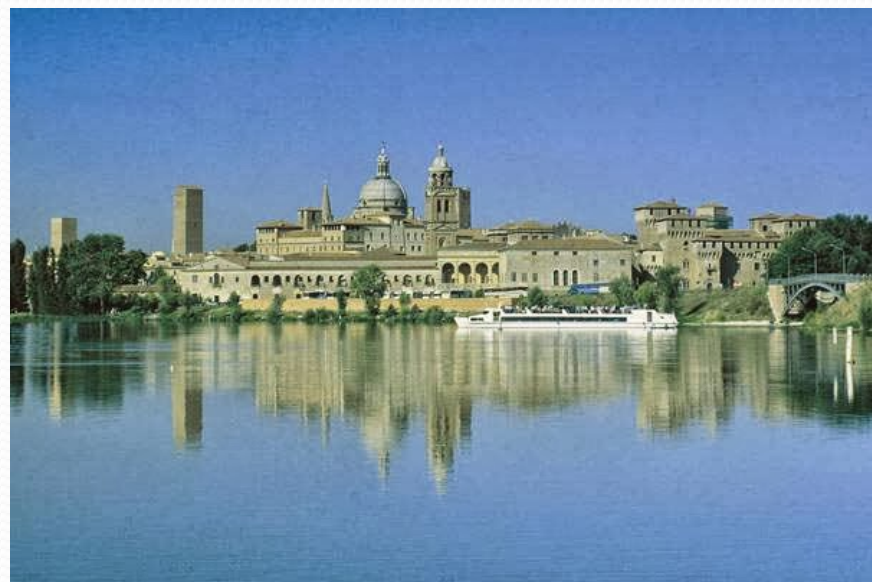
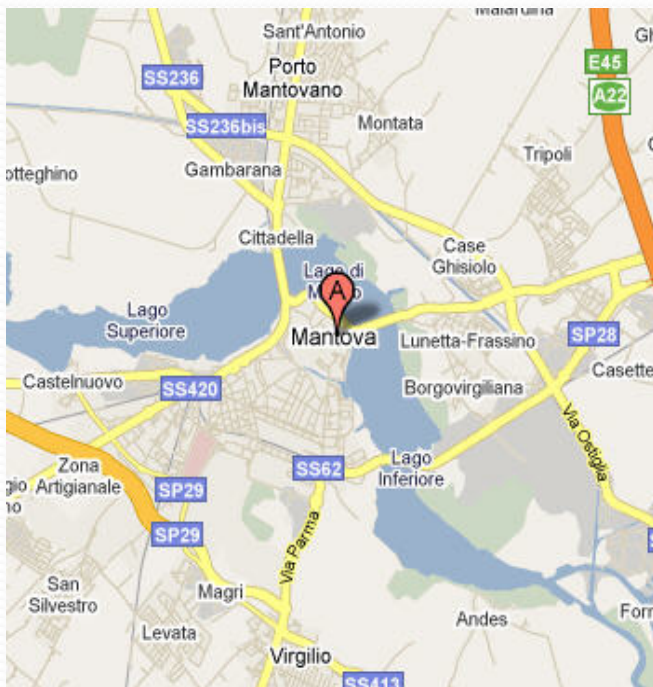


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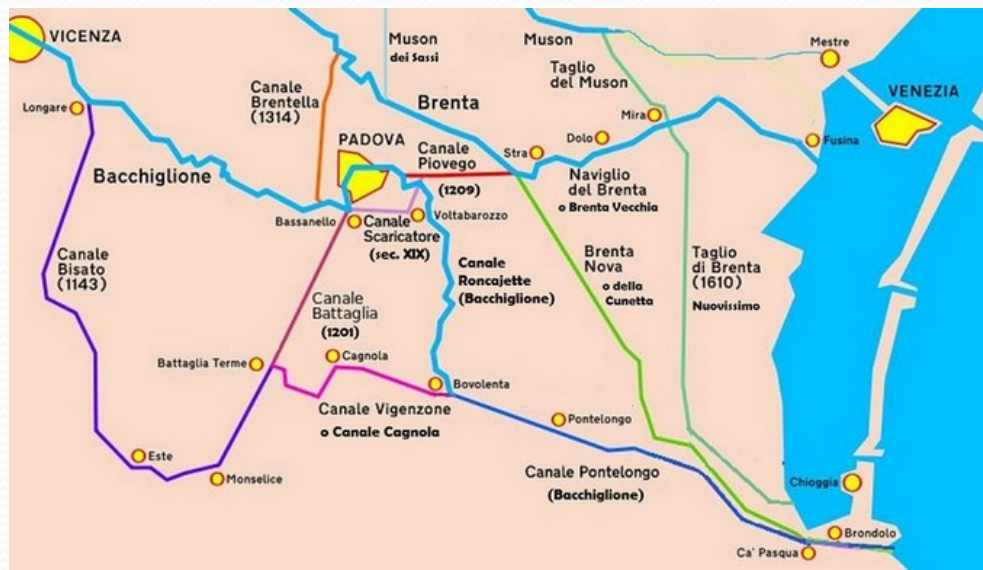
Others Northern Italian rivers

- The rivers **Adda, Mincio, Brenta, Sile** offer significant possibilities for river tourism
- In particular, the Mincio, which in the beautiful renaissance city of Mantua form the so-called lakes and the Brenta with its beautiful Palladian villas

Mantua



River Brenta



Touristic waterways

Lakes and rivers of Center Italy

- Rivers: just a few activities on **river Tevere** (crossing Rome), really a few on **river Arno**



Trasimeno lake

- the largest of the central Italian lakes, charming and bright, with three islands, one habited, is served by a small fleet of scheduled ships (7 steel units from 90 to 450 passengers)



Bolsena and Bracciano lakes

- beautiful volcanic lakes with a small but significant passenger transport activities



Touristic waterways

Lakes and rivers of South and Italian islands

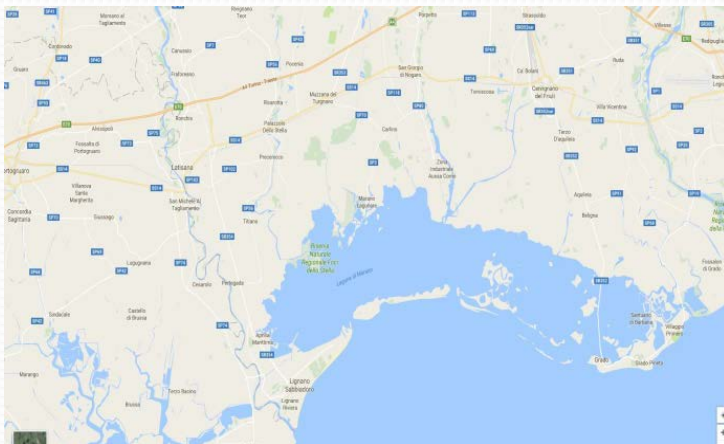
- irrelevant the inland navigation, except a few cases (Lesina lake on Gargano promontory, Flumendosa lake in Sardinia Island)



Touristic waterways

Other waterways of touristic importance

- **Marano lagoon:**
 - an area of outstanding natural beauty which is home to a unique fauna and flora and of great natural value
 - fair number of boats that make excursions of 3-4 hours



The Canals (Navigli) and the Marina (Darsena) of Milan:

- in the circle of Leonardo's canals that surround and cross the Lombard metropolis, after years of neglect, resumed a lively tourism activities on water
- also favored by the recent renovation of the marina, the "port" of Milan, 3-4 aluminum catamarans of 60 pax capacity

