

Caorle is a small beach resort, once founded by the Romans and protected by the Republic of Venice of which the cultural influence is still identifiable in the architecture of the town centre. Rivers, lagoons and vast country-sides mark the surrounding landscape, while towards west the golden beach and the Adriatic sea extend.

This paradise can be enjoyed in a new way by bike. From the historic town centre of Caorle with the picturesque sanctuary of the Angel you can take the evocative cycle lane so-called of the fishermen's island.

From its source, follow the Lemene river up to the island of Falconera where the fishermen of Caorle have built the typical huts called the "Casoni" with the local swampland canes for temporary shelter or as shacks. Still today it can happen to meet fishermen on their way back from a day's fishing in the sea. Once again on your bike you can pedal along the bank of the Revedoli Canal, an artificial waterway that belongs to the historic intersections of navigable waterways, referred to as the "Litoranea Veneta". Near the Stadium, you'll find a river boat by the pier, where you can start navigating up to the "Valle Vecchia" harbour. The boat leaves from Caorle and follows the river surrounded with small bushes, trees and canes where a great variety of birds nest. Here you'll find Ernest Hemingway's favourite spots, where as a guest of the family Franchetti's household, he would go fishing and hunting. "Across the river and into the trees" is one of his most famous works, which was said to be inspired by many of these sights.

Once again on land, you can hop on your bike again and cross the natural oasis of Valle Vecchia, where a museum welcomes the tourist and a network of pedestrian and cycle lanes allow you to encounter different natural habitats and woods: the dunes, the pine woods and the young forests of holm oaks. Here, incredible views are offered as the seasons pass by, such as the bird colonies on seasonal migration or stable, the inland full of colour and the lush vegetation where you may spot a variety of mammals such as fallow deers, foxes and hares.

Nice spots to take a swim in the wilderness and in uncontaminated water are located along the paths.

On your way back and on schedule, you can catch a boat to the starting point, utterly satisfied after spending a day of immersion in the natural wilderness of the Caorle lagoon.

## Sightseeing points

List of best natural attractions:

Caorle lagoon: scenic views in a natural environment

List of best historic and Art-rich sites:

Madonnina Sanctuary

Fishermen's Island

## Route information and directions

**Length:** 30 km ring route

**Departure – Arrival:**

**For the individual routes:** Caorle in ... street near local stadium

**For guided tours:** Caorle near the the Hotel Managers'Association, Strada Nuova

**Timing required:** 4 hours

**Sign posts:** not present

**Route conditions:**

The route is easy, it proceeds almost entirely on gravel roads. It can be ridden by city bikes or on bikes for tourists