Castellana and Terraglio

An itinerary in the Venetian hinterland, for the most part on dedicated bike paths or bike lanes, almost entirely within the heavily urbanized areas and without any difficult changes of grade. Point of departure is the new train station of Venezia Mestre Ospedale, on the Venezia-Treviso line, where many regional trains stop, about once per hour.

Exit the station on the side of the Ospedale [hospital] Sant’Angelo, cross the street and on the left you will find the bike path with its indicative red color; after a short distance you will reach a rotary where you take Via Paccagnella to the right; keep following the bike path adjacent to the street until you run into Via Castellana. Here, you need to cross the street to find a bike lane; after a short distance you will pass under the railroad tracks by way of a very narrow *sottopassaggio* [underpass] (pay attention and ring your bell!!).

Follow along the bike lane along Via Castellana, as far as the border between Venice and Martellago. Here the bike lane ends and you need to get back onto “the Castellana” [local nickname for Via Castellana] itself.

The bike lane returns after a few hundred meters and continues in this way but somewhat interrupted. Cross through the center of Martellago, a large town within the metropolitan area of Venice; after Martellago the Castellana continues to Scorzè with a bike lane on the right side.

You will pass by a number of minor Venetian villas as far as Scorzè; when you arrive in the village take Via Venezia which takes you directly to the front of Villa Soranzo Conestabile, which years ago was converted into a hotel.

Turning right on Via Roma you will reach the parochial church of San Benedetto, patron saint of the village who provided the name of the mineral water which is produced here in the plant on Viale Kennedy, a bit to the north.

From Scorzè get back on Via Venezia and then Via Moglianese. You will pedal among industrial plants one of which is a curious red building, used for commercial activities and clinical analysis. The road continues as far as Mogliano Veneto where you pass under the train tracks by way of a bike/pedestrian *sottopassaggio* [underpass]. Finally you will come to “the Terraglio” [local nickname for Via Terraglio].

From this point the route coincides with the first part of that of the Terraglio, although in the opposite direction. The only side trip along Via Marignana is to visit Villa Marcello Giustinian, which also has been converted to a hotel.

Photos

The new train station of Mestre Ospedale

Villa Soranzo at Scorzè

The curious modern red building at Scorzè

Villa Marcello Giustinian at Mogliano

Captions

The new train station of Venezia Mestre Ospedale is the point of departure for this route.

Villa Soranzo Conestabile at Scorzè, converted into a hotel.

The curious modern building along the road which takes one from Scorzè to Mogliano Veneto.

Villa Marcello Giustinian has also been converted into a hotel.