

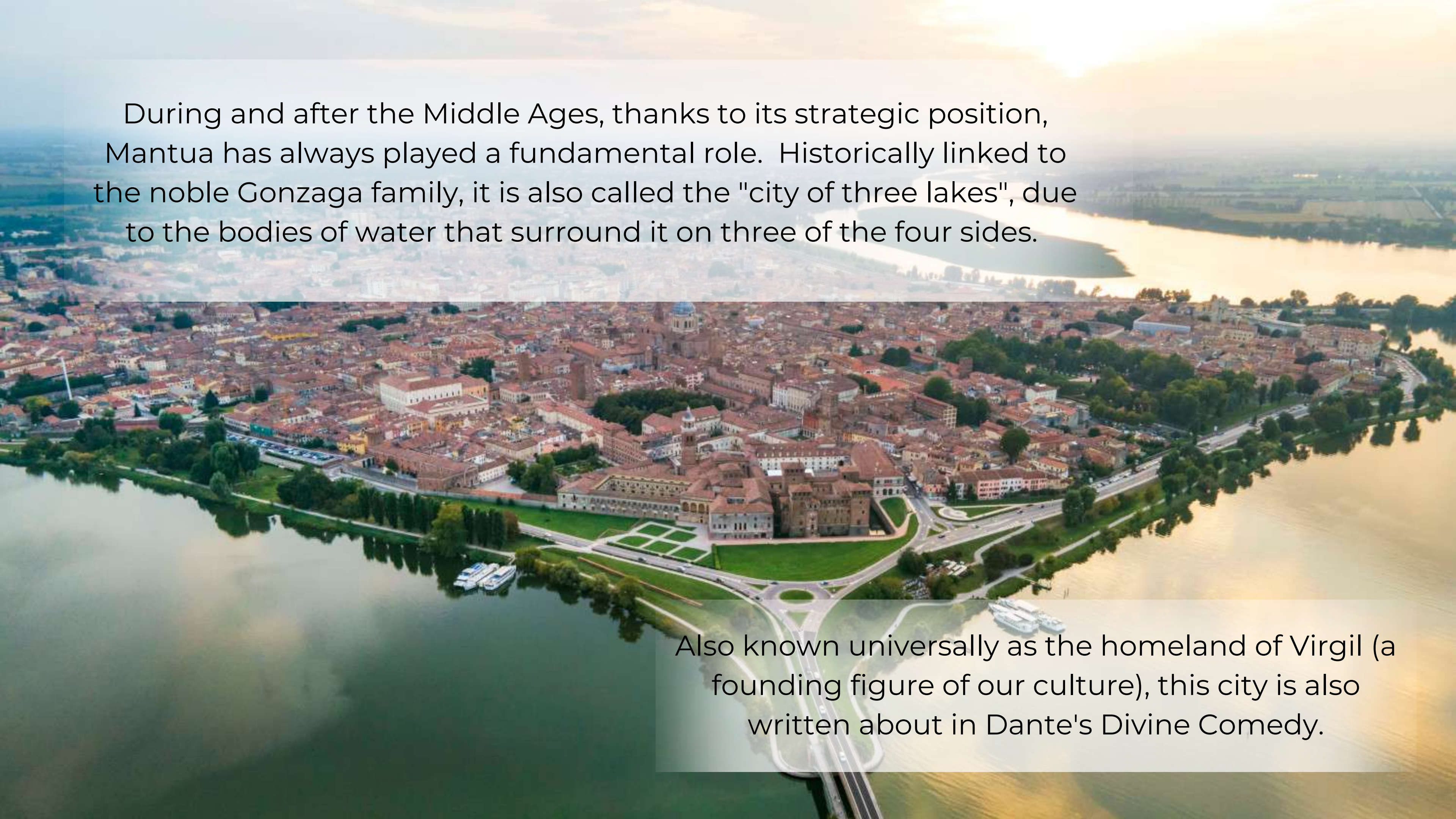
Travel Tour

Mantua - Italy

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Mantua is one of the most important cities in Lombardy, a true jewel when it comes to cities of art and tourism. Between historic homes, museums and a perfectly maintained historic centre, this small Italian city is an original and non-chaotic destination.





During and after the Middle Ages, thanks to its strategic position, Mantua has always played a fundamental role. Historically linked to the noble Gonzaga family, it is also called the "city of three lakes", due to the bodies of water that surround it on three of the four sides.

Also known universally as the homeland of Virgil (a founding figure of our culture), this city is also written about in Dante's Divine Comedy.

Monuments and main places to visit



Palazzo Te

From the Gonzaga stables to leisure's palace, the construction of Palazzo Te was commissioned to Giulio Romano, who then frescoed it in a gorgeous way, giving life to the rooms which still remain the most fascinating today: the giants' room, the Love and Psyche room and finally the Hall of Horses.

The Ducal Palace of Mantua is a grandiose architectural complex built between the beginning of the 1300s and the mid-1600s, residence of the Gonzaga family. The greatest artists of all time contributed to the creation of this monumental complex. Includes St. George's Castle with the Bridal Chamber and the National Archaeological Museum.



Palazzo Ducale

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Basilica di Sant'Andrea

Although it is not the city's cathedral, this church is the largest and among the most popular; the great Leon Battista Alberti designed it and the frescoes were created by important painters such as Mantegna, Canova and Giulio Romano. The church contains the relic of the Precious Blood of Christ.

The castle of San Giorgio was built in 1395 by the Gonzaga family - as soon as they took possession of the city - with the purpose of both defense and a display of economic and political power. The castle, very similar to that of Ferrara, was projected by Luca Fancelli and enriched with important frescoes like the “Bridal room”.

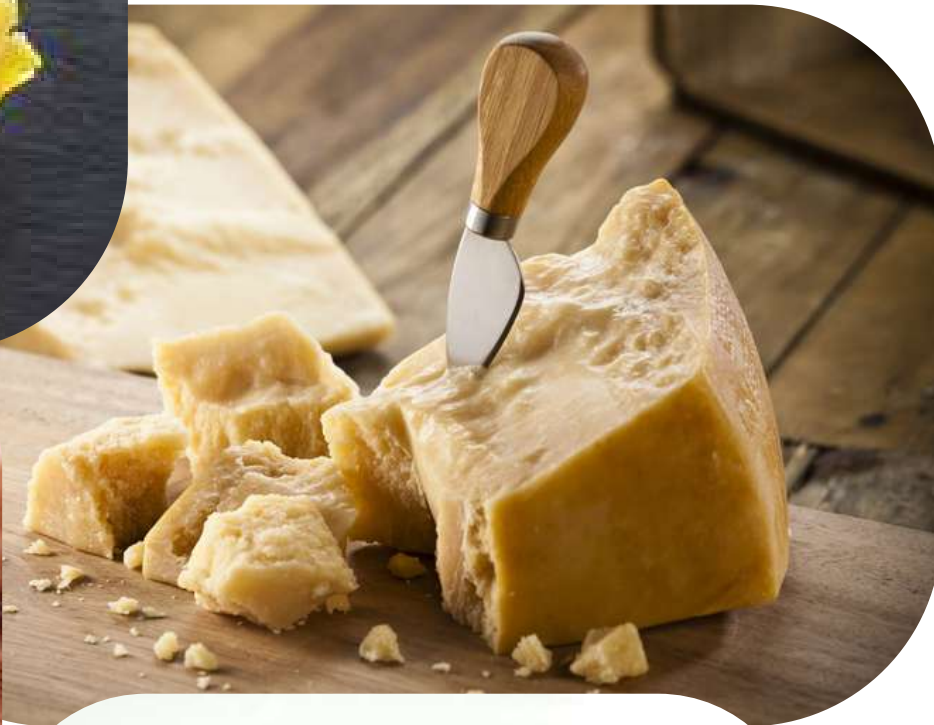


Castello di San Giorgio

TYPICAL FOOD

The Mantuan gastronomy boasts a long and honored tradition. The pillars of a cuisine with ancient traditions, and extremely popular local products are pumpkin tortelli, risotto alla pilota, agnoli and mustard . As for meat, are famous salami, cotechino, ribs and other. Next, there are pumpkin and lambrusco, melons and two great DOP cheeses: Grana Padano and Parmigiano Reggiano.

The most famous desserts are the Sbrisolona cake, the "bussolano", that is soaked directly in the wine and, finally, the particular pudding made with grape must, called "sugolo".





Festival Letteratura

Mantua is completely transformed during the second week of September, when the Literature Festival brings there writers and readers: a cosmopolitan festival that since 1997, is one of the most anticipated Italian cultural events of the year, five days of meetings with authors, shows, concerts with artists from all over the world, who meet in Mantua to live in an unforgettable festive atmosphere. Particular attention is paid to children and adolescents: meetings, shows and workshops are designed only for them.



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