

## **Following Hemingway**

Start from Borgo Ronchetto 08:30 a.m.

1st stop: Botter House – Monastier 09:00 a.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> stop: Elementary Schools in via Barbarana 09:20 a.m.

3<sup>rd</sup> stop: Villa Albrizzi – San Pietro Novello 09:26 a.m.

4th stop: L'Argine Regio – Fossalta 10:10 a.m.

5th stop: Pralongo – 11:00 a.m.

6<sup>th</sup> stop: Villa De Reali – Dosson 11:40 a.m.

Back to Borgo Ronchetto

### **First stop**

#### **Botter House – Monastier**

We'll cross the famous bridge on the river Piave in order to reach the city of Monastier, where we'll visit Botter House, the place from which Hemingway used to start his routes riding his bike, towards the river Piave, during the First World War.

### **Second stop**

#### **Elementary Schools and Via Barbarana – Monastier**

We'll go on to Fornaci – Monastier, and then go past the Elementary Schools, which in June 1918 became a hospital: here Hemingway, injured, was nursed and also baptized by Don Bianchi, military chaplain of the Ancona Brigade. The great writer used to stay over the little bridge on the river Meolo. From here he could see the signs of the previous battles: the nest of the machine-guns put on defense of the bridge, the Maitan Inn with its shutters wrecked, the Palace of the Municipality with a whole side fallen down.

### **Third stop**

#### **Villa Albrizzi – San Pietro Novello**

We'll go straight on along Via Barbarana and we'll arrive in San Pietro Novello, where we will see Villa Albrizzi. Here Hemingway lived for some days, before getting injured. This is the house of the silkworms in the tale *Insomnia*, while the old crossroad with its unburied dead men of the attack of the 19<sup>th</sup> of June will be the inspiration for the tale *Like you'll never*, written after 14 years but with the scar of the fight and of the experience of the death still alive in his soul.

#### **Fourth stop**

##### **L'Argine Regio – Fossalta**

Here we will visit the baptistery of the “Boys of the ‘99”, a stele in the memory of Hemingway and the “Buso de Burato”, where the writer was blessed. These places and the frightening war experience will give birth to tales like *A separate peace* and poems like *Killed Piave – 8 July 1918*.

#### **Fifth stop**

##### **Pralongo**

We'll leave Fossalta and the Piave beyond and we take the first street on the right to Pralongo – Monastier; here, just before the little church of Pralongo, there is an abandoned cowshed where Hemingway, once blessed, passed a very hard night: the battle was going on, he had lost a lot of blood and was shocked; surrounded by dead men and injured, he was waiting and praying. Suddenly, he was overcome by the temptation to catch the gun... Fortunately, at dawn an ambulance came and carried him to the Hospital.

#### **Sixth stop**

##### **Villa De Reali – Dosson**

Once arrived in Treviso, we'll go to Dosson, to Villa De Reali. It hosted the American Hospital where the soldiers sick with “Spanish fever” arrived from the near factory Paglianti. Among the nurses he met Agnes Kurowsky: Hemingway will remember these romantic moments with her forever.