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Legend

- cycle path with asphalt
- cycle path without asphalt
- road with asphalt
- road without asphalt
- road with traffic
- ferry crossing

- IAT (tourist information office)
- bicycle assistance
- hospital
- railway station
- ferry boat
- architectural site
- nature site
- museum
- route start
- partial distance

Route information

Length: 40 km.
Start and finish point: Lido di Venezia, with ACTV public service. The excursion can start from the bridge in Cavallino Treporti as well. For detailed information check on www.turismovenezia.it
Duration: all day excursion. Ferry transfers affect the excursion duration.
Surface: secondary roads and cycle paths. Sunscreen recommended on sunny days.
What to see Forte Vecchio, Lio Piccolo Villa Boldù, the historical "locks of Cavallino", Forte Vecchio, Lio Piccolo, Villa Boldù, the historical "Locks of Cavallino" (Tourist Office +39 041 5370379).

Info bike

Bicycle hire and repair
 Punta Sabbioni and Cavallino: check the list on www.turismovenezia.it
Car and bus parkings
 Punta Sabbioni: info: www.ctservizi.eu
 tel. +39 041 976180
 Limited Traffic Zone: info: www.ctservizi.eu
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Boat+bike
 Public navigation: ACTV - Info: www.actv.it, www.hellovenezia.com
 Private navigation: check the list on www.turismovenezia.it
 Websites: www.turismovenezia.it, www.amicedellabicicletta.org
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Punta Sabbioni-Treporti-Cavallino.

Cycling between sea and lagoon. The gardens of Venice.



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The excursion crosses the narrow strip of land rich of history, traditions and nature which goes from Punta Sabbioni to the mouth of river Sile. Wild beaches surrounded by scented pinewoods, lagoon landscapes populated with many bird species, vegetable gardens and typical lagoon fish cultures which offer a wide range of "zero food miles" products: all of this makes of Cavallino a special and unique tourist resort. Make your trip unforgettable and reach Lio Piccolo, a little village where you can experience the magic feeling of "cycling on the water" while glimpsing the islands of Burano and Torcello in the distance.

The itinerary starts from the ACTV vaporetto stop in Punta Sabbioni and goes left along the lagoon coastline road Lungomare San Felice. After about 1 km you can see on the right the **Forte Vecchio**, a military fortification raised by the Austrians in the period 1845-51 as defence to one of Venice accesses. Just past it, take the cycle path along Treporti lagoon canal, turn right on **Via degli Armeni** (2) along Pordelio canal until you get to the intersection with via Treportina. From this point there is a chance to choose a 12 kms long (return) alternative path leading to **Lio Piccolo** (3). This is an **ancient site** (4) set in the heart of the **Northern Lagoon** (1), characterized by the presence of the typical "barene" scenery and very interesting from the environmental point of view for the number of species and variety of birds that can also be admired from the bell tower top. Already mentioned in middle age documents as "contrada" (district), Lio Piccolo



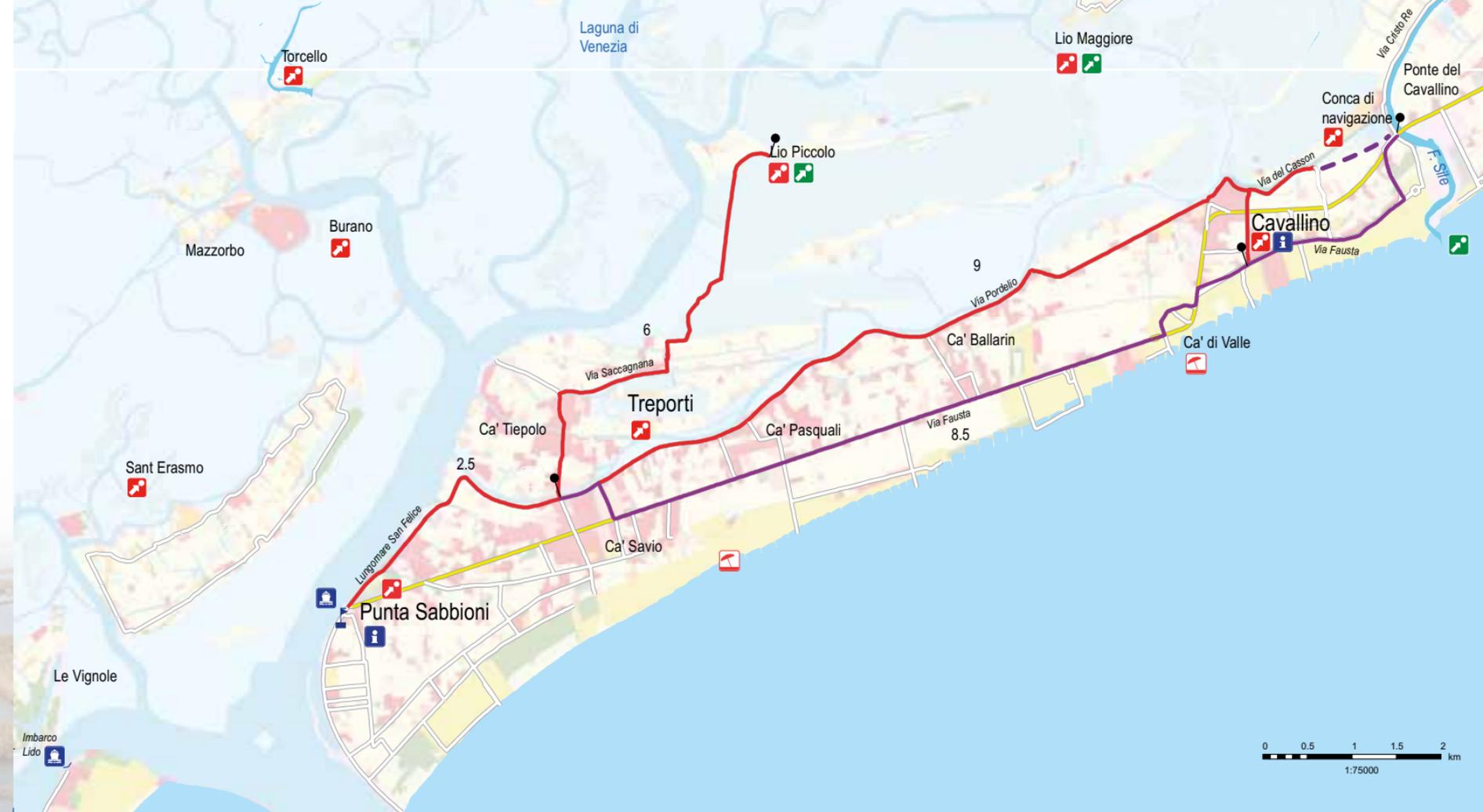
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is nowadays a village where the main square is dominated by the 18th **Villa Boldù**, built by the Venetian island's owner Boldù Family. Back to the main route, keep going on via Pordelio and after 700 meters, past via Brigata Cosenza, on the right you come across the **Mandracio** barrack, built in 1911 as a shelter to the numerous soldiers on duty in the coast batteries. While carrying on, pay attention to the several towers standing on the right-hand side of the road: they are **signal towers** built starting from 1845 as a fundamental means of communication for the complex battery's pointing system. At the same time don't miss the magnificent landscape spreading on the left-hand side of via Pordelio, a succession of "valli da pesca", typical fishery marshes, where you can try and spot curlews, redshanks, snipes and mallards. At the end of the road you reach the centre of Cavallino. In the middle of the main square is the characteristic **monument to the Venetian horse** which in ancient times used to be



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bred in the local coastal pinewoods. Further evidence of the significant past in this town can be found in the **parish church of Santa Maria Elisabetta**, dating back to the 18th century, and in the square itself overlooking the lagoon. Passing by the church and following the lagoon coastline trail you get to a tiny dirt road that goes along the Casson canal. You finally reach the historical **"Locks of Cavallino"**. The old toll-house building, now turned into tourist accommodation, was built by a peculiar Flemish art dealer named Daniel Nijs in 1632 but it only gained in importance for trades beginning from the end of the 16th century. In the same year Venice government laid a plaque on the building facade with the toll tariffs for each boat type: it is still visible today as a proof of the heavy navigation in the area. The bike path along via Fausta takes us back to the starting point.



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