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## Voyage to the Veneto

### Vicenza & Palladio - an Inseparable Pair

#### **The Legacy of Andrea Palladio (1508 - 1580)**

Born Andrea di Pietro in Padua, he lived and worked as an architect in Vicenza. The fertile land in the countryside was owned by the wealthy nobility of Venice, who commissioned Palladio to design their country villas. He found inspiration for his designs in the ruins of ancient Roman and Greek structures.

#### **Venice, 1570**

Palladio's most important achievements were writing about architecture and educating architects and craftsmen. "The Four Books on Architecture" or "I Quattro Libri dell' Architettura" were written more like how-to guides.

- Palladio presents buildings and details in a uniform fashion,
- Redraws drawings that he derived from other architects,
- Placed measurements directly on the plans and elevations in a standard unit of measurement, the Vicentine foot of 0.357 mm.
- Used as textbooks for architects well into the twentieth century, they are still in print today.



*The Villa Rotonda, Vicenza  
Andrea Palladio, 1550s.*

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*You are invited for cocktails at sunset at Villa Rotonda.*

*The Rotonda, poised spectacularly on a hill overlooking Vicenza, is the most famous and well known of all Palladian Villas. We will visit several villas throughout our journey.*

*Warm Regards,  
Rita Orland*

*P.S. A good read: "Palladian Days - Finding a New Life in a Venetian Country House" by Sally and Carl Gable.*



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