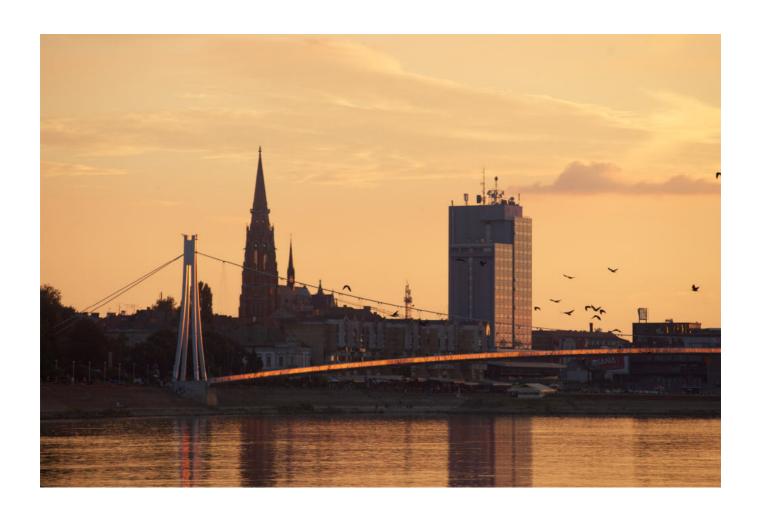






Osijek

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| Nuts 2 https://de.wikipe- dia.org/wiki/nuts | Osijek-Baranja County | | |
| Nuts 3 https://de.wikipe- dia.org/wiki/nuts | Osijek | | |
| Altitude | 90 m | | |
| Area | 170km² | | |
| Location | On the east of Slavonia, located 20 km upstream of Drava's confluence with the Danube | | |
| Inhabitants | 108 048 (2011), in the city 84.104 Croatian: 96 746 Minority: 11 302 Three largest foreign population groups: Serbs: 6 751 Hungarians: 979 Germans: 263 Men: 50 357 Women: 57 691 Age groups: Largest age group: 20-54 years - 41 058 Smallest age group: 0-19 years - 15 971 | | |
| Registration plate marking | os | | |
| Address of the city administration | Franje Kuhača 9, 31000 Osijek | | |



| Website | https://www.osijek.hr/ | | |
|----------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Lord Mayor / Political Party | Ivan Vrkić / Independent | | |
| Significant landmarks | Fortress, Holy Trinity Square, Concathedral of St. Peter and Paul, European Avenue - Art Nouveau Street, Main Square, Water Gate, Red Fićo - Homeland War Monument, Pejačević Castle | | |
| Significant historical events | Mursa old city name 1526: under the reign of the Ottoman Empire (160 years) 1687: Habsburg monarchy – immigration of the Danube Swabians Two world wars 1991: Homeland war | | |
| Significant buildings | County building, Concathedral, National Theatre, Pedestrian Bridge | | |
| Important events | Tamburica Festival (May) SLUK, puppetry festival (May) Pannonian Challenge (June) Osijek Youth Summer (June) Osijek Culture Summer (June) Osijek Summer Night (every Friday in summer) Reart (every season one event) Slama (August) Beer Days (September) Advent (December) | | |
| Cultural facilities | National Theatre, Children's Theatre, Movie theatres, Museum of Slavo- nia, Archaeology Museum | | |
| Educational facilities | J.J. Strossmayer University, Open education, I., II., and III. Gymnasium, Privat school "Gaudeamus", Elementary school "Hl. Ana", Elementary school "Retfala", Elementary school "Mladost" | | |
| Sport | Soccer Club Osijek, Basketball Club Vrijednosnice Osijek, many little soccer clubs, Volleyball clubs, Handball clubs, Rowing club Iktus, Tennis club Olimpia | | |
| Institution focusing on Europe | Europe Direct | | |
| Contact person for town twinning | Ms. Romana Radić | | |
| Organisation | Department of International Relations | | |
| Twin towns | Kranj (Slovenia), since 1965 Pécs (Hungary), since 1973 Pforzheim (Germany), since 1994 Maribor (Slovenia), since 1995 Tuzla (Bosnia and Herzegovina), since 1996 Ploieşti (Romania), since 1996 Lausanne (Switzerland), since 1997 Nitra (Slovakia), since 1997 Budapest XIII. Bezirk (Hungary), since 2001 Subotica (Serbia), since 2010 Prizren (Kosovo), since 2010 Vicenza (Italy), since 2014 Huanggang (People's Republic of China), since 2017 Canada Bay (Australia), since 2018 | | |
| Municipal coat of arms | | | |

Famous citizens Axmann Viktor - architect Josip Juraj Strossmayer (1815–1905) - catholic priest and politician Adolf Waldinger (1843–1904) - painter Jagoda Truhelka (1864-1957) - pedagogue, child and youth book au-Wilma von Vukelich (1880-1956) - author Ludwig Adamovich stariji (1890–1955) - lawyer, university professor in Prague, Graz and Vienna Franjo Šeper (1905–1981) - Zagreb cardinal and archbishop of the roman-chatolic church Branko Lustig (1932–2019) - movie producer in Hollywood, won two Academy Awards (1993 for Schindlers List; 2001 for Gladiator) Hugo Conrad von Hötzendorf - painter **Krežma Franjo** – violin player and composer Krunoslav Hulak (1951-2015) - actor Milanković Milutin – geophysican, astronomer Miroslav Škoro (* 1962) - musician Snježana Kordić (* 1964) - linguist Prelog Vladimir - chemist, Nobel award for chemistry 1975 Ružička Leopold Lavoslav - chemist, Nobel award for chemistry 1939 Siniša Ergotić (* 1968) - long jumper Davor Šuker (* 1968) - soccer player Roda Roda Alexander - author Nenad Bjelica (* 1971) - soccer player and trainer Biljana Borzan (* 1971) - politician Livio Berak (* 1977) - singer of the band Divlje Jagode

Lega grad - Lega meaning friend.

Unique selling point



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Pforzheim

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| Nuts 2 https://de.wikipe- dia.org/wiki/nuts | Karlsruhe | | | |
| Nuts 3 https://de.wikipe- dia.org/wiki/nuts | Enzkreis | | | |
| Altitude | 261 m above sea level NI | HN | | |
| Area | 98 km2; of which 51,2% f | 98 km2; of which 51,2% forest area | | |
| Location | Gateway to the Black forest | | | |
| Inhabitants | 127,543 (as of December Female: 50,8% Male: Germans: Foreign nationals: The 3 most represented Turkish Romanian Italian Average age: Largest age group: Smallest age group: Unemployment rate: | 3,9% 3,4% 3.0% 42 years | | |
| Registration plate marking | PF | | | |
| Address of the city administration | Marktplatz 1, 75175 Pforzheim, Germany | | | |



| Website | www.pforzheim.de | | |
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| Lord Mayor / Political Party | Peter Boch/ CDU | | |
| Significant landmarks | Jewellery museum, wildlife park, 360° exhibition Gasometer, memorial with viewpoint Wallberg | | |
| Significant historical events | Roman settlement "Portus" on the Enz Birth place of Johannes Reuchlin, one of the most important European humanists. the foundation of the jewellery and watch industry Bertha-Benz-Fahrt (first automobile trip in the world, from Mannheim to Pforzheim) almost complete destruction of the city by an air raid | | |
| Significant buildings | Industriehaus Schlosskirche Altes Rathaus Sparkassenturm Emma-Jäger Bad | | |
| Important events | Memorial day 23 February Öchslefest (Wine festival end of August/beginning of September) Christmas market (end of November until Christmas) | | |
| Cultural facilities | Three-branch theatre Cultural centre Kulturhaus Osterfeld Puppet Theater Mottenkäfig Youth Cultural Centre Kupferdächle Communal cinema Museums: Reuchlin- Museum City museum Archaeological Museum Pforzheim Gallery Jewellery Museum Technical Museum GDR- Museum | | |
| Educational facilities | 72 day care centres (age: approx. 0-6 years) 18 elementary school (age: approx. 6-10 years) 16 (general) secondary schools (age: approx. 10-16 years) 7 high schools (age: approx. 10-18 years) 9 vocational schools (age: approx. 10-18 years) Special features: different main topics such as economics, technology, nutrition, social affairs, business, handcrafts, foreign languages additionally: University of Pforzheim with about 6000 students Faculty of Design Faculty of Technology Faculty of Economics and Law Adult education centre Pforzheim Evening High School Evening General School | | |

| Sport | Many sports clubs that perform excellently in their field, such as the handball club TGS Pforzheim which currently plays in the 3rd Bundesliga, or the dance sports club Schwarz-Weiss-Club Pforzheim, which dances at world level. Pforzheim clubs are also represented in football, American football and many other sports. |
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| Institutions focusing on Europe | German-European societies Schools Partnership Committee Europe Union Pforzheim-Enzkreis JEF Young Europeans Pforzheim Vimob- Association for international mobility Hochschule Pforzheim: Jean Monnet Chair BEN Europe- Institute (Centre for EU Mobility and Labour Market Projects) Welcome Centre Northern Black Forest |
| Contact persons for town twinning | Susanne Schreck: phone +49 7231 39 3211 Susanne.Schreck@pforzheim.de Responsible for: Irkutsk, Nevşehir, Tschenstochau, Vicenza Monika Finna phone +49 7231 39 1503 Monika.Finna@pforzheim.de Responsible for: Gernika, Győr-Moson-Sopron, Osijek, StMaur-des-Fossés |
| Organisation | Classified in the Communication and International Affairs Division in Department 1 (located directly with the Lord Mayor) |
| Twin towns | Gernika (Basque Country/Spain) since 1989 Győr-Moson-Sopron (Hungary) since 2007 Irkutsk (Russia) since 2007 Nevşehir (Turkey) since 2007 Osijek (Croatia) since 2008 StMaur-des-Fossés (France) since 1989 Czestochowa (Poland) since 2007 Vicenza (Italy) since 1991 |
| Municipal coat of arms | |

Famous citizens

Johannes Reuchlin (1455 -1522) - Philosopher, humanist, lawyer and diplomat. He is regarded as the first important German Hebraist of Christian confession. He was a great uncle of Philipp Melanchthon. Christopher Bechtle (1782 - 1843) - Goldsmith and precision engineer. He became famous and wealthy during the American gold rush through his business idea to transform mountain and washed gold into standardised dollar coins with a precisely defined metal content. He thus introduced dollar coins according to the gold standard, which were not adopted and minted by the American government until long after.

Bertha Benz (1849 - 1944) - Pioneer of the automobile. Through her entrepreneurial, technical and financial commitment she created the conditions for the invention of the Benz patent motor car through her husband Carl Benz. townShe proved the suitability of the new means of transport with the first long-distance journey in an automobile.

Heinrich Otto Wieland (1877 - 1957) - Chemist and Nobel Prize winner (1927)

Fritz Erler (1913 - 1967) - The former resistance fighter Fritz Erler was one of the most important social democratic politicians of the 1950s and 1960s.

Manfred Mohr (*1938) - Digital artist with international reputation. He is considered a pioneer of computer-generated art.

René Weller (*1953) - Former boxer. He was nine times German Champion and Vice European Champion among amateurs as well as German Champion and twice EBU European Champion among professionals.

Stefan Mappus (*1966) - Politician (CDU) and Minister President of Baden-Württemberg from 2010 to 2011

Unique selling point

In the vernacular, the city is often called "Gold City" because of its history closely connected with jewellery



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Częstochowa

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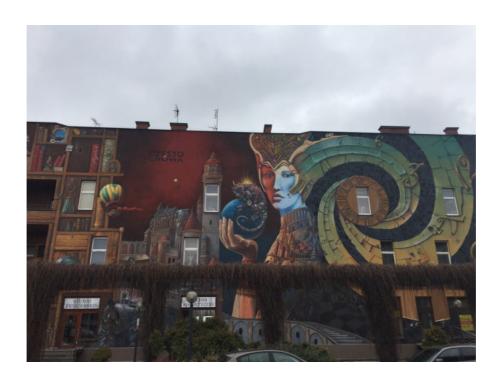
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| Nuts 2 https://de.wikipe- dia.org/wiki/nuts | Silesian Voivodeship | | |
| Nuts 3 https://de.wikipe- dia.org/wiki/nuts | Częstochowa City and District | | |
| Altitude | 253 above sea I | level | |
| Area | 160 km2 | | |
| Location | The city lies on the river Warta on the picturesque Krakow-Cze- stochowa Upland, which is characterized by castle ruins, watchtowers and bizarre limestone rock formations, and it is also called the Krakow- Czestochowa Jura. The "Eagles' Nest Route", popular with tourists, leads through the area | | |
| Inhabitants | women: men: Poland: Foreigners: The most nume Age groups: 0-17 years 18 - 65 years 65 years Unemployment | 53,01 % 46,99 % 99% ca. 1% (Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus, Georgia, Russia, Italy) erous national groups: Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus 15% 64% 21% | |
| Registration plate marking | SC SC | | |
| Address of the city administration | Śląska 11/13, 42-217 Częstochowa | | |



| Website | www.ezectechewa.nl | | |
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| Lord Mayor / Party | www.czestochowa.pl Krzysztof Matyjaszczyk / SLD (Social Democrats) | | |
| Lord Mayor / Party | NIZYSZLUI MALYJASZCZYK / SLD (SUCIAI DEMIUCTALS) | | |
| Significant landmarks | Pauline Monastery Jasna Góra, | | |
| Significant landinarks | Town Hall | | |
| | City park at the foot of the monastery | | |
| | St. Sigismund Church | | |
| | St. Barbara and St. Andreas Church - Baroque church with a Spring of | | |
| | Grace | | |
| | Archeological Museum - site and excavations from the time of the Lusatian culture Mining and Iron Ore Museum | | |
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| | | | |
| | Museum of Coins and Medals - exhibition of coins and medals dedicated | | |
| | to St. John Paul II | | |
| | Murals "Time keeper", "Tower of Babel", "Switezianka" and other | | |
| Significant historical events | 1220: first written reference | | |
| Significant instorical events | 1377: Stara Częstochowa receives city rights | | |
| | 1382: Foundation of the Pauliner Monastery | | |
| | 1655: Polish-Swedish war | | |
| | 1792-1918: Occupation of Poland | | |
| | 1826: Connection of old-Częstochowa and new Częstochowa | | |
| | to one city | | |
| | 1846: Construction of the Warszawa-Vienna railway line | | |
| | 1909: Organization of the Polish Agricultural-Economic | | |
| | Exhibition | | |
| | 1914-1918: First World War | | |
| | 1918: Rebirth of the Republic of Poland | | |
| | 1939-1945: Second World War, 16.01.1945 liberation of the city, | | |
| | foundation of the Polish People's Republic | | |
| | 1989/1990: Democratic turnaround, rebirth of local self-government | | |
| Significant buildings | The Monastery Complex | | |
| | Old Town Hall | | |
| | New Town Hall | | |
| | The Philharmonic Institute | | |
| | The Theatre | | |
| | The Archcathedral of St. Family | | |
| | St. Jacob Church | | |
| Important events | Czestochowa Run (10 km) (April) | | |
| | Local Self-Government Day (May) | | |
| | Days of Sacred Music Gaude Mater (May) | | |
| | International Traditional Jazz Festival HOT JAZZ SPRING (June) | | |
| | Bronisław Hubermann Violin Festival (June) | | |
| | Alternative Music Days "Frytka Off" (June) | | |
| | Częstochowa Culture Night (June) | | |
| | Days of European Folk Culture (July - August) | | |
| | Cultural Summer "Alleys – happening time" - (July-August) | | |
| | City Festival of Częstochowa (August) | | |
| | Road Race "Golden Mail Częstochowa" (September) | | |
| | Literary Festival "Read" (September) Christmas Market "Avanua of Stars" (December) | | |
| Cultural facilities | Christmas Market "Avenue of Stars" (December) Bronisław Hubermann Philharmonic | | |
| Cultural facilities | Adam Mickiewicz Theater | | |
| | | | |
| | Municipal Art Gallery Municipal Cultural Centre | | |
| | Czestochowa City Museum | | |
| | Tomasz Sętowski Museum of Imagination | | |
| | Regional Cultural Center | | |
| Educational facilities | - | | |
| Laucational facilities | Jan Dlugosz University of Częstochowa | | |
| | Technical University of Częstochowa numerous private universities | | |
| | 21 high schools | | |
| | 45 elementary schools | | |
| | 38 kindergartens | | |
| | 4 special education schools | | |
| | 4 special education schools | | |

| Sport | Clubs that are national and international successes: "Włókniarz | | |
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| | Częstochowa" - speedway; | | |
| | "Raków Częstochowa" – football (Extarklasa). Aviation "Aeroclub Częstochowa", volleyball "KS Norwid | | |
| | Częstochowa , volleybali KS Norwid Częstochowa and street running have a long tradition in the city, and cyc- | | |
| | ling is also developing intens | | |
| Institutions focusing on Europe | City Hall of Czestochowa | | |
| mistications rocasing on Europe | Mayor's Office | | |
| | Department for National and International Cooperation | | |
| Contact person for town twinning | Marzena Cuprjak-Wagner: | | |
| Contact percent for term community | Head of the Department for National and International Cooperation | | |
| Organisation | Department for National and International Cooperation | | |
| Twin towns | Loreto / Italy (since 1987) | | |
| | Lourdes / France (since 1990) | | |
| | South Bend / USA (since 1992) | | |
| | Fatima / Portugal (since 1997) | | |
| | Pforzheim / Germany (since 2007) | | |
| | Kamieniec Podolski / Ukraine (since 2008) | | |
| | Irkuck / Russia (since 2012) | | |
| Municipal coat of arms | | | |



| Famous citizens | Kazimierz Michał Władysław Wiktor Pułaski (1745-1779) - hero of the |
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| I dillous Citizelis | struggle for freedom of two nations |
| | Władysław Biegański (1857-1917) - Polish internist, doctor of medicine, lo- |
| | gician, philosopher, social activist |
| | Zygmunt Modzelewski (1900-1954) - politician and economist, foreign minister |
| | Janusz Elsner (1928-1996) - Polish scholar, mechanic, professor and rector |
| | of the Technical University of Częstochowa, member of the Polish Academy of Sciences |
| | Kalina Jędrusik (1930-19991) - outstanding Polish actress |
| | Zygmunt Rolat (*1930) - Polish-Jewish philanthropist, patron of the arts, |
| | founder and president of the Association of Czestochowa Jews and their |
| | Descendants |
| | Halina Poświatowska (1935-1967) - avant-garde Polish poet |
| | Janusz Kochanowski (1940-2010) - Polish lawyer, former chairman of the |
| | "Lus et Lex" Foundation, Ombudsmann |
| | Łukasz Wylężałek (*1953) - film and theatre director, playwright and scriptwriter |
| | Tomasz Sętowski (*1961) - painter |
| | Jerzy Kulej (1940-2012) - the largest and most successful Polish amateur boxer, two-time Olympic champion (Tokyo 1964, Mexico 1968), three-time medalist at the European Championship (two gold and silver medals), and eight-time Polish champion |
| | Jakub Błaszczykowski (*1985) - Polish football player as a midfielder, outstanding Polish representative, captain of the Polish national team, former player of Borussia Dortmund |
| Unique selling point | An important place of pilgrimage in the Christian world, therefore the city is often called "the spiritual capital of Poland" |

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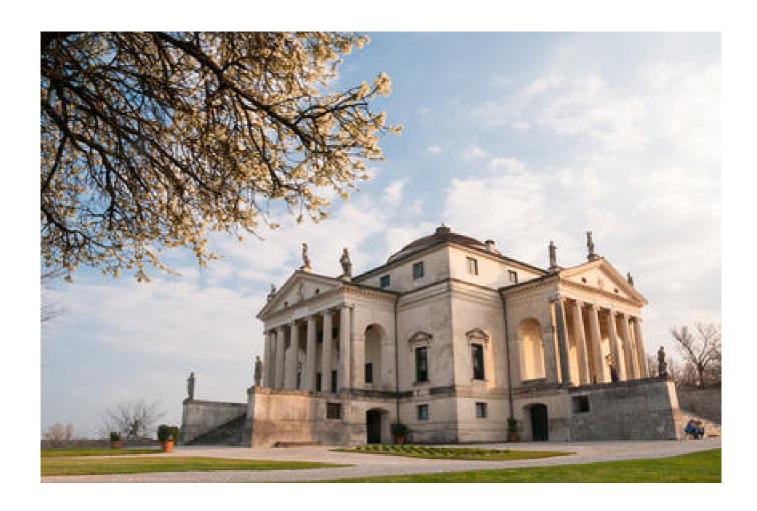






Vicenza

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| Nuts 3 https://de.wikipe- dia.org/wiki/nuts | Vicenza | | |
| Altitude | 39 m s.l.m. | | |
| Area | 80 km² | | |
| Location | Roughly halfway between Verona (50 km) and Venice (70 km); part of the Trans-European Rail Network "Mediterranean" from Lisbon to Kiev | | |
| Inhabitants | 110.647 (as of March 30, | 2019) | |
| | Italians: Foreign nationals: | 85% 15% (about 9,000 US Army personnel in Vicenza are not counted) | |
| | The 3 most represented foreign groups: Romanians 14.2%, Serbs 14%, Moldovans 8% | | |
| | Average age: | 46 years (men 43.9 years, women 48 years) | |
| | Life expectancy: Men 81.5 years, Women 85.7 years | | |
| | Unemployment: Youth unemployment: | 5.3 18.2% | |
| | Employment rate: | 71.1%. | |
| Registration plate marking | VI | | |
| Address of the city administration | Municipio Palazzo Trissino Corso Andrea Palladio 9 36100 Vicenza | 98 | |



| Website | www.comune.vicenza.it | | |
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| Lord Mayor / Political Party | Francesco Rucco / List #RuccoSindaco | | |
| Significant landmarks | Basilica palladiana Renaissance building designed by the architect Andrea Palladio Piazza the Signori main square in the old town of Vicenza Villa La Rotonda designed by Renaissance architect Andrea Palladio and built between 1567 and 1591 Teatro Olimpico first post-antique and free-standing theatre building in Europe, designed by Andrea Palladio Basilica Santuario della Madonna di Monte Berico Basilica located on the Berici hill above the city Villa Valmarana "Ai Nani" fresco paintings by Giambattista and Gian- | | |
| Significant historical events | domenico Tiepolo 49 B.C.: From the 3rd century A.D: 568: 1297: | Recognition of Roman citizenship, Part of the Via Gallica of the Roman Empire spread of Christianity Occupation by the Longobards Submission to the Scaligators from | |
| | 1404 to 1797: | Verona city under the protection of the Republic of Venice | |
| | 1797 until 1813: | alternating rule by France and Austria | |
| | 1815 to 1866: 1848: | part of the Austrian Empire Field marshal Radetzky defeats the revolutionaries in Vicenza | |
| | August 1866: | victory of the Italian independence movement and the Austrian troops leave Vicenza | |
| | First World War: 1922 to 1943: | Mountains north of Vicenza one of the main fronts Mussolini Prime Minister of the | |
| | | Kingdom of Italy | |
| | 1943 to 1945: | resistance against the German occupation Allied bombing raids on the city | |
| | 1946: 1964: | First sample fair Connection to A4 Milan-Venice motorway | |
| | 1994: 2010: | UNESCO World Heritage Site Flooding of the old town | |
| Significant buildings | Teatro Olimpico (theatre from the 16th century) Basilica Palladiana (market hall by Andrea Palladio) Palazzo Trissino (Town Hall) Palazzo del Capitaniato (municipal council, designed by Andrea Palladio) Palazzo Cordellina (Library) Ex-GIL complex (university and cultural centre) Palazzo Leoni Montanari (Museum of icons) Palazzo del Monte di Pietà (monumental building in Piazza dei Signori) Palazzo Thiene Bonin Longare (headquarters of the industrial association) Loggia Valmarana (in the park "Giardini Salvi") | | |

| Important events | Jewellery fairs in January, June and September | | |
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| important events | Rua town festival parade with replica of the 15th century carousel in | | |
| | the town centre (every 2 years in mid-September) | | |
| | Stra' Vicenza city run taking place over 1,5, 4,5 and 10 km | | |
| | GranFondo Citta'di Vicenza cycle race around and through the Berici | | |
| | hills (April) | | |
| | Vicenza Jazz New Conservations (May) | | |
| | Festival Biblico cultural festival around questions of faith (May) | | |
| | Festive atmosphere Environment Festival (June) | | |
| | Music week at the Teatro Olimpico (June) | • | |
| | Summer in Vicenza (June-August): concerts, op | en-air festivals, thea- | |
| | tre, open-air cinema | | |
| | Festa dei Oto 8 September: Luna Park on Camp | o Marzo and the Rua | |
| | parade in the centre | | |
| | CioccolandoVi Chocolatiers from all over Italy pr (end of October) | resent chocolate art | |
| | Rally "Citta' del Palladio" Start and finish of the R Christmas market from the end of November | ally (November) | |
| | Market days in the centre: Tuesday (Piazza dei S | ianori) and Thursday | |
| | (the whole city centre) | ignori) and mursuay | |
| Cultural facilities | | | |
| Cultural facilities | Museo Chiricatti City museum Museo naturalisticco archeologico Nature und Archeology museum | | |
| | Museo del risorgimento e Resistenza Museum d | | |
| | _ | dedicated to the unin- | |
| | cation of Italy and the resistance movement Gallerie di Palazzo Leoni Montanari Icon museum and exhibits Palladio Museo Life and works of Andrea Palladio Museo del gioiello Jewellery museum Museo Diocesano Religious art Accademia Olimpica Promotion of culture, artistic life and progress of | | |
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| | the city and the territory, including the managem | ient of the Teatro | |
| Educational facilities | Olimpico". 40 early childhood education institutions | (0 6 years) | |
| Educational facilities | 31 primary schools | (0-6 years) (7-10 years) | |
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| | _ | (11-14 years) | |
| | 24 secondary schools | (15-19 years) | |
| | Habitania of Dadro based in Viscos Considerati | | |
| | University of Padua based in Vicenza (engineering, mechanical engineering, mechatronics, agronomy, nursing, radiology, obstetrics, physiotherapy) University of Verona Headquarters Vicenza (Business Administration) Institute Rezzara Adult Education | | |
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| | Eurocultura International training courses for professionals and internships in companies | | |
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Sport Football Vicenza Calcio (3. Liga) Volleyball Volley Vicenza (F, 3. Liga) Basketball Tramarossa (M, 2. Liga) Light athletics Atletica Vicentina Institutions focusing on Europe European gendarmerie: corps of military police from France, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Romania and Poland for peacekeeping operations. CoESPU Center of Excellence for Stability Police Units: Training center for peacekeeping operations for military police mainly from Europe and Africa. Alda: European Network for Local Democracy Eurocultura: Consulting organization for mobility in Europe Centro di servizio per il Volontariato: Information office of the EU network "Eurodesk" Contact person for town twinnings Mrs Romina Muraro Organisation Ufficio Gemellaggi (Town twinning office) Palazzo del Territorio Levà degli Angeli 11 Telephone: 0039-0444-221368 Email: gemellaggi@comune.vicenza.it Twin towns Pforzheim (Germany since 1991) Annecy (France, since 1995) Cleveland (USA, Treaty of Friendship, since 2010) Osijek (Hungary, Treaty of Friendship, since 2011) Municipal coat of arms



Famous citizens

Andrea Palladio (1508 - 1580) - Master builder and co-founder of modern architecture in the 16th century

Antonio Pigafetta (1492 - 1524) - Writer and participant in the 16th century circumnavigation of Magellan

Gino Solda' (1907 - 1989) - Resistance fighter and participant in the Italian K2 Himalaya expedition of 1954

Mariano Rumor (1915 - 1990) - Italian Prime Minister between 1968 and 1974

Sonia Maino Gandhi (*1946) - Wife of Rajiv Gandhi and former President of the Indian Congress Party

Federico Faggin (*1941) - Physicist and co-inventor of the microchip in Silicon Valley

Roberto Baggio (*1967) - Italian national football player and awarded the "Ballon d'Or" as best European player in 1993

Gelindo Bordin (*1959) - Olympic Marathon Champion 1988 in Seoul (South Korea)

Alessandro Rossi (1819 - 1898) - Textile entrepreneur (Lanerossi), politician and social reformer in the 19th century

Gaetano Marzotto (1820-1910) - Takes over the textile company from his father in 1842 and lays the foundation stone for what is today Italy's largest textile company, social reformer

Renzo Rosso (*1955) - Founder of the clothing company Diesel Lino Dainese (*1948) - Founder of the motorbike clothing company Dainese

Flavio Albanese (*1951) - Designer

Aldo Cibic (*1955) - Architect and designer

Nadia Santini (*1953) - First female chef in Italy to be awarded 3-star Michelin, awarded the title of best female chef in the world by the British magazine "Restaurant" in 2014

Carlo Cracco (*1965) - Chef. 2-star Michelin, jury member in the Italian TV version of Masterchef

Buildings by Andrea Palladio from the 16th century

UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1994

Also known as the "Gold City" because of its history closely linked to iewellery

VicenzaOro in January one of the most important jewellery fairs worldwide

Magnagatti: nickname for the inhabitants of Vicenza. Legend has it that in 1509, during the siege of Padua by the troops of the Cambrai League (with soldiers from Vicenza), defenders attached a dead cat to a lance to mock the attackers. As a result, the cat has become the autoironic symbol of the inhabitants of Vicenza.

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