



Mantua
Classical Utopia
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- A tour of the most beautiful places in Mantua
- Featuring many beautiful and full-page photographs

Because it was founded on water and marshes, Mantua is a wonderful water lily of a city. After a historical introduction, the volume focuses on the history of art and architecture in Renaissance Mantua, when the Gonzagas' passion and the presence of extraordinary architects and artists, such as Leon Battista Alberti, Andrea Mantegna and Giulio Romano, imposed a character of princely magnificence, theatrical and dreamlike, on the city. Browsing through the images takes the reader to the city's most beautiful spots, amid the most surprising monuments and works of art. Crossing the almost labyrinthine paths of the Doge's Palace, stopping to linger on the Camera degli Sposi, and from a loggia, discovering an unexpected lake landscape. The wonder continues with Palazzo Te, the marvellous suburban villa, frescoed by Giulio Romano. Mantua hides other treasures: the church of Sant'Andrea, the Bibiena Scientific Theatre, the ancient aristocratic palaces, the artists' houses...

