

MARCO POLO SPORTING CENTER AUTHORIZED BY AC MILAN



The Marco Polo Sporting Center houses a 40,000m² **golf practice course** comprising a 4 holes **Pitch and Putt** (P&P) and a **driving range**.

The golf course includes the following:

- driving range (350 mm);
- pitching green;
- putting green;
- approx. 600m 4-hole P&P course with greens varying from 40-90mm in accordance with national guidelines.

At the edge of the park an old lodge will be converted into a hotel in one year (2008), with accommodation as follows:

- 56 beds (2 guests per room) with the possibility to extend this comfortably to a maximum of 80 beds;
- a 3-star hotel;
- dining area for 150-200 covers with hotel bar;
- meeting room seating 80-90.

The complex also houses a Milan Shop and a big and comfortable bar.

Three football pitches are located in the remaining area:

- one measuring 105 x 65m² (within the lines - grass) – Top class pitch (Serie A);
- one measuring 91 x 56.5m² (within the lines - grass) - high class pitch (Serie C);
- one 7-a-side pitch measuring 52.5 x 28m² (grass).

The largest pitch has two changing rooms (lockers) with their own showers and toilets, a changing room for the referee with shower and toilet facilities and a dedicated space for first aid, medical attention and massages.

The company that manages the sport center is "Marco Polo Sport Estate SRL", which has amongst its charter members **Pietro Marchioni**, president of the Board of Directors and president of the sports association "Sporteventi - www.sporteventi.com/uk/index.php" (currently the most important official manager of MJC for AC Milan Club) and **Massimo**

Campioli, Administrative and Financial Manager of AC Milan SPA
(www.acmilan.com/InfoPage.aspx?id=355).

"Marco Polo Sport Estate SRL" has obtained authorisation from "AC Milan SPA" to use the "AC Milan" official brand. "Marco Polo Sport Estate SRL" is currently the only private company, not owned by AC Milan SPA, that can use in its sport center the AC Milan official brand. For this reason the name of the sports complex is "Marco Polo Sporting Center authorized by AC Milan".

The company "Marco Polo Sport Estate SRL" has also obtained a mandate from "AC Milan SPA" to develop Milan camp activities throughout the year (and not just in summer) within the complex (Milan Team Camp).

The objectives of "Marco Polo Sport Estate SRL" about soccer are as follows:

hosting no-professional soccer teams and soccer school from all over the world looking to spend their holidays being taught under the AC Milan banner at Vittorio Veneto or other MJC Sporeventi locations (Milan Junior Camps; 7-16 boys/girls years old, only during the Summer);

hosting professional and no-professional soccer teams and soccer school looking to undergo a very technical training programme than is available in the MTC (Milan Team Camp; over 8-year-old boys/girls years old, all over the year);

hosting football teams taking part in tournaments in Italy (every age, all over the year);

hosting football teams undertaking their pre-championship training retreats in Italy (soccer retreats, every age, all over the year);

hosting teams playing championship matches in north-eastern Italy against "Serie A" teams (e.g. Udinese, Treviso), "Serie B" teams (e.g. Vicenza), and teams in other leagues near Vittorio Veneto, offering overnight accommodation and use of the complex from Friday to Sunday (all over the year).

LOCATIONS

In terms of comfort and facilities the sports complex meets the requirements of even the most demanding of players.

The football pitches have been designed and laid to the highest possible standards by Biffi, the European leader in the field.

The complex is located 200 m (three minutes by car) from one of the best equipped gyms in the Veneto region, 500 m (3 mins by car) from the town swimming pool (25m indoor pool and 50m outdoor pool), 2 km (5 mins by car) from the town centre and 2 km from the Venezia-Belluno motorway exit.

Until such time as construction work on the hotel is completed, players will be housed at the 3-star Hotel Terme ***, the top hotel in Vittorio Veneto, and will be transported to the sports complex by bus.

When the work is complete (2008), players will be housed within the complex.

Links:

www.marcopolosportingcenter.com (Marco Polo Sporting Center authorized by AC Milan)

www.sporteventi.it (Sporteventi)

www.hotelterme.tv (Hotel Terme)

www.bobadillaclub.it (Bobadilla – gym)

About VITTORIO VENETO

THE CITY

The present Vittorio Veneto was born out of the merger of the 2 small but ancient and independent towns of **Serravalle** and **Ceneda** in **1866**.

The origins of *Ceneda* (now the southern borough) date back to the Roman and perhaps pre-Roman age. It became the centre of a Longobard duchy in the VII century, and subsequently a bishopric

Serravalle (the northern borough) was also a Roman settlement and was later fortified by barbarian kings and princes. It became a fief and was entrusted to the Da Camino family in 1174. The city's magnificent buildings and splendid squares are a testimony to the town's heyday under the Venetian rule (1337-1797).

Beautiful churches also add to the city's ancient and traditional atmosphere. Vittorio Veneto is sacred to Italy and Italians as it saw the end of the first world war on November the 4th, 1918.

The city enjoys a favourable geographical location at the foothills of the Italian Pre alps, its hills silhouetting against the mountain chains that stretch to the Cansiglio plateau.

A mild climate, the beauty of its landscape and cityscape and the city's historical significance make Vittorio Veneto one of the most attractive venues in north-eastern Italy.

Precious works of art are kept in the many churches of Ceneda, including an amazing Annunciation by Andrea Previtali in the church of S. Maria del Meschio.

Frescos by Antonello da Serravalle and Francesco da Milano dating back to the XV and XVI centuries are also to be seen in the Church of S. Andrea di Bigonzo.

The old town of Serravalle is one of the better preserved in north eastern Italy.

The hills and mountains around Vittorio Veneto are an ideal destination for walks, trips, and mountain bike trips. Flat tracks in the green often turn into hillside paths or into little steep sloping roads that wind their way through hamlets, villas, castles and churches surrounded by idyllic landscapes.

The city is moreover located in a traditionally white wine-producing area. The world-renowned Prosecco wine is a typical product of the local vineyards along the "Prosecco Road of the Conegliano and Valdobbiadene Hills".

About Treviso Province and Veneto Region

<http://travel.nytimes.com/2006/06/11/travel/11journeys.html> (from the NY Times)

<http://www.veneto.to/portal/faces/public/quest/> (Veneto Region tourism web-site)

<http://www.marcatreviso.it/DesktopDefault.aspx> (Treviso Province tourism web-site)

MILAN JUNIOR CAMP

The Milan Junior Camp (MJC) is the children's summer vacation camp organized by AC Milan and carried out by private organizations (specifically, very carefully selected managers). These managers are responsible for seeing that the participants are taken care of in their respective site, always under the control of the appropriate officials of the Milan Corporation. **Sporteventi** is one of MJC's managers "par excellence", receiving AC Milan's highest award for the MJC, specifically the award for "**Best MJC Organization and Promotion**".

The MJC are first and foremost weeks of vacation for boys: **vacations** that although focused on soccer, offer much more. The camp is a week full of training exercises, but also it is a week of **fun** and **sharing** with the other boys, a week spent learning to respect each other. It is an important time to stimulate their sense of responsibility and to learn the important value of rules and education.

The MJC is open to boys and girls from **7 to 16 years of age and of all nationalities**.

In fact during the past six years the camp has received groups of 30 children from Washington (US), as well as youngsters from Venezuela (30-40) and Kuwait (20), South Africa, Germany, England, Belgium, France, Switzerland, the Arab Emirates, Croatia and Russia.

In the Milan Junior Camp (MJC) everything is directly **fixed by AC Milan Club** (details at www.sporteventi.it).

MILAN TEAM CAMP

MISSION STATEMENT

TOP PERFORMANCE AND HIGH FLEXIBILITY

Milan Team Camp means:

- **top level soccer training** in Italy **for teams and football schools** (age range 8-27);
- **maximum flexibility** in terms of length of stay and type of training. The camp is made to cater for all needs;
- tailor-made solutions for all type of budgets;
- a prestigious training experience, sessions are organized by *AC Milan* and *Sporteventi* at an official AC Milan training centre near Venice.
- top quality standards and focus on the needs of single participants.

PARTICIPANTS

A CAMP FOR ALL AGES

The camp training is adapted for different age groups ranging from 8 to 30-year-old boys and girls and is open to both **male and female** teams and schools **from all over the world**.

ALL SEASON CAMP

Milan Team Camps can be held all throughout the year, in accordance with the specific needs of teams or schools.

Milan Team Camps are **not just simple summer camps, but top level clinics** held all throughout the year.

Football pitches in Vittorio Veneto are available all seasons long because of the mild climate of the region.

TRAINING

ENHANCING YOUR PERFORMANCE

Athletes typically take part in Milan Team Camps to boost their athletic performance, correct their weaknesses and enhance their technical, tactical and physical skills.

Training is run by Sporteventi staff (the most prestigious official AC Milan provider for Milan Junior Camps). Following initial assessment, training is organized in accordance with:

- **physical and technical skills** of participants;
- **age** of participants (8-30);
- **specific needs** requested by group leaders.

STAFF

AC MILAN AND SPORTEVENTI CERTIFIED TRAINERS

Training is run by **Sporteventi** staff, official AC Milan manager for **Milan Junior** summer camps.

All trainers have AC Milan certification and most of them are from clubs from the "Milan galaxy" (www.sporteventi.it/uk/staff_tecnico.htm).

Each trainer has been coaching junior teams for at least 20 years and has been running Milan Junior summer camps along with former AC Milan star football players for years.

LOCATION

MARCO POLO: THE ONE AND ONLY OFFICIALLY AUTHORIZED AC MILAN SPORTING CENTRE

Though not directly owned and run by AC Milan, the **Marco Polo Sporting Centre** is, so far, the only one training centre to have obtained official authorization by AC Milan and to operate under the official "AC Milan Brand":

The Marco Polo Sporting Centre consists of modern and state of the art sporting facilities. Pitches have been turfed by the same company that turfed the Milanello sports centre, where AC Milan first team and primavera team train.

The Centre is located in Vittorio Veneto near Venice, a town of high historical significance where the final battle of world war 1 was fought. Facilities are surrounded by green areas and are only 70 km away from Venice and a 45-minute bus drive from the main Venice airport.

Further information on: www.marcopolosportingcenter.com

Webcams: www.marcopolosportingcenter.com/ita/marcopolo-webcam.htm

ACCOMODATION

HOTELS

A hotel within the sporting centre will be completed in 2007. In the meantime, participants are lodged at the **Hotel Terme** (***)(www.hotelterme.tv/), the best accommodation in town with a top quality restaurant.

The hotel has been accommodating serie A teams on retreats in Vittorio Veneto for some 20 years.

FRIENDLY MATCHES AND SCOUTING

Upon request, friendly matches can be organized with Italian teams of the appropriate age and ability.

A talent scout from AC Milan will be at the camp for an afternoon if required.

GYM AND SWIMMING POOL

Sporteventi has an arrangement with the nearby Bobadilla gym. The facilities are available to camp participants and are within short walking distance.

The gym is equipped by Technogym (www.technogym.it/). All participants will enjoy free access to the apparatus 2 hours a day. The gym also offers a wellness centre (swimming pool, hydro-massage, solarium, sauna and Turkish bath, massage and personal trainers). The above services are not included in the package.

TRIPS

TRIPS TO MILAN AND VENICE

MILAN

The following trips can be organized upon request:

- Sightseeing trip to Milan;
- Visit to the Meazza / San Siro Stadium (including a guided tour to the AC Milan - International Milan museum);
- AC Milan home match if applicable.

VENICE

The following trips can be organized upon request:

- Sightseeing tour;

- Motor boat tour of the lagoon islands (Venice, islands of Murano and Burano).

VERONA

A sightseeing tour of Verona can also be organized upon request.

AQUILEIA (Roman site): <http://www.aquileia.it/>

TRANSPORTS AND AIRPORT CONNECTIONS

AIRPORTS AND CITIES

VENICE

"MARCO POLO airport – VENICE"

(www.veniceairport.it/core/index.jsp;jsessionid=4EBYYC10IIQXXQFIAIBCFFA?requestid=13093&language=en)

Distance from Vittorio Veneto: 70 km – 45 minutes by bus

From Vittorio Veneto to Venice: 70 km – 1 hour by train

TREVISO

Treviso airport (www.trevisoairport.it/?lan=en)

Distance from Vittorio Veneto: 30 km – 30 minutes by bus

From Vittorio Veneto to Treviso: 35 km – 30 minutes by train

VERONA

Verona airport (www.aeroportooverona.it/page_content.asp)

Distance from Vittorio Veneto: 180 km – 2 hours by bus

From Vittorio Veneto to Verona: 180 km – 2 hours by train

MILAN

Milan Malpensa and Linate airports (www.sea-aeroportoimilano.it/)

Distance from Vittorio Veneto: 300 km – 4 hours by bus

From Vittorio Veneto to Milan: 320 km – 3.5 hours by train

CITY TRANSPORTS

Hotel Terme – Marco Polo: 1.5 km - 5 min by bus - 20 min walk

Clearly we provide at all the transfers above.