



## The northern Marca

### *Cansiglio and Prealps - The old arsenal-forest of Venice*

The far northern belt of the Treviso Province offers a decidedly mountainous scenery, that meanders along the Prealpine strip until the Cansiglio Plateau.



Castello Brandolini - Cison di Valmarino

The dense forest above Vittorio Veneto is reached from **Fregona** (renowned for its vinsanto "Torchiato"). On the way you can stop at Piai where there is a deviation for the suggestive caves, **Grotte del Calieron**. Close by stands the ancient forest which provided wood for the ships of Venice and today is a splendid natural reserve. The center of the forest opens onto a grassy plain equipped with recreational facilities for "green" tourism and cross-country skiing. There is also a hospitable golf course.



To the west of Vittorio Veneto, we find **Revine Lago** with its characteristic stone houses, and the Sanctuary of S. Francesco di Paola (1700). Prehistoric lake-dwellings were discovered in the two small lakes of S. Maria and Lago, linked by an isthmus. The next stop is the monumental **Castello Brandolini at Cison di Valmarino**: the imposing and composite structure reveal the variable vicissitudes from the thirteenth century to present times where numerous transformations were made, including the recent change of destination into a luxurious hotel. Further on we find **Follina**, where there is a **Cistercian Abbey**, founded in the thirteenth century and finished in 1335, with a beautiful cloister. Passing **Miane** and **Combai** (famous for their chestnuts) you can make a deviation for **Pianezze**, above Valdobbiadene, departure point for the Barbaria mountains (reached by chairlift) and Mount Cesen.