

***Sing aloud harmonious spheres:  
Music, Philosophy and the  
Order of the Universe in the Renaissance***

**Villa Barbaro at Maser, May 15 2011**



**EXCURSION II - Villa Barbaro at Maser**

**Visitors Information**

Villa di Maser (Maser – Treviso – Italia)

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**Villa Barbaro**, also known as the **Villa di Maser**, is a large villa at Maser in the Veneto region of northern Italy. It was designed and built by the Italian architect Andrea Palladio, with frescos by Paolo Veronese and sculptures by Alessandro Vittoria for Daniele and Marcantonio Barbaro. The villa was added to the list of World Heritage Sites by UNESCO in 1996.

**Architecture – designed according to harmonic rule by Andrea Palladio**

Townsppeople always longed for peaceful country life. The development of city-states like Florence or Venice eventually led to the construction of country villas by rich citizens. Andrea Palladio (\*1508-†1580), an architect of Padua, was the most renowned builder of these country houses. In the design of the Villa di Maser for the Barbaro family he took into account the ideal of the greatest harmony of house and grounds. Palladio's ideas had an enormous influence on European architecture through his 1570 work *I quattro libri dell'architettura*.

**Interior – frescoed by Paolo Veronese**

The plane barrel vaulted ceiling fresco in the north salon has a beautiful representation of the geocentric Solar System, but shows the inner planets separated by the sun, earth and moon from the outer planets.

**Opening times**

APRIL MAY JUNE: From Tuesday to Saturday 10 am - 6 pm **Sundays** and National Holidays **11 am - 6 pm**.

To visit the villa, no appointment is necessary for **individual** visitors.

**Travel information**

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