

## Mantua, a pearl among the lakes

**Directed by:** Daniele Cini

Produced by: SD Cinematografica

**Duration**: 28 Min.

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The pearl of the Gonzaga, as they call Mantua, in addition toits pictorial and architectural wonders is also an active city full of ancient shops where delicacies are produced. Walking through its historic center, starting from Piazza delle Erbe, you will come across the Tur dal Sucar (the sugar tower), where the pastry chef Gianni prepares with skilled hands the cakes symbol of tradition: the Rose Cake, the Helvezia, and the famous Sbrisolona. Going out, just beyond the monumental church of San Francesco designed by the Renaissance Leon Battista Alberti, there is another Giovanni with his delicatessen that produces many different types of fruit mustard. Trattorias where two sisters cooks knead and stuff agnoli and pumpkin tortelli, and a landscape around dotted with rice fields, such as Manuela's Cortevecchia, a Renaissance jewel transformed into a modern "duepuntozero" company. Mantua is all this, but with the help of the director of the Doge's Palace, we discover the wonders of the Gonzaga, Giulio Romano and Andrea Mantegna, The Tea Palace and the bride and groom's room. Also a musical city and scenery of Rigoletto, in its splendid bibiena theater Mozart made his debut and today the violinist Walter plays with a Stradivarius arranged by Alessandro, a classical luthier full of passion. City-theater of flowers and gardens cared for by Massimiliano, the florist, with a landscape that penetrates inside through three lakes and canals, as in a small Venice.







