





## Genesis of modern architecture: a voyage without confines

With the desire to redevelop Vicenza and its territory, the Venetian aristocracy entrusted

Andrea di Pietro della Gondola, known as

Palladio, with the task of designing the new aristocratic residences: it was 1540 and from that moment on, the history of architecture was never the same.

Today Treccani opens the doors of the **Palladian Villas**, to accompany you to the origins of
an epochal change, beyond the limits of time
and space, where **ancient and modern live in perfect harmony**.



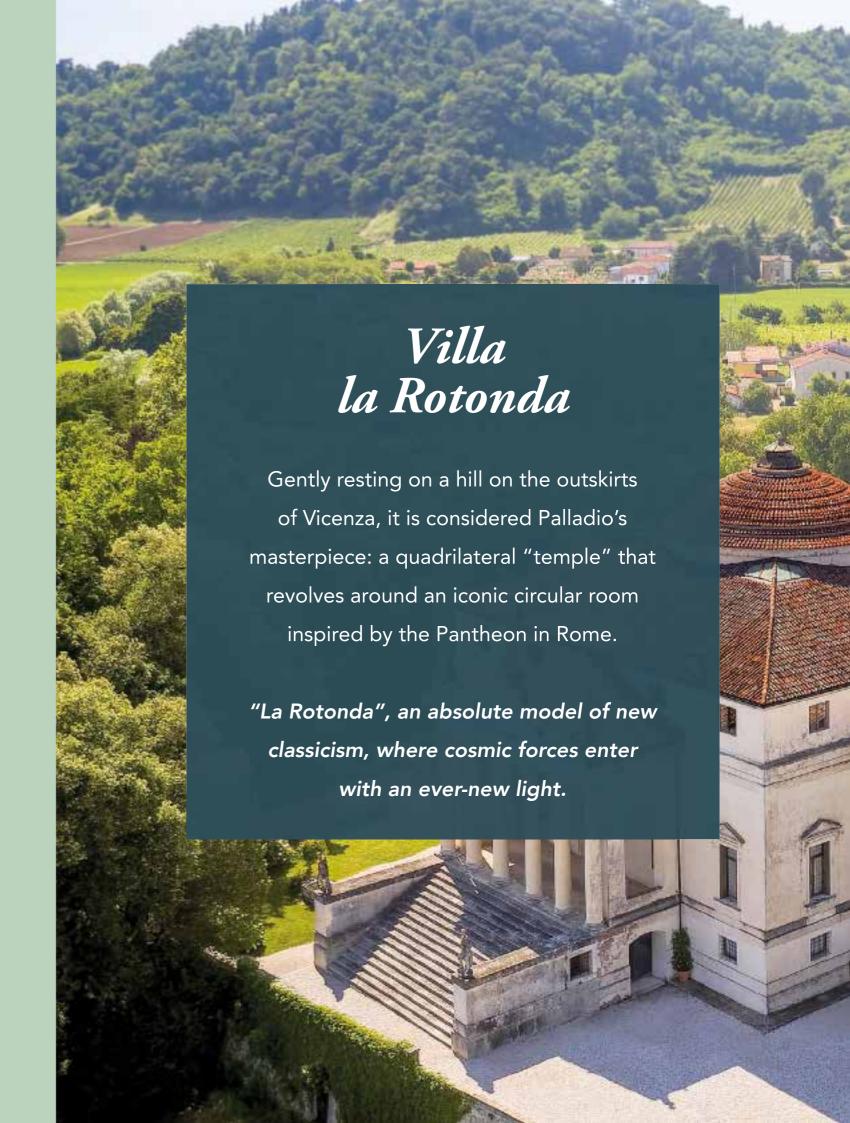
# Vicenza and the Palladian villas: Universal heritage

Called the "City of Palladio", Vicenza is an open-air Palladian Museum full of visionary architectural works that in the 1500s gave the city a unique urban layout, today a World Heritage Site under the protection of UNESCO.

23 Buildings in the urban centre and above all, 24
Villas that sublimate the surrounding territory: eternal
structures, centres of power and pleasure, universal
models of culture and beauty. An extraordinary
interpretation of classical antiquity theorised by
Palladio in Four Books that conquered the world,
defined by the President of the United States, Thomas
Jefferson, as the "Bible" of modern architecture.

#### The villas

Five villas for five key stages of a journey of philosophical and artistic discovery through which to enter the heart of Palladianism, a cultural movement without equal in the history of architecture.







#### Vicenza

Set at the foot of the Venetian Prealps,

"The City of Palladio" is the Master's most precious jewel, the centre of an experience to be experienced with every sense:

observing, listening and savouring.

