

Venice



A city of enchantment, where every glance inspires poetry, and the silence of evening, validates that deserved title, La Serenissima. A visit to Venice is a series of magical encounters that become unforgettable moments, a stroll through Piazza San Marco at night, a slow meander through quiet canals. Beyond all this beauty lies an incredible depth and vast history where culture and loyalty reigned. Within hidden chambers Doges once trod, and masked revelers waltzed, artists and artisans devised objects of enduring value. Lovers of elegance and timelessness, continue to flock here today, to be inspired by all that surrounds them. This fabled city is where secrets from time past reveal themselves with each step.

Memorable Experiences

A Gracious Arrival

Ride a water taxi across the lagoon to arrive in grand style.

Without a Map

Wander an uncharted path through mysterious alleyways.

A Delightful Treat

Savor a delectable scoop of gelato on a hidden bridge in summer.

Miraculous Treasures

Discover the region's secluded coves and bask in the Mediterranean sun.

Distinctive Details

Legend has it a mermaid spun a veil of sea foam for a fisherman's bride. The girls on the island of Burano set out to make their own, and a tradition of lace making was born that continues to this day.

Starwood Preferred Guest Recommends


Venice Biennial

Every two years, all that is striking and new in the world of art fills this ancient city. Since 1895, the Venice Biennale has grown to become the world's premiere art event, attracting thousands of visitors from around the globe.

Destination Information

Country Italy
Province Venice
Elevation 0 feet
Population 271,251
Language Italian

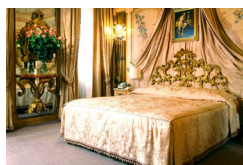
 **Country Code:** 39
Area Code: 041

 **Marco Polo Airport (VCE)**

 **Transportation:**
Water Taxi, Gondola, Boat

 **Euro**

Nearby Luxury Collection Hotels and Resorts



Hotel Gritti Palace

Campo Santa Maria del Giglio
Venice 30124
Phone: (39)(041) 794611



Hotel Danieli

Castello 4196
Venice 30122
Phone: (39) (041) 522 6480



Culture

Flamboyance and charm resonate through iconic structures where greatness persists.

Highly Recommended



The Peggy Guggenheim Collection

A row of lion's heads, cut from Istrian stone like the rest of the long, white façade, gaze down into the murky waters of the Grand Canal, flanking the private dock of the Palazzo Venier dei Leoni. Home to the Peggy Guggenheim Collection, masterpieces of 20th century art lie within. Works by Max Ernst, Joan Miro, and Constantin Brancusi fill the palace's former library, where Guggenheim once received her guests. A sanctuary of Surrealism, the room continues today as it did then.

Address: Dorsoduro 701
Phone: (39) (041) 2405411



Fondazione Giorgio Cini

Quiet cloisters, where Benedictine monks once dwelled, are surrounded by architectural jewels of the Renaissance and 16th century masterworks. Here on the Island of San Giorgio Maggiore, just across the Grand Canal from Piazza San Marco, lies the Fondazione Giorgio Cini. Devoted to the advancement of science and art, the impressive complex has become a center for international research, hosting art exhibitions as well as concerts and dance performances by international groups.

Address: Isola di San Giorgio Maggiore
Phone: (39) (041) 2710229

Local Charms



The Palazzo Fortuny Museum

Rich, glistening brocades line the vast, mysterious rooms of this 13th century palace. Once the domain of Mariano Fortuny, the renowned Spanish interior and fashion designer, the Gothic-Venetian structure is now home to this museum. Tucked away among the alleys of Venice's San Marco District, this one-of-a-kind collection features the artist's sumptuous silk gowns, precious textiles, fascinating photographs, and glorious paintings.

Address: 3780 San Marco San Beneto
Phone: (39) (415) 200995



Shopping

A tradition of excellence in design, apparent in exquisite boutiques and markets.

Neighborhoods



Rialto Market

From enticing thick stalks of white asparagus in spring to alluring and pungent porcinis in winter, elegant locals fill their baskets at the Rialto Market year round. Crate-laden boats wait to be unloaded, while nearby fishermen display their fresh, Adriatic catch at the Pescaria, and farmers arrange their vegetables at the Erbaria. Open Monday through Saturday, near the fabled Rialto Bridge, the market has witnessed the sale of everything from silk to scallops since 1097.

Address: Campo San Giacomo/Campo della Pescheria, San Polo

Shops & Boutiques



Venini

On the island of Murano, within an ancient, canal-side building painted dusty red, vases are displayed. Framed by the geometric outline of the windows, their sensual structures are saturated by swells of blues and greens. Crafted by some of the most skilled glassmakers in the world, each vase is a work of art. A singular destination is the Venini's headquarters on this fabled isle in the Venetian Lagoon, unsurpassed for glassmaking.

Address: Fondamenta Vetrai,50

Phone: (39) (041) 273 7211

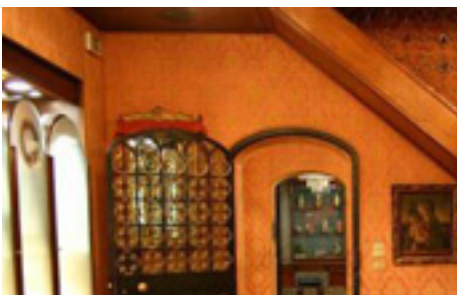


Mondonovo Maschere

Within its magical interior, a regal Pharaoh mask hangs alongside beguiling harlequins and Pinocchios, movie stars and heads of state. Utilizing authentic designs from the 18th century, the skilled hands of Geurinno Lovat creates comic and tragic masks at this one-of-a-kind shop. The masterful artisan forms each one out of papier-mâché, making each piece simply exquisite.

Address: Dorsoduro 3063

Phone: (39) (041) 528 7344



Nardi

A Venetian Moor, his golden turban intricately carved, sparkles with rare pink and blue gems. The Mooretti, the trademark of this Piazza San Marco boutique, lies among exquisite turquoise butterflies and dramatic cocktail rings within this revered jewelry store. The Nardi family has been creating evocative pieces like these for three generations, attracting a devoted clientele that has included Grace Kelly and Elizabeth Taylor. In addition to the radiant jewels carried in their store, Nardi works closely with the customer to create unrivaled, custom pieces.

Address: Piazza San Marco 69

Phone: (39) (041) 522 5733



Cuisine

An event as well as a meal, custom and culinary expertise meet at the Venetian table.

Acclaimed



Enoteca Al Volto

Exotic, enticing names like Verbesco, St. Magdalener, and Minervois, emerge from the whimsical arrangement of wine labels that cling to the ceiling of this wood-paneled restaurant. The charming collection attests to Enoteca Al Volto's distinctive taste, and offers an uncommon atmosphere, steps from the Rialto Bridge. Regulars like the Missoni family and Elton John sit around the sturdy wooden tables, presumably for the succulent anchovies, olives, red peppers, mozzarella di bufala, and other key ingredients of the fresh Italian antipasto known as cinchetti.

Address: Calle Cavalli 4081
Phone: (39) (041)522 8945

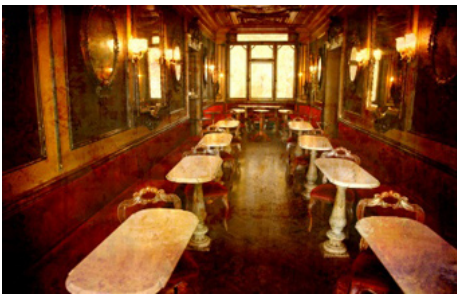


Trattoria Da Fiore

Within the warm confines of a wood-beamed dining room, the Boschiani family serves the most authentic regional dishes in Venice. During the Feast of Madonna della Salute, they present castradina, a soup of salted mutton and cabbage leaves, which simmers for at least twelve hours. During the Feast of the Redeemer they create Bigoli in Salsa, a long pasta smothered in anchovy sauce. Whatever season, the chefs at Da Fiore feature the freshest vegetables to accompany their exceptional sea bass, sole, and turbot.

Address: 3461 Calle delle Botteghe
Phone: (39) (041) 523 5310

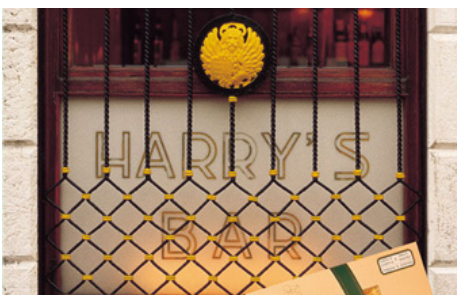
Local Specialty



Caffé Florian

With its interior of unrivaled elegance, intimate conversations unravel among red velvet and muted gold, at Venice's famed Caffé Florian. Overlooking Piazza San Marco, this incomparable restaurant has witnessed three centuries, and hosted some of the world's most iconic figures. Casanova, Byron, and Stravinsky have all spent time within its majestic interior, or outside beneath the Venetian sky. Sip cappuccino or an aperitif to the serenade of a chamber ensemble.

Address: Piazza San Marco
Phone: (39) (041) 520 5641



Harry's Bar

Prosecco combines with sweet, white peach juice to form a cocktail of tantalizing proportions: the Bellini, which originated at this intimate restaurant on the Grand Canal. Dapper bartenders, in black bowties and white jackets, serve the drink not in champagne glasses, but in tall tumblers, emblazoned with the Cipriani logo. Since 1931, a cadre of renowned regulars has contributed to the bar's allure, a setting of Hemingway's *Across the River and into the Trees*.

Address: Calle Vallaresso
Phone: (39) (041) 528 5777



Noteworthy

Local enchantments beckon while sandy shores and grappa tastings allure nearby.

Day Excursions



The Lido

“A shore more barren than its billows” is how Percy Bysshe Shelley affectionately described the 11-mile sandbar between the Venice Lagoon and the Adriatic Sea. In 1857 the beach’s first resort swung open its doors, and by 1906 the golden stretch of sand was renowned as Italy’s most fashionable seaside destination. Guests of Venice’s Hotel Gritti Palace, or Hotel Danieli, can access the island with a short ride on a private motor launch. In just 25 minutes guests can be basking in the glorious Adriatic sun.

Address: The Lido



Ditta Bortolo Nardini

Aged for three years in barrels of Slavonian oak, the prestigious Acquavite Riserva is this grappa distillery’s most prized product, though the fragrant, white Acquavite is a close front-runner. In 1779, on the banks of the Brenta River in the picturesque town of Bassano Del Grappa, just an hour from Venice, Bartolo Nardini established his distillery. Today, subsequent generations of the Nardini family continue to practice his meticulous techniques, upholding the distillery’s reputation as one of the best in the world.

Address: Bassano del Grappa
Phone: (39) (042) 422 7741

Highly Recommended



Palazzo Mocenigo

A delicate blue and white Murano chandelier hangs in the Red Hall of the Palazzo Mocenigo, surrounded by crimson damask walls, gilded frames, and a magnificent ceiling fresco. The elegantly appointed residence, once home to one of Venice’s most important families, provides a rare opportunity to roam a genuine 17th century palace. In 1945, the building was left to the city by the last remaining Mocenigo descendent, and now houses a museum containing original furnishings, extraordinary paintings, and an outstanding collection of historic costumes and textiles.

Address: Santa Croce 1992
Phone: (39) (041) 721 798

Shops & Boutiques



Ottico Carraro

Amber or ice, tortoise or the wonderfully speckled tiger, are but four guises of the iconic “W2” frames. The large, square model is part of this refined boutique’s signature collection of eyewear, simply called “Venice.” The line incorporates fundamental design elements based on timeless frames from the 1950s and 1960s. Each pair, created by hand in a nearby workshop, can be infused with a variety of colors to suit the wearer’s style.

Address: Calle della Mandola
Phone: (39) (041) 520 4258