



10 Fascinating Facts About

BURANO

1 Burano is an island 7 kilometres from Venice, Italy. People need to catch a 45-minute ferry from Venice to get there.

2 The island of Burano is tiny! In fact, it is only 0.21 km², and you can walk anywhere on the island in less than 10 minutes.

3 Burano is home to about 2000 residents. Most of the island's population are fishermen.

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By law, every house must be painted a different colour or shade. You will not see two houses with the exact same colour.

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There are strict rules about painting your house. If you wish to paint your house a different colour, you must write a letter to government officials for permission.

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The original purpose for the bright variety of coloured houses was to help fishermen find their way home on dark, foggy nights.

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It is believed Burano was first established by villagers from the mainland of Italy, fleeing and hiding from Attila the Hun, an invading ruler at the time.

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Burano's Leaning Bell Tower is 53 metres tall and has to be reinforced due to the sinking ground beneath it.

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Burano residents have a tradition of creating handmade lace, which is becoming a dying art due to machine-made lace being less expensive and easier to produce. Burano is now one of the last places in the world to make handmade lace.



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Even though Burano is small, it has a variety of restaurants, shops, art museums and even schools.

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Answers

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