

## Venice

Venice is a city located in the Italy's Northwest. It's the capital of the region Veneta and from Venice's province. Its historical center declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO is located on a set of islands in the Lagoon of Venice, in the north of the Adriatic Sea.

Its geographical particularity, as well as its ancient history and its rich monumental and artistic heritage, have made Venice one of the most popular tourist destinations in the world.



## Art in Venice

Venice enjoys legendary fame for its extensive artistic heritage and long history as a reference of European painting. The wealth of the powerful of the city (the Church, politicians and certain merchants) allowed to maintain a prolonged patronage over painters, architects and other artists: from Gentile Bellini in the fifteenth century to Francesco Guardi in the late eighteenth century, through Giovanni Bellini, Titian, Giorgione, Sebastiano del Piombo, Tintoretto, Veronés, Jacopo Bassano, Giambattista Tiepolo among others. Interestingly, many of these artists had been born in other locations and came to Venice attracted by its

strength.

## The Venice's Carnival

Without a doubt, the most popular festival in Venice is Carnival. It was officially declared as a supreme holiday during the thirteenth century. However, it was in the eighteenth century when the Venetian carnival reached its peak. It was attended by travelers and aristocrats from all over Europe, in search of fun and pleasure. With the decline of Venice as a merchant and military power, carnival paled until it almost disappeared. It recovered somewhat at the end of the twentieth century, with the massive arrival of tourists to the city, although the great times of unbridled fun were left behind.

