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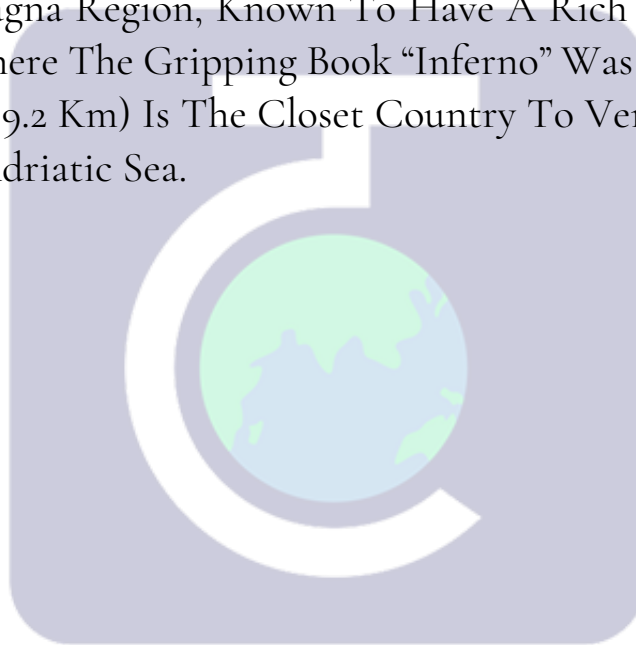
1. Geographical location

The enigmatic and mesmerising city of Venice is located in north eastern Italy in lagoon. The peculiarity of the city and what adds to the charm is that Venice is a combination of 117 islands and 117 canals in between these islands. The city, rather than built on solid ground, is formed by a group of mud islands. It is the capital of the Veneto region, and the city along with the lagoon is infallibly precious and UNESCO agrees, as it is a World Heritage Site.



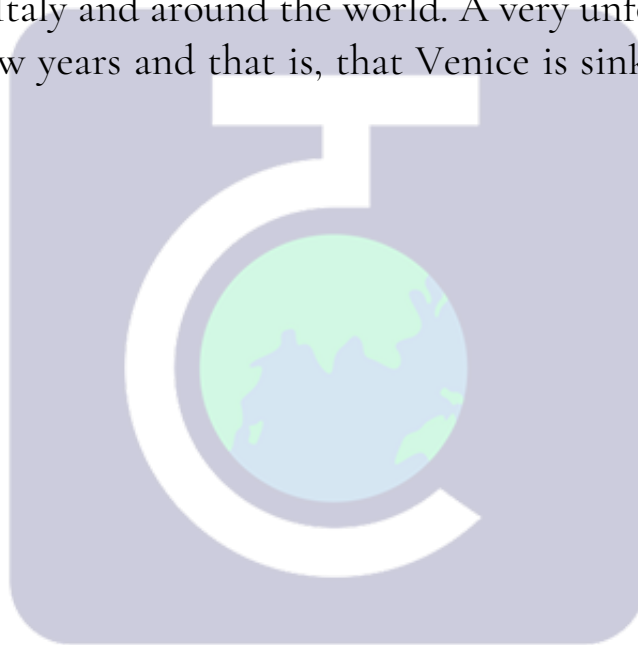
2. Neighbouring cities/countries

Being An Important Part Of Italy's Income As It Rakes In More Tourists Than There Are Citizen Living Here, Venice Is Indubitably At A Fortunate Location. Milan (278.9 Km) Is Close To Venice And Over The Years, Milan Has Made A Niche For Itself In The Fashion World As The Fashion Capital Of The World. Bologna (154.5 Km) Is The Next Biggest City Near Venice And It Is The Capital Of The Emilia-Romagna Region, Known To Have A Rich History. The Famous City Of Florence, Where The Gripping Book "Inferno" Was Set, Is A Little Below Bologna. Slovenia (299.2 Km) Is The Closet Country To Venice, Located On The Other Side Of The Adriatic Sea.



3. Significance

The identity of Venice is just that it isn't a traditional city built on solid ground, but rather, it is made up 117 different islands with 117 different canals in between these islands, and it is in a lagoon. Being a World Heritage Site, the city is among the most popular cities in the world. Not only is it known for its peculiar setting, but this place is also Pandora's Box for culture. It is known to have shaped the art and culture scene in Italy and around the world. A very unfortunate fact came to light over the past few years and that is, that Venice is sinking and has been for centuries.



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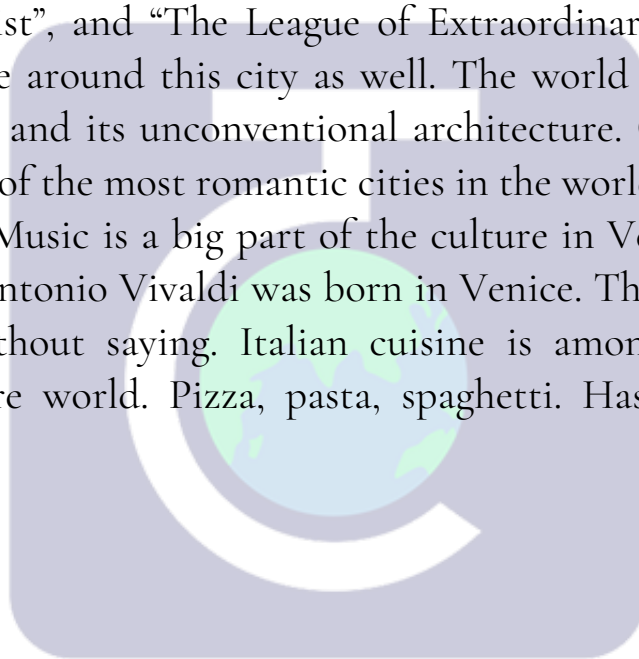
4. History

The historic city of Venice was founded in 421 AD. As you can imagine, a lot has transpired since then and the place has a rich and vast history. Inhabitants in nearby settlements fled to Venice in 421 AD after the fall of the Roman Empire, to find refuge. Eventually, the city evolved into the gorgeous and culturally defined city it is today.



5. Cultural identity

Venice is a cultural powerhouse in many ways. To begin with, since the city's origin dates back to early ages, many cultures have fused together to make way for the multicultural society that Venice is today. It is immensely popular in the world of entertainment. Many great novels were set in this enigmatic city, like Shakespeare's evergreen "The Merchant of Venice". Many movies were also set here like "The Tourist", and "The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen". Many music albums revolve around this city as well. The world is drawn to this city because of its charm and its unconventional architecture. Over the years it has come to become one of the most romantic cities in the world, and honeymooners often pick this city. Music is a big part of the culture in Venice. The celebrated Baroque composer Antonio Vivaldi was born in Venice. The food culture in this Italian city goes without saying. Italian cuisine is among the most popular cuisines in the entire world. Pizza, pasta, spaghetti. Has your mouth begun watering yet?



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6. Natural resources

Being surrounded by water as Venice is an archipelago, fish is the primary natural resource found in Venice. Apart from this, the natural resources found are oil, coal and marble.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. Doge's Palace

Established in 1340, Doge's Palace is a beautiful palace that belonged to the Doge, this is the chief magistrate of the former Republic of Venice. Today, it has been converted into a museum and is one of the most famous attractions of northern Italy. Tagged as one of the most stunning and easily recognizable buildings of Europe, it is visited for its Byzantine style, artworks, interesting history and iconic beauty. The architectural style is Venetian Gothic Architecture which you should definitely look out for.

Address : S. Marco, 1, 30124 Venezia, Italy

Zipcode : 30124

Location : 45.4337035, 12.340389400000005

Contact : +39 041 2715911

Website : <http://palazzoducale.visitmuve.it/>

Nearest Public Transport : S. Zaccaria (Danieli) "F" Ferry Terminal

Entry Fee : Full price: €20 Reduced price (Children aged from 6 to 14, students aged from 15 to 25): €13 Venetian citizens, children aged from 0 to 5, disabled people with helper, groups of at least 15 where one will be given free admission: Free admission Family ticket: Reduced ticket price for each member provided 2 adults + at least 1 child aged from 6 to 14 Audio-guide: €5 for one person and €8 for 2 people

Open & Close Timing : 1st November to 31st March: Daily 08:30hrs-17:30hrs 1st April to 31st October: 08:30hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.2. Museo Correr

Located in St. Mark's Square, this museum is majorly frequented as it is a powerhouse of ancient relics depicting the life of rulers and the common man over the years. Established in 1830, this museum has many informative exhibits spread across different wings like the Napoleon Wing, Venetian Life and Culture Wing, Neoclassical Wing, Art Wing and more. Gain an immersive experience

about the Venetian life and culture at this museum.

Address : Piazza San Marco, 52, 30124 Venezia, Italy

Zipcode : 30124

Location : 45.4335569, 12.336931899999968

Contact : +39 041 240 5211

Website : <http://correr.visitmuve.it/>

Nearest Public Transport : S. Marco (Giardinetti) DX Ferry Terminal

Entry Fee : Full price: €20 Reduced price (Children aged from 6 to 14, students aged from 15 to 25): €13 Venetian citizens, children aged from 0 to 5, disabled people with helper, groups of at least 15 where one will be given free admission: Free admission Family ticket: Reduced ticket price for each member provided 2 adults + at least 1 child aged from 6 to 14 Audio-guide: €5 for one person and €8 for 2 people

Open & Close Timing : 1st November to 31st March: Daily 10:00hrs-17:00hrs 1st April to 31st October: daily 10:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.3. Venice Galleon

Whether you choose to get cozy with your loved ones or spend an invigorating time with your family, getting on a cruise in Venice is the best option to explore the city. Discover the captivating views of the Venetian Lagoon along the fascinating settings on the Adriatic coast. Hop on this enthralling boat ride with excellent onboard services and an engaging atmosphere.

Address : Via Tritone 4, 30016 Jesolo Lido VE, Italy

Zipcode : 30016

Location : 45.5068281, 12.644753600000058

Contact : +39 0421 380006

Website : <http://www.jollyroger.it/>

Nearest Public Transport : Lido di Jesolo Via Aquileia Bus Station

Entry Fee : 100 Euros per person

Open & Close Timing : Monday–Friday 08:30hrs–18:30hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.4. Teatro la Fenice

La Fenice Theater, an Opera House is one of the most famous landmarks in Italy and undoubtedly worth a visit. Opened in 1792, this theatre was burned to the ground and was beautifully reinstated to its erstwhile glory. With a capacity of 1,000 seats, it is also renowned for its architecture and brilliant works of Bellini and Rossini. If you are a music lover, do not miss out on this place while in Venice.

Address : Campo San Fantin, 1965, 30124 Venezia, Italy

Zipcode : 30124

Location : 45.4336376, 12.333757900000023

Contact : +39 041 786511

Website : <http://www.teatrolafenice.it/site/index.php>

Nearest Public Transport : S. Maria del Giglio Ferry Terminal

Entry Fee : Full price: €10 Reduced price (Students up to 26 years, seniors over 65 years): €7 Children up to 6 years: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : For tours: Daily 09:30hrs–18:00hrs However, kindly check the website before visiting.

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.5. Santa Maria Gloriosa dei Frari

Opened in 1338, Santa Maria Gloriosa dei Frari is one of the most important churches in Venice that has acquired the status of a minor basilica. Housed in the district of San Polo, you can spend some time nurturing the spiritual vibes you get here. This spectacular church is built entirely of brick in Italian Gothic style and is an abode to several magnificent works of art like Bellini, Donatello and Pittoni.

Address : San Polo, 3072, 30125 Venezia, Italy

Zipcode : 30125

Location : 45.4369864, 12.326600399999961

Contact : +39 041 272 8611

Website : <http://www.basilicadeifrari.it/>

Nearest Public Transport : S. Toma' SX Ferry Terminal

Entry Fee : Full price: €3 Reduced (Students up to 29 years): €1.50 Venetian residents, children below 11 years, disabled and their companion: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Saturday: 09:00hrs–18:00hrs Sunday 13:00hrs–18:00hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.6. Peggy Guggenheim Collection

Founded in 1951, this modern art museum is erected in Peggy Guggenheim's house with the intention of showcasing the works of Peggy Guggenheim, former wife of Max Ernst, a renowned German artist. The pieces here tackle several modern concepts like surrealism and cubism. Situated on the Grand Canal, it is one of the famous tourist attractions in Venice.

Address : Dorsoduro, 701-704, 30123 Venezia VE, Italy

Zipcode : 30123

Location : 45.4308209, 12.331537400000002

Contact : +39 041 240 5411

Website : <http://www.guggenheim-venice.it/>

Nearest Public Transport : Salute Ferry Terminal

Entry Fee : Adults: €15 Senior Citizens (Over 65 years): €13 Students below 26 years: €9 Children below 10 years: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.7. Mocenigo Palace

Mocenigo Palace, a brilliant addition to the monuments of Venice, is an imposing 17th-century palace in the beautiful city of Venice. Located in the south of the Grand Canal, not only does it provide amazing views but it is also an abode to frescoes, rococo furniture, and antique dress collections dating back to the 18th century. A major highlight is the fragrance exhibition which pays homage to 16th

century status of Venice as the Perfume Capital of Europe.

Address : S. Croce, 1992, 30135 Venezia, Italy

Zipcode : 30135

Location : 45.44068, 12.329799999999977

Contact : +39 041 721798

Website : <http://mocenigo.visitmuve.it/>

Nearest Public Transport : San Stae Ferry Terminal

Entry Fee : Full price: €8 Reduced price (Children aged 6-14, students aged 16-25, seniors over 65 years): €5.50 Venetian citizens, children aged 0-5, disabled people with helper: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : 1st November to 31st March: Daily 10:00hrs-16:00hrs 1st April to 31st October: Daily 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.8. Murano Glass Museum

Located in the town of Murano to the north of Venice, Murano Glass Museum showcases the history of glass through the years. You will embark on a journey covered with a magical atmosphere where you will see, hear, smell, and touch everything right from the heat that flares up to the body to the material being created. Head here to discover the genuine soul of Murano sharing emotions aroused by the furnace.

Address : Fondamenta Marco Giustinian, 8, 30141 Venezia, Italy

Zipcode : 30141

Location : 45.4565786, 12.356976499999973

Contact : +39 041 739586

Website : <http://seguso.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Murano Museo Ferry Terminal

Entry Fee : Adults: €10 Venetian citizens and children below 5 years: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.9. Scala Contarini del Bovolo

An architectural gem hidden in the streets and canals of Venice, Scala Contarini del Bovolo is a spiral staircase depicting a jinx of Renaissance, Byzantine, and Gothic architecture. You will be amazed by the views of the roof, domes, Palazzo Contarini del Bovolo that it overlooks, and the surroundings that the top of the stairway proffers. Visit this square to immerse in the history and architecture of the city.

Address : S. Marco, 4299, 30124 Venezia, Italy

Zipcode : 30124

Location : 45.4348033, 12.334512300000029

Contact : +39 041 3096605

Website : <http://www.scalacontarinidelbovolo.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Rialto (Palazzo Cavalli) Ferry Terminal

Entry Fee : Adults: €7 Reduced (Over 65 years, students below 26 years): €

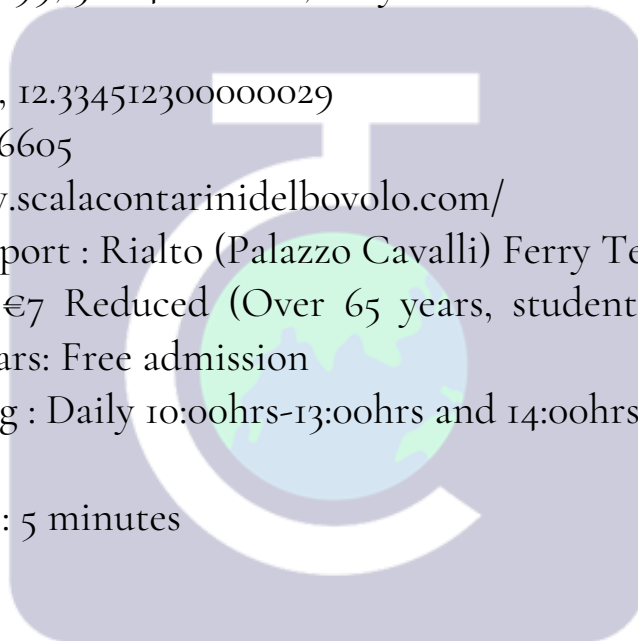
Children below 12 years: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-13:00hrs and 14:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No



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7.2. Free

7.2.1. The Grand Canal

Known as the longest water corridor in Venice, the Grand Canal spans across the entire city and many tourists flock here every year to take a cruise to explore what the city has to offer. Among the several bridges across the canal, the oldest one is the Rialto Bridge which is a marvelous attraction in itself. The banks of the river are adorned with shops, houses and breathtaking monuments like the Basilica of Santa Maria della Salute.

Address : Venice, Italy 90291

Zipcode : 90291

Location : 45.436338, 12.332228

Contact : +39 041 529 8711

Website : <http://www.turismovenezia.it/>

Nearest Public Transport : Rialto (Palazzo Cavalli) Ferry Terminal

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Piazza San Marco

Also called the St. Mark's Square, Piazza San Marco is the public square of Venice which serves as a center for social and political events. Fondly known as Piazza, this square is dominated by St. Mark's Basilica and is a quiet and dainty place to watch the passersby and soak in the atmosphere. Napoleon allegedly described it as the drawing room of Europe, reiterating the nonchalant vibes of the square.

Address : Piazza San Marco, 30100 Venezia, Italy

Zipcode : 30100

Location : 45.434164, 12.337832299999945

Nearest Public Transport : S. Marco (Giardinetti) DX Ferry Terminal

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. St Mark's Campanile

The renowned bell-tower of St. Mark's Basilica stands tall in the Piazza San Marco and attracts tourists from far and wide. Being the tallest structure in Venice, it is one of the most prominent and noticeable campaniles in the country. Although a simple tower, it unfolds tales of historical wonders and the culture of Venice.

Address : Piazza San Marco, 30124 Venezia, Italy

Zipcode : 30124

Location : 45.4340359, 12.339033100000051

Contact : +39 041 270 8311

Website : <http://www.basilicasanmarco.it/>

Nearest Public Transport : S. Marco (Giardinetti) DX Ferry Terminal

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:45hrs–19:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Rialto Bridge

One of the historic bridges in Venice, the Rialto Bridge stands on the Grand Canal and is also the most ancient one among the 4 bridges traversing the Grand Canal. Officially opened in 1591, the initial floating bridge was substituted by a wooden bridge and later with a stone one. You can also visit the Rialto Market which developed steadily around the bridge and today, stands as a major thriving marketplace.

Address : Sestiere San Polo, 30125 Venezia, Italy

Zipcode : 30125

Location : 45.4379842, 12.335898000000043

Contact : +39 041 250 1801

Website : <http://www.comune.venezia.it/>

Nearest Public Transport : Rialto "C" Ferry Terminal

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. San Giacomo di Rialto

Perhaps the most ancient church in Venice, San Giacomo di Rialto's consecration dates back to the year 421, although this hasn't been confirmed yet. The eye-catching feature of the church is its huge 15th-century clock above the entrance and the Gothic portico, which is among the few surviving examples in the city. The gorgeous architecture of the church along with the mesmerizing backdrop will give you an insight into the city's culture.

Address : Campo S. Giacomo di Rialto, 1, 30125 Venezia, Italy

Zipcode : 30125

Location : 45.4384733, 12.33548010000004

Website : <http://www.chorusvenezia.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Rialto Mercato Ferry Terminal

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Saturday: 09:00hrs–17:00hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Murano

Murano is a small town located slightly to the north of Venice and popularly known as the "Glass Island". Renowned for its glass factories, the quaint island of Murano in the Venetian Lagoon is where glass has been produced for over 700 years. You are surely going to love every corner of this artsy place. You can also take home some stunning glass products.

Address : Murano, 30141 Venice, Italy

Zipcode : 30141

Location : 45.4589863, 12.352345199999945

Nearest Public Transport : S. Zaccaria (Danieli) "E" Ferry Terminal

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 4

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Saint Mark's Basilica

One of the most visited and notable churches in Venice, Saint Mark's Basilica is situated at the eastern end of the renowned Saint Mark's Square. Opened in 1974, it is adorned with Italia-Byzantine as well as Gothic architecture. Visit this sacred destination in the alluring city of Venice and do not miss out on the awe-

inspiring interiors and exteriors. The admission to the basilica is free, however, if you wish to visit the museum or treasury, there is an entry fee of €5 and €2 respectively.

Address : Piazza San Marco, 328, 30100 Venezia, Italy

Zipcode : 30100

Location : 45.4345606, 12.339712500000019

Contact : +39 041 270 8311

Website : <http://www.basilicasanmarco.it/>

Nearest Public Transport : S. Zaccaria (Danieli) "E" Ferry Terminal

Open & Close Timing : 1st October to 31st March: 09:45hrs-16:45hrs 1st April to 30 September: 09:45hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Rialto Market

Rialto Market is known for triggering Venice's appetite for 7 centuries and has turned into a tourist flocking spot now. To get the best of it, arrive early in the morning to witness a kaleidoscopic sight of fresh fruits and vegetables stacked up in the shape of a pyramid. You may even try the samples that the vendors offer.

Address : Campo della Pescheria, 30125 San Polo, Venezia VE, Italy

Zipcode : 30125

Location : 45.439736799999999, 12.334441299999998

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Bruno Magli

If you wish to buy some Italian footwear, then Bruno Magli in Venice is where you should head without a second thought. You are definitely going to stock up your closet once you visit this internationally renowned store that offers the best quality and designs.

Address : S. Marco, 1302, 30124 Venezia, Italy

Zipcode : 30124

Location : 45.4332313, 12.336837899999978

Time Required : o

Buy Ticket : No



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8. Key sites sports & adventure

Being a city made up of islands and connected via canals, there are various types of water sports or even the normal transport system gets very interesting and exciting to travel in!

- **Vaporetto -**

Address : Isola Nova del Tronchetto, 32, 30135 Venezia, Italy

Location : 45.440432,12.305683

Contact No : +39 041 272 2111

Website : <http://actv.avmspa.it/en>

Nearest Public Transport : Tronchetto 'B' DX Ferry Terminal, Venezia
Tronchetto Train Station

Entry Fees : 20 Euros – 1 day ticket 30 Euros – 2 day ticket 7 Euros –
Single Pass valid for one hour

Open / Close Time : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1.00

- **Kayak -**

Address : Isola della Certosa, Venezia, Italy

Location : 45.432583,12.369171

Contact No : +39 346 477 1327

Website : <https://www.venicekayak.com/>

Entry Fees : Half day trips: 90 Euros Day trip: 120 Euros

Open / Close Time : Half Day trips 09:15hrs–13:00hrs, 14:15hrs–18:00hrs
Day trips 10:15hrs–16:00hrs

Time Required : 2.00

- **Rowing -**

Address : Fondamenta Contarini della Sacca, POSTA: Cannaregio 3427,
Fondamenta Trapolin, 30121 Venezia, Italy

Location : 45.445241,12.33424

Contact No : +39 347 725 0637

Website : <http://rowvenice.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Orto Ferry Terminal

Entry Fees : 65 Euros per person

Open / Close Time : Daily 10:00hrs–20:00hrs

Time Required : 1.00



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9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Venice's unique setting allows for several sports to be played, both indoor as well as outdoor. The regular games like football and basketball are often played here by the locals and the visiting tourists. Although these sports are prominently played, the fact that Venice is an archipelago makes it the perfect setting to play water sports. Hence, here, water sports are the most common of all. Swimming is naturally the most played sport on account of the abundance of water in the canals. Rowing is another popular sport here. This rowing is thrilling as it isn't the regular rowing, but a disparate form of rowing in which one rows standing up. Another celebrated sport that every individual inadvertently wants to participate in is Surfing. Stand Up Paddle Surfing is a particular type of surfing which has surpassed all other types of surfing in popularity. Golfing too, is popular in Venice.

- **Stadio Pierluigi Penzo:**

Address : Fondamenta S.Elena, 5, Venezia, Italy 90291

Location : 45.427769,12.363959

Contact No : +39 041 532 1552

10. Spas and relaxation

After an exhausting day of visiting beautiful sights, you deserve to treat yourself to a relaxing few hours at a serene spa. Here are some of our recommendations.

- **JW Marriott Venice Resort & Spa:**

Address : Isola delle Rose, Laguna di San Marco, 30133 Venice VE, Italy

Location : 45.406153,12.322124

Contact No : +39 041 852 1300

Website : <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/vcejw-jw-marriott-venice-resort-and-spa/?scid=bb1a189a-fec3-4d19-a255-54ba596febe2>

- **GOCO Spa Venice:**

Address : Isola delle Rose, Venezia Metropolitan City of Venice, Italy
30133

Location : 45.406582,12.319283

Contact No : +39 041 296 8111

Website : <http://www.jwvenice.com/it/goco-spa-venice/>

- **Palace Bonvecchiati:**

Address : Calle dei Fabbri, 4680, 30124 San Marco, Venezia VE, Italy

Location : 45.435571,12.336292

Contact No : +39 041 296 3111

Website : <http://www.palacebonvecchiati.it/>

- **Palladio Hotel & Spa:**

Address : Giudecca, 33, 30133 Venezia, Italy

Location : 45.426922,12.339152

Contact No : +39 041 520 7022

Website : <http://www.palladiohotelspa.com/>

- **The Gritti Palace, A Luxury Collection Hotel:**

Address : Campo Santa Maria del Giglio, 30124 Venice, Italy

Location : 45.431618,12.333239

Contact No : +39 041 794611

Website : <http://www.thegritti palace.com/>

- **Belmond Hotel Cipriani:**

Address : Giudecca, 10, 30133 Venezia, Italy

Location : 45.426335,12.341118

Contact No : +39 041 240801

Website : <http://www.belmond.com/hotel-cipriani-venice/>

11. Events calendar

Month

Events

New Year, Epiphany and La Befana

New year's is indubitably one of the most celebrated days all over the world and Venice is no different. La Befana is a rowing festival where contests age 50 and above dress up differently and hand out chocolates.

Carnevale

The entire city is in carnival mode.

Su e Zo per i Ponti

Something akin to a treasure hunt, participants are given a map and places to visit. But instead of receiving a treasure at the end, the treasure is visiting all the places in the map.

Liberation Day, Saint Mark's Day

April 25th marks the end of World War II. The feast of Saint Mark falls on this day as well, and a variety of events take place.

Mare Maggio

**An event celebrating the
Maritime achievements of
Venice.
Labour Day**

**A public holiday on May 1st,
many people throng the city
making it crowded.
La Vogalonga**

**A celebrated rowing race held
each year in May!
Valentine's Day**

**Venice is known to be among the
most romantic places in the
world. Hence it comes as no
surprise that Valentine's day is
widely celebrated here.
Veneto Jazz**

**Several well known Jazz
musicians perform
Biennale d'Arte Contemporanea
& Architettura**

**An architecture festival hosted
every year in June, displaying
the many artifacts and designs!
Festa di San Pietro**

**A week long local festival with
concerts, competitions, eateries
Venezia Suona**

**A music festival all genres of music are hailed and played.
Republic Day**

**Falls on June 2nd
Palio delle Antiche Repubbliche
Marinare**

**A two thousand meter race played once every four years.
Venice Film Festival**

**A celebrated festival where all types of movies are showcased from all across the World cinema!
Arena di Campo San Polo**

**An outdoor theater that shows national and international films
Historical Regatta**

**A gondola race taking place every year in September!
Sagra del Mosto**

**A wine tasting festival where in one is given the privilege to taste the various wines produced in and around Venice!
Le Giornate del Cinema Muto**

**A silent movie festival
Venice Marathon**

A long and refreshing marathon held every year, participated by locals and people from across the globe!

Festa della Salute

**Celebrating end of the plague.
Christmas Day**

Widely celebrated even if one isn't of the faith, the festivities grip one and all.



12. Key local guides and tours

There are many tours that you can use while in Venice. It isn't absolutely necessary, it is fairly easy to roam the city and view it in all its glory on your own too. A guided tour just gives you more information specific to each place. The Venice Walking Tour and Gondola Ride is one tour that is definitely worth it. It takes about two and a half hours and visits the most famous attractions. First they help you discover the sights on foot and afterward, they take you in a Gondola in the Grand Canal and give you a water tour of the important sights. You can live the Venetian culture and life by riding in their gondola which is a practice indigenous to this place. The experience costs around 44Euros per person. An exotic and unconventional tour is the Venice Food Tour – Something you can expect only in this quaint city. It is a food and wine tour and the guide guides you through tasting and understanding the various cuisines in Venice. Italy is the place of birth of fabulous wine, you must use a tour to help you savour the different kinds of wine, understand them and truly appreciate them. You can hop from one island to another in a traghetto. This tour takes up around two and a half hours and is limited to fourteen people. It costs around 82Euros per person. Another phenomenal tour is the Venice in One Day Tour. You get to visit all the important monuments while being taught about them and the best part is, you get the skip the long line at a few monuments.

13. Transportation hubs

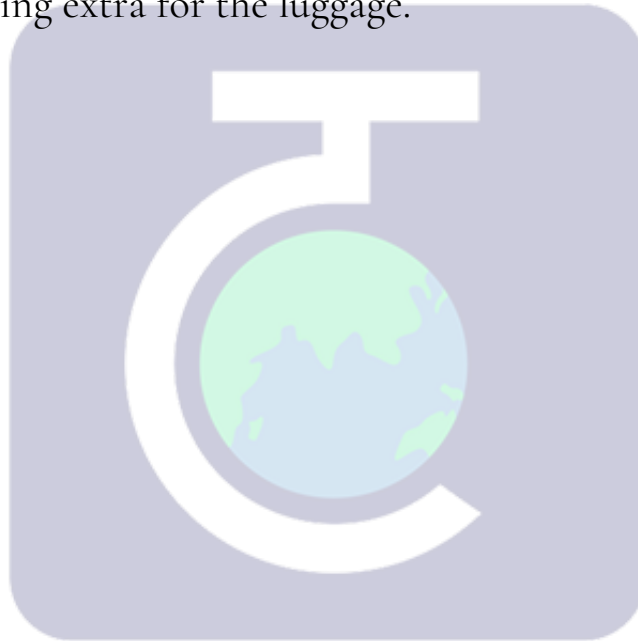
Venice is well connected with two airports in the city. The primary airport is the Venice Marco Polo Airport (45.504759, 12.339603) which is an international airport. Pretty evidently, The airport is named after Marco Polo and has three floors; one each for arrivals, departures and airline help desks. Another smaller and less used airport is the Treviso Airport (45.653258, 12.202071). It isn't used as much as the international airport and services generally low cost planes. There are two train stations in Venice. Venezia Santa Lucia railway station (45.441058, 12.321033), also called the central Train Station, is the main train station and the only heavy rail train station in the entire city of Venice. Founded in 1861, it has 16 platforms catering to different destinations. The other prominent railway station is the Venezia Mestre railway station (45.482556, 12.231634). Both these railway stations are managed by the Grandi Stazioni. The main bus station in Venice is the central bus station (Stazione Autobus) (45.438499, 12.318349) which is just a short walk away from the Central Train Station and is located in Piazzale Roma. While the above mentioned means of transport can be used, they will not get you everywhere as Venice is an archipelago and the primary means of transport is the vaporetti which is the water buses or the water taxis. They help you navigate through the city and visit ideal spots. Having mentioned all this, Venice is primarily a pedestrian city, which means that you will be able to do the city most justice if you roam around on foot. However, we understand that this can get very tiring which is when you use the public transport.

14. Transportation cost

There are provisions made for tourists to get around the city with ease. There are several local trains from Venezia Santa Lucia railway station (45.441058, 12.321033) that one can use to get around. There are several local buses that one can use as well, that pass through the bus station (Stazione Autobus) (45.438499, 12.318349) that tourists can use. However, Venice is an archipelago which means it is a group of islands with water in between and around. So the most sensible means of transport is boats, vaporetti which is the water buses and water taxis. Getting around on these is very convenient. If you're feeling adventurous, you can travel in the water using a gondola, kayak or a traghetto. You can learn and employ the traditional Venetian rowing. You can also take long cruises along the Grand Canal. A single ticket on a vaporetto costs 7 Euros which provides a 75 minutes ride. A traghetto ride costs 5 Euros for one way ride and 10 Euros for a round trip. Land buses cost up to 2 Euros to 14 Euros. Travel cards are also available to use in Venice. A one day travel card costs about 20 Euros, two days is 30 Euros, three day is 40 Euros and seven days is 60 Euros. This includes every type of transport.

Index**15. Baggage allowance**

When travelling on a Vaporetto, seeing as to how it is the vastest public transport in Venice, you can carry up to two bags. This would make it a maximum of two big suitcases. Exceeding this, you will have to pay a few extra Euros depending on how much the extra luggage is, which approximately will be 2 Euros per bag. A huge fuss isn't made and you needn't worry, sometimes if the crowd is less, they exempt you from paying extra for the luggage.



Index**16. Must try food and local savouries**

Here you will be served with yummy and fabulous food local in Venice. Bigoli, Bellini and Moleche are some of the local favourites of Venice. The best places to get these dishes are listed below.



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17. Restaurant & Nightlife

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- **Harry's Bar:**

Address : Calle Vallaresso, 1323, 30124 San Marco, Venezia VE, Italy

Location : 45.432464,12.337207

Contact No : +39 041 528 5777

Website : <http://www.harrysbarvenezia.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 10:30hrs–23:00hrs

- **The Grand Canal Restaurant:**

Address : Piazza San Marco, 1332, 30124 Venezia, Italy

Location : 45.432333,12.336943

Contact No : +39 041 520 0211

Website : <http://www.hotelmonaco.it/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 12:30hrs–14:00hrs, 19:30hrs–22:30hrs

- **Osteria Anice Stellato:**

Address : Fondamenta de la Sensa, 3272, Città Metropolitana di Venezia,

Italy

Location : 45.446360,12.328639

Contact No : +39 041 720744

Website : <http://www.osterianicestellato.com/>

Open / Close Time : Wednesday–Sunday 10:30hrs–15:30hrs,
18:30hrs–00:00hrs Tuesday 18:30hrs–00:00hrs Monday Closed

- **Trattoria alla Madonna:**

Address : Calle della Madonna, 594, 30125 San Polo, Venezia VE, Italy

Location : 45.438195,12.334516

Contact No : +39 041 522 3824

Website : <http://www.ristoranteallamadonna.com/>

Open / Close Time : Thursday–Tuesday 12:00hrs–22:00hrs

- **La Cantina:**

Address : Campo San Felice, 3689, VE, Italy

Location : 45.441638,12.333109

Contact No : +39 041 522 8258

Open / Close Time : Monday–Saturday 11:00hrs–23:00hrs

- **Antico Martini:**

Address : Campo Teatro Fenice, 2007, Venezia, Italy

Location : 45.433572,12.334117

Contact No : +39 041 522 4121

Open / Close Time : Daily 10:00hrs–00:00hrs

- **Do Leoni:**

Address : Hotel Londra Palace, Riva degli Schiavoni, 4171, 30122 Castello, Venezia VE, Italy

Location : 45.434069,12.343424

Contact No : +39 041 520 0533

Website : <http://www.londrapalace.com/ristorante-do-leoni/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 07:00hrs–10:30hrs, 12:00hrs–15:00hrs, 19:30hrs–22:30hrs

- **Gianni:**

Address : Fondamenta Zattere Ai Gesuati, Venezia, Italy 30100

Location : 45.429200,12.327632

Contact No : +39 041 523 7210

Open / Close Time : Thursday–Tuesday 12:00hrs–15:00hrs, 18:30hrs–22:00hrs

- **Pane Vino e San Daniele:**

Address : Campo dell-Angelo Raffaele, Dorsoduro, 1722, 30123 Venezia, Italy

Location : 45.432092,12.319197

Contact No : +39 041 523 7456

Website : <http://panevinoesandaniele.net/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 12:00hrs–14:30hrs, 19:00hrs–22:15hrs

- **Devils Forest Pub:**

Address : Calle dei Stagneri O de la Fava, 30124 Venezia, Italy

Location : 45.437275,12.336853

Contact No : +39 041 520 0623

Website : <http://www.devilsforestpub.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:00hrs–01:00hrs

- **Pub TavernaL'OlandeseVolante:**

Address : Campo San Lio, 5658, 30122 Venezia, Italy

Location : 45.437703,12.338357

Contact No : +39 041 099 5481

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:00hrs–23:00hrs

- **Cafe Noir:**

Address : Sestiere Dorsoduro 3805, 30123 Venice, Italy

Location : 45.435962,12.325249

Website : <http://www.cafenoir.it/>

Open / Close Time : Monday-Friday 07:00hrs–02:00hrs; Saturday 17:00hrs–02:00hrs; Sunday 09:00hrs–02:00hrs

- **Bacaro Jazz:**

Address : S. Marco, 5546, 30124 Venezia, Italy

Location : 45.438292,12.337086

Contact No : +39 041 528 5249

Website : <http://www.bacarojazz.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 12:00hrs–03:00hrs

- **Al Parlamento:**

Address : Sestiere Cannaregio, 511, 30121 Venezia, Italy

Location : 45.444764,12.322464

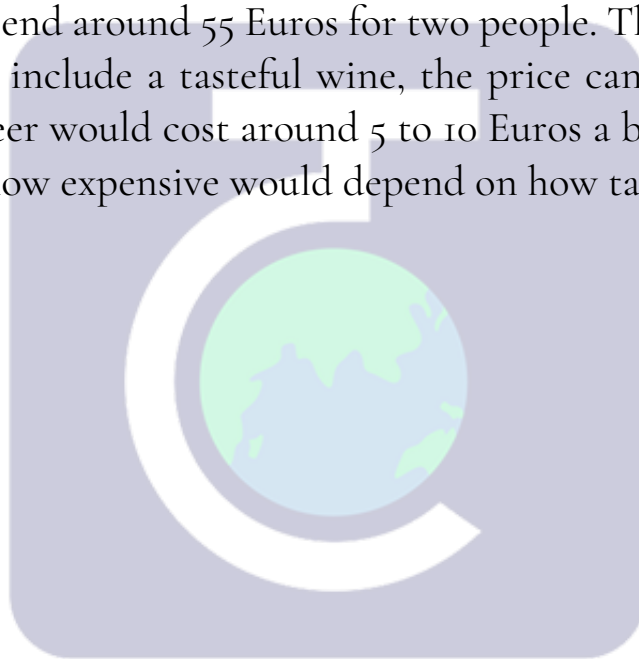
Contact No : +39 041 244 0214

Open / Close Time : Daily 07:30hrs–01:00hrs



Index**18. Average meal cost**

As one might imagine, the amount you spend on food and drinks in any place is subject to just how much you eat and drink and how much you are willing to splurge. Like any other place, you can make do on a tight budget in Venice and have a fast food lunch or dinner for around 10 Euros. If you want to have a decent three course meal with not very pricey wine at a decent restaurant with good ambience, you will spend around 55 Euros for two people. This would be the ideal meal. If you want to include a tasteful wine, the price can go up to maybe 100 Euros. Inexpensive beer would cost around 5 to 10 Euros a bottle. Wine would be more expensive but how expensive would depend on how tasteful the wine is.

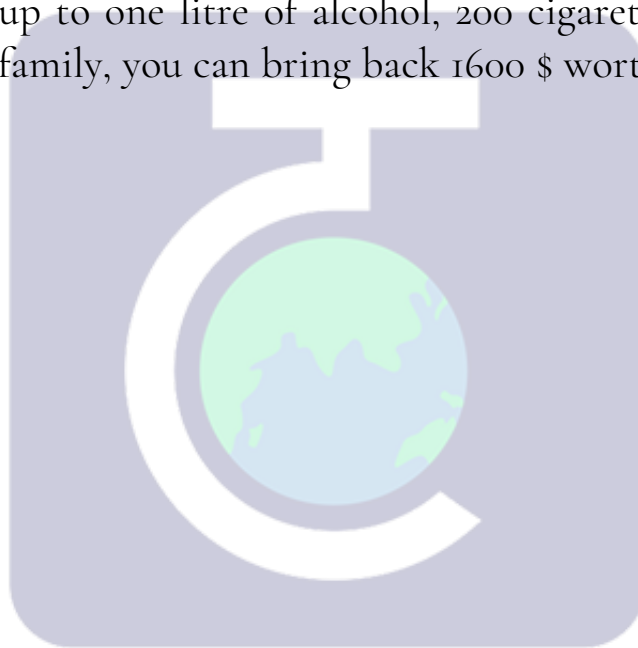


19. Shopping

Venice has a vast and interesting shopping scene. You can shop at little boutiques and buy traditional Venetian merchandise and indigenous clothes from markets, but if you want, you can find some coveted brand here as well. The Rialto Market (45.439710, 12.334441) is the place to be if you want to shop for the most diverse things. Known as the street to shop at, you can buy all sorts of things here ranging from food, vegetables, fruits, fish to jewellery and clothes. If you're into latest fashion, you can visit the boutiques around Piazza San Marco (45.434148, 12.338440) where you will find all name top designer brands like Versace, Gucci, Armani, Prada and much more. If you want to buy good jewellery, you can visit Jewelry Chimento (45.480043, 11.706078) and you will indubitably find what you're looking for. If you're looking for shoes; high end or affordable, you can visit the Bruno Magli showroom (45.433232, 12.336821). If you're an antique afficianado and vow to collect an antique particular to the place you visit, you can hit Mercatino dell'Antiquariato (45.433042, 12.331476); a highly reputed antique shop.

20. Tourist benefits

Tourists have the benefit of saving 20 % VAT on purchased goods. This benefit applies to only those tourists outside the European Union. Customs regulations state that if you are a visitor travelling to Italy and belonging to another the United States, you can carry 800 \$ worth of things back to the US from Italy. This is valid only if you haven't already used up this benefit in the last thirty days. You can bring back up to one litre of alcohol, 200 cigarettes and 100 cigars. If you're travelling as a family, you can bring back 1600 \$ worth of goods from Italy to the US.



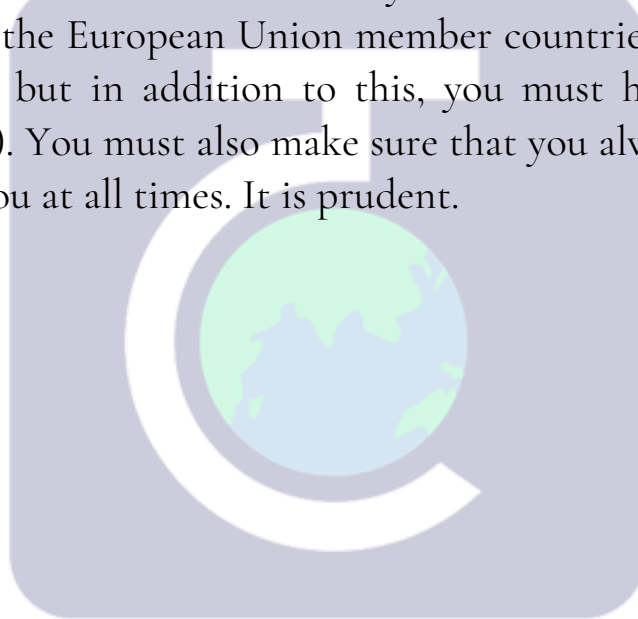
21. Essential local apps

There are some very efficient apps made for tourists visiting Venice that will help them with everything they will ever need while in Venice. So make sure you download the following apps onto your phones to make your stay there even more pleasurable and hassle free. “Venice Travel Guide and Offline City Map” is the app to have if you’re visiting Venice. It serves a dual purpose. It serves as your guide in Venice telling you about the famous tourist attractions, best places to dine, best public transport, best route et al. Not only does it do this, but it also serves as a navigation and safety app. “The Telegraph” is another app that you could use while in Venice. Equipped with useful information on a lot of metropolitan cities, it covers Venice well as well. “Italian English Dictionary” is another app that will come in handy. It is, as the name states, a reliable Italian English dictionary that you can use.



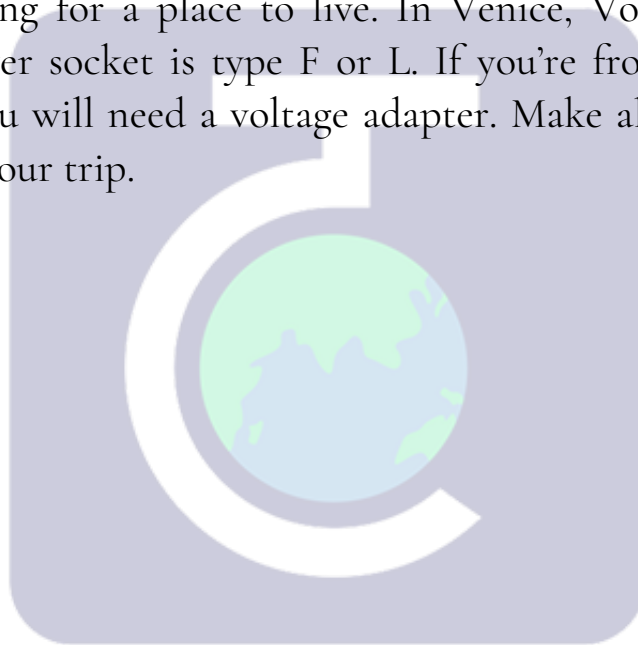
22. Driving

Renting a car in Venice to drive you is fairly easy. While you do not have to drive since the public transport is very good in Venice, sometimes you just want to. However, the main transport here is by water since it is an archipelago. So even if you do rent a car, there are only few places you can drive around. If you hold a valid driver's license in any of the European Union member countries and you are above 18, all you need to drive in Venice is your valid driver's licence. If you do not belong to any of the European Union member countries, you need to have a valid driver's license but in addition to this, you must hold an International Driver's Permit (IDP). You must also make sure that you always have valid photo identification with you at all times. It is prudent.



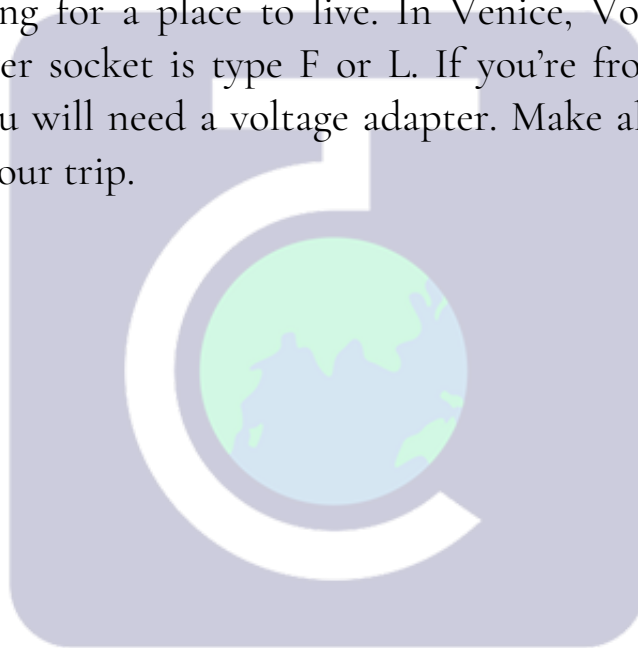
23. Travel essentials

It is always advisable wherever you go to start packing well in advance so as to not leave important things behind, the absence of which would potentially ruin your trip. This is especially true if you're visiting Italy from another country or another continent! Make sure to pre book your hotel rooms prior to your arrival so that on landing you can go straight to your room instead of carrying around your luggage searching for a place to live. In Venice, Voltage is 230V, 50 Hz (cycles). So, the power socket is type F or L. If you're from the US where the voltage is 130-170, you will need a voltage adapter. Make all these arrangements before you leave on your trip.



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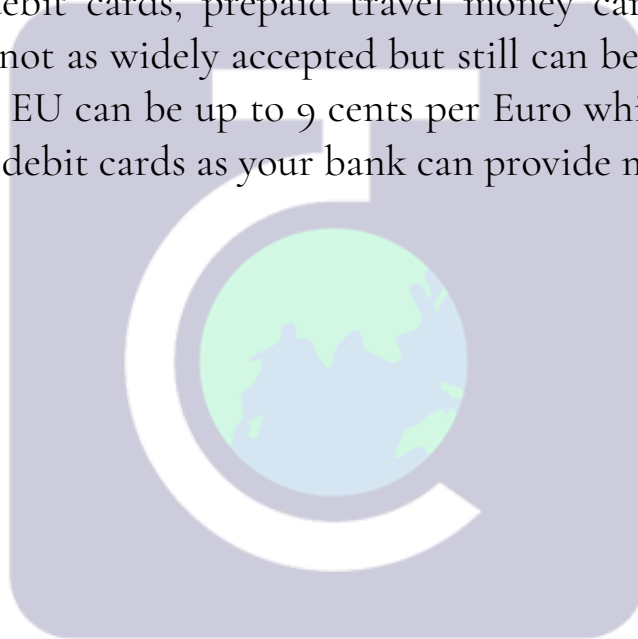
25. Local currency

The currency in Venice is the Euro. 1 USD = 0.89 Euro



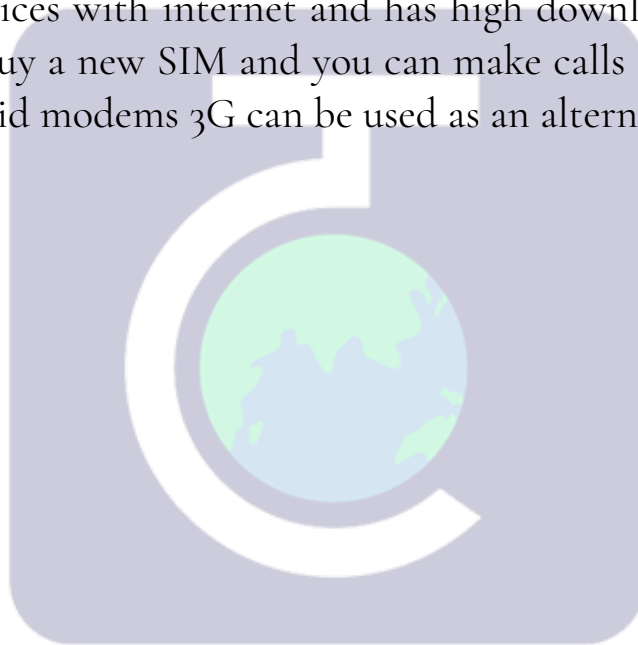
26. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges

It would be efficient for tourists and visitors to withdraw the necessary amount of money before travelling as the rates in different banks (especially foreign ones) aren't the same. Traveller's checks can be very useful, so try to get one from HSBC or American Express. The rates for ATM withdrawals would be about 3% of the purchase. Major card brands such as Visa and MasterCard are widely accepted in Venice, as well as debit cards, prepaid travel money cards and credit cards. American Express is not as widely accepted but still can be used in many places. The exchange rate in EU can be up to 9 cents per Euro which is costlier. So it is recommended to use debit cards as your bank can provide much cheaper rates.



27. Staying connected

International roaming is another burden added to travelers going abroad; therefore, using prepaid SIM card offered in Venice is beneficial. It will allow you to send and receive texts, make calls and use mobile data to connect to the internet with their card plans. Or more practically, you can just rent a portable Wi-Fi or pocket Wi-Fi. It is advisable to buy an unlocked Wi-Fi device as it can connect up to 10 devices with internet and has high download speeds. This way you do not have to buy a new SIM and you can make calls on the internet easily with no hassle. Prepaid modems 3G can be used as an alternative to Wi-Fi.



28. Time Zone

Italy uses Central European Summer Time Zone with UTC + 02:00. Or Central European Time Zone with UTC + 01:00.



29. Languages

Italian is the main language spoken in Venice by about 99 percent of the population. But have no worries, most of the Italians speak English so tourists shouldn't have much of a problem.



Index**30. Political Scenario**

Italy is a democratic constitutional republic. It follows a multi party system. Executive power lies in the hands of the council of ministers which is led by the Prime Minister. Legislative power lies in the hands of the two houses of parliament. The judiciary works independently, outside the realm of executive and legislative powers.



Index**31. Economic Scenario**

Tourism, shipbuilding, trade and services make up most of Venice's economy today. It used to be a centre for trade and commerce and agriculture but all of that diminished with time. Italy is the third largest economy in the Eurozone, and a founding member of the European Union. It is the 12th largest economy by GDP.



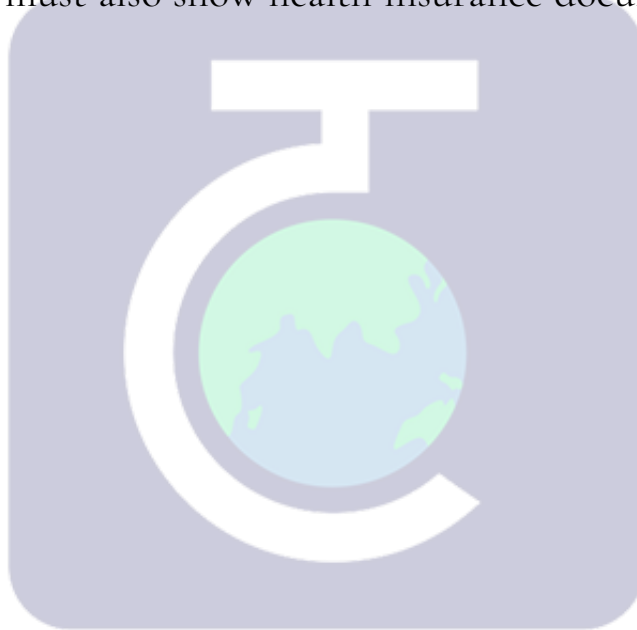
Index**32. Religious belief**

Freedom of religion is assured and guaranteed by the government. The majority of the people are orthodox Roman Catholics but there are people following other religions that reside here. People following Islam, Judaism, Protestantism reside here. 83.3% people are Christians, 3.7% Muslims, and 0.6% other religions. There is a steady rise of atheists and agnostics.



33. Visa requirements

Italy is part of the Schengen Agreement. A US citizen can visit Italy for up to ninety days without a visa. The same applies for citizens belonging to other EU countries. If you aren't a member of the said places, to obtain a visa, you must have a passport valid till at least six months after the visa expires. Other country citizens must obtain a Schengen visa to visit Italy. You must have and show sufficient funds. You must also show health insurance documents in case you get sick while in Venice.



Index**34. Essential vaccination**

You must make sure that you are up to date with the vaccines. It is recommended that you can vaccinated for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis polio, flu shot and some other necessary vaccines like measles, mumps and rubella.



35. Theft and Safety

Italy is a relatively safe country, with not many crimes occurring at all. Having said this, you must be warned that although you are not at harm physically, theft occurs in Venice a lot. It is a haven of theft. This is why you must always be aware of your belongings and never carry too much hard cash with you at predictable places.



36. Embassy/Consulate

Since Venice is an important tourist city, there are embassies of many countries located here. These embassies are spread out across the entire city. You can find more information on embassies in the site “https://embassy-finder.com/in_venice_italy” or “<http://www.embassypages.com/italy>”.



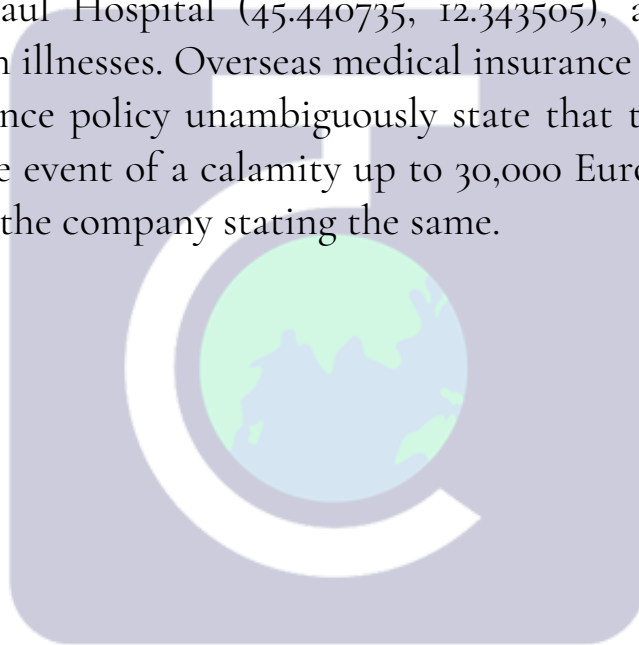
37. Accessibility

Although Venice public transport offers many facilities for the disabled person, and many attractions have specific tours for the disabled, the fact must be acknowledged that Venice has many bridges and most transport is by water. Boarding private water taxis might pose problems, and so will be climbing bridges. This doesn't mean it is a forbidden place for the tourists. The key is always planning in advance and avoiding inconvenient routes.



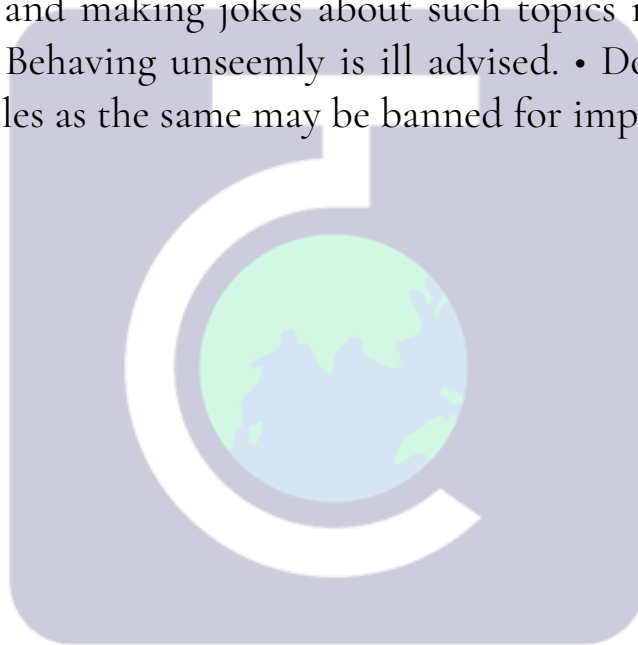
38. Emergencies

Being a developed country, Italy is renowned for medical tourism. Many tourists flock there to get treated because of their highly qualified doctors. The emergency number is 112, which is the European emergency number, which you can call for an ambulance, firemen etc. In addition to this, Italy has its own emergency numbers. 113 for Police, 115 for the fire brigade and 118 for first aid. You can visit the SS. John and Paul Hospital (45.440735, 12.343505), an excellent hospital equipped to deal with illnesses. Overseas medical insurance is accepted in Venice as long as the insurance policy unambiguously state that the concerned person will be covered in the event of a calamity up to 30,000 Euro outside the country or with a letter from the company stating the same.



39. Do's and Don'ts

Do's: • It is important to carry enough Euros while in Venice and avoid relying on credit cards. • Do not wear sleeveless or revealing clothes if you're visiting churches and cathedrals. • Be respectful of the locals. • While addressing people, using titles such as Mr. Miss and Mrs. is most appropriate. Don'ts: • Littering is highly prohibited in Venice. • Smoking in some places is not allowed. • Discussing politics and religion and making jokes about such topics is not acceptable and should be avoided. • Behaving unseemly is ill advised. • Do not carry unsealed/unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import.



40.Tipping basics

Tipping is generally unnecessary in Venice. A service charge is included in most places and workers are happy with this. Some might even consider it disrespectful to be tipped. But, taxi drivers can be tipped a few Euros.



Index**41.Pet info**

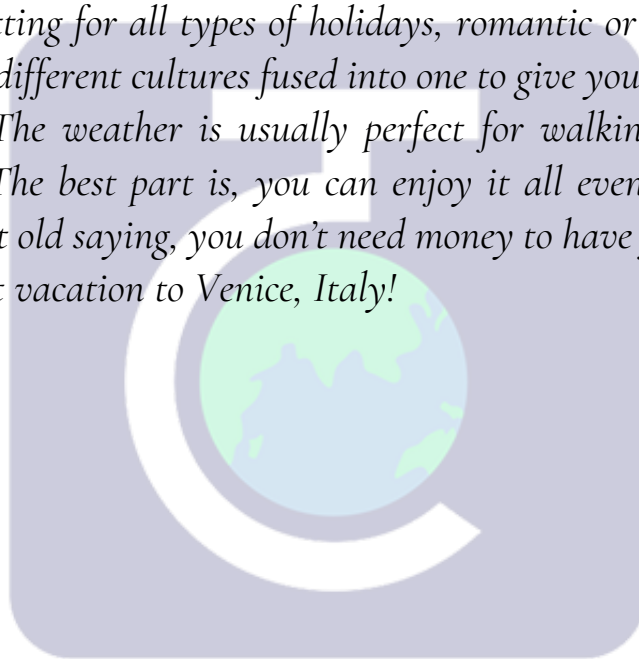
Europe in general is very pet friendly. Venice follows this trend. You will see pets everywhere, even on public transport and you can take your pet sightseeing with you to most places. There are abundant hotels that allow pets to stay. The hotel Centurion Palace is an excellent option to stay if you are bringing your pet along.



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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

Venice has a myriad of attractions to visit and adventures to embark upon. Venice in the lagoon itself is a world heritage site. The Grand Canal, Doge's Palace, Rialto Bridge are among the many wonderful places you can visit here in Venice. It is known to be one of the most romantic cities in the world. So you can come here with your loved one and have the best time. It doesn't have to be a romantic holiday though and the beauty of Venice is that it is the perfect setting for all types of holidays, romantic or otherwise. On entering you will witness many different cultures fused into one to give you a truly unique and one of a kind experience. The weather is usually perfect for walking around the city and exploring attractions. The best part is, you can enjoy it all even if you're on a budget! After all, what was that old saying, you don't need money to have fun? So pack your bags, and plan your next best vacation to Venice, Italy!



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