

Come on Venice!

San Giovanni Elemosinario

San Giovanni Elemosinario is a church of Venice, northern Italy, dedicated to Saint John the Almsgiver. This church was founded in 1071, and was completely destroyed by the disastrous Rialto fire in 1514. The church was rebuilt by Antonio Abbondi called Scarpagnino. The painter Antonio Vassilacchi worked here in the 16th century. Nestled into the dense area near the Rialto Market (with your back to the Bridge on the San Polo side, turn left just past the flea market booths; the entrance will be through the frescoed arch behind iron gates on your left). The altarpiece on the high altar depicts St. John the Almsgiver (1545-1550) by Titian; the right apse chapel houses Saints Catherine, Sebastian and Roch (c. 1533) by il Pordenone.

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Scuola vecchia della Misericordia

The Scuola vecchia della Misericordia ("Old School of Mercy") is a former charity building in Venice, Italy, in the sestiere of Cannaregio. It is located near the north margin of the city, at the intersections of Rio della Sensa and the confluence of Rio di Noale and Rio di San Falice. It was also known as the Scuola Grande di Santa Maria della Misericordia. It was erected in 1310 and subsequently enlarged several times; in Venice a scuola was the seat of a charity/religious institution. By the early 1500s, the old church had joined with the nearby Franciscan abbey, and the old meeting hall had been rented out. Construction of a new Scuola meeting hall, the Scuola Nuova della Misericordia was begun in 1507 across the Rio dell Sensa. However, 25 years later this was only a foundation, and new designs by Jacopo Sansovino completed the two story brick structure. This was never faced with marble or stone, and sold in 1634 to the guild of silk weavers. The Scuola Nuova has been recently restored.

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Venice People Mover

The Venice People Mover (Italian: People Mover di Venezia, Venetian: People Mover de Venesia) is a people mover-type public transit system in Venice, Italy opened in 2010. It connects Piazzale Roma with the city's Tronchetto island car parking facility, via a stop above the Marittima cruise terminal. The transport system started operating on April 19, 2010. The two vehicles of the system are pulled by a cable similar to a funicular. The whole 853-metre-long (0.5 mi) journey takes three minutes.

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