1. A view from outside the hostel
2. Canals everywhere
3. Doge’s Palace
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5. St Mark’s Basilica
6. Torre dell’Orologio
7. Museo Correr
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11. Museo Correr
12. A view from Museo Correr across to St Mark’s. There was a university graduation ceremony going on here later in the day as well
13. Some highlights from Museo Correr
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17. The private-hire gondolas
18. Rialto Bridge
19. From Rialto Bridge
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21. From Rialto Bridge
22. Caught the ferry over to Murano, where all of the glass-blowing is done
23. Murano
24. Murano
25. This stuff is absolutely amazing. There were so many of these shops selling all kinds of colored and textured glass. An authentic Murano glass sculpture, like the birds in this picture, might go for more than 1000 euros
26. We found a furnace that was holding free public exhibitions of the glass-making process
27. These two guys are working on a set of flowers to go on a chandelier and a small vase
28. While the glass is still hot from the furnace, he stretches out the stem
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30. Reheats it so that he can angle the flower and snip it off from the pole he is holding
31. This is the start of another flower for the chandelier. He has rolled the glass in some coloring and heated it, and now is using pliers to make each individual petal
32. This guy was making a vase
33. He just finished blowing down into the vase through the pole he is holding, and is placing a design into the side
34. He’ll snip it off the pole and let it cool slowly so that it doesn’t shatter from the quick change in temperature. They said it usually takes about 24 hours to fully cool
35. Crazy
36. A large sculpture in Murano
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38. Murano
39. Back in Venice traversing more canals
40. On the ferry
41. On the ferry
42. On the ferry
43. Coming into the Rialto Bridge on the ferry, dodging some gondolas
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