



✕ Venice City Tour and Gondola Ride

Interests: history, architecture, culture, once in a lifetime experience

This enchanting panoramic tour will show you the very best of this unique city. Explore St. Marks square and its main monuments and find out more about their fascinating history. Revel in the richness of St. Mark's Basilica with its incredible marbles and mosaics, before continuing on to the Doge's Palace, the center of power during the golden days of the Venetian Republic or Serenissima as the locals called it. Given that the Basilica is a religious monument, proper attire is required and for security reasons, no bags or backpacks should be carried inside. After the very informative tour of the Doge's Palace, you will pass through the famous Bridge of Sighs or Ponte dei Sospiri and reach the Prison's Palace which is linked to the Doge's Palace and housed one of the most ancient magistracies of the Venetian Republic "Notte al Criminal". At the end of the tour explore the maze of canals from your very own gondola while the gondolier knowingly steers the boat through the intricate and small waterways of Venice.

✕ Walking Tour of Venice

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Your tour of the most famous locations and some hidden gems of this fascinating city will start with a short introduction to St. Mark's square and its grand monuments. Your guide will give you the insights not only on the square itself but also the cathedral, St Mark's Basilica and the Doge's Palace. You will then continue through the narrow streets and discover small and vibrant city squares before reaching Scala Contarini del Bovolo, the external staircase of Palazzo Contarini del Bovolo, an architectural treasure situated just a short walk from Rialto Bridge. This masterpiece is renowned not only for its spiral shape but also for the mix of Gothic, Byzantine and Renaissance styles. Continue to the world-famous LaFenice Theatre with its beautiful facade "Imperial" style.



✕ The Doge's Palace and Secret Trails

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Explore the Gothic style Doge's Palace, once the residence of the ancient Venetian republic, which looms over the Grand Canal, and walk in the footsteps of visiting dignitaries and political leaders of bygone years. The Doge's Palace, with its vast grand halls adorned with some of the greatest Venetian masterpieces, is one of the most memorable sites in the city. Your private tour will take you through the palace's magnificent staterooms, including the Sala del Maggior Consiglio, the great council hall, where you will learn about the secret hiding places and passages behind the wood panels. Explore the notorious torture chamber and relive Casanova's legendary escape from his incarceration in 1756. In his biography, this Italian adventurer and author described the daring escape from his cell through the roof, re-entering the palace, and exiting through the Porta della Carta. This unforgettable tour will take you from the plush staterooms and their golden ornamented ceilings to the desolate Piombi cells and will leave a lasting impression for years to come.

✕ Venetian Masks Decoration Class

Interests: culture, art

Join a Venetian mask decorating class and embark on a journey through the fascinating history and the illustration of the different techniques of decoration. You will then be asked to select two masks per person and it will be time to unleash your creative potential with the help and guidance of a Ca' Macana craftsmen, who will be proud to turn you into a proper "mascheraio". At the end of the course, your masterpieces will be carefully wrapped so you can take them home with you.



✕ Food and Wine Tour in Venice

Interests: foodie, wine, culture

The best way to immerse yourself in a destination and feel like a native is through food. In the historical center of Venice, the beauty of this city is not found only in the magnificent buildings, picturesque canals and narrow streets but also in the "Osterie" (taverns), serving local specialties such as pasta, grilled meat or fish giving you the pleasure of eating and drinking well while enjoying the simple things in life. At the two local Osterias, that you will get to visit during this tour, apart from food tasting you will also participate in a Veneto wine sampling paired with famous "Cicheti" Venice style tapas. Some common wines in Venice are Prosecco: a sparkling wine, Pinot Grigio: one of the most prestigious wines of the region and Bianco di Custoza: a white wine, cultivated in the Custoza region near Lake Garda.

✕ Cooking Lesson with Locals

Interests: cooking, foodie, wine, culture

There is no better way to experience the life of the destination and connect with the locals than through food. Your culinary adventure starts at the vibrant Rialto market where you will learn how to pick the best fresh local produce just like a true Venetian. Once you select all the ingredients, your local cooking experts will guide you into making a delicious meal using traditional recipes that are carefully passed on from generation to generation. The culmination of your mouthwatering experience will be the meal itself since you will dine on the fruits of your labor together with your helpful chefs.



✕ **Vicenza and Verona**

Interests: history, culture, architecture

Your first stop on this full day tour will be Vicenza, a city steeped in history and culture. Joined by your private guide you will stroll through the pedestrian area of Corso Palladio which is lined with quaint cafes and a variety of stores and visit the Piazza Dei Signori, a large square where you will see 2 examples of the Palladian architecture, the gothic style Olympic Theater, built in the mid-fifteenth century and the Villa La Rotonda. After exploring all these beautiful sights, you will move on to Verona. A city by the Adige River in Veneto, where you will visit the 1st-century Roman amphitheater. The Verona arena is internationally famous for the grandiose opera performances staged every summer and is one of the best-preserved ancient structures of its kind. Discover medieval buildings, including Juliet's house, where Juliet stood while Romeo declared his great love, the Arco Scaligero, the tombs of the noble Della Scala Family and the old Lords of the city.

✕ **Ravenna, Capital of the Western Roman Empire**

Interests: history, culture, architecture

Starting from Venice, you will head towards Chioggia, a traditional fishing town that made a name for itself as one of the first enemies of the Venetian Republic fighting for supremacy on the Adriatic Sea. Your next destination will be the charming Pomposa Abbey, before arriving in Ravenna. The city will welcome you with the splendor of its mosaics, so precious and unique, they were placed on the UNESCO World Heritage list. See the "Neonian baptistry", "St. Apollinare Nuovo Church", and the "Teodorico Mausoleum", all serving as evidence of the importance of this city during the kingdom of Teodorico, who symbolized the mixing of the Byzantine Empire and the Roman Empire.



✕ **Padova and Asolo**

Interests: history, culture, architecture

Departing from Venice Piazzale Roma drive along the Brenta river to revel in some of the most beautiful villas of the region, such as Villa Pisani, a magnificent example of a French-style villa, the former residence of Napoleon Bonaparte during his domination in Italy. Proceed towards Padova and reach Piazza Delle Erbe, the heart of the city. Explore the beautiful historic center with gems such as the Scrovegni Chapel, Eremitani Church, which houses the masterpieces of Andrea Mantegna, the Basilica of St. Anthony as well as Prato Della Valle. Finally, you will have some time for a stop in the town of Asolo, a real pearl among the medieval villages of Italy, nestled in an enchanting hilly landscape. Wander through its picturesque center or to visit one of the most famous Italian architectural masterpieces Villa Barbaro, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Your return to Venice is expected by mid-afternoon.

✕ **Treviso, Medieval Cities and Prosecco Hill**

Interests: history, culture, architecture, wine

After meeting your driver at Piazzale Roma you will embark on an unforgettable tour that combines the pleasure of crossing the beautiful rolling hills of Treviso, its picturesque landscapes, and Medieval locations with an exciting gastronomic experience to reward your tastebuds with the most popular local product the Prosecco wine in all its forms and combine it with meats, cheeses and other 'cicchetti' typical of the area. Return to Venice by mid-afternoon.



✕ The Islands Of Murano, Burano And Torcello

Interests: sailing, culture, architecture

If you want to add some color to your Venice itinerary, an island-hopping adventure is just the right thing for you. After boarding the private cruiser, you will first get the chance to explore Murano. World-renowned for its glass blowing art, Murano is made up of seven islands which are in turn connected by bridges and like Venice has its own Grand Canal. Your next stop will be the picturesque island of Burano that very much represents Venice as it once was. Famed for its buranello handmade lace, this island will give you plenty of photo opportunities with its colorful fishermen's houses. The last stop of the day will be Torcello, the first human settlement in the lagoon established around the 5th century. The major monuments in Torcello include the quaint Byzantine church of Santa Fosca with its beautiful portico and the bigger Basilica of Santa Maria Assunta with its famous mosaic that inspired Dante Alighieri's Divine Comedy.

✕ The Burano and San Francesco del Deserto Islands

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The San Francesco del Deserto island is located in the middle of the lagoon between Burano and Sant'Erasmo. Since 1227 it has housed a friary founded by San Francesco d'Assisi on his way back from the Holy Land. It is here that the "Miracle of the birds" took place. The tour starts from the little church and small cloister and finishes with a stroll in the beautiful garden where you can see Burano, a little island renowned for pillow laces and colored fishermen's cottages. Burano is a tranquil haven and a complete opposite of the often-crowded Venice. Wander the vibrant streets, interact with the locals, watch the fishermen repair their traditional nets by the water, try some of the local dishes in a typical Buranella trattoria or observe the lovely elderly ladies as they embroider the delicate buranello lace.



✕ Venice Viewed by the Water

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There is no greater way to explore and see the real Venice than by cruising through its canals. Sail leisurely along the Grand Canal and get a glimpse of all that Venice has to offer. Discover the charm and silence of the narrow waterways, observe the silhouettes of ancient rooftops against limpid skies. This journey will let you explore vibrant neighborhoods, bridges and squares, you will even get a glimpse of secret gardens while provides detailed information on all the sites and architectural marvels you pass during your tour.

✕ Wineries of the Lagoon

Interests: wine, culture

The one thing you would hardly imagine is to find wineries in the middle of the Venice lagoon but the fact is, a few islands within the lagoon are still cultivating some rare grape varieties and producing wine. Your enology adventure starts from Venice and your first will be the island of Sant'Erasmus, known as the vegetable garden of Venice and famous for its purple artichokes. You will then continue on to the small and picturesque Mazzorbo, another island connected by a wooden bridge to the more famous Burano. In Mazzorbo lies an ancient walled vegetable garden as well as the native vineyards of Venice. On this unique island, in fact, the ancient Venetian vines cultivated during the Serenissima Republic, have been wisely replanted and only recently rediscovered. The wine has a slightly salty taste as grapes absorb some salt from the ground making it very tasty and different from Sant' Erasmus's white wine. Besides the wine tasting, lunch with local food can be arranged upon request.