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## Introduction to Venice



### Venice the City

Historical pieces of evidence suggest that refugees founded Venice. When Germanic tribes ravaged northern Italy in the 5th century, many mainlanders escaped to this difficult-to-access area on the Adriatic Sea.

Over the centuries, the refugee community grew into the most powerful trading port in the Mediterranean. At its peak, Venice counted 3,000 trade ships and 300 navy vessels. After Napoleon's fall, it became part of the Austrian Kingdom of Lombardy-Venetia, but after the uprising in 1848, the city reached its independence once again. Shortly after, in 1866, Venice was annexed to the Kingdom of Italy. 1932 saw the opening of the motor and rail bridge between Venice and the mainland, which led this city to come out on top as a tourist destination.

It can be a bit hard to navigate around the city, but don't let that put you off, as this is part of Venice's charm. Leave the other tourists at St Mark's Square and the Rialto Bridge and explore the maze-like little neighbourhoods instead. The most interesting areas and islands are Cannaregio, San Polo/Santa Croce, Dorsoduro, San Marco, and Castello.



## Classic Venice: See & Do



### Classic Venice: See & Do

Venice is the only city of its type in the world, a UNESCO World Heritage site representing a cultural absolute, demanding preservation and transmission to future generations. The whole city is a unique sight in itself, and to enjoy its exceptional beauty, the best way to explore it is on foot.



#### St Mark's Basilica

Basilica Cattedrale Patriarcale di San Marco, Piazza San Marco  
+39 041 270 8311



#### St Mark's Square

Piazza San Marco, Venice



#### Doge's Palace

Palazzo Ducale, Piazza San Marco  
+39 041 271 5911



#### Gondola Ride



#### Burano Island

Burano Island, Venice



#### Murano Island

Murano Island, Venice



#### Glassmaking Workshop



#### Venice Carnival Mask-Making Class



#### Food Tasting Walking Tour



### Bridge of Sighs

Ponte dei Sospiri, Venice



### Rialto Bridge

Ponte di Rialto, Venice



### Rialto Market

Campo della Pescaria, Rialto



### Torcello Island

Torcello, Venice



### Grand Canal

Canal Grande, Venice



### Teatro La Fenice

Gran Teatro La Fenice, Campo San Fantin

+39 041 786 654



### Peggy Guggenheim Collection

Sestiere Dorsoduro, 701-704

+39 041 240 541 1



### Scuola Grande di San Rocco

San Polo, 3054

+39 041 523 4864



### Interpreti Veneziani

San Marco, 2862/B

+39 041 277 0561



### Ca' Rezzonico

Sestiere Dorsoduro, 3136

+39 041 241 0100



### Basilica di Santa Maria Gloriosa dei Frari

Campo dei Frari, San Polo

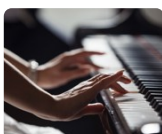
+39 041 272 8630



### Ca' Pesaro

Santa Croce, 2076

+39 041 721127



### Musica a Palazzo

Palazzo Barbarigo Minotto, Fondamenta Duodo o Barbarigo

+39 340 971 7272



### **San Giorgio Maggiore**

Isola San Giorgio Maggiore, Venice



### **Lido**

Lido di Venezia, Venice



### **Marciana Library or Library of Saint Mark**

Biblioteca Nazionale Marciana, Piazzetta San Marco  
+39 041 240 7211



### **Church of Saint Mary of Miracles**

Chiesa di Santa Maria dei Miracoli, Campiello dei Miracoli  
+39 041 275 0462



### **Museum of Natural History**

Museo di Storia Naturale di Venezia, Salizada del Fontego dei Turchi  
+39 041 270 0303

## Venice Off-The-Beaten-Path

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### What To Visit When All Touristic Highlights Are Covered



#### **Concerto vivaldi**

Venice, Veneto, IT, 30135



#### **Libreria Acqua Alta**

Castello 5167, Venezia, Veneto, Italia, 30122  
+39 041 296 0841



#### **Squero di San Trovaso**

1097 Dorsoduro, Venezia, Veneto, IT, 30123



#### **Doges palace**

1 Piazza San Marco, Venezia, Veneto, IT, 30124  
+39 041 2715911



#### **Torcello, San Francesco del Deserto, and Sant'Erasmus**

Via Giudecca, Venezia, Veneto, IT, 30035

## Venice - Fine Dining



### Venice: Ristorante & Trattoria

When it comes to fine dining, you are looking for two types of venues: ristorante and trattoria. Ristorante is the most formal kind of venue in Italy that implies a certain level of class: an evening attire, multi-course meals (appetizers, several courses, and desserts), full-table service, and relatively high prices. Moving a bit down on the scale of fanciness, we get trattoria. You can expect the same high level of service as from ristorante, but trattorias are usually smaller, more affordable, located off the main streets, and specialize in home-cooked traditional meals.

#### Local's choice:

- [Al Timon](#) - a great restaurant with a lovely informal atmosphere, nestled away from the main tourist locations. The steaks are definitely not to be missed.
- [Trattoria da'a Marisa](#) - one of the best places in the city to try typical home-style Venetian cooking. Homely and welcoming atmosphere, delicious food, excellent service.



#### **Al Timon**

2754 Fondamenta dei Ormesini, Venezia, Veneto, IT, 30121

+39 041 5246066



#### **Trattoria Dalla Marisa**

Cannaregio 652, Venezia, VENEZIA, IT, 30121

041 720211



#### **Ristorante Ca' Dolfin**

Calle Seconda del Cristo, 5903

+39 041 528 5299



#### **Trattoria Al Gazzettino S. N. C di Margheridha**

49977 Sottoportego delle Acque San Marco, Venezia, Veneto, IT, 30124

041 521 0497



#### **Trattoria Bar Pontini**

Centro Storico fondamenta de Cannaregio No. 1268, Venezia, Veneto, Italia

+39 041 714123





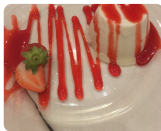
**Trattoria Ai Cugnai**

857 Piscina Forner, Venezia, Veneto, IT, 30123  
041 528 9238



**La Caravella**

Via XXII Marzo, 2399  
+39 041 528901



**Ristorante San Silvestro**

San Polo 1022 B Rio Tera, Venezia, Veneto, Italia, 30125



**Riviera**

Fondamenta Zattere Al Ponte Lungo, 1473  
+39 041 522 7621



**Locanda Cipriani**

Piazza Santa Fosca, 29  
+39 041 730150



**Da Mamo**

Calle dei Stagneri o de la Fava, 5251  
+39 041 523 6583



**Vini Da Pinto**

Campo de le Becarie, 30125  
+39 041 522 4599

## Venice - Casual Dining & Quick Bites



### Venice - Dining

Venice has a large variety of restaurants, and as usual with Italian cities, the best dining experience can be enjoyed at a simple neighbourhood osteria or rosticceria. The city boasts many culinary specialities going way beyond pizza and pasta, such as bigoli in anchovy sauce or castraure — tiny artichokes with Parmesan shavings and olive oil.

#### Local's choice:

- [Osteria Ae Saracche](#) - a cozy place within a 10-minute walk from the Grand Canal where you can try authentic Venetian cuisine. Highly recommend to order the linguine with clams.
- [Cantina do Spade](#) - one of the oldest osterie in Venice, boasting a great menu highlighting the Venetian cooking traditions, but keep in mind that the selection of vegetarian options is rather small.
- [Il Paradiso Perduto](#) - lively restaurant with a great atmosphere that you can enjoy only in the venues popular among locals. Excellent pasta and seafood, and very generous portions. The establishment is usually packed all year round, so make sure to make reservations.
- [Osteria Al Squero](#) - one of the tastiest cicchetti in Venice. The house wine is really good, the prices are a steal, and the views are excellent (but beware of seagulls if you are sitting outside).
- [Bacareto da Lele](#) - a small hole-in-the-wall venue offering excellent panini and great wine. You might have to wait in line a bit, as the place is usually crowded, but the food and the prices are worth it.
- [Osteria da Alberto](#) - a small historical venue boasting an authentic atmosphere that opened its doors back in the 1920s and is favored by locals to this day.
- [Rosticceria Gislon Ristorante da Ivo](#) - one of the best rosticcerie in town, offering not only delicious food but a good chance of meeting someone famous.



#### **Osteria Da Fiore**

Campo San Polo, 2002  
+39 041 721308



#### **Cantine del Vino Già Schiavi**

Fondamenta Nani, 992  
+39 041 523 0034



### **Al Nono Risorto**

Bettina, Santa Croce 2338  
+39 041 524 1169



### **La Zucca**

Sestiere Santa Croce, 1762  
+39 041 524 1570



### **Osteria Antico Giardinetto**

Calle dei Morti, 2253  
+39 041 722 882



### **A Beccafico Arte**

Fondamenta Trapolin, 2289c  
+39 041 275 9220



### **Hostaria Bacanera**

Campiello de la Cason, 4506  
+39 041 260 1146



### **Osteria Da Alberto**

Cannaregio 5401, Venezia, VENEZIA, IT, 30121



### **Osteria Ae Saracche**

847/D Fondamenta di Rio Marin, Venezia, Veneto, IT, 30135  
+39 041 309 9283



### **Cantina Do Spade**

Sestiere San Polo 860, Venezia, VENEZIA, IT, 30125  
041 521 0583



### **Il Paradiso Perduto**

Cannaregio 2540, Fondamenta de la Misericordia  
+39 041 720581



### **Osteria Al Squero**

Sestiere Dorsoduro, 943  
+39 041 296 0479



### **Al Timon**

2754 Fondamenta dei Ormesini, Venezia, Veneto, IT, 30121  
+39 041 5246066



### **Bacareto da Lele**

Fondamenta Tolentini, Venezia, Veneto, Italia, 30135  
+39 347 846 9728



### **Osteria Da Alberto**

Cannaregio 5401, Venezia, VENEZIA, IT, 30121



**Gislon**

San Marco 2629, Venezia, Veneto, Italia, 30124

+39 041 522 6795

## Venice - Coffee & Pastry



### Venice - Cafés

Coffee is as important as pasta for the Italians. And as the place where it all began — coffee was introduced to Europe through the port of Venice — it is no surprise the city is full of cafés.

If you want to act like a local, there are some unwritten rules you should keep in mind when ordering your coffee.

- Cappuccino or any other kind of coffee based on milk should only be drunk in the morning.
- When ordering an espresso, do not use the word espresso, which is actually just a technical phrase. Ask the barista for simply "un caffè".
- And last but not least, when ordering "un caffè", you do not usually sit down, you simply stand at the bar and enjoy your cup of coffee.

#### *Local's choice:*

- [Panificio Giovanni Volpe](#) - a lovely bakery, offering mouthwatering pastry. Make sure to try the croissants with fillings, pistachios and chocolate are especially good.



#### **Caffè del Doge**

Calle dei Cinque, 609  
+39 041 522 7787



#### **Caffè Florian**

Piazza San Marco 57, Venice  
+39 041 520 5641



#### **Torrefazione Cannaregio**

Fondamenta dei Ormesini, 2804  
+39 041 716371



#### **La Mela Verde**

Fondamenta de l'Osmarin, 4977A



#### **Rosa Salva**

Sestiere di San Marco, 950  
+39 041 521 0544



**Gelato Fantasy**

San Marco 929, Venice  
+39 041 522 5993



**Majer - Piazzale Roma**

Santa Croce 287/A, Venice  
+39 041 406 6568



**Gran Caffè Quadri**

Piazza San Marco 121, Venice  
+39 041 522 2105



**Pasticceria Rizzardini**

Campiello dei Meloni, 1415  
+39 041 522 3835



**Pasticceria Tonolo**

Calle San Pantalon 3764, Venice  
+39 041 523 7209



**Panificio Giovanni Volpe**

1143 Cannaregio, Venezia, Veneto, Italia  
+39 041 715178

## Venice - Bars & Nightlife



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Bacaro (plural bacari) is the term Venetians use for bars. Traditional establishments featuring simple furniture and serving ombre (small glasses of wine) along with cicchetti (small appetizers).

Venice has many good bars, primarily in the Dorsoduro district. However, it's not a party scene city. Youngsters and party-seekers often hop over to Venice's modern sister city, Mestre, on the mainland. In the summer, they prefer to travel to the seaside town of Jesolo, where they can enjoy tanning and swimming.

#### *Local's choice:*

- [Bar Tiziano](#) - a great, unpretentious place located in the city center, between the Rialto and St. Marks. Don't let the central location fool you, this bar is as authentic as they come. A wide variety of delicious food for a very reasonable price, piping hot and cooked to perfection.



#### **Skyline Rooftop Bar**

Giudecca, 810  
+39 041 272 3316



#### **Harry's Bar**

Calle Vallaresso, 1323  
+39 041 528 5777



#### **Osteria Ai Pugni**

Fondamenta Gherardini, 2836  
+39 346 960 7785



#### **Vineria all'Amarone**

Calle dei Sbianchesini, 1131  
+39 041 523 1184



#### **Piccolo Mondo Disco**

Sestiere Dorsoduro, 1056A  
+39 041 887 8154



### **Venice Jazz Club**

Sestiere Dorsoduro, 3102  
+39 340 150 4985



### **The Irish Pub Venezia**

Corte dei Pali, 3847  
+39 041 639 6692



### **Devil's Forest Pub**

Calle dei Stagneri o de la Fava, 5185  
+39 041 520 0623



### **Chet Bar**

Sestiere Dorsoduro, 3684



### **Bacaro Jazz**

San Marco, 5546  
+39 041 528 5249



### **Aurora Beach Club**

Lato Blue Moon, Lungomare Gabriele D'Annunzio  
+39 340 813 2984



### **Bar Dandolo**

Calle Seconda de la Fava, 4196  
+39 041 522 6480



### **Margaret DuChamp**

Campo Santa Margherita, 3019  
+39 041 528 6255



### **LondraBar**

Riva degli Schiavoni, 4171  
+39 041 520 0533



### **AquAlta**

Piazza Barche, 37  
+39 041 972208



### **Molocinque**

Via Elettricità, 8  
+39 346 606 2950



### **Orange**

Campo Santa Margherita 3054a, Venice  
+39 041 523 4740



### **El Refolo**

Calle Giazzo, 1580  
+39 041 000 0000





**Bar Tiziano**

5747 Salizada San Giovanni Grisostomo, Venezia, Veneto, IT, 30121

+39 041 523 55 44

## Venice - Shopping



### Venice - Shopping

Walking through the labyrinth of streets in Venice, you'll come across many interesting shops that are certainly worth a visit. From traditional markets selling local specialities like prosciutto and a variety of Italian cheeses to shops selling Venetian treasures like a gondolier's hats and colourful glass items made on the island of Murano.

If you're after high fashion shops, they're located at Via XXII Marzo and neighbouring streets. Via XXII Marzo stretches from St Mark's Square towards Academia, and it's one of the main streets for luxury shopping in Venice, where you'll find renowned brands like Prada, Valentino, Etro, Chanel, and Gucci. There's also a designer outlet located about 40km from Venice.



#### **Drogheria Màscari**

Sestiere San Polo, 381  
+39 041 522 9762



#### **Banco Lotto n.10**

Salizada San Antonin, 3478/A  
+39 041 522 1439



#### **Libreria Acqua Alta**

Calle Longa Santa Maria Formosa, 5176b  
+39 041 296 0841



#### **Elle Elle - NasonMoretti store**

Fondamenta Manin, 52  
+39 041 527 4866



#### **Giuliana Longo**

San Marco, 4813  
+39 041 522 6454



#### **Ottica Vascellari**

Rughetta del Ravano o Ruga Rialto, 1030-31-32  
+39 041 522 9388



#### **Marina e Susanna Sent**

Fondamenta Serenella, 20  
+39 041 527 4665



**Prosciutto e Parmigiano**

Calle del Mondo Novo, 5793A  
+39 338 312 0284



**Cipolato Sigfrido**

Calle de la Cortesia, 3717  
+39 041 522 8437



**Gilberto Penzo**

Calle Seconda dei Saoneri, 2681  
+39 041 524 6139



**Designer Outlet Noventa di Piave**

Via Marco Polo, 1  
+39 0421 5741

## Venice - Tourist Information



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#### Best Time to Visit



#### Venice Marco Polo International Airport (VCE)

L'Aeroporto di Venezia-Marco Polo, Viale Galileo Galilei  
+39 041 260 9260



#### Treviso Airport (TSF)

Aeroporto di Treviso – Antonio Canova, Treviso  
+39 0422 315111



#### Passport / Visa

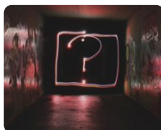


#### Public Transport



#### Taxi

+39 041 240 671 1



#### Frequently Asked Questions About Venice (FAQs)



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**Electricity**