

# Venice: A Romantic Journey Through the Floating City

Welcome to Venice, Italy's mesmerizing city of canals, where every corner tells a story of maritime glory and artistic excellence. This comprehensive 2-day guide will lead you through the city's magnificent architecture, rich history, and unique culture, perfect for first-time visitors.

#### **Historical Overview**

Venice, once a powerful maritime republic, has captivated visitors for centuries with its unique location across 118 small islands connected by elegant bridges. The city's rich history as a major trading power during the Middle Ages and Renaissance has left an indelible mark on its architecture, art, and culture.

#### **Iconic Landmarks**

- St. Mark's Basilica: A masterpiece of Byzantine architecture adorned with golden mosaics.
- Doge's Palace: The former residence of Venice's rulers, showcasing Gothic architecture.
- Rialto Bridge: The oldest bridge spanning the Grand Canal, featuring unique shops.
- Bridge of Sighs: A historic enclosed bridge with a romantic yet somber history.

#### **Cultural Treasures**

- Peggy Guggenheim Collection: Home to masterpieces of modern art.
- Teatro La Fenice: Venice's historic opera house, a temple of classical music.
- Gallerie dell'Accademia: Housing Venice's greatest art collection.
- Jewish Ghetto: The world's first ghetto, rich in history and culture.

#### **Charming Neighborhoods**

- Campo Santa Margherita: A lively square perfect for experiencing local life.
- Cannaregio: An authentic Venetian district away from tourist crowds.

- Dorsoduro: Home to important museums and charming cafes.
- San Marco: The heart of Venice, featuring its most famous landmarks.

#### Venetian Lifestyle

- Cuisine: Savor fresh seafood, cicchetti (Venetian tapas), and local wines.
- Café Culture: Experience historic cafés like Caffè Florian.
- Shopping: From Murano glass to Venetian masks and high-end fashion.

#### **Island Excursions**

- Murano: Famous for its glass-making tradition.
- Burano: Known for colorful houses and lace-making.
- Torcello: Home to ancient churches and peaceful scenery.

#### **Practical Travel Tips**

- Transportation: Use vaporetti (water buses) or walk; consider a transportation pass.
- Best Times to Visit: Spring (April-May) or Fall (September-October) for pleasant weather.
- Language: Basic Italian phrases are helpful; English is widely understood in tourist areas.
- Safety: Watch for high water during acqua alta; be aware of tourist scams.

#### 2-Day Itinerary Highlights

#### Day 1:

- St. Mark's Basilica
- Doge's Palace
- St. Mark's Square
- Caffè Florian

#### **Day 2:**

- Rialto Bridge
- Rialto Market

- Campo Santa Margherita
- Basilica di Santa Maria Gloriosa dei Frari

This guide presents a curated selection of over 25 locations, allowing you to customize your Venetian experience. Each stop offers a unique perspective on the city's rich history and cultural heritage.

Venice is more than just a city; it's a living museum where art, history, and romance intertwine. As you navigate the narrow calli (streets) and cross countless bridges, you'll discover why this floating city has captured imaginations for centuries.

Let Venice's timeless beauty and mysterious charm create unforgettable memories during your journey. Enjoy your adventure in La Serenissima!

# **Itinerary Preview**

2 days

Saint Mark's Basilica

**DAY** 

Doge's Palace

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Caffè Florian

Bridge of Sighs

DAY

Campo Santa Margherita

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Basilica S.Maria Gloriosa dei Frari

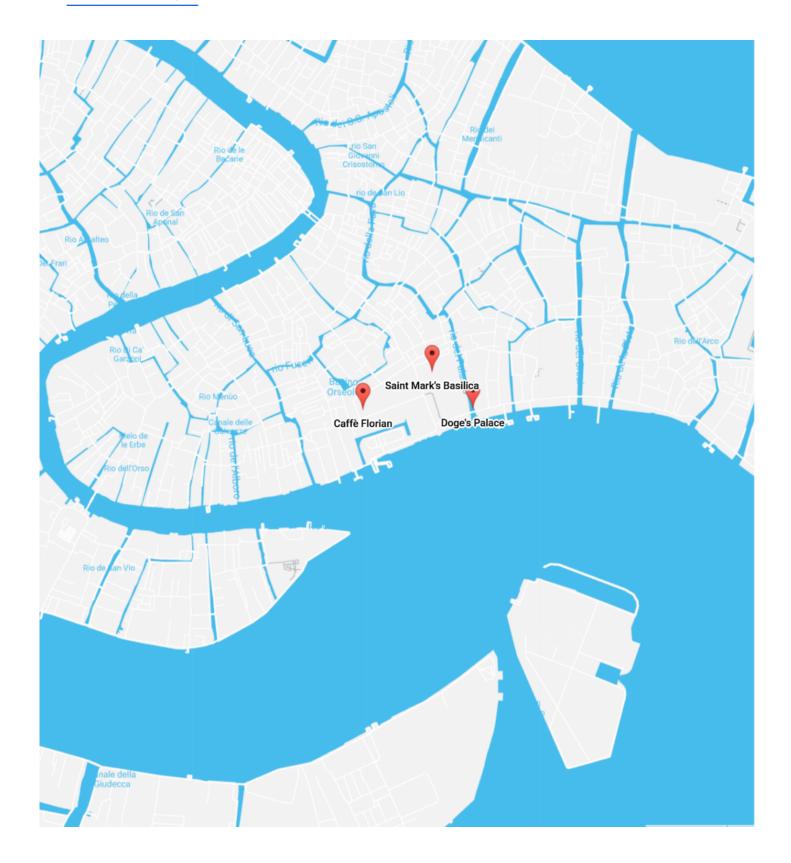
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# **Daily Events**

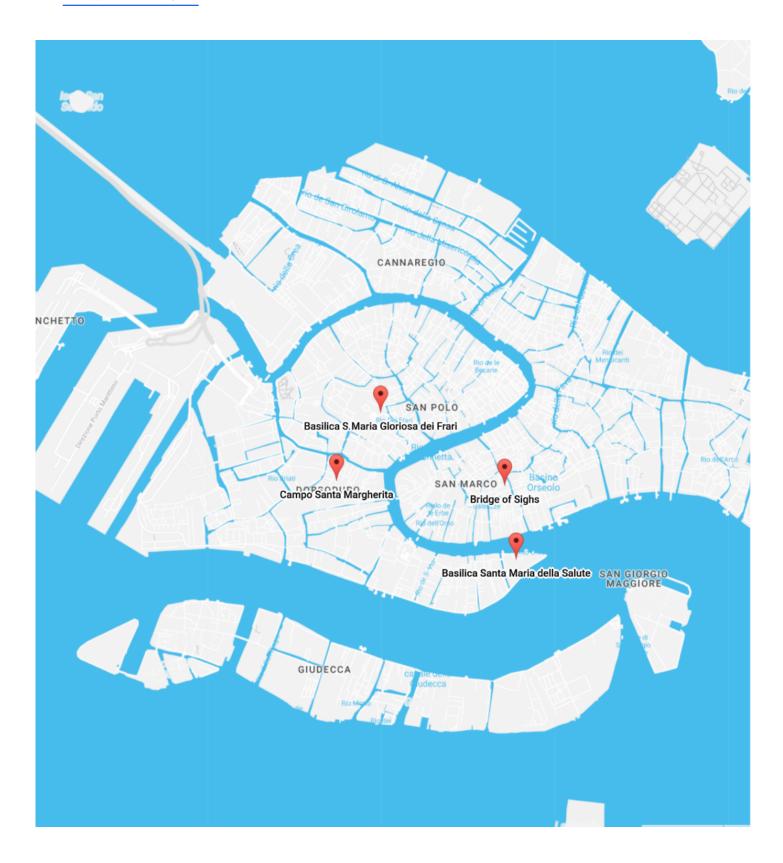
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	P.za San Marco, 328, 30124 Venezia VE, Italy
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12:00	Doge's Palace
	P.za San Marco, 1, 30124 Venezia VE, Italy
14:00	
15:00	Caffè Florian
	P.za San Marco, 57, 30124 Venezia VE, Italy
17:00	

# Map for Day 1



09:00 **Bridge of Sighs** 30124 Venice, Metropolitan City of Venice, Italy 11:00 11:45 Campo Santa Margherita Campo Santa Margherita, 30123 Venezia VE, Italy 13:45 Basilica S.Maria Gloriosa dei Frari 14:30 San Polo, 3072, 30125 Venezia VE, Italy 16:30 17:00 Basilica Santa Maria della Salute Dorsoduro, 1, 30123 Venezia VE, Italy 19:00

# Map for Day 2





# **Spots**



#### Basilica dei Santi Giovanni e Paolo

Campo S.S. Giovanni e Paolo, 6363, 30122 Venezia VE, Italy

#### **Summary:**

Vast, art-filled Gothic edifice, burial place of 25 doges, with a ceiling decorated by Veronese.

#### **Opening Hours:**

Monday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Thursday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Friday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Sunday: 12:00 - 6:00 PM

#### Phone:

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# Libreria Acqua Alta

C. Longa Santa Maria Formosa, 5176b, 30122 Venezia VE, Italy

#### **Summary:**

Cozy, offbeat bookstore featuring lots of vintage titles along with unique displays & resident cats.

#### **Opening Hours:**

Monday: 9:00 AM - 7:15 PM Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 7:15 PM Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 7:15 PM Thursday: 9:00 AM - 7:15 PM Friday: 9:00 AM - 7:15 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM - 7:15 PM Sunday: 9:00 AM - 7:15 PM

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# Campo San Barnaba

Campo San Barnaba, 30123 Venezia VE, Italy

### **Summary:**

Famed square featuring a classic Neoclassical-style church & often appearing in Hollywood films.



# Arsenale di Venezia

Campo de la Tana, 2169, 30122 Venezia VE, Italy

#### **Summary:**

Byzantine shipyard founded in 1104, today used for cultural events, exhibitions & trade fairs.

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# Riva degli Schiavoni

Riva degli Schiavoni, 30100 Venezia VE, Italy

### **Summary:**

This waterfront area features a lively promenade with market stalls selling treats & souvenirs.



# **Grand Canal**

Grand Canal, 30100 Venice, Metropolitan City of Venice, Italy



# San Giorgio Maggiore

San Giorgio Maggiore, 30133 Venice, Metropolitan City of Venice, Italy

### **Summary:**

Famous picturesque island known for a historic church & bell tower offering scenic views.



# **Teatro La Fenice**

Campo S. Fantin, 1965, 30124 Venezia VE, Italy

#### **Summary:**

Opera, ballet & concerts in a renowned 1,000-seat theater, rebuilt after a fire in 1800s style.

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# **T Fondaco Rooftop Terrace**

San Marco, 5541, 30124 Venezia VE, Italy

# **Opening Hours:**

Monday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Thursday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Friday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Saturday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Sunday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

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### Gallerie dell'Accademia

Calle della Carità, 1050, 30123 Venezia VE, Italy

#### **Summary:**

Museum of 13th- to 18th-century Venetian artwork, with paintings by Titian, Canaletto & Tiepolo.

#### **Opening Hours:**

Monday: 8:15 AM - 2:00 PM Tuesday: 8:15 AM - 7:15 PM Wednesday: 8:15 AM - 7:15 PM Thursday: 8:15 AM - 7:15 PM Friday: 8:15 AM - 7:15 PM Saturday: 8:15 AM - 7:15 PM Sunday: 8:15 AM - 7:15 PM

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# Ponte di Rialto

30125 Venice, Metropolitan City of Venice, Italy

#### **Summary:**

Ornate covered 16th-century stone footbridge crossing the Grand Canal, with shops & restaurants.



# **Doge's Palace**

P.za San Marco, 1, 30124 Venezia VE, Italy

#### **Summary:**

Ornate Gothic palace buildings hosting exhibitions with duke's rooms, prison & armoury tours.

### **Opening Hours:**

Monday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Thursday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Friday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Sunday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

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# **Bridge of Sighs**

30124 Venice, Metropolitan City of Venice, Italy

### **Summary:**

Arched bridge named for sighs of prisoners crossing it en route from the Palazzo Ducale to prison.

### **Opening Hours:**

Monday: 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Thursday: 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Friday: 9:00 AM - 11:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM - 11:00 PM Sunday: 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

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### **Zattere**

30133 Venice, Metropolitan City of Venice, Italy



# Campo Santa Margherita

Campo Santa Margherita, 30123 Venezia VE, Italy



# **Lace Museum**

P.za Baldassarre Galuppi, 187, 30142 Venezia VE, Italy

#### **Summary:**

Housed in an 1870s artisan school, this museum traces the history of lacemaking from the 1500s.

### **Opening Hours:**

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Thursday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Friday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Saturday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Sunday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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# **Glass Museum (Murano)**

Fondamenta Marco Giustinian, 8, 30141 Venezia VE, Italy

#### **Summary:**

Museum exploring the history & craft of Venetian glassmaking, from the 15th century to the present.

## **Opening Hours:**

Monday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Thursday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Sunday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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# Saint Mark's Basilica

P.za San Marco, 328, 30124 Venezia VE, Italy

#### **Summary:**

Iconic cathedral with a cavernous gilded interior, myriad mosaics & an on-site museum.

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### Piazza San Marco

P.za San Marco, 30124 Venezia VE, Italy

#### **Summary:**

Iconic square & gathering place dating back to the 12th century & dominated by St. Mark's Basilica.



# **Peggy Guggenheim Collection**

Dorsoduro, 701, 30123 Venezia VE, Italy

#### **Summary:**

18th-century waterside palace with a 20th-century art collection & an interior sculpture garden.

### **Opening Hours:**

Monday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Thursday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Friday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Saturday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Sunday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

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#### Ghetto Ebraico - Comunità Ebraica di Venezia

Campo del Ghetto Nuovo, C. del Magazzen, 2882, 30121 Venezia VE, Italy

#### **Summary:**

Historic Jewish neighborhood now home to 2 synagogues, kosher shops & the Jewish Museum of Venice.

#### **Opening Hours:**

Monday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Thursday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Friday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

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# Ponte dell'Accademia

Campo S. Vidal, 30124 Venezia VE, Italy

#### **Summary:**

Photography is popular at this wood-&-metal bridge over the Grand Canal adorned with padlocks.

#### **Opening Hours:**

Monday: Open 24 hours Tuesday: Open 24 hours Wednesday: Open 24 hours Thursday: Open 24 hours Friday: Open 24 hours Saturday: Open 24 hours Sunday: Open 24 hours



### **Basilica Santa Maria della Salute**

Dorsoduro, 1, 30123 Venezia VE, Italy

#### **Summary:**

Spectacular domed baroque church with unique octagonal design & sacristy housing 12 works by Titian.

## **Opening Hours:**

Monday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, 3:00 - 5:30 PM Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, 3:00 - 5:30 PM Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, 3:00 - 5:30 PM Thursday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, 3:00 - 5:30 PM Friday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, 3:00 - 5:30 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, 3:00 - 5:30 PM Sunday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, 3:00 - 5:30 PM



# Basilica S.Maria Gloriosa dei Frari

San Polo, 3072, 30125 Venezia VE, Italy

#### **Summary:**

Imposing Gothic-style church completed in 1330s, housing 2 works by Titian along with his tomb.

#### **Opening Hours:**

Monday: 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Thursday: 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Friday: 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Sunday: 1:00 - 6:00 PM

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### Caffè Florian

P.za San Marco, 57, 30124 Venezia VE, Italy

#### **Summary:**

Neo-Baroque splendor & modern art at an iconic 1700s cafe, turning out coffee, cocktails & snacks.

#### **Opening Hours:**

Monday: 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM Thursday: 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM Friday: 9:00 AM - 11:00 PM Saturday: 9:00 AM - 11:00 PM Sunday: 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

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# Palazzo Contarini del Bovolo

Scala Contarini del Bovolo, 4303, 30124 Venezia VE, Italy

#### **Summary:**

Restored 15th-century palace with a spiral staircase, a film location for Orson Welles' Othello.

#### **Opening Hours:**

Monday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Thursday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Friday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Saturday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Sunday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

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# **Torcello Cathedral**

Via isola, Campiello Lazzari, di, 30142 campello VE, Italy

### **Summary:**

Originally founded in the 7th century, this renovated Catholic basilica features several mosaics.

### **Opening Hours:**

Monday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Thursday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Friday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Sunday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

