

• *The Original Venice Walk*

An absolute must for the first-time visitor to Venice

Tour features: San Marco and its famous landmarks, Legends of Casanova & Marco Polo, the Pantheon of Venice, Paintings by the great Venetian masters, Sculptures, the House of Marco Polo, a Merchants warehouse and the Rialto bridge.

Visit San Mark's square and learn the history that lies behind the walls of its most famous landmarks; the basilica and its Byzantine heritage, the Doge's Palace and its adjoining prisons that retain the true secrets to comprehend how a city built on swamps became one of the most enlightened cities in the western world.

Then, leave the square to discover "the real Venice", enter a labyrinth of narrow passageways and alleys where an enchanting city of meandering canals punctuated by delicate bridges awaits you. And through the sights and historical narrations learn how illustrious Venetians, the likes of Casanova and Marco, and more common citizens made this city of stone a vibrant and magical place. And, of course, discover how Venice is today and how it is to live in the most beautiful city in the World, though not the most practical!

Operates: Daily Monday to Saturday at 11a.m. Duration 2 hrs.

Meeting Point: Entrance to Royal Gardens in San Marco (see map opposite)

• *Cannaregio & the Jewish Ghetto Walk*

Tour features: guided tour of Jewish Ghetto, masterpieces by Tintoretto, church of Madonna dell'Orto and beautiful views of the northern lagoon and the cemetery island.

Discover the lively and vibrant atmosphere of the most residential part of the city, where the few Venetians still left in town live. Visit the delightful church of Madonna dell'Orto, learn about its legend and the famous Tintoretto paintings.

Enjoy sweeping views of the Venetian lagoon while hearing morbid tales of San Michele, the cemetery island of Venice. And understand what a vital role the lagoon played in a city built from fear. In the second part of the tour visit the first *Jewish ghetto* in history, a city within a city, and learn how the Jewish community has lived here over the centuries.

Entrances to the Jewish museum and synagogues are not included, as they are strictly controlled by the Jewish community (can be visited after the tour)

Operates: Wednesdays and Fridays at 11.30 a.m. (Except July & August)

Meeting Point: Top centre of the Rialto bridge. Duration 2 hrs.

• *Discovering San Polo & Dorsoduro Walk*

Tour features: Masterpieces by Titian & Bellini, The Frari Church, works by Canova, Prison for tax evaders, and the old Artisan quarters of Venice.

A rich and stimulating itinerary – Venice at its best! One of our clients favorite tours, it's a walk of wonder and discovery of the real Venice. Visit the important Frari church that houses masterpieces by Bellini, Titian and Canova.

Navigate the labyrinth of streets and dark passageways in the old artisan quarters of Venice, enlightened by stories of the merchants and their acts of cruelty. During this walk you'll see some of the oldest houses in Venice, quaint picturesque bridges and palazzi, an old prison for tax evaders, and learn about how life used to be and how life is today in Venice as we visit parts of the city only frequented by venetians.

Operates: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 11.30 a.m. (Except July & August)

Meeting Point: Top centre of the Rialto bridge. Duration 2hrs.

• *Ghost and Legends Walk**

Venice by night is a place of romance and mystery. The streets dimly-lit and deserted are a place where long shadows loom and footsteps echo in the distance. The ghosts of the past and present day will keep you company as your guide will tell their stories. ***We require a minimum of six people to operate this tour.**

Operates: Wednesdays & Saturdays at 8.30 p.m.

Meeting Point: Top centre of the Rialto bridge. Duration 90 minutes.

*Grand Canal Boat Tour**

Maximum 8 passengers a tour / Luxurious motor-launch

Admire the play of light on the water as we glide along the Grand Canal, the main street of Venice! See the beautiful and imposing palaces and churches that line its banks and learn how it has developed over the centuries in to the "most beautiful street in the world".

In the second part of the tour, discover the more romantic and intimate minor canals to savor the true essence of Venice while enjoying a glass of the sparkling and refreshing Prosecco wine.

The tour lasts 1 hour and ten minutes and includes a glass of Prosecco wine.

Tour Costs 40 Euro per person reservation required

Meeting Point: Entrance to Royal Gardens, San Marco. (See map below)

Operates - daily (except Sundays) at 4.30 p.m.

*** We require a minimum of 5 passengers to operate this tour**



PRICES

Walking Tours:

Adults	20 Euro p.p.
Students	15 Euro p.p.
Children (6 – 12)	11 Euro p.p.
Under 6 yrs	Free

Cannaregio and San Polo Tours: + 2 Euro p.p.
(entrance fees to the churches visited)

*Wine Tasting Evenings in Venice**

with a professional sommelier

Would you like to learn more about the wines from this region, like the famous Amarone and Soave wines, with a professional sommelier? Then this is the tour for you.

In a charming enoteca (wine bar), whose walls are covered with fine bottles, learn with the help of our sommelier, Tamara, how to appreciate the wine before actually drinking it by using your senses: sight, smell and taste. Alongside the wine, a little prosciutto crudo and cheeses will help enhance your wine-tasting experience.



Tour Costs 42 Euro per person reservation required

Operates: Wednesday & Saturdays, May / June / September / October

Meeting Point: 5.30 p.m. on top centre of Rialto Bridge

***We require a minimum of 6 people to operate the tour**

RESERVATIONS

- **Call Monica or Jonathan**
041 – 5208616 / 2778432 (9.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.)
other times – 340 050 2444 (mobile)
- Contact your hotel Concierge
- Visit a local travel agent

INFORMATION

Walking Tours

All walking tours last two hours and operate rain or shine. We recommend you make reservations. We suggest that you arrive at least 10 minutes prior to the starting time of your walk. A person from Avventure Bellissime will be holding a sign with the name of tour you have booked written on it. **Knees and shoulders should be covered to enter churches.**

Payment is made at the beginning of the tour.

Grand Canal Tour / Wine Tasting

We require a credit card guarantee to book these tours (Mastercard or Visa). For cancellations within 24 hours of the scheduled tour or no-shows there is no refund.

Full-Day Tours from Venice

Departure Information

The Palladio, Dolomites and Hill Towns of Veneto Tours depart at 9.10 a.m. from Tronchetto Vaporetto station in Venice. Vaporetto #82 (water-bus) will take you to Tronchetto, where we will meet you at the Vaporetto station.

We require a credit card guarantee to book these tours (Mastercard or Visa). For cancellations within 72 hours of the scheduled tour or no-shows there is no refund.

On these tours we require a minimum of four participants

Vaporetto # 82 Schedule

Hotels in Dorsoduro		Hotels in S.Marco / Rialto / Santa Croce / Cannaregio	
Zattere	08.53 a.m.	Rialto	8.42 a.m.
		Ferrovia	8.52 a.m.
		Pz.le Roma	8.56 a.m.
Tronchetto	9.07 a.m.	Tronchetto	9.06 a.m.

Company Responsibility

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Full-Day Tours from Venice

- All Tours guided by your local expert Jonathan
- **Maximum 8 passengers / All tours in English Only!**
- Depart Venice at 9.10 a.m. / return at 6.15 p.m.

Palladio Tour

Wednesday

(except from 13/07 - 04/08)

Includes:

- Walking Tour of Vicenza
- Visit the Villa Rotonda
- Visit the Villa Godi
- Visit the Teatro Olimpico
- Riviera Brenta



This tour is a must for all lovers of Renaissance art and architecture. Enjoy an in-depth look at the life and works of Andrea Palladio. During a fascinating **walking tour of Vicenza** we'll visit the **Teatro Olimpico**, and see many of the private palaces and public buildings he designed, including the **Palladian Basilica**.

The highlight of the day is a visit to Palladio's **Villa Rotonda** (interior only open on Wednesdays). As we travel along scenic back-roads, we'll also see some of Palladio's lesser known villas, before visiting Palladio's first villa, the **Villa Godi**.

Our day finishes with a drive along the **Riviera Brenta** to see some of the famous villas that line this waterway, including the **Villa Foscari** at Malcontenta.

115 Euro per person. Includes entrance fees and transportation in an air-conditioned Mercedes mini-van.

Lunch: Time for lunch will be given in Vicenza

Palladio Villa Tour

Saturday

(except from 13/07 - 04/08)

Includes:

- Villa Malcontenta
- Villa Emo
- Villa Barbaro
- Visit enchanting Asolo



This tour not only features three of Palladio's finest villas, it also offers you the chance to discover a very beautiful part of Italy. We visit the **Villa Emo**, surrounded by elegant gardens, its simple form echoes the principles of Palladian architecture.

As we tour the **Villa Malcontenta**, you'll soon realize why many people regard this villa as the most beautiful house in the world. The **Villa Barbaro** is the most lavishly decorated of the three villas we visit, with frescoes by Veronese. Along with the delightful Tempietto also designed by Palladio, the Villa Barbaro is one of the most important villas in the Veneto.

Providing an interlude between villas, we visit the enchanting hilltop village of Asolo and take a leisurely lunch at a delightful local trattoria to enjoy regional cuisine and local wines.

115 Euro per person. Includes all applicable entrance fees.
Travel in an air-conditioned Mercedes mini-van

Hill Towns of Veneto

Tuesday & Sunday

(except from 13/07 to 04/08)

Includes:

- Palladian Villa Barbaro
- Wine tastings
- Medieval castle
- Enchanting Asolo & Bassano del Grappa
- Scenic back-roads and local markets



Our clients favourite tour, because it provides the perfect overview of the region of Veneto. Wander through enchanting towns and villages, visit the **Palladio Villa Barbaro**, savour delicious regional cuisine and finish the day visiting a local vineyard.

We visit medieval **Marostica** famous for the living game of chess, the picturesque hill towns of **Bassano del Grappa** and **Asolo**, "the pearl of Veneto", with its delightful gardens, villas and spectacular views. The beautiful hill country of Veneto, framed by the Dolomites, is a place whose peace, tranquillity, and natural beauty will provide you with memories that will last a lifetime.

"Easily the highlight of my trip to Venice" Mary Mcfadyen, CANADA

104 Euro per person. Includes entrance fees & wine tasting

Travel in an air-conditioned Mercedes mini-van.

(Optional two-course lunch with wines and dessert 15 Euro p.p.)

Dolomites Tour

Thursday

(except from 13/07 to 04/08)

Includes:

- Cortina
- Breath-taking vistas
- Optional Easy walk
- Lively mountain villages



The perfect compliment to the man-made beauty of Venice, the Dolomites offer **soaring peaks covered in snow**, deep verdant valleys of pine and larch, **emerald green lakes** and **enchanting mountain villages**.

Driving along scenic back-roads, with only a few twists and turns, spend most of the day off the vehicle as we make regular photo-stops at spectacular viewpoints that will guarantee you an intimate experience of the Dolomites.

At an altitude of 7.500 ft with a 360° view, gaze out across a myriad of peaks and mountain ranges as far as the eye can see. Enjoy a packed lunch of local delicacies at this idyllic location. After lunch, enjoy an easy-walk to further appreciate the beauty of these mountains and visit the world-famous resort of Cortina d'Ampezzo.

"A lovely day out with a relaxed approach and well thought out itinerary" Stuart Carter, ENGLAND

113 Euro per person. Includes entrance fees & packed lunch
Travel in an air-conditioned Mercedes mini-van.

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