



### **Venice Highlights San Marco, the Basilica & Doge's Palace**

The monuments of Piazza San Marco: Doges Palace and Basilica

We will visit the political and religious center of the Serenissima Republic of Venice, St. Mark's Square and its monuments. Firstly the Doge's Palace, the seat of government of the Republic and the Doge's private residence. Visit the Palace includes the halls of government and justice, the private apartments of the Doge, prisons and very famous Bridge of Sighs.

We will continue with the Basilica, where lies the body of St. Mark the Evangelist. We admire the wonderful golden mosaics depicting stories from the Old and New Testaments, the famous gold altarpiece decorated with enamels and precious stones, one of the masterpieces of Byzantine goldsmiths world's most important, and climb to the loggia or terrace horses, where we will have a magnificent view of St. Mark's Square and its monuments.

**Duration :** 2 hours.

Spending extra: tickets to enter the Palace of the Doges, privileged access to the Basilica avoiding queues (April to October), Pala d'oro (optional), store horses (optional).

Price: 170,00 € from 1 to 10pax

services included : english speaking guide

### **the Itinerary of Secrets at the Doge's Palace**

In Doge's Palace are many places that are not accessible for the general public, we provide the exception and take you to the most secret and mysterious corners of this magnificent building.

See the rooms in which many were sentences for various criminals and see where the punishment used take a place either in the torture rooms or the recondite cells, also known as Piombi. It is also a place where also the most famous romantic adventurer Giacomo Casanova once was captured and kept until his crafty escape.

**Duration:** 2 hours

**Meeting point:** San Marco Square

Spending extra: tickets to enter the Palace of the Doges

Price: 170,00 € from 1 to 4 pax

services included : english speaking guide

### **Private Doge's Palace tour & breakfast at Café Florian**

This is an exclusive opportunity to have a private preview of the Doge's Palace that is one of the most important touristic sights in Venice, attracting a great number of people daily from all over the world. This is a chance to observe the palace without rushing crowds and enjoy the grandeur and solemnity of the place.

The Doge's Palace primarily served as a private residence for the doge, and as a place where the most important political decisions were made and carried out. Up until now the palace retained the importance and symbolical meaning for the city and the people living here.

During this tour you will visit the Doge's Palace and see the halls of the body of government, private rooms, the famous Bridge of Sighs, and other secret and mysterious corners of this magnificent building that are not accessible for the general public. You will also have an access to prison where many sentenced people were executing their punishments. An interesting detail to add is that these are the very same cells where the most famous romantic adventurer Giacomo Casanova once was captured and kept until his crafty escape.

To truly enjoy the morning, after walking around the Doge's Palace, Top Venice guide will invite you for a breakfast in one of the oldest cafés in Venice, Café Florian that is facing the San Marco's Square and Basilica. Café Florian not only is a great place to enjoy delicious foods and beverages, but also since its establishment retained something special about that would inspire important high-class and intellectual milieu to create or make important decisions. Both for locals and visitors it has become a top spot where to have a coffee break and admire the beauty of the nearby city's sights.

**Duration:** 1 hour 30 min, followed by the breakfast at Café Florian

**Price:** €1150 from 1 up to 10 pax

#### **Tour Price Includes:**

- 2 hours English-speaking tour guide
- Private tour around Doge's Palace
- Breakfast menu at Café Florian

**Meeting point:** 7am San Marco's Square

As alternative the tour can be arranged even at 7.30pm with a bellini cocktail at harry's bar at the end of the tour



### **Venice Art & History fullday tour 1 € 640 + entrance fees**

#### **Doge's Palace – Santi Giovanni e Paolo- Chiesa dei Miracoli – ca'd'Oro**

##### **The Doge's Palace**

The palace is an amazing example of Venetian Gothic architecture. It was the home of the Doge and law making institutions and a symbol of the wealth and power wielded by the Serenissima, the Venetian Republic. Inside are the Great Council rooms, the Senate, the constituency all decorated with paintings by Tintoretto, Titian and Veronese. There are also the private rooms of the Doge, the famous Council of Ten rooms, the Armoury and the Prisons.

**Basilica of Saints Giovanni and Paolo (San Zanipolo):** The Basilica is a wonderful example of Gothic-Venetian style. It was built by the Dominican order between 1246 and 1430. The church held an important position in the Serenissima's (Venetian Republic's) history being a burial place for Doges since the 1400s making it Venice's own Pantheon.

Worthy of note architecturally are the polygonal apses and the right hand side of the church which faces the square. The interior is similar in its towering Gothic style to the Frari church.

It is the home of numerous works of art such as the polyptych of S. Vincenzo Ferreri by the young Giovanni Bellini (1465 circa) and St Dominic's Glory by G.B. Piazzetta (1727) and paintings by Paolo Veronese e Lotto.

**Church of Santa Maria dei Miracoli:** The church can be found in a tiny square called the Miracoli. Its exterior and interior is decorated with many coloured marble. Its 'bijoux' like size and the preciousness of its decoration make it a wonderful example of Venetian Renaissance architecture. It is the work of Pietro Lombardo and his workshop between 1481 and 1489.

The church was commissioned by Angelo Amadi to house an image of the Virgin with Child and Saints by Nicolò di Pietro (14th–15th century). The painting was said to be miraculous and can now be seen on the altar.

**Giorgio Franchetti Gallery at Ca' d'Oro :** Located in the Cà d'Oro, the most beautiful Gothic palace on the Grand Canal, the Giorgio Franchetti Gallery displays sculptures, bronzes, ceramics, furniture and paintings from the Tuscan, Flemish and Venetian schools. Many works are Mantegna's, Giorgione's, and Tiziano's and come from the Fondaco dei Tedeschi.

### **Venice Art & History fullday tour 2 € 640 + entrance fees**

#### **Accademia – Frari – Scuola Grande di San Rocco**

**ACCADEMIA GALLERIES :** The monumental complex of the Accademia Galleries is set in the famous Scuola Grande di Santa Maria della Carità, one of the most ancient lay confraternities in the city. The others church of St Mary and the monastery of the Lateran Canons, built by Andrea Palladio. The exhibition of paintings is set within the Accademia Galleries and constitutes the most important collection of Venetian paintings from the IV Byzantine and Gothic centuries to Renaissance artists and 1700s landscape painters.

You will be admiring works of art by such Masters as Paolo Veneziano and Renaissance painters - Bellini, Carpaccio, Giorgione, Tiziano, Tintoretto, Veronese – till the 1700s with Tiepolo, Canaletto, Piazzetta, Guardi, Rosalba Carriera and Pietro Longhi.

**BASILICA OF SANTA MARIA GLORIOSA DEI FRARI:** After the Basilica of St. Mark's, the Basilica of Santa Maria Gloriosa dei Frari is the most remarkable ecclesiastical complex in Venice, as well as being one of the most important Franciscan foundations in Italy.

Over the centuries the Basilica has become a veritable treasure-chest of exceptional works of art. Any discussion on the art within the church has, of course, to start with what is perhaps the most famous masterpiece of Titian's early maturity: "The Assumption" (1516-1518). What not to be forgotten is also Titian's famous "Virgin Mary from Cà Pesaro" (1526).

In the sacristy the "Triptych with Virgin Mary and Saints" by Giovanni Bellini (1488) of the Pesaro chapel, considered one of the various masterpieces of the Venetian paintings from the '400's, is ideally accompanied by the "Triptych of Saint Mark's" (1474) by Bartolomeo Vivarini which now hangs in the elegant Corner chapel.

**SCUOLA GRANDE DI SAN ROCCO :** was dedicated to the protector of plague victims. It is a beautiful Renaissance building whose interior is rich with works of art by Tintoretto, Giorgione, Tiziano, Giambattista Tiepolo and wooden sculptures by Francesco Pianta.



### **Grande Canal boat tour option1 (up to 6pax)**

Embark on a private boat that will take us to tour the Grand Canal in Venice, defined as "the most beautiful avenue in the world," talk of its monuments, churches and palaces, but also the people who inhabited it, nobles, artists, courtesans, homes haunted, anecdotes, legends, trivia and either says-that-says. We will return to the Square through some smaller channels across the most popular and lively neighborhoods of the city.

**Duration:** 1 hour

**Price:** 220 € from 1 to 6pax

#### **Services Included:**

- English speaking tour escort
- Private water taxi along the Grand Canal and around Venice

### **Grande Canal boat tour & Murano option 2 (up to 6pax)**

The best way to know and experience Venice is certainly by getting on a private boat and travelling around the Grand Canal that is reasonably defined as "the most beautiful avenue in the world."

Our crew we lead you through the most beautiful parts of the city and recall of the legends, history; point out the monuments, architectural masterpieces, art and introduce to the lives of those who created or enjoyed it – artists, noblemen, courtesans and other inhabitants of the lagoon.

To get a better insight of the Venetian culture you will be invited to visit Murano island that ever since all around the world is known for its glass production – worth-seeing mastery of blowing and shaping the glass that has a long history as the city itself.

Finally, through some smaller and secret channel pathways, while observing the most popular and lively neighbourhoods, you will reach the pinnacle of the tour - San Marco's Square.

**Duration:** 2 hours

**Price:** 290 € from 1 to 6pax

#### **Services Included:**

- English speaking tour escort
- Private water taxi along the Grand Canal and around Venice to Murano
- Shuttle boat from Murano to San Marco's Square

### **Grande Canal boat tour, Murano & Burano option 3 (up to 6pax)**

The best way to know and experience Venice is certainly by getting on a private boat and travelling around the Grand Canal that is reasonably defined as "the most beautiful avenue in the world."

Our crew we lead you through the most beautiful parts of the city and recall of the legends, history; point out the monuments, architectural masterpieces, art and introduce to the lives of those who created or enjoyed it – artists, noblemen, courtesans and other inhabitants of the lagoon.

To get a better insight of the Venetian culture you will be invited to visit Murano island that ever since all around the world is known for its glass production – worth-seeing mastery of blowing and shaping the glass that has a long history as the city itself.

The next stop will be the adjacent island of Burano that is visible from afar because of its buildings painted in bright and vivid colours. Here you will have a time to wonder around, meet some locals, enjoy a cup of coffee and make some memorable pictures.

Finally, through some smaller and secret channel pathways, while observing the most popular and lively neighbourhoods, you will reach the pinnacle of the tour - San Marco's Square.

**Duration:** 4 hours

**Price:** 460 € from 1 to 6pax

#### **Services Included:**

- English-speaking tour escort
- Private water taxi around Venice and to Murano
- Shuttle boat from Murano to Burano
- Private water taxi from Burano to San Marco's Square



### **Private Tour Murano, Burano & Torcello**

Venice is surrounded by many different islands, among these are Murano, Burano and Torcello, which are also one of the most visited spots in the entire lagoon. To really get an insight into the life pace that differs in each of them and to enjoy the highest quality time, Top Venice offers you a perfect option: private boat ride and visit to these adjacent islands. To better understand the Venetian culture, you will be invited to visit Murano island that ever since all around the world is known for its glass production – worth-seeing mastery of blowing and shaping the glass, that has a long history as the city itself. Apart from this, almost on every corner of Murano, you will have an opportunity to see the locals working on other traditional crafts. If you fancy getting something for yourself, or bringing back home some souvenirs, this will be the greatest chance to do it on the spot. The next stop will be the island of Burano, visible from afar because of its buildings painted in bright and vivid colours. Here you will have a time to wander around, meet some locals, enjoy a cup of coffee and make some memorable pictures. Finally, Torcello, very often perceived as the cradle of Venice, which once had the biggest population of 200.000 inhabitants, now hosts only a few locals left. The nature and the oldest buildings remaining here, however, are always attracting many curious to see the evolution of Venice that is preserved in its architecture and the stories about it. Top Venice guide will show you around the island and introduce you to the oldest and most interesting parts of it.

**Duration:** 4 hours

**Price:** € 780 from 1 to 6 pax

**Tour Price Includes:**

- English-speaking tour guide at disposal 4hrs
- Private standard boat at disposal 4hrs

**Meeting point:** Hotel

**Private LimoBoat Tour Murano, Burano & Torcello Price:** € 900 from 1 to 6 pax

### **Gondola & Happyhour**

You cannot visit Venice without tasting a "spritz con aperol" (the local aperitivo with Prosecco wine, Aperol and sparkling water) and "cicchetti" (small portions of tasty food served hot or cold, similar to Spanish tapas) in a typical Venetian bacaro! Here you can have an unusual meal choosing among fish, meat and vegetable dishes and drink some "ombra" (a small glass of red or white local wine). The most popular cicchetti are crostini toasts with codfish, fried mozzarellas, polenta with fried shrimps, "sarde in saor" (marinate sardines with onion), boil octopus, meat fried balls, grilled vegetables and fried squids. Take our enchanting gondola tour and glide through centuries of history, allowing yourself to be captivated by the glamour and elegance of the Venetian Palazzi. The perfect way to appreciate the beauty, charm and colour of this unique city built on water, you will be enthralled by what surrounds you.

**Duration:** 2 hours

**Price:** 290 € (2pax) , every extra pax € 40 (max 6 pax)

**Services Included:** english speaking tour escort, private 30 min gondola ride , 2 stops at local bacaro with tastings

### **Gondola & Photo Shoot tour** ([www.venicephotographytour.com](http://www.venicephotographytour.com))

Enjoy a Private Gondola Ride Together with a Personal Photographer to Capture & Preserve Your Special Moments!

Many tourists come to Venice and there is always the question of what gift to bring home from this beautiful city. Come on a unique sightseeing tour with a personal photographer who will take pictures on your private gondola ride. Sail on a romantic passage through the cities majestic waterways and let your photographer capture the special moments. The pictures will be put in a beautiful digital photo book for you to keep as a unique souvenir of your time in Venice that you can show to your friends and family back home. Stop relying on selfies and get ready for professional pictures capturing the moment forever. Your private tour includes tour escort, 30 minute private gondola ride, photographer services, photo book (sent through dropbox).

**Duration:** 2 hours

**Price:** 300 € (2pax)

**Services Included:** english speaking tour escort, private 30 min gondola ride , professional photographer

### **Gondola & Champagne** ([www.venicephotographytour.com](http://www.venicephotographytour.com))

Enjoy a Private Gondola Ride drinking a glass of Champagne and tasting some snacks!

Come on a unique sightseeing tour with an assistant who will take you to your private gondola.

Sail on a romantic passage through the cities majestic waterways drinking champagne and enjoying the beauty and the peace of the city

**Duration:** 1 hour

**Price:** 340 € 2pax

**Services Included:** english speaking tour escort, private 30 min gondola ride , champagne & tastings



### **Gondola Tour and Aperitif**

Venice has become inseparable with the image of a Gondola with a gondolier, rowing down the Grand Canal, with his striped shirts and a hat on. This romantic image is not far away from the reality. Top Venice will provide you with the possibility to travel around, discover some hidden water channels and see Venice from a different perspective.

The adventure will start from Rialto or San Marco's Square. Accompanied by our local tour leader, you will have a chance not only to wander around, but also to hear about the history, architecture, art and most interestingly, the life on the island. The route will directly lead you to another important city-site that is Accademia bridge, that is an amazing place from where you can admire wonderful views, but also is a home for the actual academy, which now serves as a gallery.

From this point on, you will be travelling by a gondola that will take to a luxurious palace and a final destination for an aperitif. The best combination of the wonderful views from the terrace of the palace and the most delicious finger-foods and beverages will make your journey complete and your experiences elevated.

**Duration:** 2 hours

**Price:** €300

**Services included:**

- English-speaking tour escort
- Gondola
- Aperitif

Meeting point: Top of Rialto bridge or San Marco's Square

### **Exclusive Experience 1 : Gondola Ride and Photo shooting, Private Aperitif and Gala Dinner at Aman Palace**

The gondola ride is a thing that you can only enjoy in Venice. It is an alternative way of getting around this unique city, and seeing its smaller and bigger canals, passages, bridges, and palaces. Our photographer will be following your trip to capture all of the most beautiful and memorable moments during your journey. By Gondola you will arrive at the hearth of the city and the Grand Canal, the location of 16<sup>th</sup>-century palace Aman. Specially for you, Top Venice will organize a private aperitif on the flower-decorated rooftop, from where opens up breathtaking panoramic views of the city. That will be a perfect time to relax, enjoy a glass of champagne and the company of your partner, family, or friends. The aperitif will be followed by a romantic dinner, prepared by the greatest local chefs, in the luxurious Tiepolo Hall. Tiepolo Hall is named after one of the greatest Baroque artists who happened to be the one to decorate the ceiling of the saloon with the most impressive frescoes. This majestic atmosphere, with a view of the Grand Canal, music and candlelight, will become a setting for your unforgettable time in Venice.

**Duration:** 4 hours

**Price:** € 1140 2pax

**Tour Price Includes:**

- 1-hour Gondola Ride
- Photographer
- Aperitif and Gala Dinner at Alaman
- Private Taxi back to Hotel

**Meeting point:** Hotel

### **Exclusive Experience 2 : A night at Palace**

This palace is historically one of the most important buildings in Venice, where the most noble Venetians once were attending fancy balls, and enjoying the life of luxury in their suits, covered with lustrous materials, impressive paintings and frescoes.

Nowadays it became aboutique hotel and an attraction for those, who want to experience a moment of the Venetian nobility life. This is a unique chance to spend the most romantic and exciting time while enjoying the views, a glass of wine and special dinner only for you and your partner or friends.

You will be met at the hotel at 19:30h and taken to a secret location from where your evening will start.

**Duration:** 3 hours.

**Price:** € 480 2pax

**Tour Price Includes:**

- Private transfer by water taxi from hotel with assistant
- Cocktail and a private dinner in a Venetian Palace
- Way back taxi to hotel

**Meeting point:** Hotel



### **Exclusive Experience 3 : The Mahogany boat Full day Experience**

TopVenice organized a tour is especially for those who are longing for new experiences and willing to explore while enjoying the time in the lagoon with friends or partner, it is exclusive opportunity to travel around the most gorgeous parts of Venice by the Riva boat. TopVenice captain will navigate through the canals and take you to open waters, islands that are away from the touristic tread routes; being Venetian himself, he will provide you with the most interesting information and will guarantee the journey to the places that only locals are familiar with. We are offering a possibility to choose one from the three different options and if you have any other preferences TopVenice is ready to modify the itinerary accordingly.

#### **Option 1: Southern Lagoon**

It is a full-day tour around the southern part of Venetian Lagoon. In the morning, around 9 am the tour will proceed towards the main sight in Venice that is San Marco's Square, from there you will go directly to Lido, the second most popular island around. Lido is a marvellous spot to visit in order to find out more about the history of the lagoon and to see the places where many locals are coming to holiday themselves. The tour, therefore, will include a visit to Malamocco, the cradle of the island; later stopping by the Alberoni beach that is one of the greatest spots for a swim or a leisurely walk.

On the occasion of your visit to the lagoon, we will organize you a lunch at Da Nane restaurant in Pallestrina, known for fantastic seafood dishes. After delicious meals the next point of disembarkation will be Chioggia that is an adjacent coastal town.

Finally, to end the day in the most memorable way, the captain of the Riva boat will take you to the Island of Roses to rejoice with sunset and aperitif on the terrace of JW Marriott. On your request we will also book you a table for a dinner in one of the restaurants back in Venice.

**Meeting point:** hotel

**Itinerary:** Lido - Malamocco - Alberoni - Pellestrina - Chioggia

#### **Option 2: Northern Lagoon**

The northern part of the lagoon includes such islands as Murano, Burano and Torcello. Murano is known worldwide for the production of glass – worth-seeing mastery of blowing and shaping the glass that has a long history as the island itself. Here you will have some time to look around before voyaging to Burano, a small nearby island that is attracting many travellers from all around the world because of its colorful buildings: each and one of them painted in a different color, as a territorial mark of one or other family and as a sign for fishermen coming back from the sea. Moreover, we will invite you for a delicious lunch at Al Gatto Nero that is known for the freshest seafood and homemade pasta.

Torcello is a must-to-visit place since it is the birthplace of Venice; nowadays the oldest church in the entire lagoon is still standing there with the frescoes, sculptures, gardens and the stories waiting to be discovered.

The sun descending into the horizon and aperitif in one of the most beautiful villas on the coast will be the final touch of the trip and an indelible memory of your stay in Venice; our captain will take you to the final destination, Lido.

**Meeting point:** hotel

**Itinerary:** Murano - Burano - Torcello – Lido

#### **Option 3: Special Itinerary**

Since it is a unique opportunity that TopVenice organized for its travellers to voyage around Venice with a beautiful boat Riva guided by the local captain, it is worth seeing the option 3 that includes places out of touristic circuit. The tour consists of Burano, Torcello and Punta Sabbioni.

Firstly, you will have some time for a boat ride and later a leisurely walk around Burano, where colourful houses reflect the jolly spirit of the town. After the visit to Burano it will already be a right time for the lunch. Antica Dogana restaurant finds its place right in the middle of the lagoon, it is worth going to this marvellous spot on earth not only for the views but also for food; if you are interested in the local cuisine and tasting of the freshest seafood or other Italian specialties, this is definitely one of the best places for it. Before concluding the day you will have some time to wonder around Treporti, more precisely, Punta Sabbioni, which, if not the stupendous Riva boat, would be hardly reachable. From there you will follow sunset and cross the lagoon once again to arrive at Lido-based Villa Laguna that stands right on the coast. To end a perfect day in a perfect way; a glass of wine, sunset and the company of your friends or partner.

**Meeting point:** hotel

**Itinerary:** Burano - Torcello – Treporti, Punta Sabbioni

**Price:** 1850€ from 1 to 6pax

#### **Tour Price Includes:**

- Private luxury mahogany limo boat 8hrs
- Local guide 8hrs on board
- Water & 1 bottle of champagne



#### **Exclusive Experience 4 : The Pic Nic**

Have you ever thought of having a picnic in an outlying place in Venice, where the experience of the natural flora and fauna is complimented by delicious food and wine? TopVenice, a prominent travel agency in Veneto, offers you a luxury tour *Picnic Experience* that is a combination of all what Italy is known for and is being highly appreciated by many.

*Picnic Experience* is a customized tour. You can choose to have a picnic as a lunch or a dinner, and the menu can be based on your choice of having meat, fish or a vegetarian meal. The dishes and luxury set of local wines always reflect the season of the year and can guarantee you the best quality.

Some of these secret spots for your picnic could be on the islands of Sant'Erasmus, Torcello, or selected from one of the other places mentioned in the itinerary list provided below the description. Your time in Venice can become a romantic rendezvous for a couple or a playful day with the family. TopVenice will happily discuss your preferences and provide with the further assistance.

Sant'Erasmus, probably the least affected by tourism, is a place where all kinds of fruits and vegetables are grown and then delivered all around Venice. Fields of various greens and gardens with flowers and fruit trees, and fishermen pulling the fish nets will excite anyone and not leave doubting about the prime quality of the picnic. The biggest and one of the greenest islands in the lagoon, Sant'Erasmus is a sanctuary for culinary and a perfect setting for a lunch or dinner.

Torcello – very often perceived as the cradle of Venice – once had the biggest population of 200.000 inhabitants. Now it is a home for a very few of them. Yet the inspiring nature and impressive buildings, recalling the history of Venice, are always attracting many travellers. TopVenice will take you around the island, introduce you to the oldest and most interesting parts of it that can also become a place for your indelible picnic experience.

#### **Itinerary:**

##### **Option 1:** *Picnic with private 2 ways transfer from & to hotel*

Duration: 4 hours  
2pax € 980  
including  
tour escort  
food & beverage  
2 ways private boat

##### **Option 2:** *Boat tour along The Grand Canal, Murano - picnic – return to Venice*

Duration: 5 hours  
2pax € 1200  
including  
tour escort  
food & beverage  
private boat grand canal – murano (2hrs disposal) –pic nic and way back

##### **Option 3:** *Murano, Burano, picnic and return to Venice*

Duration: 6 hours  
2pax € 1600  
including  
tour escort  
food & beverage  
private boat 6hrs disposal

#### **Tour Includes:**

- English-speaking tour escort
- Transport
- Luxury wine set and a menu

**Meeting point:** Hotel



### **Exclusive Experience 5 : Grand Canal and romantic dinner in a rooftop terrace (2pax)**

The best way to know and experience Venice is certainly by getting on a private boat and travelling around the Grand Canal that is reasonably defined as "the most beautiful avenue in the world." A glass of champagne, a company of your partner or friend, and you are getting the best experience of this unique city on water.

Our crew will lead you through the most beautiful parts of Venice and remind of the legends, history, point out the monuments, architectural masterpieces and art. If you are a curious traveller, you will be introduced to the lives of those who created or enjoyed all of it – artists, noblemen, courtesans and other inhabitants of the lagoon.

Finally, through the channel pathways, while observing the most popular and lively neighbourhoods, you will reach the pinnacle of the tour, a palace where your luxurious dinner will take a place. With a beautiful weather outside, you will have an opportunity to enjoy the views onto the Grand Canal from above. The views will be complimented with the high class dinner, which will be served for you right there on the rooftop terrace.

Duration: 3/4 hours

Price: €1200

#### **Tour Price Includes:**

- English-speaking tour escort
- Private water taxi around Venice 1h
- Champagne Moët on board
- Dinner on a private rooftop terrace

Meeting point: Hotel

### **Exclusive Experience 6 : Prosecco tasting at the Gritti Palace and romantic dinner in a venetian palace (2pax)**

The tour will start from San Marco's Square. Accompanied by our local tour leader, you will have a chance to wander around and hear about the history, architecture, art and most interestingly, the life on the island.

You will be heading directly to the stupendous Gritti palace that sits right on the Grand Canal. Inspired by the city views you will now enter to another marvel that is the palace – a look at how the Venetian noblemen used to live their luxurious lives. Here you will be met by Prosecco School sommelier, who will give you an hour-long overview and tasting class. The degustation will include tasting of Prosecco Crede (Bisoli), Prosecco Vigneti del Foll (Bisoli), Prosecco Cartizze (Bisoli).

After the class we will embark on a private boat that will take us to tour the Grand Canal in Venice, defined as "the most beautiful avenue in the world," talk of its monuments, churches and palaces, but also the people who inhabited it, nobles, artists, courtesans, homes haunted, anecdotes, legends, trivia and either says-that-says.

The overarching experience of the day will become the dinner served in another nearby palace, called Palazzetto Pisani. Starting with aperitif, the evening will slowly evolve into a romantic dinner with some delicious Italian delicacies.

Price: € 620

#### **Tour Price Includes:**

- English-speaking tour escort
- Prosecco degustation at Gritti
- Grand Canal boat tour 1h
- Aperitif and dinner at Palazzetto Pisani.

Meeting point: San Marco's Square or hotels close to the square

\* Please note that Prosecco tasting at Gritti palace is not a private event. The time of the degustation takes place at 17.00-18.00.





### **Exclusive Experience 7 : Early Morning Photo Tour and Breakfast at Gritti Palace**

The best time to walk around, to embrace the beauty of the city of Venice is certainly morning. Only a few locals getting to their works, bakeries and coffee shops opening for the day and inviting to come with the scent of freshly baked pastries and coffee. The morning sunlight slowly filling narrow streets and spacious squares are the best setting for a photo shooting organised by TopVenice. Get around the city with a photographer, who will not only make your memories captured in pictures, but also will contribute to this experience by sharing his knowledge and stories about the life in Venice.

The photo tour will then be followed by a breakfast at Gritti Palace that sits right on the Grand Canal. Depending on your preference, you can sit on the terrace and enjoy probably one of the best views in the city or admire the impressive interior inside, reminder of the noble past of Venice and Venetians. Enjoy the most fresh and delicious breakfast and the sunlight of the morning. What if not that, could be the best overarching experience of your time in Italian lagoon.

Price: € 360

#### **Tour Price Includes:**

English-speaking assistant 1h 30 min  
Professional photographer 1h 30 min (50 photos sent by email after 10 days for editing)  
Buffet Breakfast at Gritti Palace from 7.00 am to 11 am  
Meeting point: Hotel or San marco square

### **Special Tours 1 : Becoming Venetian**

Experience different Venice and see the life that the locals are leading rather from insiders than from a tourist's point of view. Get onto this journey and travel around the city with the typical Venetian boat called Topa; visit some of the most secret spots that can be discovered only with a help of a local guide and for a moment escape the crowd rushing towards San Marco's Square.

It is an opportunity to taste some well-known finger-food Cicchetti and some local wines or Spritz on your Bacaro tour; explore the islands of Murano, Burano and Torcello.

For those who are seeking for more thrilling adventures we can also offer a trip to Poveglia, which is known as an island of ghosts. Hear these intriguing stories and legends from the lips of TopVenice guide and get ready to visit some of the breath-taking places.

**Duration:** 2hours/4hrs/6hrs

**Price:** from €480 4pax for 2 hours (up to 6pax, every extra €50/per person)

#### **Tour Price Includes:**

- Private boat
- English-speaking tour escort

**Meeting point:** Hotel

#### **Customized tour itineraries:**

- Bacaro tour, Venice Happy Hour
- Unseen Venice: San Marco, San Pietro di Castello, Arsenale, Santi Giovanni e Paolo, Chiesa dei Miracoli, Fondamenta Misericordia, Chiesa Madonna dell'Orto
- Visit to Murano, Burano, Torcello and Poveglia islands
- Venice by Night tour
- Professional photographer's service

**Special tours 2 : Treasure Hunt at Doge's Palace** or around the district of Castello (if preferable in other districts), (up to 6pax)

The game of Treasure Hunt – probably familiar to all, adults and children – reaches another level: the participants will have a chance to discover the masterpieces and treasures hidden in the Doge's Palace; learn about the past and habits of the Venetian noblemen in enriching and playful way.

Otherwise we can offer you an outdoors entertainment – Treasure Hunt around the area of Castello. It is one of the greenest and prettiest areas of Venice, where lies the biggest park in the city, Giardini della Biennale and the Venice Arsenal, reminding us of the glorious times when the lagoon was the hearth for the sea travellers, merchants and soldiers. Good time and inspirational atmosphere can be guaranteed.

**Duration:** 3 hours

**Price:** from €450 4pax (up to 6pax, every extra €50/per person)

**Tour Price Includes:**

- Guided tour
- Entrance fees

**Meeting point:** San Marco square

**Note:** this tour can be arranged and customized according to your own preferences, i. e. location, age and number of participants, duration and other. If you would decide on different location than the Doge's Palace, we will reimburse you with an organized aperitif for the value of the entrance ticket (€20).

**Special tours 4 : Be a Fisherman**

Venice is a city built on the water; no wonders that fishing here was and still is one of the most important activities. If you want to learn how to prepare fishing nets to catch "Moeche" or other types of fish that can be found in the lagoon's waters, or you simply want to try your luck, with a help of real Venetian fisherman, we will find a way to make this wish of yours to be fulfilled.

Slide on the surface of the water with the fisherman's boat, prepare your nets and wait for your catch while breathing the fresh and mild subtropical air and embracing the real spirit of the sea.

**Duration:** 6-7 hours

**Price:** from €890 (up to 6pax, every extra €80/per person)

**Tour Price Includes:**

- English-speaking tour escort
- Fishing boat
- Full-day fisherman

**Meeting point:** Hotel

**Special tours 5 : Bike Tour Around the Lagoon**

There are so many things that the lagoon can offer to see for those who are willing to get on a bike and ride along the seaside. It is a guided tour around the Venetian island where agriculture is one of the most important sources of income and still is essentially important activity for the locals; see their cherished vineyards, orchards, fields of artichokes, tomatoes and other locally grown vegetables. At the end of the day relax on the beach and admire the sunset before heading back to hotel.

**Duration:** 6-7 hours

**Price:** from €590 4pax (every extra €50/per person)

**Tour Price Includes:**

- English-speaking tour escort
- Bicycle rent
- Water taxi from and back to hotel

**Meeting point:** Hotel



### **Special tours 6 : Cooking and Mask Making Class**

Here is the best holiday recipe for you: the highest quality Italian products, company of an experienced Italian chef and Venice as the best setting for cooking and enjoying food. This cooking class is a great opportunity to learn something new about the Italian and Venetian cultures, by meeting the locals and trying their typical foods.

At around 9.00 am to your convenience our tour guide will pick you up from the place of your stay. It is important to start the day so early in order to get the best and freshest ingredients that are available at the Rialto's market where you will be heading first.

Buying all of the products at the market will be very different from any other grocery shopping you have ever done before: it is the location itself that makes a great difference. Moreover, our tour guide and chef will tell you a great deal about the variety of products you can find here.

Once we will be done with the shopping, we will catch Traghetto, a type of Gondola, which crosses the Grand Canal regularly as any other public transport in the city. This is the fastest and most pleasurable way to reach the apartment close to San Samuele where your cooking class will take a place.

During the cooking class our Venetian chef will teach you some main skills and reveal the secrets of how to prepare the dishes of your selected menu. Enjoy your prepared dishes with a glass of wine and celebrate your new skills in the kitchen and the knowledge of Italian cuisine.

You can choose from these menu options:

#### **Menu del Doge**

Potato gnocchi with butter and cinnamon

Venetian style liver

Stuffed grilled tomatoes

Croccante

#### **Menu del Fritoin**

Aubergine "Alla Parmigiana"

Battered vegetables

Mozzarella in Carozza

Crema Fritta

#### **Menu del Mercato**

Homemade pasta\* with fish sauce

Fish of the day

Seasonal vegetables

Tiramisù

#### **Menu del Bechèr**

Homemade stuffed Ravioli

Meatballs

Stuffed zucchini

"Zaeti" biscuits with cream

After the lunch, to fully immerse yourself in the culture of the lagoon, we will invite you for a private Venice Carnival mask making class. It is a popular attribute that the travellers from all over the world like to wear while wondering around the city. Learn how to create and decorate your own mask, join the masked crowds and immerse yourself into the joyful experiences.

After the day full new experiences, depending on your preferences, you can choose to either end the day with a Gondola ride, with an aperitif in Palazzetto Pisani, or simply returning back to your residence by water taxi or on foot with a company of our guide.

**Meeting point:** Hotel

#### **Duration:**

9.00 - 14.30 shopping and cooking class

14.30 - 16.30 private mask making class

16.30 - 18:30-19.00 aperitif at the Palazzetto Pisani or Gondola ride (optional)

16.30 water taxi back to hotel (optional)

**Price:** on request

Optional luxury cooking experience at epicurean school

**Special tours 7 : Create Your Mask**

Venice Carnival is known worldwide for its lavish costumes and masks, which once would be worn for more than a six months during a year! For the participants of the celebration that meant an opportunity to enjoy the pleasures of life without being recognized.

Nowadays it still remains one of the most attractive events and the Venetian masks gained a symbolical meaning, representing Venice as a city of delights.

It is a popular attribute that the travellers from all over the world like to wear while wondering around the city. Learn how to create and decorate your own mask, join the masked crowds and immerse yourself into the joyful experiences.

**Duration:** 2 hours

**Price:** from € 550 2pax (every extra €150/per person)

**Tour Price Includes:**

- English-speaking tour escort
- Private class in the atelier
- Materials and self-made mask
- Water taxi from Hotel

**Meeting point:** Hotel

**Category:** family / adults