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Smith Family - Venice, Italy Itinerary

Aug 21, 2017 - Aug 27, 2017

CAD \$3,440 per person

Embark on an incredible voyage beginning with two days in Venice. Then walk aboard your ship for excursions to the surrounding islands of Venice. This is truly a remarkable experience.

Trip Summary

August 21 - Monday

Welcome to Venezia!

- 11:30 AM Arrive in Venice - Venice Water Taxi , Stazione Venezia Santa Lucia, Sample-Voucer.pdf
- 1:00 PM Check-in to Hotel - Hotel Londra Palace
- 3:00 PM Explore the Art of Venice - Gallerie dell'Accademia, Collezione Peggy Guggenheim, Punta Della Dogana, Gondola Ride On The Canals Of Venezia
- 6:00 PM Gondola Ride - Gondola Ride On The Canals Of Venezia
- 8:00 PM Dinner Reservations - Osteria San Marco
- 9:00 PM Wine Tasting - La Caravella

August 22 - Tuesday

- 1:00 PM Walking Tour - Cà d'Oro, Canal Grande
- 2:00 PM Visit Piazza San Marco - Piazza San Marco, Basilica di San Marco
- 3:00 PM Secret Tour of Doge's Palace - Palazzo Ducale
- 3:00 PM Islands of Venice Boat Tour - Isola di Burano, Murano

August 23 - Canal Tour Day

End of Sample Itinerary

August 27 - Departure Day

No Plans for This Day

August 21 - Monday



Welcome to Venezia!

Venice, the capital of northern Italy's Veneto region, is built on more than 100 small islands in a lagoon in the Adriatic Sea. It has no roads, just canals – including the Grand Canal thoroughfare – lined with Renaissance and Gothic palaces. The central square, Piazza San Marco, contains St. Mark's Basilica, which is tiled with Byzantine mosaics, and the Campanile bell tower offering views of the city's red roofs.



11:30 AM - Central European Time

Arrive in Venice

CONFIRMATION NUMBER	BOOKED THROUGH	CARRIER	TRAIN NUMBER
58754902	Rail Europe	Rail Europe	RE55

Arrive at 11:30am to the Venice Train Station. You will make your way to your hotel via water taxi awaiting your arrival outside the train station.

Please look for the water taxi signs outside the station across from the entrance.



Venice Water Taxi



Stazione Venezia Santa Lucia

30100

In pieno centro, la stazione è collegata a piazzale Roma dal 4° ponte sul Canal Grande realizzato dall'architetto Calatrava. Il sistema trasporto pubblico è con vaporetti sul Canal Grande; i servizi su gomma, urbani ed extraurbani, si concentrano in Piazzale Roma.



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1:00 PM - Central European Time

Check-in to Hotel

This opulent hotel dates from 1860 and has more than 100 windows facing the lagoon. It's a 7-minute walk from Piazza San Marco and a 17 minute walk from the Grand Canal.

The ornate rooms feature original Biedermeier furniture and fabric-covered walls and overlook either the city or the lagoon. They come with free Wi-Fi, satellite TV and minibars, as well as marble bathrooms with designer toiletries. Room service is available.

A complimentary breakfast buffet is served in the elegant restaurant, which also offers fine dining and has pavement seating. Additional amenities include a refined piano bar.

- Free Wi-Fi
- Free breakfast
- Laundry service
- Room service
- Kid-friendly
- Restaurant



Hotel Londra Palace

Riva Degli Schiavoni 4171, Venezia, Veneto, Italia



3:00 PM - Central European Time

Explore the Art of Venice

Spend the mid-afternoon viewing the Renaissance masterpieces in Venice's Accademia Gallery.

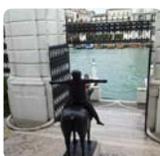
The Gallerie dell'Accademia is a museum gallery of pre-19th-century art in Venice, northern Italy. It is housed in the Scuola della Carità on the south bank of the Grand Canal, within the sestiere of Dorsoduro.

If you have time, you can also admire the modern art at the lovely Peggy Guggenheim museum nearby.



Gallerie dell'Accademia

Campo de la Carità, Venezia, VENETO, ITALIA, 30120
+39 041 520 0345



Collezione Peggy Guggenheim

Dorsoduro 701, Venezia, VENETO, ITALIA, 30123
041 240 5411



Punta Della Dogana

ITALIA



Gondola Ride On The Canals Of Venezia

Venezia, VENETO, ITALIA



6:00 PM - Central European Time

Gondola Ride

Take a gondola ride to dinner, and wander the quiet, romantic streets a while after your meal.

You might feel a little touristy, but this a gondola ride near sunset in Venice is truly an experience. You will feel like you were dropped directly into a movie.





Gondola Ride On The Canals Of Venezia

Venezia, VENETO, ITALIA



8:00 PM - Central European Time

Dinner Reservations

THE DISHES

Osteria Enoteca San Marco satisfies different palates and different food preferences: meat and fish, game and seafood as well as vegetable dishes, are offered in a style that combines tradition and creativity. In constant research and development of materials first, always with absolute quality, the menus are updated and revolutionized according to the flow of seasons and the market offers.

THE WINES

The deep wine list is the result of a fine selection of national and international staff in contrast to the common fashions of the moment, with a preference for small producers and local wines.



Osteria San Marco

Calle Frezzeria, ITALIA, 30124

+39 041 528 5242



9:00 PM - Central European Time

Wine Tasting

Enjoy a delightful and authentic Italian wine tasting with a broad palette of varieties and styles. Your tasting guide will greet you with complimentary hors d'oeuvres and antipasta plates followed with a one hour tasting of 15 different wines native to the area.



La Caravella

Via XXII Marzo, 2399

+39 041 528901

August 22 - Tuesday



1:00 PM - Central European Time

Walking Tour

Explore the Ca' d'Oro, the grandest of the Renaissance palazzi along the Grand Canal) and churches, or simply have fun getting lost in the twisting, confounding, unspeakably beautiful back streets of Venice.



Ca' d'Oro

Cannaregio 3932, Venezia, VENETO, ITALIA, 30121
+39 041 520 0345



Canal Grande

Canal Grande, Venezia, VENETO, ITALIA, 30123



2:00 PM - Central European Time

Visit Piazza San Marco

In the morning, head straight to one of Europe's most beautiful squares, the canalside Piazza San Marco.



Piazza San Marco

Piazza San Marco, Venezia, VENETO, ITALIA, 30124

È l'unico spazio urbano di Venezia che assume il nome di piazza, in quanto tutti gli altri spazi in forma di piazza sono propriamente definiti campi. Ha forma trapezoidale ed è lunga 170 metri.



Basilica di San Marco

Calle Canonica, Venezia, VENETO, ITALIA, 30124

+39 041 270 8311



3:00 PM - Central European Time

Secret Tour of Doge's Palace

Take the special tour of Doge's Palace at 10:45am for a behind-the-scenes look at Venetian history and intrigue from its Renaissance days as the world's trading and shipping powerhouse.

The Doge's Palace is a palace built in Venetian Gothic style, and one of the main landmarks of the city of Venice in northern Italy.



Palazzo Ducale

Piazza San Marco, Venezia, VENETO, ITALIA, 30124

+39 041 271 5911

Palazzo Ducale - Doge's Palace is an impressive structure composed of layers of building elements and ornamentation, from its 14th and 15th century original foundations to the significant Renaissance and opulent Mannerist adjunctions.



3:00 PM - Central European Time

Islands of Venice Boat Tour

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Venice Cruises

Take off on a ferry for the outlying islands of Murano, where the glass industry started and a bit like a Venice in miniature, and Burano, a fishing village of riotously colored houses along miniature canals. It's about an hour's ride out and back, and you should spend about an hour on each island.



Isola di Burano

Venezia, VENETO, ITALIA, 30142



Murano

Isola di Murano, Murano, VENETO, ITALIA, 30141

August 23 - Canal Tour Day



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Trip Information & Documents



The City

Historical evidences 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 is 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, SanPolo/Santa Croce, Dorsoduro, San Marco and Castello.



Do & See

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 by foot.





Doge's Palace

Palazzo Ducale San Marco 1, Venice

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The Doge's Palace, locally known as the Palazzo Ducale, used to be the residence of the Doge of Venice, and also a space where the government could lodge. Both the court and the prison were located within the palace walls, but since 1923 the building is better known as a museum.



Saint Mark's Basilica

Piazza San Marco, Venice

+39 041 270 8311

The Italian full name is Basilica Cattedrale Patriarcale di San Marco, but you'll be understood if you refer to it as Saint Mark's Basilica. This cathedral church is the most famous in Venice, presenting five round-arched impressive portals as well as a striking marmoreal interior.



Rialto Fish Market

Campo della Pescaria, Rialto

This fish and vegetable market has been around since the year 1097, and there is frantic activity here, especially early in the mornings. The fishmongers, the bustling scenes, the old facades and the fascinating canal combine to create a great experience for all senses. The city's best butcher shops are nearby.



Canal Grande

Canal Grande, Venice

Canal Grande is the largest canal in town, almost 4 km long and 90-metre-wide in some parts, with an average depth of 5 metres. Public transport is available in the form of vaporetti - water buses-, gondolas and water taxis. There is plenty of famous buildings located along the river which is crossed by three stunning bridges.



Peggy Guggenheim Collection

Dorsoduro 704, Venice

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Peggy Guggenheim was the artist Max Ernst's wife; the museum is housed in Palazzo Venier dei Leoni, which is her former home. Her art collection was opened to the public in 1951, and nowadays people can enjoy art from Europe and America dating back to the first half of the 20th century.



St. Mark's Square

Piazza San Marco, Venice

St. Mark's Square is the biggest and the most well-known square in Venice. If you truly want to comprehend the power of the former Venetian Empire, this is the right place to visit. The square is full of striking and inspiring sights, such as the Campanile - bell tower - from where you can grasp a splendid view of Venice.



Ca' Rezzonico

Dorsoduro 3136, Venice

+39 041 241 0100

Ca' Rezzonico is one of the most magnificent buildings in the whole city, standing on the right bank of the Venice Canal. It was completed in 1756 and today it serves as a public museum with an interesting display of 18th century Venetian artefacts.



Ca' Pesaro

Santa Croce 2076, Venice
+39 041 721 127

Ca' Pesaro is the city's modern art museum, located in an old baroque palace facing the Grand Canal. The first floor houses 19th and 20th century paintings and sculptures, while the upper floor is dedicated to the Oriental Art Museum, exhibiting 30,000 objects from Japan, China and Indonesia.



Palace Music

Palazzo Barbarigo Minotto, S. Marco 2504
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Located in Palazzo Barbarigo Minotto, Palace Music (Musica a Palazzo being the original name) is a cultural association started in 2005, created to transform the palace into an intimate environment where to meet and learn more about the Opera culture. Have a look at its website to know what is in program while you are there; it will surely be a unique experience.



Interpreti Veneziani

Chiesa San Vidal - San Marco 2862/B, Venice
+39 041 277 0561

Whether or not you are a fan of classical music, the Interpreti Veneziani is a welcome break from the city's pulsating core. After its inauguration in 1987, its concerts have been performed all over the world, in countries such as the US, Japan, Canada and across Latin America. Take one evening to enjoy the harmony brought to you by the orchestra.



St. Mary of the Friars

Campo dei Frari, San Polo
+39 041 272 8611

St. Mary Basilica, usually called the Friari, was built in the 13th century and today represents an important landmark. Holding many masterpieces of Venetian art from the Renaissance period, it is simply a delight for the eye. Titian, the most renowned member of the Venetian school of painting of the 16th century, is buried there.



San Giorgio Maggiore

Isola San Giorgio Maggiore, Venice

Occupied in the Roman period, San Giorgio Maggiore is one of the several islands around Venice. At the beginning of the 19th century, after the Republic fall, the island became a free port housing Venice's artillery. This is another perfect opportunity to capture a gorgeous panoramic view of Venice.



National Library of St Mark's

Piazzetta San Marco 7, Venice
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The National Library of St Mark's (Biblioteca Nazionale Marciana) is located in a beautiful Renaissance building and takes its name after St. Mark, Venice's patron. Being one of the most ancient manuscript depositories of the city, it is an exquisite place to become more familiar with the history of Venice.



Scuola Grande di San Rocco

Campo San Rocco 3052, San Polo
+39 041 523 4864

Let yourself be swept away by the beautiful renaissance paintings of this gallery. The Venetian painter Tintoretto was paid to provide art for the halls of the Scuola and his masterpieces are still there to be admired. Take the audio tour to get a deeper knowledge of the artist and his works.



Santa Maria dei Miracoli Church

Campo dei Miracoli, Cannaregio

+39 041 275 0462

Santa Maria dei Miracoli is the most requested church for weddings in Venice, and if you step inside you will easily see why. It is said to be built from the leftovers of St. Mark's Basilica, even if the latter is evidently bigger. Being one of the best examples of early Venetian Renaissance architecture, its nickname is "the jewel box", due to its striking beauty.



Gondola Ride

There are several tour operators offering different types of Gondola tours. You can choose between a more romantic style with serenades sung to you and your beloved partner, or a more classical sightseeing tour with a guide telling you the history of all the beautiful buildings around. There are even tours where you can learn how to row the Gondola yourself.



Rialto Bridge

Rialto Bridge, Venice

The Rialto Bridge is one of the several bridges crossing Canal Grande. Be prepared to meet many other tourists here since this is one of the most well-known landmarks of Venice. The architecture is amazing, especially considering that it was built on approximately 12,000 wooden pilings, over 400 years ago.



Bridge of Sighs

Ponte dei Sospiri, Venice

The Bridge of Sighs (Ponte dei Sospiri) has inherited its sad name from the condemned prisoners crossing it on their way to the execution. The covered bridge connects the prison to the interrogation room in the Doge's Palace and crosses the Rio di Palazzo. If you happen to pass under it at sunset, at the time the bells of St Mark's Campanile ring, remember to kiss your loved one: as the legend goes, your love will be eternal.



Torcello Island

Torcello, Venice

Torcello is a small island which does not lie on the typical tourist path in Venice. On this sparsely populated island you will find the oldest Byzantine church of Venice, which is truly amazing during the sunset, after which it even gets a little spooky.



Museum of Natural History

Santa Croce 1730, Venice

+39 041 275 0206

If your children are tired of walking around, then this is a nice place to visit. Here you will find a great collection of animals and botanical exhibits. The museum (Museo di Storia Naturale) houses an interesting display of fossils and preserved animals.



Essential Information



Passport / Visa

Italy can be visited visa-free for up to 90 days by citizens from Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia, Israel, UAE and most countries in America. If you are not sure whether or not you need to apply for a visa, we recommend you to contact the embassy or consulate in your country. In order to enter the Schengen zone, international (non-Schengen) travelers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip. Citizens from Schengen countries can travel without a passport, but they must bring with them a valid ID during their stay.



Venice Marco Polo Airport

Venice Marco Polo Airport
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Venice Marco Polo Airport is situated 7 km north of the city. There is a wide selection of transports from the airport to the city. Choose between buses, taxicabs and boats.

If you choose boat be prepared for a short walk first. The water bus is operated by Alilaguna and the journey takes about 1 hour and 20 minutes. There are also motor boats and the price vary from company to company but calculate around €80.

A land route to Venice is offered too. The two transport companies ACTV and ATVO have direct buses between the city and the airport. The journey takes approx. 20-25 minutes. Taxis are waiting outside the terminal and the prices start at €40.



Treviso Airport

Treviso Airport
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Treviso Airport, sometimes referred to as Venice's package tour airport, is located 30 km north of Venice. ATVO and Barzi buses depart from/to Venice and the journey takes about 40 minutes. There is a ticket office located at the arrivals hall.

A taxi from the airport to Piazzale Roma in Venice starts at €65.



Best Time to Visit

The best time to enjoy sightseeing in Venice is mid-spring, particularly the first half of May, when the cold winter gives way to sunny days and comfortably warm temperatures. With less boat traffic on the canals and calm waters, this season is best for relaxing on a Gondola ride.

If you want to avoid the stress of high tourist season, December through February may do the trick with quiet and peaceful local areas. Low season also provides for discounted accommodation rates. Moreover, the famous Venetian Carnival takes place annually in February, which gives visitors the chance to join in on the festivities and try on a traditional ornate mask.



Public Transport

The ACTV operates the ordinary buses together with the bus boats, the so-called vaporettos. Tickets can be purchased at the stations, from newsstands or on board the boats. There are also several travel cards to choose from, but remember that you need to swipe them before boarding.

If you need to cross the Grand Canal you can catch a traghetto, a large gondola leaving from different places between the bridges.



Taxi

+39 041 240 6711

The taxis in Venice are mainly boats of different sorts. Travelling by gondola is rather expensive and it is better used for sightseeing or special excursions. The boat taxis are slightly cheaper. One of the premier boat taxi operators in Venice is Consorzio Motoscafi Venezia.



Post

Barbaria de le Tole, 6674

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Stamps can be purchased from tobacconists that carry either the blue and white "Tabacchi" sign or that are simply marked with a "T". There are a couple of post offices across the city and you find one of them at:



Pharmacy

Sestiere Dorsoduro, Venice

+39 041 522 3872

Pharmacies have alternating opening hours during weekends and nights. Addresses of pharmacies on duty at night are posted at every pharmacy. You find one of the local pharmacies called Farmacia Santa Margherita at:



Telephone

Country code: +39

Area code: 041 (also dialled in Venice) If you call to Italy from abroad, you must always dial zero in the area code (do not omit it as is the general practice when making international telephone calls), e.g. +39 041 + the number.



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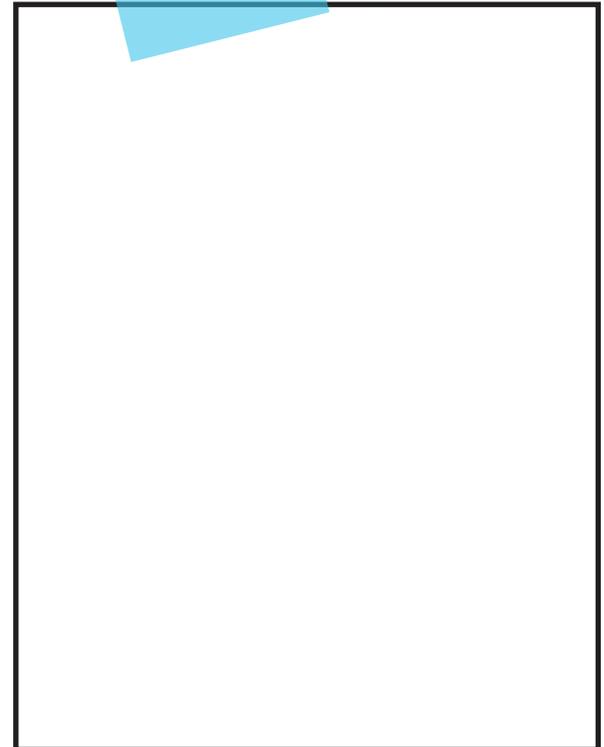
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