

Gondola rides, beautiful architecture and numerous celebrations that go on throughout the year make Venice a splendid city to visit! Called the "Queen of the Adriatic", the city sits on 118 islets within a lagoon in the Gulf of Venice, an arm of the Adriatic Sea. Being surrounded by water Venice offers an unforgettable experience - indeed in the "City of Water" there are no cars, only boats. Venice counts over 2000 bridges, with the most famous probably being the Rialto bridge.

Extraordinary Shops...

Leslie Genninger Studio

Venice is famous for glass jewellery and the Leslie Genninger Studio is a great place to buy them. The pretty and colourful jewellery shop is quite a find in Venice [Dorsoduro, 2793](#).

Carta Alta

See how Venetian masks are made in this artisan shop in Dorsoduro. Fantastic models are designed here and the shop also offers online orders. [Dorsoduro 1737](#).

Acca Kappa

Acca Kappa was established in 1869 near Venice. The focus of business at that time was the production of quality hair brushes and accessories. Now Acca Kappa manufactures quality brushes, soap and perfumes. [San Marco](#).

Enticing Architecture...

Piazza San Marco

Home to St. Mark's Cathedral, the Campanile and the Doge's Palace, "The drawing room of Europe" has always been considered the centre of Venice. Don't be put off by the pigeons or the crowds as this is probably the grandest piazza in Italy. If you have the chance to be there on Christmas eve don't miss out on seeing the golden basilica lit with a 1000 candles, reflecting the Byzantine mosaics in a simulacrum of the heavens.

Best Restaurants...

Ae Oche (\$)

More than 100 types of pizzas
[Santa Croce, 1552A](#)

Al Gondolieri (\$\$)

Excellent food to the sound of jazz tunes
[Dorsoduro, 36](#)

Centrale (\$\$\$)

Hip... and not only because Spike Lee visited.
[Pecina Frezzeria, 1659/B](#)

Ca' Rezzonico

This glittering palace adorned with Tiepolo ceiling frescoes, majestic Murano glass chandeliers and elaborate carved period furniture, has undergone extensive renovation. It is now home to the Museum of 18th-century Venetian Life. It was designed by Baldassare Longhena who also designed the majestic Santa Maria della Salute, at the age of 26.

The Rialto Bridge

The oldest bridge crossing the grand canal and one of the architectural icons of Venice, the bridge now carries rows of shops, from souvenir to jewellery boutiques. The Rialto remained the only way to cross the Grand Canal on foot until the Accademia Bridge was built in 1854.

Trendy Bars...

Harry's Bar

Birthplace of the Bellini and once the haunt of Byron.
[S. Marco, 1323](#)

Zen Café

Restaurant and bar where Asia meets Italy.
[Via Torre Belfredo, 110/112](#)

Bacaro Lounge

Owned by the Benetton family. Hip restaurant and bar.
[S. Marco, 1348](#)

To & From the Airports

Marco Polo Airport or Venice International Airport

This airport is about 6 km or 4 miles from the city. Most major international flights land at this airport. From here you can take a water taxi (\$\$\$) or a bus to take you into Venice.

Treviso Airport

Some flight companies like Ryanair and Transavia use this airport. It is further from the city than the international airport, about 30 km or approximately 19 miles. There are special buses available for landing at Treviso.



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