

Genuine Italy Tour, October 2019: Venice Add On

Day 1A Monday October 7, 2019

Depart USA

Depart the USA and board international flights to Venice, Italy (independently booked).

Day 2A Tuesday October 8, 2019 Venice

Venice



Buongiorno/Benvenuti! Welcome to La Bella Italia! Upon arrival in Venice, you will be met by your private water taxi driver in the arrivals hall, along with your group manager. They will wait for you outside of baggage claim, holding a sign with your names, for transfer to your hotel. Check in and settle from overseas flight. Please note official check in time is 2:00-3:00 pm. In the late afternoon, the group will meet in the lobby and then we will partake in a fantastic gondola ride together. This is a great way to see the city and one of the most iconic activities in Venice! The remainder of the evening is at your own pace. In your free time, you can wander through the Dorsoduro neighborhood, a true Venetian area filled with small alleyways, bridges and small antique markets. Overnight in Venice . PWT/Gondola/H

Day 3A Wednesday October 9, 2019

Venice

Breakfast at hotel. We will meet our private bilingual guide in the lobby this morning at 9:00 am for a walking tour of the city. Enjoy exploring off-the-beaten-path in Venice. Begin with an overview of Venice by understanding how the series of islands form a city and how a city could be built on water. Learn about Venice's history as an important merchant city and pass the famous Rialto Fish Market. Continue on across the Ponte Rialto, the oldest bridge in Venice dating back to 1172, towards the historic home of explorer Marco Polo. We will discover how Venice's famous boats, gondolas, are made and what it takes to be Venture towards Campo San Giovanni and Paolo, where we will see locals relaxing in the piazza; learn about modern Venice and the way the city and its residents have changed over time. Next, arrive to Piazza San Marco.

# Venice



Saint Mark's Basilica is a wonderful example of Byzantine Venetian architecture. It was at one time the Doge's chapel but it was also the mausoleum for Saint Mark, the patron saint of Venice, whose life is narrated in the golden mosaics on the walls. We will also view the exterior of the Palazzo Ducale or Duke's Palace. This impressive structure is a combination of Byzantine, Gothic and Renaissance architecture, and was the official residence of the 120 Doges who ruled the "Serenissima Republic" for 1,100 years. If you choose after the tour, you may independently explore the many lavish rooms and admire masterpieces by Tintoretto, Titian, Veronese and Bellini. You may also choose to view the Bridge of Sighs as well. Enjoy time at leisure in Venezia after your tour, perhaps relaxing in the "campo" or shopping along the many canals. Overnight in Venice. B/G/H

Day 4A (Day 1 of base journey) Thursday October 10, 2019 Venice, Florence

Breakfast at hotel and check out. This morning in the lobby, we will meet our private water taxi for a transfer to Venice Train station. Board a high speed train to Florence (2h), where we will meet our private driver for transfer to San Gimignano, and join the rest of the group. \*see base journey itinerary from here forward!  
B/PWT/TRTK

## Your custom Itinerary to Italy Includes the Following:

- 2 breakfasts
- 2 nights stay in 4 star superior hotel in Venice
- 2 private water taxis in Venice: Upon arrival and upon departure
- 1 private bilingual certified guide
- 1 train ticket from Venice to Florence
- 1 Gondola Ride in Venice
- + group manager
- 24/7 concierge service from Diana & staff

Price per person based upon double occupancy is \$1292.00 + international airfare (minimum 6 participants)

Single Occupancy supplement is \$118.00

Tipping estimate: 50€ per person

## CODES

B= Breakfast    L = Lunch    D= Dinner    H= Hotel    G= Guide    ET= Entrance Ticket  
TRTK= Train Ticket    BR= Boat Ride    PWT=Private Water Taxi

Kindly note that your final quote for the land portion of this journey does not include international airfare, tipping, meals where not indicated.