

Genuine Italy Tour, August 2022: Venice Add On

Day 1A Wednesday August 24, 2022

Depart USA

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

Day 2A Thursday August 25, 2022 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. They will wait for you outside of baggage claim, holding a sign with your names, for transfer to your hotel. Here the group will unite, and you will meet your group manager. Check in and settle from overseas flight. Please note official check in time is 2:00-3:00 pm. In the late afternoon, 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. Tonight we have dinner reservations at a nearby restaurant at 7:00 pm for those interested, or dinner independently. Overnight in Venice. **PWT/Gondola/H**

Day 3A Friday August 26, 2022 Venice

Breakfast at hotel. This morning, meet our private bilingual guide in the lobby 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. There is the Bridge of Sighs as well. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure, perhaps relaxing in the "campo" or shopping along the many canals. The best way to see Venice is by getting lost! Enjoy time at leisure in Venezia after your tour and dinner independently. Overnight in Venice. **B/G/ET/H**

Day 4A (Day 1 of base journey) Saturday August 27, 2022 Venice, Florence

Breakfast at hotel and check out. In the lobby, meet our private water taxi for a transfer to Venice Train station. Depart on a high speed train to Florence (2h 15m). Upon arrival 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 entrance ticket per person
- 1 train ticket from Venice to Florence per person
- 1 gondola ride
- 24/7 bilingual group manager – MINIMUM of 5 TRAVELERS REQUIRED

Price per person based upon double occupancy is \$ 1588 per person + international
airfare (minimum 5 participants)

Single Occupancy supplement is \$ 184 per person

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.