

Conference Location:



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URL: <http://www.russotthotels.com/en/>

How to get to Venice

By Air:

Venice Marco Polo Airport (IATA: VCE)

Venice Marco Polo is the closest airport to central Venice, while Treviso airport is 70 minutes by bus from Piazzale Roma (the main Venice road terminus), is used by most low-cost airlines.

Venice Marco Polo Airport (IATA: VCE)

Address: Via Galileo Galilei, 30/1, Venezia, Italy

Phone: +39 041 260 6111

URL: <http://www.veniceairport.it/en/>

Treviso Airport

Address: Via Noalese, 63E, 31100 Treviso, Italy

Phone: +39 0422 315111

URL: <http://www.trevisoairport.it/en/>

Visa:

Before you start planning your travel to Italy you should visit the Ministry of foreign affairs web page to see if you need to get a visa.

Italy is a member of the Schengen Area, and applies the Schengen legislation in full. The entry formalities for Italy vary according to the country of origin. All visitors entering Italy must possess a valid passport, or a valid picture ID in some cases.

Citizens of the EU/EEA member states and of the following countries may travel to Italy without a visa:

Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Guatemala, Honduras, Hong Kong, Iceland, Israel, Japan, Macao, Malaysia, Mexico, Monaco, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Salvador, San Marino, Singapore, South Korea, Switzerland, USA, Uruguay, Venezuela.

For more details: <http://vistoperitalia.esteri.it/home/en>

How to get from the Airport to the Hotel

By Public Transportation:

By Train

Venice has two rail stations. Venice-Mestre Rail Station

The first station that all Venice-bound trains enter is the Venice-Mestre Rail Station. This station does not bring you to Venice, but rather Mestre, mainland Venice. The rail station is located in Piazzale Favretti 1 - 30170 Mestre

Useful numbers:

Tel: +39 041 892021 (timetable - tickets booking and sale)

Tel: +39 041 784319 (helpdesk)

Fax: +39 041 784498

For customers with disabilities:

Tel: +39 041 785570

Tel: +39 041 929472

Fax: +39 041 785038

Venice Santa Lucia Station

The rail station is located on Fondamenta S. Lucia - 30100 Venice.

Useful numbers:

Tel: +39 041 892021 (timetables)

Tel: +39 041 785670 (helpdesk)

Fax: +39 041 785038

For customers with disabilities:

Tel: +39 041 785570

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For more information on train timetables: <http://www.trenitalia.com/tcom-en>

By bus

ACTV - The Azienda del Consorzio Trasporti Veneziano is the municipal public transport company that operates within the Municipality of Venice. It also runs the urban public transport services within the territory of the Municipality of Chioggia and the suburban lines in the province of Venice.

Urban bus lines

If you are on the Venetian mainland you can easily get around on one of the many *ACTV* buses that are in regular service from 05:00AM to 01:00AM. During the night hours some circular lines operate in connection with the night navigation service. Two urban circular lines link the city centre with the Ospedale dell'Angelo hospital. Some high frequency lines connect Mestre with Venice (Piazzale Roma and Tronchetto).

Bear in mind that certain lines that cover sections beyond the borders of the Municipality of Venice are subject to a suburban fare. These differ from the classic suburban lines both for the type of bus employed and for the urban line stops.

Standard urban bus stop sign:

- With a white background urban lines,
- with a blue background suburban lines,
- with a white and blue background, lines subject
- to either an urban or suburban fare and
- with a red background the T1 tram line with an urban fare



Lido and Pellestrina urban service:

four different lines serve the island of Lido di Venezia (Giralido) while another mixed land-water line connects Lido to the Island of Pellestrina and to the city of Chioggia, by means of a ferry boat that takes over in the points where the connection is possible only by sea. During the summer months the Lido urban service is increased.

Source: <http://www.veniceconnected.com/content/actv-buses>

By Waterbuses

(Vaporetti) and road buses (which operate in Mestre on the mainland, and on the Lido) are run by ACTV. There are two main waterbus routes: from Santa Lucia station and Piazzale Roma road terminus, you can either head down the Grand Canal to Rialto and San Marco on the scenic lines 1 or 2, or loop around the main “island” of Venice to the north or south on the 4.1/4.2 or 5.1/5.2 lines. If you are heading for the Lido, the quickest routes are the 6 or (from San Marco only) the 10. For Murano, take the 4.2 (4.1 in the other direction). For the islands of the northern lagoon, take the 12 at Fondamente Nove on Venice’s northern shore; change to the 9 at Burano for Torcello.

Waterbus fare:

- Single - 7,00 € (valid for 60 minutes)
- 24 hours - 20,00 €
- Weekly - 50,00 €

Water taxis

These sleek motorboats are a stylish and speedy way of getting around, but they are not cheap.

Types of Tickets:

- 60,00 € for up to five passengers (including luggage) to travel from the train station to Rialto or St Mark’s
- 100,00 € up to five passengers (including luggage) from the airport to Venice or the Lido. Additional passengers pay 10,00 € (each), plus 5,00 € for luggage.

Tel: +39 041 5222303 (reservation)

For more details: <http://motoscafivenezia.it/>

Venice

Population: 264,579

Area: 414.57 km²

History:

Venice is a city in northeastern Italy sited on a group of 118 small islands separated by canals and linked by bridges. It is located in the marshy Venetian Lagoon which stretches along the shoreline, between the mouths of the Po and the Piave Rivers. Venice is renowned for the beauty of its setting, its architecture and its artworks. The city in its entirety is listed as a World Heritage Site, along with its lagoon.

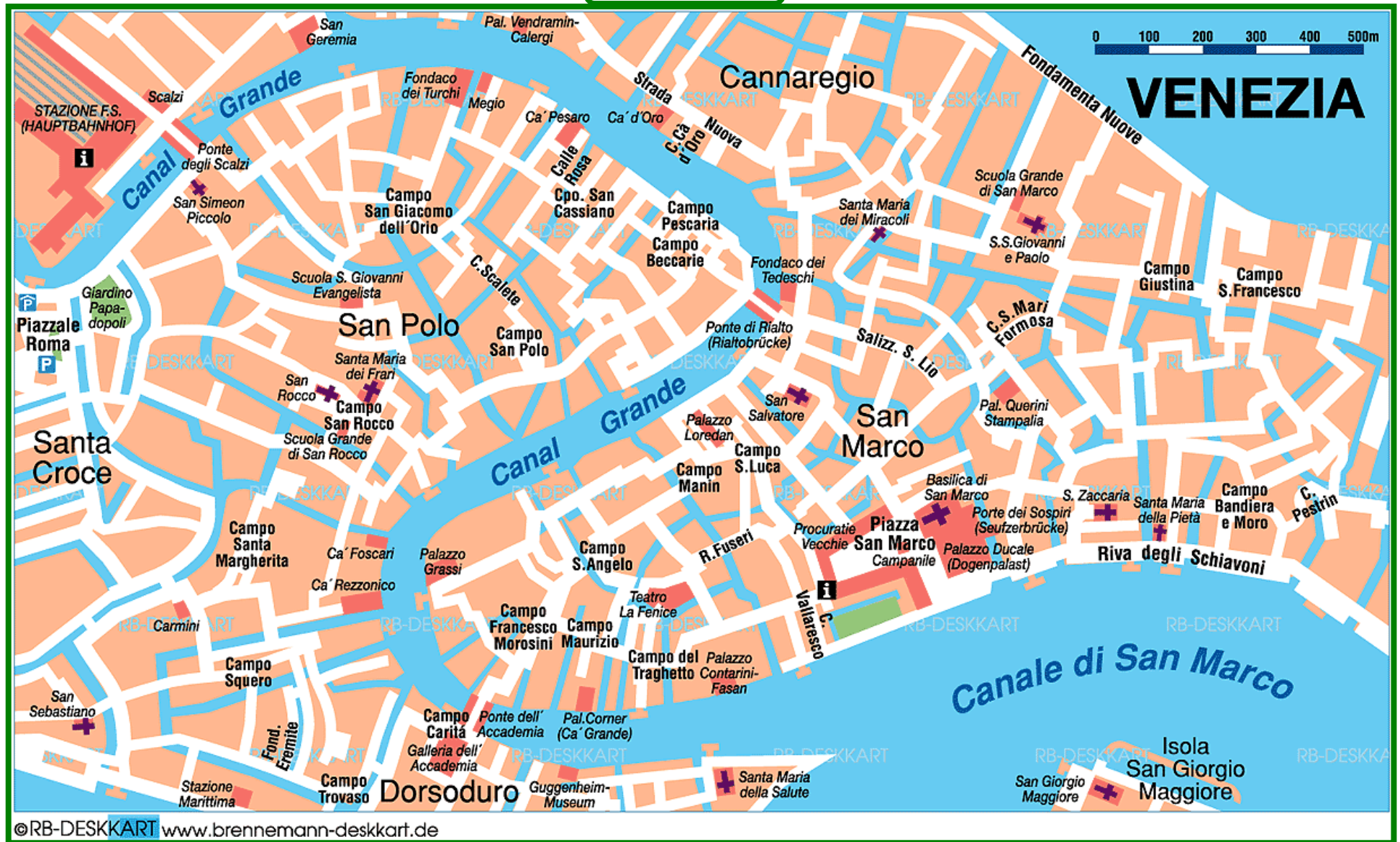
Venice is the capital of the Veneto region. In 2009, there were 270,098 people residing in Venice's comune (the population estimate of 272,000 inhabitants includes the population of the whole Comune of Venezia; around 60,000 in the historic city of Venice (Centro storico); 176,000 in Terraferma (the Mainland), mostly in the large frazioni of Mestre and Marghera; 31,000 live on other islands in the lagoon). Together with Padua and Treviso, the city is included in the Padua-Treviso-Venice Metropolitan Area (PATREVE), with a total population of 1,600,000. PATREVE is only a statistical metropolitan area without any degree of autonomy.

The name is derived from the ancient Veneti people who inhabited the region by the 10th century BC. The city historically was the capital of the Republic of Venice. Venice has been known as the "La Dominante", "Serenissima", "Queen of the Adriatic", "City of Water", "City of Masks", "City of Bridges", "The Floating City", and "City of Canals". Luigi Barzini described it in The New York Times as "undoubtedly the most beautiful city built by man". Venice has also been described by the Times Online as being one of Europe's most romantic cities.

The Republic of Venice was a major maritime power during the Middle Ages and Renaissance, and a staging area for the Crusades and the Battle of Lepanto, as well as a very important center of commerce (especially silk, grain, and spice) and art in the 13th century up to the end of the 17th century. This made Venice a wealthy city throughout most of its history. It is also known for its several important artistic movements, especially the Renaissance period. Venice has played an important role in the history of symphonic and operatic music, and it is the birthplace of Antonio Vivaldi.



City Map



Access to the Gala Dinner

The Gala Dinner will be held on April 27th, at the Hotel's Restaurant

Time: According to the program



Information



Weather

Venice is in on northeast coast of Italy and is protected from the Adriatic Sea by a strip of land called the Lido. Since it's near the sea, Venice has moderate weather although there can be rain nearly year-round. Summers are humid and winters can be foggy and wet. To avoid the large crowds, spring and fall are the best seasons to visit. Venice experiences flooding or aqua alta about 60 days a year, October through early January.



Time

Venice lies one hour ahead of Greenwich Mean Time.



Banks

Banks open between 8.30am and 1.30pm but also sometimes open again for an hour – usually between 3.00pm and 4.00pm.



Post Office

The central post office in Venice is located behind the Rinascente department store which is across from Piazza Colonna at Piazza San Silvestro and it opens between 8.30am to 7.50pm from Monday to Friday but it also opens on Saturday and Sunday.



Shopping

Shops in Venice generally open between 9.00am and 12.30pm and 3.30pm and 7.30 or 8.00pm but this now varies quite a bit.



Electricity

In Venice electrical current is 220 volts/50Hz and the European round 2-pin plugs are standard. Americans and Canadians with 110V equipment will need a transformer which changes the voltage and an adapter to fit Austrian sockets. These can be bought at any hardware store. British, Australians and South Africans can use a plug adapter which most department stores stock.



Special Needs

Delegates and accompanying persons with disabilities are invited to advise the Congress Secretariat of any special requirements.



Currency

The official currency is EURO.



Hygienic Services in Venice

Public Hygienic services are provided by Vesta S.p.A. There are 20 structures located mostly in the historical center and also in the islands and in the mainland. You'll have to pay €1.00 to use them but they are free for disables. Hygienic services are opened throughout the year from 8am to 8pm (all day during the carnival).

Sources: <http://goitaly.about.com/od/veniceitaly/p/venice.htm>
<http://www.about-venice-travel-guide.com/the-city-of-venice.html>

Emergency direct call numbers:

Ambulance 118

Fire Brigade 115

Police 113

Place of Interest in Venice

Piazza San Marco is the main square of Venice surrounded by chic sidewalk cafes and fancy shops. While it's a great place to enjoy the scenery and people, you will definitely pay top price to sit at an outdoor table. In the evening, you can listen to live music, too. Walking in the piazza and taking photos is, of course, free. The Basilica of San Marco overlooks one of the most beautiful squares in the world, a real marble salon, the city center for centuries. Next to both the Basilica and the Doge's Palace, all the most important religious and civil ceremonies have always been held there and now the Piazza San Marco is considered the city's main symbol and tourist attraction. This great square overlooking the water is a mixture of spaces, volumes and styles: the Procurator's residence, the bell tower, the Doge's Palace and the Sansoviniana Bookshop. On Ascension day, the Doge and the city's most important members got on board and sailed out to the Adriatic, to the Lido port. Here the Doge threw a ring, symbolizing union between Venice and water, into the sea and pronounced the solemn



Saint Mark's Basilica

The mightiest of Venetian monuments, the one that really shows the greatness of Venice is undoubtedly the Basilica of San Marco. It was built over several centuries, frequently transformed and enriched with precious treasures, often from the Far East. Its architecture, a mixture of Byzantine, Roman and Venetian, is the work of artists and craftsmen coming from all over. It can be considered a real laboratory, a living organism, developing and transforming over the centuries. The story goes that Mark, one of the four Evangelists together with Luke, Mathew and John, was given the task of writing his Gospel by Peter himself and did so in Rome. The Venetians chose him as their patron saint because of his ties with Rome thus declaring their independence of the Byzantine Church. The church facade is a gothic masterpiece, a rich composition of columns, arches, spires and reliefs that as in all medieval churches often represent characters, crafts or scenes from daily life. It even shows an old man biting his hand: legend has it that this is the church architect, removed from his position when he said that he could have built an even more beautiful one. The Church structure is enormous: five great arches support five gigantic domes. Yet all this architecture seems just to dissolve into the golden gleam of the mosaics, the most extraordinary, engaging sight. To obtain this splendid effect, all the tiny squares lean in different directions in order to better catch and reflect the light from no matter which angle.

Address: San Marco, 328, Venezia, Italy

Opening hours:

Monday-Saturday 9:45AM–5PM

Sunday 2-5 PM



Doge's Palace

Palazzo Ducale, also on St. Mark's Square, is the most impressive building in Venice and well worth a tour. It was the political and judicial hub of Venetian government until the fall of the Venetian Republic in 1797. The palace was connected to its prisons by the famous "Bridge of Sighs". The Palace is the most representative symbol of Venice's culture, which, together with the Basilica of San Marco at the back and the Piazzetta in the forefront, forms of the most famous sceneries in the world.

For centuries the Doge's Palace had three fundamental roles: as the Doge residence, the seat of government and as the palace of justice. This was where some of the most important decisions for Venice's, and even Europe's destiny were taken.

Address: San Marco, 1, 30124 Venezia, Italy

Opening hours:

Monday-Sunday 8:30AM–7PM



Galleria del'Accademia

The monumental estate of the Accademia Galleries is located in the prestigious centre of the Scuola Grande of Santa Maria della Carità, one of the most ancient lay fraternal orders of the city. The homonymous church of Santa Maria and the monastery of the Canonici Lateranensi, built by Andrea Palladio, are integral parts of the Accademia. A very rich collection of Venetian paintings from Veneto as well, from the Bizantine and Gothic fourteenth century to the artists of the Renaissance, Bellini, Carpaccio, Giorgione, Veronese, Tintoretto and Tiziano until Gianbattista Tiepolo and the Vedutisti of the eighteenth century, Canaletto, Guardi, Bellotto, Longhi. These artists will influence the whole history of European painting.

Address: Campo della Carità, 1050, 30123 Venezia, Italy

Phone: +39 041 520 0345

URL: <http://www.gallerieaccademia.org/the-museum/?lang=en>



Bridges

- **The Bridge of Sighs** (Italian: Ponte dei Sospiri) is a bridge located in Venice, northern Italy. The enclosed bridge is made of white limestone and has windows with stone bars. It passes over the Rio di Palazzo and connects the New Prison to the interrogation rooms in the Doge's Palace. It was designed by Antoni Contino (whose uncle Antonio da Ponte had designed the Rialto Bridge) and was built in 1602.
- **Rialto Bridge** (Ponte di Rialto), the main bridge crossing the Grand Canal in the heart of Venice, is over 400 years old. Nearby is the Rialto Market, an interesting and lively food market with lots of little shops.



Gondolas

The daytime rate for an hour in a gondola (up to six passengers) is 120,00 € till 19:00PM. After that hours between 19:00PM and 08:00AM it rises to 150,00 € The minimum fare is 80,00 € for 40 minutes, though you may be able to negotiate at slow times. A new by-law requires fares to be clearly displayed at gondola stops so customers can point and protest if they think they're being charged too much.



Venice's Top Islands

Murano and Burano Island

Visit one or more of the islands on a day trip. Two of the most popular are Murano, famous for glass making and full of colorful houses and famous for lace.



Source:: <http://goitaly.about.com/od/veniceitaly/p/venice.htm>
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/travel/destination/italy/venice/33581/Venice-city-break-guide.html>

Dining in Venice

Osteria Da Fiore

Prestigious and exclusive premises welcome you offering high quality cuisine served in elegant and refined rooms. Once an old Venetian tavern, da Fiore has become, thanks to Mara and Maurizio Martin, one of the most famous restaurants of the city. Its high class service and its delicious gastronomic dishes have consolidated its fame up to now.

Cuisine: Italian

Cost: Moderate

Address: San Polo Calle del Scaleter, Venice, Italy

Opening Hours: Monday - Sunday: 12:00pm -23:00 pm

Phone: +39 041 721 308



Osteria Alle Testiere

Cuisine: Italian

Cost: Moderate

Address: Calle del Mondo Novo, 5801, 30122 Venezia, Italy

Tel: +39 041 522 7220

Web: <http://www.osteriaaltestiere.it/Testiere/Benvenuto.html>



MET Restaurant (Hotel Metropole)

A brave choice, the new Tra'Contemporary concept, unique in the world, introduced into Venetian cuisine in rapid evolution. A Michelin star, because the uniqueness of this cuisine has amazed even the most discerning palates. A great success, because courage pays off and because there's no need to visit distant lands to find great cuisine. The backdrop is a setting which, just like the cuisine it represents, brings together tradition and modernity, combined with a taste for the beautiful and antiques.

Address: Riva Degli Schiavoni 4149, 30122 Venice, Italy

Phone: +39 041 5240034

E-mail: met@hotelmetspole.com

Website: <http://www.hotelmetspole.com/>



Il Ridotto

Imaginative, seafood-oriented cuisine in an intimate restaurant with just 9 tables.

Address: Campo SS. Filippo e Giacomo, 4509, 30122 Sestiere di Castello, Venezia VE, Italy

Phone: +39 041 520 8280

Website: http://www.ilridotto.com/02_homepage_ENG.htm



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