

VENICE, ITALY

Venice, Bacoro Tour "Become a Venetian" - Concierge Collection

ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE

You will leave the ship to board a **private motor launch** accompanied by a Venetian tour leader. After a 20-minute boat ride you will arrive in the **Ferrovia area**, where you will start your “sparkling” walking tour to Rialto. Along the way you will enjoy a couple of stops in typical **Bacaros**, the Venetian bars where you can taste the typical **Venetian Aperitif “Spritz”** and try the **Venetian sandwiches** called Cicheti (similar to Spanish tapas). Here you will have the opportunity to visit with the local Venetians who always enjoy spending this time of the day in the Bacaro and learn some of the traditions of Venice.

Please note: Comfortable shoes, a hat, water, and sunscreen are recommended.

PRICE\$199

Venice, Canals of Venice

ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE

Explore the Serenissima city cruising the maze of its canals. You will depart from your yacht by motor launch and start your tour from the **Cannaregio, Misericordia, and Noale Canals**; then, enter the **Grand Canal** where you will see the beautiful **Ca’ D’Oro**, a wonderful example of Venetian Gothic architecture and **Rialto Bridge**, built in 1588 and for 300 hundred years the only means of crossing the Grand Canal on foot. Proceed to **Ca’ Rezzonico**, one of the most splendid Baroque palaces in Venice, now housing the **Museum of 18th century Venice**. Reach **St. Mark’s Basin** and re-enter the side canals of **Rio dei Greci** and **Rio dei Mendicanti**. Continue to the **Arsenal**, the ancient shipyard of Venice and see the ancient **Church of San Pietro di Castello**, before rounding the **St. Elena Islands**. You will head to **San Giorgio Islands** and finally ride through the **Giudecca Canal** before going back to your waiting yacht.

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PRICE\$199

Venice, Gondola Serenade

ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE

Venice is best admired from the water - a **ride by gondola** along the magical canals of Venice is an experience to treasure forever. You will be transferred by launch from the ship to the gondola landing pier near **St. Mark's Square**. There, you will board your gondola and you will gently glide, six per gondola, through the **canals of Venice**, to the sounds of **traditional Venice music**. At the end you will be taken back to the ship by motor launch.

PRICE\$289

Venice, Historic Venice and Doges Palace

ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE

St. Mark's Square (Piazza San Marco) is the heart and soul of Venice. Transfer by motor launch from the pier to St. Mark's Square, where your guided walking tour will begin. Your guide will point out the major landmarks, which include the **Campanile** (bell tower), the **Clock Tower** from the 15th century and **St. Mark's Cathedral**. The Byzantine facade of St. Mark's Cathedral, one of the world's most magnificent churches, will immediately claim your attention. The exterior's domes, pinnacles, and bronze horses contrast with a glowing interior of gold mosaics, elaborate carvings, and graceful statues. Your tour will continue to the exquisite **Doge's Palace**, the seat of the Venetian government from the 9th century until 1797. Climb the famous **Golden Staircase** to marvel at the paintings of **Tintoretto** and **Veronese**, and wander through the echoing **Great Council Chamber** where you can enjoy a splendid panorama of the St. Mark's Basin from the balcony. Crossing the famous **Bridge of Sighs**, you will arrive at the prison across from the **Rio De Palazzo** to view the cells. In the square below are small workshops of glass manufacturers and you will stop here to shop. Upon completion of the tour, you may stay in town and return to the ship independently, or return directly to the ship via motor launch.

Please note: Comfortable walking shoes, a hat, sunscreen, and water are recommended.

PRICE\$179

Venice, Islands of Venetian Lagoon - Murano & Burano

ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE

Venice is composed of more than 100 tiny islets, packed closely together around canals. Venice city is in a lagoon, protected from the sea by a long strip of land. Today you will visit two islands—Murano and Burano. In 1291, when furnaces were banned from Venice as a fire precaution, the manufacturers of fine glassware were transferred to **Murano**. Glassware was one of the few Venetian exports and as such, the secrets of this skillful craft were tightly guarded. Today, the Murano products of blown-glass mirrors, chandeliers, goblets and intricate works of art are renowned worldwide. There will be time for a visit to one of the many **glassblowing workshops** and for shopping. The island of **Burano** has brightly painted houses decorating this small and cheerful fishing village. Burano is well known for its **lace-making**. In the 16th century, the lace industry was at its peak, and Burano was cited throughout Europe for producing the finest lace. You will have the chance to admire these beautiful works that require hours of labor, and maybe even purchase some, if you like. At the end, a motor launch will transfer you back to the yacht.

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