

Venice Guide

For Large Groups/Families

The Way To Italy



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Welcome to Venice, a city like no other, where history, culture, and romance intertwine amidst the enchanting maze of canals and historic architecture. This guide is designed to help you make the most of your visit to this iconic Italian destination, offering a curated selection of free and inexpensive things to do, as well as family-friendly restaurant recommendations.

Whether you're captivated by the grandeur of St. Mark's Square, eager to explore the hidden corners of the Jewish Ghetto, or simply yearning for an authentic taste of Venetian cuisine, there's an experience awaiting every member of your family. Join us as we uncover the timeless charms and affordable delights that Venice has to offer

Taste Cichetti

Cichetti are to Venice as tapas are to Spain. After a day's work, Venetians gather in their favorite bacaro -- a neighborhood bar serving drinks and bite-sized eats. Traditional cichetti (pronounced chi-ket-ee) include crostini, fried seafood and other savory morsels served on a toothpick. Venetians like to enjoy their happy-hour nibbles with a glass of wine or a spritz cocktail. Locals abound in these establishments, sharing the latest in neighborhood gossip or a hearty laugh among friends. The bacaro bar is the exact opposite of a tourist trap – it's a home away from home for Venetians. With a local guide, you can experience this most Venetian way of ending the work day!

Rialto Market

Explore the vibrant Rialto Market, where you can experience the local culture and find fresh produce, seafood, and other goods. It's a great place to take in the sights and sounds of daily life in Venice.

Opening Hours: Monday to Saturday, 7:30 am - 1:00 pm

Address: Sestiere San Polo, 30125 Venezia VE, Italy

What to See

Rialto Bridge and the Grand Canal

Take a leisurely stroll across the iconic Rialto Bridge, which offers stunning views of the Grand Canal. You can also watch the gondolas and vaporettos (water buses) navigating the bustling waterway. Be sure to visit both in the day and in the evening, it's especially romantic at sunset.

Cannaregio

In the northern part of the city sits Cannaregio. The area is famous for being the set of Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*. and the Jewish Ghetto. The streets are lively with a more authentic vibe. Locals go there to meet friends and wander around the many enchanting alleyways. Look for the 53-cm wide **Calle Varisco** without noticing it, because this is a famous spot for being Venice's narrowest street.

Ghetto Ebraico (Jewish Ghetto)

Explore the historic Jewish Ghetto, which is the world's first ghetto and a significant part of Venice's cultural heritage. Wander through the charming streets and visit the synagogues and Jewish Museum.

Peggy Guggenheim Collection

This modern art museum showcases an impressive collection of works by prominent artists such as Picasso, Pollock, and Dalí. Admission fees are reasonable, and the museum offers a beautiful setting along the Grand Canal. Opening Hours: Wednesday to Monday, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm (closed on Tuesdays)

Address: Dorsoduro, 701-704, 30123 Venezia VE, Italy Website:

<https://www.guggenheim-venice.it/>

Giardini Pubblici (Public Gardens)

Escape the hustle and bustle of the city by visiting the peaceful Giardini Pubblici, the oldest public park in Venice. It's a great place for a leisurely walk or a picnic, and it features beautiful greenery and charming pathways.

Piazza San Marco (St. Mark's Square)

Visit the iconic St. Mark's Square, where you can enjoy the stunning architecture of St. Mark's Basilica, the Campanile, and the historic Doge's Palace. It's a great place for a leisurely stroll and people-watching.

Torre Orologio (Clock Tower)

The Torre dei Mori is one of the most famous architectural signs of Venice. Part of the Piazza S. Marco complex, the tower, with its large astronomical clock is a masterpiece of technique and engineering. It is an indispensable element of the image of Venice itself and has marked, for exactly five hundred years now, its life, history and the continuous flow of time. Check the website for visits in English.

Website: <https://torreorologio.visitmuve.it/>

Santa Maria Gloriosa dei Frari Church

This beautiful church houses masterpieces by Titian and other renowned artists. Admission is inexpensive, and it's a wonderful place to appreciate art and history.

Opening Hours: Monday to Saturday, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm; Sunday, 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Address: San Polo, 3072, 30125 Venezia VE, Italy

Viewpoint From the Church San Giorgio Maggiore

Want to see everything from a completely different perspective? Jump on a Vaporetto and cross over to the island of San Giorgio Maggiore to enjoy some of the best views of Venice. You can climb or take the lift to the top of the bell tower for what is probably the city's most stunning panoramic views. From up on high, you're guaranteed beautiful pictures of St. Mark's Square and its campanile, the Grand Canal, and the Doge's Palace. This site is usually less crowded, so it's the perfect opportunity to soak in that Venetian air.

Website: <https://www.abbaziasangiorgio.it/>

Where to Eat

These restaurant recommendations provide a range of dining options to suit the preferences of large families visiting Venice, ensuring a memorable culinary experience during your stay.

Trattoria Antiche Carampane

This family-friendly trattoria offers authentic Venetian cuisine with a warm and welcoming atmosphere. They can accommodate large groups and offer a variety of seafood and pasta dishes.

Opening Hours: Monday to Saturday, 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm, 7:00 pm - 10:30 pm;
Sunday, 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Address: Rio Tera de la Carampane, 1911, 30125 Venezia VE, Italy

Website: <https://www.antichecarampane.com/>

Osteria al Portego

This cozy osteria is known for its delicious cicchetti (Venetian tapas) and hearty pasta dishes. It's a great choice for families looking for an authentic and affordable dining experience.

Opening Hours: Monday to Saturday, 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm, 7:00 pm - 10:30 pm

Address: Calle della Malvasia, 6014, 30122 Venezia VE, Italy

Website: N/A

Trattoria Da Fiore

Trattoria Da Fiore offers a warm and inviting atmosphere, serving traditional Venetian dishes made with fresh, locally-sourced ingredients. The restaurant has ample seating and can accommodate large groups with prior reservation.

Opening Hours: Monday to Saturday, 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm, 7:00 pm - 10:30 pm

Address: San Polo, 2202, 30125 Venezia VE, Italy

Website: <https://www.trattoriadafiore.com/>

Osteria Bancogiro

Located near the Rialto Bridge, Osteria Bancogiro provides a picturesque setting with views of the Grand Canal. The menu features a variety of seafood, pasta, and Venetian specialties, making it an ideal choice for families seeking a memorable dining experience.

Opening Hours: Daily, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm, 6:30 pm - 10:30 pm

Address: Campo San Giacometto, 122, 30125 Venezia VE, Italy

Website: <https://www.osteriabancogiro.it/>

Trattoria Alla Rivetta

Set in a charming canal-side location, Trattoria Alla Rivetta is known for its friendly service and delicious Venetian cuisine. The restaurant offers an extensive menu with options to suit all tastes.

Opening Hours: Tuesday to Sunday, 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm, 7:00 pm - 10:30 pm

Address: Castello, 4625, 30122 Venezia VE, Italy

Website: N/A

Osteria al Bacareto

This cozy osteria is a favorite among locals and visitors alike, offering a selection of cicchetti (small bites) and hearty pasta dishes. The casual and welcoming atmosphere makes it a great choice for families looking for an authentic Venetian dining experience.

Opening Hours: Monday to Saturday, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm, 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Address: Sestiere Cannaregio, 3054, 30121 Venezia VE, Italy

Website: N/A

About Me



Hello!
I'm Pamela



I have been organizing and leading tours throughout Italy since 2011.

Fond experiences of time with my Italian grand-parents (grandfather born in Sicily) lead me to seek out and share authentic adventures in Italy.

- ✧ 23 years of experience in traveling to and from Italy. Currently living in Florence Italy.
- ✧ Passionate to work with local, family-owned, small businesses for authentic Italian experiences.

I can't wait to see what we can create together in the future. *Pamela Bomkamp*

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