



Venezia in un giorno



Venice in one day

# *How to get to Venice*

choose the best way



If you plan on getting around by car, you should know that Venice is always very crowded and practically without roads. Cars in Venice are not needed so you need to leave your car in a parking area, strictly for a fee. Daily rates are not cheap, it starts at 25 euros for 24 hours, but the rate can be much more expensive.

Once the car is parked, you need to take a vaporetto to get to the center. The journey takes 15 to 30 minutes. Climb aboard and after a few moments Venice appears, from here you can already enjoy the magical atmosphere of the city.

A valid alternative to reach Venice is the train. You can get off at the Santa Lucia station and from there take the vaporetto to the center. If you really can't give up the car, my advice is to leave it in Mestre. From here the train and you are in no time in Santa Lucia to start your 24 hours dedicated to Venice.





## *Grand Canal and Rialto Bridge*



Already from the vaporetto you can admire the Grand Canal, the main waterway of Venice. Here innumerable gondolas with their gondoliers are "parked" on the sides of the canal. Proceed to the Rialto Bridge, one of the most famous and photographed bridges in Venice. Also in this part of the city you can visit the Rialto Market, a historic Venetian market, divided into two parts, the Pescheria and the Erbaria, that is the fish and vegetable market. Continuing towards San Marco, you walk the streets called the Mercerie and that is the main commercial streets of Venice for lovers of luxury shopping.

*The monumental complex of  
Piazza San Marco*



Piazza San Marco is undoubtedly the most representative image of Venice where the huge Basilica of the same name stands out, richly decorated in Byzantine style. The Basilica of San Marco is a church of imposing size, dominated by five domes, among which the central one is 43 meters high.

Entrance to the Basilica is free, so entry cannot be booked. In Piazza San Marco you can also go up with the lift on top of the Campanile, 97 meters high, the view of the city from here is really lovely. Also in Piazza San Marco is the ancient Ducal Palace, seat of the Venetian magistracy. Today, the Palazzo Ducale Civic Museum is located inside the Doges' Palace. The entrance to Palazzo Ducale is instead bookable and in this case the reservation is advisable to avoid unnecessary waiting. The Palace represents an example of typical Venetian architecture of great refinement, perhaps together with the Basilica of San Marco, the most representative monument of the city.





From Piazza San Marco, always on foot, head towards the Riva degli Schiavoni to admire the iconic Bridge of Sighs so called because it is the bridge that led the inmates condemned to the Serenissima prisons. It is said that the prisoners used to issue the last "sigh" in the outside world before being imprisoned.

If the time available is ending, we advise you to choose one of these stages, which are all worthwhile.

Staying in the San Marco area, you can visit the Clock Tower, a Renaissance building of remarkable originality still located in the square. The central part of the building is the oldest and is decorated by the famous clock made in gold and blue enamel surmounted by the Winged Lion, symbol of the city of Venice.

Alternatively, we recommend you visit the Basilica of Santa Maria della Salute, located in the Punta della Dogana. The basilica, in Baroque style, represents a unique building of its kind given its extraordinary position. The entrance to the church is almost touched by the sea and the basilica dominates the outline of the lagoon and the Grand Canal with its bulk.

If you are a lover of modern and contemporary art, a visit not to be missed is the museum of the Guggenheim Collection, certainly the most important exhibition for European and American art of the 20th century.



## *An aperitif for an hour of relaxation*

Another must-see on a day in Venice is a stop at Timon's, a small restaurant with a lively atmosphere that offers Venetian snacks and meat dishes.



## *Where to eat in Venice*

Even the Venetian restaurants are quite expensive, this is because in general Venice is a city that lives on tourism and prices have adjusted over time. However, there are restaurants that are particularly loved by the Venetians themselves, including Paradiso Perduto, a characteristic place that offers typical Venetian dishes.



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