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## **RIVER AND LAGOON CRUISES 2023**

## THE BRENTA RIVIERA AND THE VENETIAN VILLAS: ON ROUTE OF THE ANCIENT BOAT IL BURCHIELLO... (one way excursion - Monday excluded)

The Brenta Riviera has always been considered such as the ideal extension of the Canal Grande in Venice and offers you a lost world made of richness, beauty and nature. On board of our motor-ships you will have the exclusive opportunity to navigate this luxurious route admiring wonderful villas together with their beautiful gardens, once summer residences of the Venetian nobles. The most important artists worked here for the richest families of the Venetian Republic and the most famous personalities were guests in these spectacular mansions. Three locks, ten swing bridges, thirty-three km with more than eight metres of difference in level mark this excursion in the Venetian territories. A cruise so rich in history, culture and nature.



#### Program - departure from Stra (Ve):

08.45 am: meeting with our guide at the parking place of **VILLA PISANI in Stra (Ve)**, which is now a National Museum. Optional visit of the park of the villa (ticket € 4,50 per person; free for EU citizens under 18). The villa was based on a plan by Girolamo Frigimelica, later modified by Francesco Maria Preti and was meant to celebrate the election of Alvise Pisani as Doge in 1735. In the apartments you will admire the inestimable decorations created by the most famous Venetian painters during the 18th century. Tiepolo's masterpiece "Glory of the Pisani Family" graces the ceiling of the ballroom. In the gardens you are going to discover the famous maze of hedges, in which Gabriele d'Annunzio places the love games of Stelio Effrena and the young Lady Foscarina, protagonists of his novel "The fire".

Boarding on the motorboat and start of the navigation along the Brenta River. Stop in **Dolo** and visit this typical Venetian village that preserves one of the ancient mills dating back to the  $16^{th}$  century.

12.30 pm: our board restaurant will serve you a typical Venetian lunch based on fish: **Aperitif** Bellini, **starter**: shrimps, pickled anchovies and sardines in the manner of Chioggia (with raisins and pine kernel), **first course**: fusilli alla marinara (pasta with seafood), **main course**: mixed fried fish, **vegetables** in season, **wine and water, fruit, coffee, cover and service**.

After lunch, <u>according to the disposability of the villas</u>, optional visit to **VILLA BARCHESSA VALMARANA** (ticket 6,00  $\in$  per person), very pretty guest house with fine frescoes created by Michelangelo Schiavoni, or to **VILLA WIDMANN** (ticket 6,00  $\in$  per person), splendid villa

planned by Andrea Tirali at the beginning of the  $18^{th}$  century and painted in frescoes by Giuseppe Angeli.

Back on board, we will continue our little cruise to Malcontenta where you will have the possibility to visit the very famous **VILLA FOSCARI "LA MALCONTENTA"** (that is to say: "the unhappy Lady"), planned by the Renaissance master Andrea Palladio and completely decorated in its rooms by Giambattista Franco and Giovanni Battista Zelotti (ticket  $\in$  10,00 p.p.). After visiting the villa we will come back on board and sail to Fusina passing through the very ancient **Moranzani Lock**, built in the 17<sup>th</sup> century following a Leonardo da Vinci's technical plan.

05.30 pm: arrival in Fusina (VE), landing and end of the services. The arrival in Fusina could have delays because of the fluvial traffic, the timing of locks and bridges or what else that cannot be ascribed to our organization.

#### Program - departure from Fusina (Ve):

08.45 am: meeting with our guide at the landing stage at Fusina (Ve), boarding on the motorboat and navigation upstream along the Brenta Canal. We will pass through the very ancient **Moranzani Lock**, built in the 17<sup>th</sup> century following a Leonardo da Vinci's technical plan.

Arrival in Malcontenta where you will have the possibility to visit the very famous **VILLA FOSCARI "LA MALCONTENTA"** (that is to say "the unhappy Lady"), planned by the Renaissance master Andrea Palladio and completely decorated in its rooms by Giambattista Franco and Giovanni Battista Zelotti (ticket 10,00 € per person).

Arrival in Mira and, <u>according to the disposability of the villas</u>, optional visit to **VILLA BARCHESSA VALMARANA** (ticket 6,00  $\in$  per person), very pretty guest house with fine frescoes created by Michelangelo Schiavoni, or to **VILLA WIDMANN** (ticket 6,00  $\in$  per person), splendid villa planned by Andrea Tirali at the beginning of the 18<sup>th</sup> century and painted in frescoes by Giuseppe Angeli.

12.30 pm: our board restaurant will serve you a typical Venetian lunch based on fish: **Aperitif** Bellini, **starter**: shrimps, pickled anchovies and sardines in the manner of Chioggia (with raisins and pine kernel), **first course**: fusilli alla marinara (pasta with seafood), **main course**: mixed fried fish, **vegetables** in season, **wine and water, fruit, coffee, cover and service**.

Our cruise ends in Stra for the optional visit of the park of **VILLA PISANI**, which is now a National Museum (ticket 4,50 € per person; free for EU citizens under 18). The villa was based on a plan by Girolamo Frigimelica, later modified by Francesco Maria Preti and was meant to celebrate the election of Alvise Pisani as Doge in 1735. In the apartments you will admire the inestimable decorations created by the most famous Venetian painters during the 18th century. Tiepolo's masterpiece "Glory of the Pisani Family" graces the ceiling of the ballroom. In the gardens you are going to discover the famous maze of hedges, in which Gabriele d'Annunzio places the love games of Stelio Effrena and the young Lady Foscarina, protagonists of his novel "The fire".

05.30 pm: end of the excursion and of all our services.

#### RATES:

**Individuals: 85,00 €** per person – **Groups: 75,00 €** per person (minimum 35 passengers) **Children:** 0/5 years old are **free** - 6/12 years old **50,00 €** per person

**The rate includes**: navigation, lunch on board and our tour leader/guide. **The rate doesn't include**: the entrance fees for the villas which have to be paid directly on the spot, the return to the embarkation point and what else is not expressly mentioned in our program.

#### ADDITIONAL CHARGES – only for groups of min. 45 persons – compulsory request in advance:

- Panoramic view of St. Mark's Basin **20,00 €** per person; this part of navigation in the Venetian Lagoon will be carried out by one of our motorboats and could be different from the one sailing the Brenta, pls pay attention to the following timings:

Navigation from Stra to Fusina: final disembarkation will be at 07.00 pm

Navigation from Fusina to Stra: the departure will be absolutely at 07.30 am

- Remember that the Panoramic View of St. Mark's Basin involves the payment of the total amount of bus fees – www.avmspa.it

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Entrance fees must be paid on board.





## **VENICE AND THE LAGOON ISLAND: BURANO, MURANO AND TORCELLO**

Welcome to the romantic City of Venice, the only one place in the world where water and sky mix together finding no boundary. It's a city of captains, seamen, adventures, set in the magic atmosphere in which the biggest painters, musicians and poets expressed their arts.

Welcome to the narrow streets called "calli", the small squares called "campi" or "campielli" and the canals: 118 islands, more than four hundred bridges and ...as many cats!!!



#### Program:

8.15 am: meeting with our tour leader at the entrance of the Terminal Parking Place at **Fusina (Ve)** and boarding on the motorboat.

Entering the **Giudecca Canal** we will admire some of the most beautiful churches of Venice, among them: The Redeemer's Church, The Church of the Spinters, St. George and the impressive Basilica of St. Mary of Health. St. Mark's Basin will capture you with its masterpieces: St. Mark's Square, the famous bell tower, the Palace of the Doges, the Bridge of Sighs and the beautiful catwalk Riva Sette Martiri that leads to the Elena's Gardens. We will navigate in front of the Arsenal, the symbol of the military power of the Venetian Republic "La Serenissima" since the age of the crusades.

Arrival at **BURANO** island and free visit of this charming little village of seamen and fishermen, dominated by pretty brightly-coloured houses and very famous all over the world for its lace.

Arrival at **TORCELLO** island optional visit to the Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta (ticket 5,00  $\in$  per person) that keeps ancient mosaics of the Venetian-Byzantine School dating back to the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> century; close to the cathedral we can admire the Martyrium of Santa Fosca, a Christian martyr of the 3<sup>rd</sup> century.

1.00 pm: our board restaurant will serve you a typical Venetian lunch based on fish: Aperitif Bellini, starter: shrimps, pickled anchovies and sardines in the manner of Chioggia (with raisins and pine kernel), first course: fusilli alla marinara (pasta with seafood), main course: mixed fried fish, vegetables in season, wine and water, fruit, coffee, cover and service.

After lunch time we will reach **MURANO**: the island of the glass. We will have the extraordinary possibility to enjoy this ancient art of glassmaking while admiring one glass master creating some objects in front of our eyes.

05.30 pm: arrival in Fusina (Ve), disembarkation and end of the services.

#### **RATES:**

**Individuals: 75,00** € per person – **Groups: 70,00** € per person (minimum 45 passengers) **Children:** 0/5 years old are **free** - 6/12 years old **50,00** € per person

**The rate includes:** navigation, lunch on board and our tour leader/guide. **The rate doesn't include:** entrance fees and everything not mentioned in the program. **BUS LIMITED TRAFFIC ZONE (ZTL VENEZIA) – BUS FEES:** <u>www.avmspa.it</u> Entrance fees must be paid on spot.

## **VENICE AND THE SPIRITUALITY ISLANDS**

This excursion will take you to discover very special places in the Venetian lagoon: the Island of Saint Francis of the Desert and the Island of the Armenians, ancient and lonely monasteries, rare centres of deep spirituality.



#### Program:

8.15 am: meeting with our tour leader at the entrance of the Terminal Parking Place at **Fusina (Ve)** and boarding on the motorboat.

Entering the **Giudecca Canal** we will admire some of the most beautiful churches of Venice, among them: The Redeemer's Church, The Church of the Spinters, St. George and the impressive Basilica of St. Mary of Health. St. Mark's Basin will capture you with its masterpieces: St. Mark's Square, the famous bell tower, the Palace of the Doges, the Bridge of Sighs and the beautiful catwalk Riva Sette Martiri that leads to the Sant' Elena's Gardens. Navigation to the **ISLAND of SAINT LAZARUS OF THE ARMENIANS**, which monastery was built at the beginning of the 18th century. We will have the possibility to visit this centre of the Armenian culture (ticket 8,00  $\in$  per person) and listen to the history of this persecuted population. In this beautiful oasis of peace we will admire an important paintings collection, an archaeological museum with an Egyptian mummy dating back to the year 3000 B.C., two libraries and a collection of precious manuscripts. Lord Byron, the famous English poet, stayed here and rest on this peaceful island, where he learnt the Armenian language.

After visiting the Armenians' Island we will sail and reach **TORCELLO** Island for the optional visit to the Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta (ticket 5,00  $\in$  per person) that keeps ancient mosaics of the Venetian-Byzantine School dating back to the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> century; close to the cathedral we can admire the Martyrium of Santa Fosca, a Christian martyr of the 3<sup>rd</sup> century.

12.30 pm: our board restaurant will serve you a typical Venetian lunch based on fish: **Aperitif** Bellini, **starter**: shrimps, pickled anchovies and sardines in the manner of Chioggia (with raisins and pine kernel), **first course**: fusilli alla marinara (pasta with seafood), **main course**: mixed fried fish, **vegetables** in season, **wine and water, fruit, coffee, cover and service**.

Arrival at the **ISLAND OF ST FRANCIS OF THE DESERT**, once known as the island of the cypresses (free offering for the monastery of Franciscan Friars). A legend tells how St. Francesco from Assisi rest here in the year 1220 escaping from a terrible tempest while he was coming back from the Holy Land.

05.30 pm: arrival in Fusina, disembarkation and and of the services.

#### **RATES:**

**Individuals: 75,00 €** per person – **Groups: 70,00 €** per person (minimum 45 passengers) **Children:** 0/5 years old are **free** - 6/12 years old **50,00 €** per person.

The rate includes: navigation, lunch on board and our tour leader/guide. The rate doesn't include: entrance fees and everything not mentioned in the program. BUS LIMITED TRAFFIC ZONE (ZTL VENEZIA) – BUS FEES: <u>www.avmspa.it</u>

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## THE ARMENIAN VENICE

Welcome to a very unusual Venice, refuge for ancient people, who transformed the lagoon city into a cultural and religious landmark. This excursion is an ideal hug between East and West in the magic atmosphere of the Venetian Lagoon.







Program: 8.15 am:

meeting with our tour leader at the entrance of the Terminal Parking Place at **Fusina (Ve)** and boarding on the motorboat.

Navigation along the Giudecca Canal where we will admire some of the most beautiful churches of Venice, among them: The Redeemer's Church, The Church of the Spinters, San Giorgio Maggiore and the impressive Basilica of St. Mary of Health.

Landing on Riva dei Gesuati and walk to **ZENOBIO PALACE** in Dorsoduro District. Visit to this monumental building built between the end of the 17<sup>th</sup> and the beginning of the 18<sup>th</sup> century for the Venetian noble family Zenobio. From 1850 the palace is owned by the Armenian Mechitar's Fathers of Venice and stand for one of the most important example of baroque art in the city. The principal room is the most renowned "Room of the Mirrors", also called Tiepolo's Room thanks to the beautiful frescoes and the very complex decoration created by the young G.B. Tiepolo. After that you will have the chance to visit the **SCUOLA GRANDE DEI CARMINI** (ticket not included - 5,00  $\in$  per person). The building was built during the 17<sup>th</sup> century following a Baldassarre Longhena's plan and preserves a Tiepolo's wonderful pictorial cycle dedicated to the Madonna del Carmine together with beautiful paintings by A. Zanchi and G.B. Piazzetta.

#### 01.00 pm: our board restaurant will serve you a typical Venetian lunch based on fish: **Aperitif** Bellini, **starter**: shrimps, pickled anchovies and sardines in the manner of Chioggia (with raisins and pine kernel), **first course**: fusilli alla marinara (pasta with seafood), **main course**: mixed fried fish, **vegetables** in season, **wine and water, fruit, coffee, cover and service**.

During the lunch we will continue our navigation in the Venetian lagoon.

Visit to the island of **SAINT LAZARUS OF THE ARMENIANS**, which monastery was built at the end of the 17th century. We will visit this centre of the Armenian culture and listen to the history of this persecuted population. In this beautiful oasis of peace we will admire an important paintings collection, an archaeological museum with an Egyptian mummy dating back to the year 3000 B.C., two libraries and a collection of precious manuscripts. Lord Byron, the famous English poet, stayed here and rest on this peaceful island, where he learnt the Armenian language.

05.30 pm: arrival in Fusina (Ve), disembarking and end of the services.

#### RATES:

**Individuals: 85,00 €** per person – **Groups: 78,00 €** per person (minimum 45 passengers) **Children:** 0/5 years old are **free** - 6/12 years old **€ 60,00** per person.

**The rate includes:** navigation, lunch on board, our tour leader and the tickets for the guided tour to Palazzo Zenobio and the Saint Lazarus of the Armenians' Monastery. **The rate doesn't include:** entrance fees for the visit to Scuola Grande dei Carmini, everything not mentioned in the program.

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Entrance fees for the visit to Scuola Grande dei Carmini must be paid on spot.

## "VENICE AND THE MINOR ISLANDS"

Welcome to the romantic city of Venice, the only one place in the world where water and sky mix together finding no boundary. It's a city of captains, seamen, adventures, set in the magic atmosphere in which the biggest painters, musicians and poets expressed their arts. We will follow a particular route showing us some aspects of the history of Venice that very few people know.



#### Program:

8.15 am: meeting with our tour leader at the entrance of the Terminal Parking Place at **Fusina (Ve)** and boarding on the motorboat.

Navigation along **the Giudecca Canal** where we will admire some of the most beautiful churches of Venice, among them: The Redeemer's Church, The Church of the Spinters, San Giorgio Maggiore and the impressive Basilica of St. Mary of Health.

Navigation to the **ST GEORGE ISLAND**, once known as the Island of the Cypresses. Visit to St. George's Church, masterpiece of the religious architecture created by Andrea Palladio. The church was started in 1566 and completed by Simon Sorella in 1610, after Palladio's death. The Latin crossed interior has three aisles preserving masterpieces by Jacopo da Bassano, Palma il Giovane and Carpaccio. The presbytery owns two beautiful Tintoretto's paintings: "The Last Supper" and "The fall of the manna", which surround the wonderful marble altar created by Gerolamo Campagna.

Navigation to the **"NEW LAZARETTO" ISLAND**, which is situated in the central part of the Venetian Lagoon, in front of Sant'Erasmo. Although some archaeological finds show the presence of human being on the island since the Bronze Age, the first written document comes from the year 1015. In the 18<sup>th</sup> July the Senate of the Serenissima Republic of Venice decided to establish here the quarantine of goods and people, that were suspected of plague infection. The island received the name of New Lazaretto to be distinguished from the Old Lazzaretto, still working in the southern lagoon, where the plague victims were treated. The dangerous place was warned by a vessel hoisting a yellow flag.

01.00 p.m.: our board restaurant will serve you a typical Venetian lunch based on fish: **Aperitif** Bellini, **starter**: shrimps, pickled anchovies and sardines in the manner of Chioggia (with raisins and pine kernel), **first course**: fusilli alla marinara (pasta with seafood), **main course**: mixed fried fish, **vegetables** in season, **wine and water, fruit, coffee, cover and service**.

After lunch time we will reach **SAN SERVOLO ISLAND** (ticket 7,00  $\in$  per person), that was used to be the home of an old Benedictine monasteries later transformed into a hospital for soldiers and later on in a "insane asylum" at first only for nobles, later for poorer patients from the city.

05.30 p.m.: arrival in Fusina (Ve), disembarking and end of the services.

#### RATES:

**Individuals:** 90,00 € per person – **Groups:** 85,00 € per person (minimum 45 passengers) **Children:** 0/5 years old are **free** - 6/12 years old **60,00** € per person.

**The rate includes:** navigation, entrance tickets for "New Lazaretto" island, San Servolo island, lunch on board and our tour leader/guide. **The rate doesn't include:** everything not mentioned in the program.

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## THE GLORY OF 18th CENTURY VENICE

The 18<sup>th</sup> century marks the end of the powerful Serenissima Republic but it is nevertheless the enchantment of stuccoes, gold decorations, reflections and colours that wraps up Venice and its last century in an amazing elegance.







#### Program:

8.15 am: meeting with our tour leader at the entrance of the Terminal Parking Place at **Fusina (Ve)** and boarding on the motorboat.

Navigation to Riva delle Zattere and visit of **CA' REZZONICO PALACE – THE MUSEUM OF SETTECENTO** that is located in a wonderful palace planned by Baldassarre Longhena and hosts furniture and paintings of great value of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. We are going to admire the beautiful frescoes by G.B. Tiepolo, J. Guarana and F. Guardi and the very impressive picture gallery with more than 300 works. After that we will to visit the **GESUATI CHURCH**, planned by Giorgio Massari and hosting the work of arts by the best 18<sup>th</sup> century painters: Tintoretto, Tiepolo, Ricci and Morlatier.

01.00 pm: our board restaurants will serve you a typical Venetian lunch based on fish: **Aperitif** Bellini, **starter**: shrimps, pickled anchovies and sardines in the manner of Chioggia (with raisins and pine kernel), **first course**: fusilli alla marinara (pasta with seafood), **main course**: mixed fried fish, **vegetables** in season, **wine and water, fruit, coffee, cover and service**.

After lunch time we will reach **MURANO**: the island of the glass. We will have the extraordinary possibility to enjoy the ancient art of glassmaking while admiring one glass master creating some objects in front of our eyes. Free time in order to look about the shops or to visit the Church of Saint Peter Martyr in which you will find very beautiful glass chandeliers and works of art by Giovanni Bellini or The Basilica of the Saints Mary and Donato where you will see a very ancient mosaic floor and the very elegant mosaic of the apse representing a Byzantine Madonna on gold background.

05.30 pm: arrival in **Fusina (Ve)**, disembarkation and end of the services.

#### **RATES: Individuals: 85,00 €** per person – **Groups: 80,00 €** per person (minimum 45 passengers) **Children:** 0/5 years old are **free** – 6/12 years old **60,00 €** per person.

**The rate includes:** navigation, entrance to the Gesuati Church and Ca' Rezzonico Palace – The Museum of 18<sup>th</sup> century, lunch on board and our tour leader/guide. **The rate doesn't include:** everything not mentioned in the program.

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## VENICE BETWEEN MUSICIANS AND PAINTERS: THE REBIRTH OF THE PHOENIX AND THE CHURCH LA PIETÀ

The painting and the music are the queen arts in 18th century Venice and we are going to meet them in the splendid city theatre and in the Church La Pietà (the Church of Mercy) that is bound to Vivaldi's music.







#### Program:

8.15 am: meeting with our tour leader at the entrance of the Terminal Parking Place at **Fusina (Ve)** and boarding on the motorboat. Navigation to Riva delle Zattere and visit of the **THEATRE LA FENICE.** Guided tour of the most fascinating theatre of the city of Venice where artists like Gioacchino Rossini, Vincenzo Bellini, Gaetano Donizzetti and Giuseppe Verdi let their music play. Here Joan Sutherland and Maria Callas made their debut.

While walking back to the boat we are going to enter **St. Mark's Square** and visit the **CHURCH LA PIETA'.** The church was planned by Giorgio Massari during the 18<sup>th</sup> century and hosts works of art by Giambattista Tiepolo, Francesco Zanchi; here Antonio Vivaldi was chorus and violin master and his music resounds inside the church.

01.00 pm: our board restasurant will serve you a typical Venetian lunch based on fish: **Aperitif**: Bellini, **starter**: shrimps, pickled anchovies and sardines in the manner of Chioggia (with raisins and pine kernel), **first course**: fusilli alla marinara (pasta with seafood), **main course**: mixed fried fish, **vegetables** in season, **wine and water, fruit, coffee, cover and service**.

After lunch time we will reach the **SAN SERVOLO ISLAND**, a very ancient religious centre, later transformed into mental hospital where music therapy was used to calm down the patients because of the friendship between the director and Giuseppe Verdi.

05.30 pm: arrival in **Fusina (Ve)**, disembarking and end of the services.

#### RATES:

**Individuals:** 95,00 € per person – **Groups:** 90,00 € per person (minimum 45 passengers) **Children:** 0/5 years old are **free** - 6/12 years old **65,00** € per person.

**The rate includes:** navigation, entrance tickets for the Theatre La Fenice, The Church La Pietà and San Servolo Island, lunch on board and our tour leader/guide. **The rate doesn't include:** everything not mentioned in the program.

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## **VENICE AND THE GREAT ENEMY: THE PLAGUE**

Venice never let his enemies enter the lagoon but the most terrible enemy for the city invaded the city many times: the plague decimated the Venetian population and the most important and beautiful churches of the city are votive temples.



#### Program:

8.15 am:

meeting with our tour leader at the entrance of the Terminal Parking Place at **Fusina (Ve)** and boarding on the motorboat.

Sailing the Giudecca Canal you will admire some of the most beautiful churches of Venice, among them: The Redeemer's Church, The Church of the Spinters, San Giorgio Maggiore and the impressive Basilica of the Salute. Disembarkation along Riva delle Zattere and visit of the **CHURCH OF SAINT MERY OF THE HEALTH (Chiesa di Santa Maria della Salute)**, impressive big votive temple planned by Baldassarre Longhena after the terrible plague of the year 1630. The "Salute" is a vast, octagonal building built on a platform made of 100,000 wooden piles. The interior has its architectural elements demarcated by the coloration of the material, and the central nave with its ring of saints atop the balustrade is a novel design. It is full of Marian symbolism: the great dome represents her crown, the cavernous interior her womb, the eight sides the eight points on her symbolic star. The Baroque high altar arrangement, designed by Longhena himself, shelters an iconic Byzantine *Madonna and Child* dating back to the 12th or 13th century. The statuary group at the high altar, depicting *the Queen of heaven expelling the Plague* (1670) is a theatrical Baroque masterpiece by the Flemish sculptor Josse Le Corte.

Walk to **ST. MARK'S SQUARE** by crossing the Accademia Bridge. In the square we are going to admire the most famous monuments of the city of Venice: the Procurators' Houses, St. Mark's Basilica, the belfry, the clock tower and the Marciana Library.

01.00 pm: our board restaurant will serve you a typical Venetian lunch based on fish: **Aperitif** Bellini, **starter**: shrimps, pickled anchovies and sardines in the manner of Chioggia (with raisins and pine kernel), **first course**: fusilli alla marinara (pasta with seafood), **main course**: mixed fried fish, **vegetables** in season, **wine and water, fruit, coffee, cover and service**.

Navigation to the **"NEW LAZARETTO" ISLAND** which is located in the central part of the Venetian Lagoon, in front of Sant' Erasmo. Although some archaeological finds are evidence of the presence of human being on the island since the Bronze Age, the first written document comes from the year 1015. In 1468 the island took the modern name, on 18<sup>th</sup> July the Senate of the Serenissima Republic of Venice founded the lazaretto in order to establish the quarantine of goods and people, that were suspected of plague infection. The island received the name of New Lazaretto to be distinguish from the Old Lazzaretto, still working in the southern lagoon, where the plague victims were treated. The dangerous place was warned by a vessel hoisting a yellow flag.

5.30 pm: arrival in Fusina (Ve), disembarking and end of the services.

#### **RATES: Individuals: 80,00 €** per person – **Groups: 75,00 €** per person (minimum 45 passengers) **Children:** 0/5 years old are **free** - 6/12 years old **50,00 €** per person.

**The rate includes:** navigation, lunch on board, our tour leader/guide and entrance ticket for Church of Saint Mery of the Health (Chiesa di Santa Maria della Salute) and the New Lazaretto. **The rate doesn't include:** Sacristy of Church of Saint Mery of the Health (Chiesa di Santa Maria della Salute), everything not mentioned in the program.

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## **VENETIAN SETTECENTO BY CARLO GOLDONI**

The 18<sup>th</sup> century marks the end of the powerful Serenissima Republic but it is nevertheless the enchantment of stuccoes, gold decorations, reflections and colours that wraps up Venice and its last century in an amazing elegance. We will discover the contradictions of this spectacular age that Carlo Goldoni describes in a very sarcastic way in his Venetian comedies.







#### Program:

8.15 am: meeting with our tour leader at the entrance of the Terminal Parking Place at **Fusina (Ve)** and boarding on the motorboat.

Disembarking along Riva delle Zattere and visit of the **GESUATI CHURCH**, planned by Giorgio Massari and walk in San Polo District to **CARLO GOLDONI'S HOUSE**. Ca' Centanni, or Centanni - now better known as Casa di Carlo Goldoni - was built in the fifteenth century and has maintained all the features of Venetian Gothic architecture of that period. The famous Italian playwright Carlo Goldoni was born here in 1707 (25 February), and the building would remain to the Goldoni family until 1719. The three rooms of the first floor are dedicated to the main themes in the theatre of Carlo Goldoni (entrance salon); the puppet theatre from Palazzo Grimani ai Servi (formerly in Ca' Rezzonico) and the position of Carlo Goldoni and his work within eighteenth-century Venice. Original period paintings and furnishings appear in carefully-created settings that are built around the illustrations from the first editions of Goldoni's works. After that we are going to visit **CA' REZZONICO PALACE – THE MUSEUM OF SETTECENTO** (eighteenth century) that is located in a wonderful palace planned by Baldassarre Longhena and hosts furniture and paintings of great value of the Venetian Settecento. We are going to admire the beautiful frescoes by G.B. Tiepolo, J. Guarana and F. Guardi and the very impressive picture gallery with more than 300 works.

01.00 pm: our board restaurant will serve you a typical Venetian lunch based on fish: **Aperitif** Bellini, **starter**: shrimps, pickled anchovies and sardines in the manner of Chioggia (with raisins and pine kernel), **first course**: fusilli alla marinara (pasta with seafood), **main course**: mixed fried fish, **vegetables** in season, **wine and water**, **fruit**, **coffee**, **cover and service**.

Panoramic navigation to **CHIOGGIA**, where the young lawyer Carlo Goldoni had his training at the law court and wrote one of his masterpieces "Le baruffe chiozzotte". In Chioggia we will have a pleasant walk in the typical narrow streets called "calli", going into the fishermens' life with their nets, the boats and the unforgettable fish smell. We will reach Vigo Square, where the pillar with the Venetian-Byzantine capital dating back to the 12<sup>th</sup> century and the winged lion on its top show the historical and cultural connection with the city of Venice. We will visit St. Mary's

Cathedral dating back to the 11<sup>th</sup> century but rebuilt in 1674 following a plan by Baldassarre Longhena, after a great fire. Next to the cathedral you will see the ancient bell tower dating back to the 14<sup>th</sup> century and have a walk in the pedestrian area.

5.30 pm: end of the tour and of all our services.

#### **RATES:**

**Individuals: 85,00 €** per person – **Groups: 80,00 €** per person (minimum 45 passengers) **Children:** 0/5 years old are **free** - 6/12 years old **60,00 €** per person.

**The rate includes:** navigation, lunch on board, our tour leader/guide and entrance tickets for Casa Goldoni and Ca' Rezzonico.

The rate doesn't include: everything not mentioned in the program.

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## VENETIAN RENAISSANCE

In Italy Cinquecento (the 16<sup>th</sup> century) means Rinascimento, a rebirth that we can find in Venice visiting the imposing Gothic Church Santi Giovanni e Paolo and admiring the equestrian monument to Bartolomeo Colleoni and the powerful brush-strokes by Vittore Carpaccio in the Dalmatian School of Saint George.



#### Program:

8.15 am: meeting with our tour leader/guide at the entrance of the Terminal Parking Place at **Fusina** (Ve) and boarding on the motorboat.

The **Basilica dei Santi Giovanni e Paolo** (San Zanipolo called in Venetian dialect) is one of the most imposing religious buildings of medieval Venice. It is considered the Pantheon of Venice because of the large number of Venetian Doges who were buried there since the thirteenth century and having precious tombs by Vincenzo Scamozzi, Tullio and Pietro Lombardo or Alessandro Vittoria. This is the second biggest church in Venice, after St Mark's Church: 102 metres in length, 46 metres broad and with a magnificent 32 metres high nave. In the beside square we will admire the **equestrian monument to Bartolomeo Colleoni** planned by Andrea Verrocchio. After that we are going to visit the **Scuola di San Giorgio degli Schiavoni**. The School took its name by the Dalmatian community which became a corporation in the 1451 with the patronage of saints George, Jerom and Tryphon, that are the protagonists of the cycle of paintings made by Vittore Carpaccio at the beginning of sixteenth century.

01.00 pm: our board restaurant will serve you a typical Venetian lunch based on fish: **Aperitif** Bellini, **starter**: shrimps, pickled anchovies and sardines in the manner of Chioggia (with raisins and pine kernel), **first course**: fusilli alla marinara (pasta with seafood), **main course**: mixed fried fish, **vegetables** in season, **wine and water, fruit, coffee, cover and service**.

Arrival at **BURANO** island and free visit of this charming little village of seamen and fishermen, dominated by pretty brightly-coloured houses and very famous all over the world for its lace.

05.30 pm: Arrival in **Fusina (Ve)**, disembarkation and end of the services.

#### **RATES: Individuals: 85,00 €** per person - **Groups 75,00 €** per person (minimum 45 passengers) **Children:** 0/5 years old are **free** - 6/12 years old **50,00 €** per person.

**The rate includes:** navigation, entrance fee to the Basilica dei Santi Giovanni e Paolo and to the Scuola di San Giorgio degli Schiavoni, lunch on board and our tour leader/guide. **The rate doesn't include:** everything not mentioned in the program.

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## **VENICE - THE SERENISSIMA REPUBLIC**

Welcome to the romantic city of Venice, the only one place in the world where water and sky mix together finding no boundary. It's a city of captains, seamen, adventures, set in the magic atmosphere in which the biggest painters, musicians and poets expressed their arts. We will follow a particular to find some aspects of Venice that very few people know and discover the power of the Venetian fleet.



#### Program:

8.15 am: meeting with our tour leader at the entrance of the the Terminal Parking Place at **Fusina (Ve)** and boarding on the motorboat.

Arrival in Venice and visit to the **ARSENAL** (free entrance to be allowed by Italian Navy), which was founded after the Venetian tradition in 1104 after the Doge's will (no entrance fee: the guided tour is a service offered by the Navy on written request in advance and the visitors' list must be accepted by the Admiral's Office). Together with St. Mark's Basilica and Rialto, the Arsenal was the centre of the military power of Venice. It covers a vast inland harbour surrounded by high walls: from ancient times the ships of the Republic's fleet were constructed and repaired here and all the various activities connected with navigation were carried out: so there were rope factories, workshops producing sail-cloth, sails and all sorts of other naval equipment and supplies. It was the heart of the military sea power of Venice, a very stately complex of assembly shops, warehouses, shipyards so specialized that during the 16<sup>th</sup> century the workers used the assembly line system. The Arsenal of Venice was a working shipyard till the Second World War, when many air raid shelters were built inside the Arsenal.

Today the Arsenal belongs to the Italian Navy and a part is used for the worldwide famous Exhibition of Modern Art "La Biennale".

If the Italian Navy doesn't allow the visit to the Arsenal complex, we are going to have a pleasant walk around the perimeter of the Arsenal and we are going to reach the imposing **SAN PIETRO IN CASTELLO CATHEDRAL** (ticket 3,00  $\in$  per person), planned by Andrea Palladio; it was the first basilica of the city till the year 1807, when the title passed to St. Mark's Church. The Church of San Pietro in Castello signed the passage from the Renaissance to the Baroque Age and preserves wonderful marble altars and splendid frescoes by Ricci.

1.00 pm: our board restaurant will serve you a typical Venetian lunch based on fish: **Aperitif** Bellini, **starter**: shrimps, pickled anchovies and sardines in the manner of Chioggia (with raisins and pine kernel), **first course**: fusilli alla marinara (pasta with seafood), **main course**: mixed fried fish, **vegetables** in season, **wine and water**, **fruit**, **coffee**, **cover and service**. During the lunch we will enjoy a paperamic pavigation in the Vanetian Lagoon

During the lunch we will enjoy a panoramic navigation in the Venetian Lagoon.

#### In the afternoon you can choose to visit the Naval Museum or the island New Lazzaretto.

A) visit to the **NAVAL MUSEUM**, housed in a building dating back to the 15<sup>th</sup> century, once granary for the Venetian Republic. A part of the complex is under the jurisdiction of the Italian Navy. The Naval Museum of Venice is the most important one in Italy and comprises five floors in which you can admire the deeds and the heroes of the Venetian fleet and of the Italian Navy. You will visit the Room of the Bucintoro, that's to say the doge's ceremonial ship, and the Room of the Gondolas, where you will see Peggy Guggenheim gondola. In the Hall of the Ships you will find some original Venetian ships, military boats and a part of the engine-room belonging to Guglielmo Marconi's Elettra. After visiting the Naval Museum we we'll get on board and start navigating in the lagoon.

B) visit to the **"NEW LAZARETTO" ISLAND** which is located in the central part of the Venetian Lagoon, in front of Sant' Erasmo. Although some archaeological finds are evidence of the presence of human being on the island since in the Bronze Age, the first written document comes from the year 1015. In 1468 the island took the modern name, on 18<sup>th</sup> July the Senate of the Serenissima Republic of Venice founded the Lazaretto in order to establish the quarantine of goods and people that were suspected of plague infection. The island received the name of New Lazaretto to be distinguished from the Old Lazaretto, still working in the southern lagoon, where the plague victims were treated. The dangerous place was warned by a vessel hoisting a yellow flag.

5.30 pm: arrival in Fusina (Ve), disembarking and end of the services.

#### RATES:

**Individuals: 75,00 €** per person – **Groups: 70,00 €** per person (minimum 45 passengers) **Children:** 0/5 years old are **free** - 6/12 years old **€ 43,00** per person.

**The rate includes:** navigation, lunch on board, our tour leader/guide. **The rate doesn't include:** entrance fees and everything not mentioned in the program.

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Entrance fees must be paid on spot.

## **VENICE – CHIOGGIA AND THE SOUTHERN LAGOON**

This excursion will show you the south part of the Venetian Lagoon, discovering some special and evocative places such as Malamocco, San Pietro in Volta, Portosecco, Pellestrina and Chioggia. Welcome to the world of fishermen between the Adriatic Sea and the Lagoon of Venice, come on and enjoy the smell of fish!



#### Program:

8.15 am: meeting with our tour leader at the entrance of the Terminal Parking Place at **Fusina (Ve)** and boarding on the motorboat.

Panoramic sailing along the coast-line of Lido and Pellestrina, the long islands dividing the Venetian Lagoon from the Adriatic Sea. Stop at **SAN PIETRO IN VOLTA**, where we are going to have a walk along the sea wall called "*murazzi*", protecting the lagoon from the sea. Navigation to **CHIOGGIA** and landing on the bridge Ponte dell' Unione. In Chioggia we will have a pleasant stroll in the typical narrow streets called "calli", going into the fishermen's life with their nets, the boats and the unforgettable fish smell. We will reach Vigo Square, where the pillar with the Venetian-Byzantine capital dating back to the 12<sup>th</sup> century and the winged lion on its top show the historical and cultural connection with the city of Venice. We will visit St. Mary's Cathedral dating back to the 11<sup>th</sup> century but rebuilt in 1674 following a plan by Baldassarre Longhena, after a great fire. Next to the cathedral you will see the ancient bell tower dating back to the 14<sup>th</sup> century and have a walk in the pedestrian area.

01.00 pm: our board restaurant will serve you a typical Venetian lunch based on fish: **Aperitif** Bellini, **starter**: shrimps, pickled anchovies and sardines in the manner of Chioggia (with raisins and pine kernel), **first course**: fusilli alla marinara (pasta with seafood), **main course**: mixed fried fish, **vegetables** in season, **wine and water, fruit, coffee, cover and service**.

Arrival at **ST. GEORGE ISLAND**, once known as the island of the Cypresses. Visit to St. Georg's Church, masterpiece of the religious architecture created by Andrea Palladio. The church was started in 1566 and completed by Simon Sorella in 1610, after Palladio's death. The church resembles Palladio's Church of Redeemer. The inside has the form of a Latin cross with three aisles and preserves masterpieces by Jacopo da Bassano, Palma il Giovane and Carpaccio. The presbytery owns two beautiful Tintoretto's paintings: "The Last Supper" and "The fall of the manna", which surround the wonderful marble altar created by Gerolamo Campagna.

Panoramic view of **St Mark's Basin** and navigation along the Giudecca Canal where we will admire some of the most important churches of Venice, among them: The Redeemer's Church, The Church of the Spinters and the impressive Basilica of St Mary of the Health. arrival in Fusina, disembarking and end of the services

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#### RATES:

**Individuals: 75,00 €** per person – **Groups: 70,00 €** per person (minimum 45 passengers) **Children:** 0/5 years old are **free** - 6/12 years old **50,00 €** per person.

The rate includes: navigation, lunch on board and our tour leader. The rate doesn't include: entrance fees and everything not mentioned in the programme. BUS LIMITED TRAFFIC ZONE (ZTL VENEZIA) – BUS FEES: <u>www.avmspa.it</u>

Entrance fees must be paid on spot.

## **VENICE BY NIGHT: CRUISE IN THE VENETIAN LAGOON**

You will navigate in the Venetian lagoon fondled by the waves and the breeze in a charming atmosphere full of lights and colours. Venice reveals all its magic beauty. Dinner on board with fish menu.







#### Program:

07.30 pm: meeting with our tour leader/guide at the entrance of the Terminal Parking Place at **Fusina** (Ve) and boarding on the motorboat.

**Plenty welcome aperitif**: Bellini, Prosecco wine, fruit juices, soft drinks, green olives, stuffed fried olives and vegetables, appetizers, salami and cold pork meats and cheese.

The slow, relaxing navigation in the lighted Lagoon of Venice let us admire the most beautiful historical buildings along the Giudecca canal and Saint Mark's Basin, among them: the Stucky Mill, three magnificent Palladio's churches: the Redeemer's Church, the Church of the Spinters and the Church of San Giorgio Maggiore, the impressive Basilica of Santa Maria della Salute planned by Baldassarre Longhena and the most famous picture of Venice: Saint Mark's square. Our navigation will show us also some of the most important islands surrounding the city centre while you're enjoying your dinner on board.

08.30 pm: our board restaurant will serve you a typical Venetian lunch based on fish; **starter**: shrimps, pickled anchovies and sardines in the manner of Chioggia (with raisins and pine kernel), **first course**: pasta with seafood, **main course**: mixed fried fish, **vegetables** in season, **wine: Prosecco Veneto and water**, **cover** and **service.** During dinner time we will continue our navigation in the Venetian lagoon.

Stop at Riva Sette Martiri and free walk to St. Mark's Square.

Boarding and departure to Fusina with **fresh fruit**, **dessert with sparkling wine**, **coffee and spirits**.

00.30 am: arrival in Fusina, disembarking and end of the services.

#### **RATES:**

**Individuals:** 90,00 € per person – **Groups:** 80,00 € per person (minimum 50 passengers). **The rate includes:** navigation and dinner on board. **The rate doesn't include:** charter and everything not mentioned in the program.

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## **VENICE BY NIGHT: CRUISE IN THE VENETIAN LAGOON following in the footsteps of GIACOMO CASANOVA**

Allow yourselves the luxury of a fish dinner in the Venetian lagoon and of a special walk to discover Giacomo Casanova's life and adventures.



#### Program:

06.00 pm: meeting with our tour leader/guide at the entrance of the Terminal Parking Place at **Fusina** (Ve) and boarding on the motorboat.

**Plenty welcome aperitif**: Bellini, Prosecco wine, fruit juices, soft drinks, green olives, stuffed fried olives and vegetables, appetizers, salami and cold pork meats and cheese.

The slow, relaxing navigation in the lighted Lagoon of Venice let us admire the most beautiful historical buildings along the Giudecca canal, among them: the Stucky Mill, Fortuny's factory and showroom, the Redeemer's Church by Andrea Palladio and some more buildings...

- 06.45 pm: disembarkation at Riva delle Zattere and walking tour.
- 08.30 pm: our board restaurant will serve you a typical Venetian lunch based on fish; starter: shrimps, pickled anchovies and sardines in the manner of Chioggia (with raisins and pine kernel), first course: pasta with seafood, main course: mixed fried fish, vegetables in season, wine: Prosecco Veneto and water, cover and service. During dinner time we will continue our navigation in the Venetian lagoon, admiring some island surrounding the city centre and enjoying also fresh fruit, dessert with sparkling wine, coffee and spirits.
- 00.30 am: arrival in Fusina, disembarking and end of the services.

#### **RATES:**

**Individuals: 90,00 €** per person – **Groups: 80,00 €** per person (minimum 50 passengers).

**The rate includes:** navigation, aperitif, English speaking Tour Leader and guide for the 2 hrs walking tour in Venice, vox device with headphones, dinner on board.

The rate doesn't include: charter and everything not mentioned in the program.

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## **"FROM THE PO DELTA NATURAL PARK INTO THE VENETIAN LAGOON"**

This particular excursion will take you to admire the beautiful Venetian Lagoon with the panoramic navigation into St. Mark's Basin and the navigation on the ancient canals connecting the Serenissima Republic of Venice and some important cultural and commercial cities such as Chioggia, Adria and Ferrara. We are going to enter the uncontaminated territories of the Po Delta Natural Park, where history and nature dominate the amazing landscape.



#### Program - departure from Fusina (Ve):

08.15 am: meeting with our tour leader at the entrance of the Terminal Parking Place at **Fusina (Ve)** and boarding on the motorboat.

Navigation along the Giudecca Canal while admiring some of the most beautiful churches of Venice, among them: The Redeemer's Church, The Church of the Spinters, San Giorgio Maggiore and the impressive Basilica of the Salute. Panoramic view of St. Mark's Basin.

Arrival at **ST GEORGE ISLAND**, once known as the Island of the Cypresses. Visit to St. Georg's Church, masterpiece of the religious architecture created by Andrea Palladio. The church was started in 1566 and completed by Simon Sorella in 1610, after Palladio's death. The church resembles Palladio's Church of Redeemer. The inside has the form of a Latin cross with three aisles and preserves masterpieces created by Jacopo da Bassano, Palma il Giovane and Carpaccio. The presbytery owns two beautiful Tintoretto's paintings: "The Last Supper" and "The fall of the manna", which surround the wonderful marble altar created by Gerolamo Campagna.

Panoramic navigation to **CHIOGGIA** and landing on the bridge Ponte dell'Unione. In Chioggia we will have a pleasant walk in the typical narrow streets called "calli", going into the fishermen's life with their nets, the boats and the unforgettable fish smell. We will reach Vigo Square, where the pillar with the Venetian-Byzantine capital dating back to the 12<sup>th</sup> century and the winged lion on its top show the historical and cultural connection with the city of Venice. We will visit St. Mary's Cathedral dating back to the 11<sup>th</sup> century but rebuilt in 1674 following a plan by Baldassarre Longhena, after a great fire. Next to the cathedral you will see the ancient bell tower dating back to the 14<sup>th</sup> century.

01.00 pm: our board restaurant will serve you a typical Venetian lunch based on fish. **Aperitif**: Bellini, **starter**: shrimps, pickled anchovies and sardines in the manner of Chioggia (with raisins and pine kernel), **first course**: fusilli alla marinara (pasta with seafood), **main course**: mixed fried fish, **vegetables** in season, **wine and water, fruit, coffee, cover and service**.

Navigation from the Venetian Lagoon to the Po Delta Natural Park, passing through the following locks: Brondolo, Cavanella d'Adige Sinistra and Destra and Volta Grimana, which is the longest one in Italy. These locks are like a water-lift built following some technical designs by Leonardo da Vinci and enable the navigation from Venice to Cremona.

We are going to sail upstream the following rivers and canals: Canal Bianco and Po di Levante crossing Brenta and Adige in order to flow into the Po di Venezia River.

05.00 pm: Arrival at **TAGLIO DI PO (Ro)**, disembarking and end of the services.

09.30 am: meeting with our tour leader and boarding on the motorboat at the landing-stage in **Taglio di Po (Ro).** 

Navigation from to the Po Delta Natural Park to the Lagoon of Chioggia, passing through the following locks: Volta Grimana, Cavanella d'Adige Destra and Sinistra, Brondolo. These locks are like a water-lift built following some technical designs by Leonardo da Vinci and enable the navigation from Venice to Cremona. We are going to sail down the following rivers and canals: Po di Levante and Canal Bianco crossing Adige and Brenta in order to flow into the Southern Venetian Lagoon.

Panoramic navigation to **CHIOGGIA** and landing on the bridge Ponte dell'Unione. In Chioggia we will have a pleasant walk in the typical narrow streets called "calli", going into the fishermen's life with their nets, the boats and the unforgettable fish smell. We will reach Vigo Square, where the pillar with the Venetian-Byzantine capital dating back to the 12<sup>th</sup> century and the winged lion on its top show the historical and cultural connection with the city of Venice. We will visit St. Mary's Cathedral dating back to the 11<sup>th</sup> century but rebuilt in 1674 following a plan by Baldassarre Longhena, after a great fire. Next to the cathedral you will see the ancient bell tower dating back to the 14<sup>th</sup> century.

01.00 pm: our board restaurant will serve you a typical Venetian lunch based on fish. **Aperitif**: Bellini, **starter**: shrimps, pickled anchovies and sardines in the manner of Chioggia (with raisins and pine kernel), **first course**: fusilli alla marinara (pasta with seafood), **main course**: mixed fried fish, **vegetables** in season, **wine and water, fruit, coffee, cover and service**.

During lunch time on board, the boat will sail up the Lagoon and reach **ST GEORGE ISLAND**, once known as the Island of the Cypresses. Visit to St. Georg's Church, masterpiece of the religious architecture created by Andrea Palladio. The church was started in 1566 and completed by Simon Sorella in 1610, after Palladio's death. The church resembles Palladio's Church of Redeemer. The inside has the form of a Latin cross with three aisles preserves masterpieces created by Jacopo da Bassano, Palma il Giovane and Carpaccio. The presbytery owns two beautiful Tintoretto's paintings: "The Last Supper" and "The fall of the manna", which surround the wonderful marble altar created by Gerolamo Campagna.

Panoramic view of St. Mark's Basin and navigation along the Giudecca Canal admiring some of the most beautiful churches of Venice, among them: The Redeemer's Church, The Church of the Spinters and the impressive Basilica of the Salute.

05.00 pm: arrival at **Fusina (Ve)**, disembarking and end of the services.

#### RATES:

**Groups: 80,00 €** per person (minimum 45 passengers) **Children:** 0/5 years old are **free** - 6/12 years old **50,00 €** per person.

**The rate includes:** navigation, lunch on board and our tour leader. **The rate doesn't include:** entrance fees and everything not mentioned in the programme.

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## "THE PO DELTA NATURAL PARK – UNESCO BIOSFERA"

We are in the Po Delta Natural Park and we are going to spend a particular day in one of the few uncontaminated milieus still existing. More than one thousand of birds' species are waiting for you: purple and grey herons, buzzards, hawks, ducks, stilt-birds in a beautiful landscape of sand-banks and islets that will certainly capture you.



#### Program:

- 09.30 am: meeting with our tour guide and boarding on the motor-boat of Delta Tour's fleet at the landingstage in Taglio di Po (RO). Navigation along Po di Venezia, Po della Pila, Busa di Tramontana, Busa Dritta, Faro di Pila and Busa di Scirocco. The slow cruise on the delta will offer you the possibility to plunge into the marsh vegetation of tamarisks and red thickets, the reign of flora and fauna.
- 12.30 pm: our board restaurant will serve you a typical Venetian lunch based on fish. **Aperitif**: Bellini, **starter**: shrimps, pickled anchovies and sardines in the manner of Chioggia (with raisins and pine kernel), **first course**: fusilli alla marinara (pasta with seafood), **main course**: mixed fried fish, **vegetables** in season, **wine and water**, **fruit**, **coffee**, **cover and service**.
- 03.00 pm: we will stop at Cà Tiepolo and you will catch your private bus in order to reach the **Regional Museum of the Drainage "Cà Vendramin"**. Guided tour to the museum where you will see the impressive water pump built in the first years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and the machines connected with the drainage of these territories.
- 05.00 pm: end of the excursion and of all our services.

Individual tourists will board in Ca' Tiepolo at 10.30 am and reach the Regional Museum of the Drainage "Cà Vendramin" in the afternoon by their own car.

#### RATES:

Individuals: 75,00 € per person – Groups: 70,00 € per person (minimum 45 passengers).
 Children: 0/5 years old are free - 6/12 years old 50,00 € per person.
 Additional charge for a foreign language guide: 50,00 €.

**The rate includes:** navigation, lunch on board, our tour leader and guided visit of the Regional Museum of the Drainage "Cà Vendramin".

The rate doesn't include: entrance fees and everything not mentioned in the program.

**Instead of the visit to the Regional Museum of the Drainage "Cà Vendramin"**, at the end of the navigation at about 03.00 pm, the group can choose one out of the following programs (only for groups of minimum 30 people - the final choice must be communicated at the time of the booking):

- A) naturalistic tour of Sacca degli Scardovari (by your own bus and with our tour guide): it's a very fascinating tour in a very special landscape of lagoons created by the morphologic development of the Po River. We are going to discover the real fishermen's world of these territories and to visit Ca' Mello Oasis, a very interesting area of cane thicket where several species of birds come and nest. Additional charge: 5,00 € per person.
- B) guided tour to Comacchio, very typical lagoon town. A pleasant walk will bring you through the picturesque canals and bridges to the symbol of this place: the famous Trepponti Bridge dating back to the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Additional charge: 5,00 € per person.

- C) guided tour to the beautiful Pomposa Abbey, one of the most significant Romanesque buildings in Italy. The abbey was founded by Benedictine monks before 9<sup>th</sup> century and was a very important cultural and spiritual centre: the church preserves frescoes realized by the school of the city of Bologna during the 14<sup>th</sup> century and a marvellous floor covered by mosaic of different ages and features. Other spots to be visited: the Capitular Room dating back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century, the refectory with beautiful frescoes created by the school of Rimini after Giotto's art and the Pomposiano Museum. Additional charge: 9,00 € per person.
- D) guided tour to the Porto Caleri Coast Garden, in which we can find about ten ecosystems with more than 2020 species of vegetables. Our tour will wind up between the pinewood, the dunes and the small fresh water ponds in which you can easily see tortoises. We are going to walk along the beach and we are going to consider the variety of the vegetation and understand the importance and the fragility of this environment. The tour is not difficult but we suggest wearing comfortable shoes and sportswear.
   Additional charge: 8,00 € per person.

Entrance fees must be paid on board.

## **WE NAVIGATE IN THE CANALS OF THE CITY OF PADUA SUSTAINABLE TOURISM ALSO WITH "ELECTRIC BOAT"**



#### Program:

Boarding on the vessel at the flight of steps "Il Portello" dating back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century or at the embarking place **"Porte Contarine Lock"** in the city centre. You will have the chance to admire the monuments and the buildings that marked the history of the city of Padua between the 15th and the 20th centuries but in a very original and evocative way. We will see the flight of steps **"Il Portello"**, it was the river harbour of the city in the past and it is still connected with Venice through the waterway created by the Piovego Canal and the Brenta River.

This excursion allows you to admire the city wall, the ramparts, the palaces, the churches and the monuments that reveal all their beauty from the waters of the **Piovego Canal**, excavated by the inhabitants of Padua during the early 13<sup>th</sup> century.

We suggest you to wear sporting clothes. This excursion lasts about 1 hour and 45' and ends at the same embarking place of the departure.

#### RATES:

Individuals: 15,00 € per person - Groups min 25 passengers: 12,50 € per person.

**The rate includes:** navigation and explanation by the captain (Italian language). **The rate doesn't include:** everything not mentioned in the program. English or German or French speaking guide on request, additional charge 150,00 €.

## "PADUA ON GIOTTO'S TRACES"

This very particular excursion will awake your love for beautiful things. We will visit wonderful places, painted in frescoes by the best Giotto's pupils and then we will navigate the Piovego Canal, discovering the city walls and the ramparts in a very evocative way. We will have our lunch in a typical restaurant located in the city centre, where we will taste the traditional dishes of Veneto region.



#### Program:

- 09.30 am: meeting with our guide at Car Parking Piazza Rabin Prato della Valle, that is the largest square in Europe after the Red Square in Moscow. We will visit the **Basilica of St. Anthony**, built during the 13<sup>th</sup> century in Romanesque-Gothic style where St. Anthony's remains are buried in the Arca del Santo. Walk in Padua city centre to **the famous squares**: Piazza dei Signori, Piazza delle Erbe and Piazza della Frutta admiring the most important monuments of the city such us Palazzo della Ragione, Palazzo del Bò, Caffè Pedrocchi and Piazza del Duomo (outside only). Visit to the enchanting Romanesque **baptistery of the cathedral**, named after St. John the Baptist, that holds the finest cycles of frescoes painted by the Florentine painter and Giotto's pupil Giusto de' Menabuoi.
- 12.30 pm: Lunch in a typical restaurant on request.
- 03.00 pm: **navigation along the Piovego Canal.** Boarding at the embarking place "Porte Contarine Lock" in the centre of Padua. On board of our typical Venetian "peota" (a boat that is able to navigate on the water surface) you will have the possibility to admire the monuments and the buildings that marked the history of the city between the 15<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup> centuries but in a very original and evocative way. We will see the flight of steps "II Portello", it was the river harbour of the city in the past and it is still connected with Venice through the waterway created by the Piovego Canal and the Brenta River. This excursion allows you to admire the city wall, the ramparts, the palaces, the churches and the monuments that reveal all their beauty from the waters of the Piovego Canal, excavated by the inhabitants of the city during the early 13th century.
- 05.00 pm: Arrival to the lock "Porte Contarine", disembarking, end of the services.

#### **RATES:**

Groups min. 35 passengers: 40,00 € per person.

**The rate includes:** the official guide for the half day tour in Padova, entrance fees for the churches, the baptistery and the navigation with explanation in English.

The rate doesn't include: lunch at the restaurant and everything not mentioned in the program.

## **"NAVIGATION IN PADUA AND VISIT TO THE BOTANICAL GARDEN"**

A very special Padua is waiting for us by boat and by Citysightseeing red bus and the visit to the oldest and at the same time most modern Botanical Garden in the world.



#### Program:

Meeting with our guide in Padua at the Piazza Rabin Car Park - Prato della Valle and beginning of the visit. **Citysightseeing red bus** for panoramic tour of the city from Piazza del Santo to Portello, then **navigation along the Piovego Canal** to Porte Contarine Lock. On board of our typical Venetian "peota" (a boat that is able to navigate on the water surface) you will have the possibility to admire the monuments and the buildings that marked the history of the city between the 15<sup>th</sup> and the 21<sup>st</sup> centuries but in a very original and evocative way. We will see the flight of steps "Il Portello", it was the river harbour of the city in the past and it is still connected with Venice through the waterway created by the Piovego Canal and the Brenta River. This excursion allows you to admire the city wall, the ramparts, the palaces, the churches and the monuments that reveal all their beauty from the waters of the Piovego Canal, excavated by the inhabitants of the city during the early 13th century. Disembark at Porte Contarine Lock, just in the city centre and walk between the beautiful **city squares**: Piazza della Frutta, Piazza delle Erbe, Piazza dei Signori where we can admire the most important monuments such as Palazzo Moroni, today the City Hall, Palazzo Bo or the ancient Universitas Patavina, Palazzo della Ragione, the ancient city court, the prestigious Caffè Pedrocchi, that is the meeting place for intellectuals of all times.

#### Free lunch in the city centre.

In the afternoon we will have a visit to the **Botanical Garden**, that was founded in 1545 by the Venetian Republic; since 1997 the complex has been included in the UNESCO World Heritage list and in 2014 it was expanded by as much as 15,000 meters with the Biodiversity Garden in which 5 modern greenhouses recreate the different climatic conditions of our planet from the equator degrading towards the poles.

The Botanical Garden of Padua is at the same time the oldest and the most modern one in the world, do not miss it!

#### RATES:

#### Groups min. 35 passengers: 50,00 € per person.

**The rate includes:** fd tour guide service, citysightseeing red bus panoramic tour, entrance fees for the Botanical Garden and the navigation with explanation in English.

The rate doesn't include: lunch at the restaurant and everything not mentioned in the program.

## From Padua to Battaglia Terme: Catajo Castle and the Boatmen Museum

Starting the navigation from the ancient harbor of the city we will sail the waterway connecting Padua and the Euganean Hills and discover the ancient traditions of the boatsmen.



#### Program:

08.30 am: meeting with our guide at the flight of steps **II Portello in Padua**, the ancient harbour.

During a slow navigation you will admire the monuments that marked the history of the city in the 16° century such as Portello Gate, the walls and the ramparts built by the Venetian Republic to defend its territories.

Navigation along **San Gregorio Canal** and, once passed Voltabarozzo Lock, we will enter the **Battaglia Canal** discovering the beautiful **Euganean Riviera** and admiring the beautiful **Catajo Castle**; stop and visit (ticket € 10,00 per person – reservation required).

We can provide for lunch in a local restaurant on request (meat menu).

In the afternoon our navigation travels through the 7 meters deep Battaglia Lock and take us to Battaglia Terme where you will visit **the Boatsmen Museum** (ticket and guided tour:  $\in$  8,00 per person).

05.00 pm: end of the visit and of all the services.

#### **RATES:**

#### Groups min. 35 passengers: 35,00 € per person.

The rate includes: the navigation from Padua/Portello to Battaglia Terme and the tour leader on board.

The rate doesn't include: lunch at the restaurant, admission fees and everything not mentioned in the program.

## From Padua to Monselice: Salvan Wine Cellars, Boatmen Museum and Cini Castle

The navigation along the Euganean Riviera is a very fascinating route and was travelled by the nobles and the artists of the past in order to reach their villas and castles in this area; let's to take you there on the way by Francesco Petrarca and show you to his home in Arquà.



#### Program:

08.30 am: meeting with our guide at the mooring place **Bassanello in Padua**.

Navigation along **Bacchiglione River** and **Battaglia Canal** discovering the beautiful **Euganean Riviera**. Let's the Captain invite you for a **wine tasting at Salvan's Wine Cellars** ( $\notin$  7,00 per person) and enjoy the taste of the delicious local wines grown on the farm's grounds.

Navigation to Battaglia Terme passing thorough the **7 meters water fall lock** connecting the Battaglia Canal and the Vigenzone Canal and going towards Bovolenta and Chioggia. In Battaglia Terme you will have the chance to visit the Boatmen Museum (ticket and guided tour  $7,00 \in$  per person). Navigation to **Monselice.** 

- 12.30 am: arrival in Monselice where you can have time for a free lunch or lunch in restaurant (reservation required). After lunch you will visit either the massive **Cini Castle** (ticket and guided tour: € 7,00 per person) <u>or</u> take a suggestive walk along the **Jubilee Sanctuary of the Seven Churches**, a small pilgrimage that ends at the monument of **Villa Duodo**.
- 05.00 pm: end of the services.

#### RATES:

#### Groups min. 35 passengers: 35,00 € per person.

The rate includes: the navigation from Padua/Bassanello to Monselice and the tour leader on board.

The rate doesn't include: lunch at the restaurant, admission fees and everything not mentioned in the program.

From Padua to Monselice: Catajo Castle, Salvan Wine Cellars and Cini Castle

Let's sail along the beautiful Euganean Riviera and discover the beautiful castles of the Euganean Hills...



#### Program:

08.30 am: meeting with our guide at the mooring place **Bassanello in Padua**.

Navigation along **Bacchiglione River** and **Battaglia Canal** discovering the beautiful **Euganean Riviera** and admiring the beautiful **Catajo Castle**; stop and visit (ticket  $\in$  10,00 per person – reservation required). Let's the Captain invite you for a **wine tasting at Salvan's Wine Cellars** ( $\in$  7,00 per person) and enjoy the taste of the delicious local wines grown on the farm's grounds.

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- 05.00 pm: end of the services.

#### **RATES:**

#### Groups min. 35 passengers: 35,00 € per person.

The rate includes: the navigation from Padua/Bassanello to Monselice and the tour leader on board.

The rate doesn't include: lunch at the restaurant, admission fees and everything not mentioned in the program.

## From Padua to Monselice and visit to Arquà Petrarca

Landlords had in the past big estates and massive castles and beautiful villas in the Euganean Hills: even the poet Francesco Petrarca admired this magnificent landscape by reaching by boat his house in Arquà Petrarca and drew inspiration for some of his poetry.



#### Program:

08.30 am: meeting with our guide at the mooring place **Bassanello in Padua**.

Navigation along **Bacchiglione River** and **Battaglia Canal** discovering the beautiful **Euganean Riviera**. Once arrived at Battaglia Terme we're going to visit **the Boatsmen Museum** (ticket and guided tour: € 8,00 per person) and pass through the **7 meters water fall lock** connecting the Battaglia Canal and the Vigenzone Canal and going towards Bovolenta and Chioggia.

Navigation to Monselice.

01.00 pm: arrival in Monselice where you can have time for a free lunch or lunch in restaurant (reservation required).

After lunch you will get on your bus and go to **Arquà Petrarca**, one of the most beautiful middle-age village in Italy, where the poet Francesco Petrarca spent the last years of his life and there's still his house (ticket:  $\in$  4,00 per person).

05.00 pm: end of the services.

#### RATES:

#### Groups min. 35 passengers: 38,00 € per person.

The rate includes: the navigation from Padua/Bassanello to Monselice, the tour leader on board and the guided tour of Arquà Petrarca.

The rate doesn't include: lunch at the restaurant, admission fees and everything not mentioned in the program.

From Padua to Monselice and visit to Este

The navigation along the Euganean Riviera is followed by the visit to Este: a beautiful town founded by the hero Ateste at the time of the Trojan Fire and today very suggestive walled town.



#### Program:

08.30 am: meeting with our guide at the mooring place **Bassanello in Padua**.

Navigation along **Bacchiglione River** and **Battaglia Canal** discovering the beautiful **Euganean Riviera** and admiring the beautiful **Catajo Castle**; stop and visit ( $\in$  10,00 per person – reservation required).

We can provide for lunch in a local restaurant on request (meat menu).

Navigation to Monselice.

01.00 pm: arrival in Monselice where you can have time for a free lunch or lunch in restaurant (reservation required).

After lunch you will get on your bus and go to **Este**, for a guided walk in the picturesque centre wrapped in the walls of the medieval castle; we suggest the visit to Museo Atestino (ticket:  $\in$  4,00 per person).

05.00 pm: end of the services.

#### **RATES:**

Groups min. 35 passengers: 38,00 € per person.

The rate includes: the navigation from Padua/Bassanello to Monselice, the tour leader on board and the guided tour of Este.

The rate doesn't include: lunch at the restaurant, admission fees and everything not mentioned in the program.

## From Padua to Monselice and visit to Montagnana

The navigation along the Euganean Riviera makes us take a dip in the Middle Age time, among faury-tale castles, massive walls and crenellated towers...



#### Program:

08.30 am: meeting with our guide at the mooring place **Bassanello in Padua**.

Navigation along **Bacchiglione River** and **Battaglia Canal** discovering the beautiful **Euganean Riviera** admiring the beautiful **Catajo Castle**; stop and visit (ticket  $\in$  10,00 per person – reservation required).

We can provide for lunch in a local restaurant on request (meat menu).

Navigation to Monselice.

01.00 pm: arrival in Monselice where you can have time for a free lunch or lunch in restaurant (reservation required).

After lunch you will get on your bus and go to **Montagnana**, whose walls are one of the most famous and well preserved example of middle-age military architecture in Europe. Our walking tour will show the San Zeno Castle, that is the heart of the walled town, and then the city centre perhaps entering the very beautiful Cathedral.

05.00 pm: end of the services.

#### **RATES for groups min. 35 passengers: 38,00 €** per person.

**The rate includes:** the navigation from Padua/Bassanello to Monselice, the tour leader on board and the guided tour of Montagnana.

The rate doesn't include: lunch at the restaurant, admission fees and everything not mentioned in the program.

#### The beautiful, historical gardens in the Euganean Hills

Just at the foot of the Euganean Hills we will enjoy a pleasant navigation and admire the lush gardens surrounding the villas on the Venetian Nobility in this beautiful landscape.



#### Program:

08.30 am: meeting with our guide at **Battaglia Terme** and transfer by your own bus to **Valsanzibio** where we are going to visit the **Monumental Garden** of Villa Pizzocchi-Ardemani (ticket: € 10,00 per person).

After the visit we will come back to Battaglia Terme and start our navigation along **Battaglia Canal** discovering the beautiful **Euganean Riviera**.

12.30 am: arrival in Monselice where you can have time for a free lunch or lunch in restaurant (reservation required).

After lunch you will get on your bus and go to **Vescovana** for a visit to the very **elegant Villa Pisani Scalabrin**, dating back to the 16° century. Guided tour of the beautiful rooms painted in frescoes and the enchanting park combining elements of the Victorian and the Italian formal gardens (ticket:  $\in$  8,00 per person).

05.00 pm: end of the services.

#### **RATES:**

Groups min. 35 passengers: 38,00 € per person.

The rate includes: the navigation from Battaglia Terme to Monselice, and the tour leader on board.

The rate doesn't include: lunch at the restaurant, admission fees and everything not mentioned in the program.

### "ANCIENT WATERWAYS – THE RIVIERA EUGANEA and VILLA DEI VESCOVI"

Let's have a special day in the Euganean Hills by discovering a magnificent bishop's summer residence and the waterway from Battaglia Terme to Padua.



#### Program:

Meeting with our guide at **Battaglia Terme (Pd)** and departure on your own bus to Luvigliano (Pd) in order to visit **Villa dei Vescovi.** It's a wonderful masterpiece of the Italian Cinquecento, nestled in the peaceful nature of the Euganian Hills; the villa was built in the 16° century for the Bishop of Padua, Francesco Pisani, who wanted a great architecture inspired by Classicism end meant to be the ideal place for the intellectuals of his time. The beautiful frescoes by the Flemish painter Lamberto Sustris give the perfect harmony between architecture and landscape who is to be admired as well in the gardens.

Free lunch or lunch in restaurant (reservation required).

After lunch your bus will take you to Battaglia Terme to start the peaceful **navigation along the Battaglia Canal** to Bassanello/Padua; during the cruise you will admire the Catajo Castle and Villa Molin, two beautiful private estates on the Euganean Riviera at the foot on the Euganean Hills.

#### RATES:

Groups min. 35 passengers: 44,00 € per person.

**The rate includes:** admission fees and guided tour for Villa dei Vescovi, the navigation from Battaglia Terme to Bassanello/Padua and the tour leader on board.

The rate doesn't include: lunch at the restaurant and everything not mentioned in the program.

## "AT THE TABLE ON THE POETS' RIVER: THE SHIP WILL GO BY THE WATER LIFT"

### Mantua/Po River/Mantua

From the cosy and relaxing green landscapes of the Nymphaea Valley to the sandy shores and wide landscapes of the Po Valley; arriving from Mincio river to get into the Po, you will have the rare experience of the Governolo lock that is a real water-lift.



#### Program:

- 10.00 am: Mantua: meeting with our crew at the landing stage ANDES Lago di Mezzo, boarding on the motor ship Andes 2000 and **navigation on the lakes in the Mincio Natural Park.**
- 01.00 pm: lunch on board prepared by local restaurants.

In the afternoon the motorboat will go up the river to the city of Mantua.

- 03.00 pm: arrival in Mantua and **guided visit of city of the Gonzaga Lordship**, a unique place where land, water, churches, palaces, squares, streets and cobblestones tell about twenty-five centuries of history.
- 04.30 pm: end of the guided tour and of all our services.

RATES only for Groups: 65,00 € per person (minimum 50 passengers)
Children: 0/5 years old are free - 6/12 years old 45,00 € per person.
The rate includes: navigation, explanation on board, lunch on board and the guided tour in Mantua.
The rate doesn't include: tickets and everything not mentioned in the programme.
Entrance fees must be paid on spot.

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## "MANTUA: THE CITY OF THE GONZAGA FAMILY" - Mantua's Lakes

The city of Mantua is waiting for us with its wonderful palaces: the impressive Ducal Palace, official residence of the Gonzaga Family, the Dukes of the city, or the Te Palace, built during the 16<sup>th</sup> century by Giulio Romano to be a pleasure for the Duke Federico II. Nevertheless Mantua is a city of lakes and we will enjoy a pleasant navigation in Virgil's land.



#### Program:

09.00 am: Mantua: meeting with our guide at the landing stage ANDES – Lago di Mezzo.

Visit of Ducal Palace or Te Palace (entrance ticket is included – by booking the group must confirm the choice between the Ducal Palace or the Te Palace).

The Ducal Palace of Mantua is a magnificent complex of buildings, courtyards and gardens with a surface of about 35.000 square metres and hosts masterpieces by the biggest artists who worked here: Domenico Morone, Antonio Pisano, Pietro Paolo Rubens, Andrea Mantegna, Giulio Romano and many others.

On the other hand, the Te Palace was imagined as villa for the leisure and the feasts of the duke of Mantua and its elegant rooms are the highest expression of the art by the great architect and painter Giulio Romano.

- 12.30 pm: Iunch in a city restaurant where you will enjoy the local dishes.
- 03.30 pm: boarding on the motor ship at the landing stage ANDES Lago di Mezzo. Sailing in the lakes and in Mincio Natural Park admiring Mantua from its water in a rare atmosphere and joining the pure nature surrounding the city populated by beautiful lotus, herons, kingfishers, night herons, stilts...
- 05.00 pm: disembarking on the landing stage in Mantua and end of all the services.

#### **RATES only for Groups: 75,00 €** per person (minimum 50 passengers)

Children: 0/5 years old are free - 6/12 years old 55,00 € per person.

**The rate includes:** guide service for the visit of one of the two palaces, entrance ticket for the Ducal Palace or the Te Palace, lunch in restaurant and the navigation of the lakes (one hour and half). **The rate doesn't include:** everything not mentioned in the programme.

Entrance fees must be paid on spot.

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