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VENICE LIDO RESORT

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5* ELEGANCE
TIMELESS GLAMOUR
ALWAYS EXCEPTIONAL

EXPERIENCES FOR GROUPS

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With its charme, Venice is a multi-faceted city, rich in natural, artistic and traditional treasures.

With our partners can offer different proposals of team building and activities to be experienced in Venice, giving the chance to live the city in an unconventional and authentic way. Here there are some activities proposals, which are tailor made for the and can be obviously personalized.

THE EXCELLENCE OF GLASS BLOWING IN MURANO, MODERN DESIGN AND TRADITIONS - WORKSHOP



Murano is the island of glass blowing. A long and still-thriving tradition, this magic art has involved whole generations of Murano residents. Here you can admire the master glassblowers at work and witness the magic of glass production. During these activities the participants can in some cases approaching the glass material, for example in the case of trying to blow furnace or, in the case of light or melting, trying to manipulate the glass, or simply watch demonstrations.

Practical courses in glassblowing, lampworking, stained glass and fusing are offered.

Timing: about 3 hours

Max 25 pax

COOKING EXPERIENCE



Before the lesson we can visit the Rialto Market of Fish and Vegetables to chose the best ingredients for the lesson.

Rialto was the commercial centre of the Republic of Venice: still today visiting the fish market or the stalls selling fruits and vegetables is fun and interesting. We start from the present time to tell about the past, the merchants that came here from several foreign countries to sell their precious products, like fabrics and spices. Then the tour goes on and you will reach a private home or a restaurant for the cooking lesson, an exclusive cooking school in a Venetian palace or restaurant.

The lesson will be on themes to be set (Main dishes, Fish or Typical Venetian Cooking, etc.).

The lesson ends with a tasting of what you have cooked. Duration of the activity: about 2h30 hours (without market visit)

Min. number for this activity: 11 pax

Max. number for this activity: 50 pax

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Pomp and circumstance in 18th century Venice: CA' REZZONICO & VENICE ART MASK

The Visit to Ca' Rezzonico offers a unique opportunity to admire an authentic 18th century palace containing original period furniture, frescoes by Giambattista and Giandomenico Tiepolo, views by Canaletto. Enjoy the exquisite collection of small paintings by Pietro Longhi, works that capture the atmosphere of real life in 18th century Venice: theatres, Carnival and masks, domestic and street-life scenes.

After the Visit, experience the Mask workshop

Masks in Venice once had enormous significance in social relations, to such an extent that in some cases they were made compulsory by law, and over the centuries masks makers had considerably refined their art.

It was a real adventure to create the first models, to revive an ancient craft and transform a bit of fun into a proper job, a job which for them today is the best job in the world! Just as fascinating was rediscovering the meaning and history of the antique masks. So many things to find out, and so amazing too!

Decoration courses are divided in a theoretical part and in practical one.

During the theoretical part they explain the ancient procedure of creation of a Venetian Mask, through the clay modeling, the creation of the negative mould in chalk, and the application of papier-mache.

Then, Venetian Mask History is briefly introduced, with its social importance and its use in everyday life and during Carnival. All masks are absolutely handcrafted in the traditional way.

Duration of the activity: max. 2h30

Min. number for this activity: 11 pax

Max. number for this activity: 50 pax

Visit of Ca' Rezzonico : about 1 hours Max 25 pax in each group

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VENETIAN ROWING

The relationship between Venice and the water that surrounds the city has always conditioned the Venetian way of life and put special limits to the socio-economic development of Venetian society. This activity aims at giving people an insight into the evolution of Venetian rowing, from the height of the Venetian Republic in the 1700's to the present day in which it is practiced as a highly competitive sport, and through the classic gondola ride that has become a "must do" tourist attraction.

ITINERARY: Historical Centre of Venice Southern lagoon (Giudecca, S. Clemente, Le Grazie, S. Servolo and back).

PROGRAMME:

15 mins – Historical background
15 mins – Change of clothes + pre-course briefing
(Time of course is Variable) – Allocation of boats + Paddling course around the islands of the lagoon
15 min' – Cleaning of boats + Change of clothes
15 min - Refreshment + assignment of Diploma of Participation

CLOTHING (recommended)

Spring/Summer: T-shirt and shorts + shoes + towel
Autumn/Winter: tracksuit + shoes + towel

Duration of the activity: max. 1h30 hours

Min. number for this activity: 11 pax

Max. number for this activity: 25 pax

This activity is subject to the availability of boats.



LOOKING FOR THE DOGE (treasure hunt)

It is a dynamic game among the most popular as well as hidden and breathtaking places in Venice.

Participants will be divided into teams and each team will have a different itinerary (each group will receive a map and a roadbook).

At each stop (indicated in the map) participants will find entertainers and actors in Venetian costumes, they will be involved with various skill tests (ex. sing with a gondolier, solve riddles etc.) to get more clues to continue the game.

The aim of the game will be to find the Venetian Doge. This game enables you to interact with the city and the Venetian art, cinema, history and traditions.

Duration of the activity: 2/3 hours

Rate per person, based on 200 people, prize not included: starting from € 30,00 + 22% VAT

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Discovering Venice by DRAGON BOAT!

The Dragon Boat is a large canoe-style boat of Chinese origin in which up to 20 people can paddle together.

The rhythm is given by a drum situated at the prow of the boat and the direction is given by a helmsman who steers the boat using a long oar.

Dragon boating is by nature a social sport requiring large numbers of people to work together. It develops strength and endurance as well as friendships. The idea of being “all together in the same boat” largely contributed to the increasing popularity of the dragon boat over the last decade and, thanks to the brilliant ideas of some multinational companies, the dragon boat is now used as a principal teambuilding activity. Providing the challenge and excitement of high-level sport while at the same time accommodating all levels of abilities, the dragon boat is seen as an important contributor towards the achievement of greater professional collaboration and efficiency amongst company employees.

Duration of the activity: max. 2h30 hours

Min. number for this activity: 30 pax

Max. number for this activity: 50 pax

This activity is subject to the availability of boats and good weather

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iPAD Treasure Hunt

*"Not all treasure's silver and gold, mate."
Jack Sparrow, Pirates Of The Caribbean*

Especially designed for international groups as an alternative to a traditional tour, iPad Treasure Hunt is a classic format with a brand new style.

Participants will discover the city of Venice equipped with a fashion tablet.

A custom app is designed to guide and to challenge them during the tour.

Participants will be split in teams and will have a collar badge with their Team's name, and an iPad which will be used to create a custom route.

iPads will have a custom app installed with simple yet detailed instructions.

iPads will show destinations to the Teams. At each destination (using GPS geolocation), iPad will prompt questions and quests: participants will collect points by answering questions on screen.

Team Quests can be of different types:

Reach and spot: reach a known interest point and spot a detail;

Find interest point via iPad and reach it;

Answer cultural and historical questions about a specific point of interest.

Live Venice: interact with local people to understand the meaning of a local idioms or traditions;

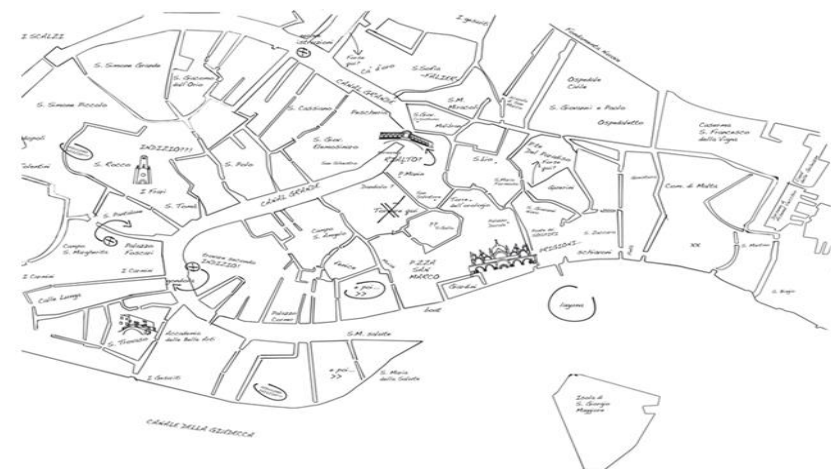
Be creative: take pictures of your Team while miming a specific situation inspired by the interest point nearby;

Collect a Treasure: find and collect specific items nearby.

Duration of the activity: about 4 hours

Min. number for this activity: 11 pax

Max. number for this activity: 50 pax (10 people per team)



Our partner will give you the opportunity to discover Venice in a different and authentic way.

We give you the chance to visit Venice as a local, like a «Venetian».



VENETIAN LEGENDS

Venice is a wonderful place for strange and mysterious traditions, places and characters from the past.

This is an unusual walk through the Venetian districts to discover the “darkest” side of the Venetian tradition.

In its long history, the city hides plenty of legends, traditions and hidden facts that this tour allows you to discover ghost stories, mysterious homicides, quarrels between angels and demons develops in an evocative way in your imagination, leaving you in the middle of a enchanting fairy tale!

This walking tour of Venice features an itinerary that will take you on a journey through the hidden Venice.

Duration of guided tour: max. 2 hours

Min. number for this tour: 11 pax

Max. number for this tour: 50 pax

Tour without entrances fees

BETWEEN FASHION AND FRAGRANCES: Palazzo Mocenigo and Tessitura Bevilacqua

The tour starts with Palazzo Mocenigo. This was the inspiration for the creation of a new section dedicated to a particular aspect of the history of Venetian tradition: perfume, which, up until now, has not been studied in depth, highlighting the key role the city played in the origins of this aesthetical, cosmetic and entrepreneurial custom..

This tour is integrated with the visit to the ancient weaving Tessitura Bevilacqua, where handmade fabrics are produced using models and frames from 18th century and 19th century.

Duration of guided tour: max. 2 hours

Max. number for this tour: 15 pax

Two different tour may be realized separately (subject to availability of Tessitura Bevilacqua).



BACARO TOUR

Come to Venice and experience the city like a local: go on a traditional bacaro tour, a culinary tasting of the best inns in Venice called Osterie or Bacari. Here you can taste a glass of wine and typical “cicheti” (venetian appetizers).

Duration of guided tour: max. 2 hours

Min. number for this tour: 11 pax

Max. number for this tour: 15 pax



VENICE THROUGH THE CINEMA PLACES



For its incomparable beauty and natural sceneries that it offers, Venice has always constituted a sought after and privileged scenography for cinematographers from all over the world that have celebrated it in all seasons and through films of different genres and insights, amongst common postcard places and romantic decadence of psychodrama...

For the passionately fond of the seventh art, but not only, a discovery of Venice through cinema places could turn out to be an exhilarating as much as a never-ending adventure whose stages risk to be endless...

For this reason, we have chosen only some of the most renowned places that inspired cinematographers from all over the world and following the traces of some of the most famous cinema sets, we propose to you a journey to do in one day, on the discovery of one eternal Venice, a times decadent or surreal

Duration of guided tour: max. 2 hours

Max. 30 pax per group

MUSIC IN VENICE

Once Venice was considered the city of music. You could hear music being played anywhere and on any occasion, both in traditional places like theatres and churches and in less common ones like private dwellings and hospitals. Some of the greatest musicians were born in Venice : Giovanni Legrenzi, Antonio Lotti, Antonio Vivaldi, Baldassarre Galuppi, Buranello, Benedetto Marcello.

Tour may include: Fenice Theatre, Hall of Music by the Derelitti, Church of Pietà and Vivaldi museum

Duration of guided tour: about 2/3 hours



ACTIVITIES IN VENICE



A TRIP INTO THE PAST DISCOVERING TREASURES OF THE LAGOON ON BOARD OF A TYPICAL BOAT

We offer the opportunity to visit the Venice and the Venetian lagoon aboard traditional Venetian boats, sailing in small canals and sandbanks that offer spectacular views.

With our flat-bottom boats, we can get in the most beautiful and characteristic places of the lagoon. You will have the chance to discover the islands and ancient churches, monasteries, artisans, and local cuisine in places out of common and crowded touristic routes.

There is a wide choice of itineraries: tours around Venice and the Lagoon or along the rivers, romantic sunset tours, fishing charters, birdwatching, rowing classes and lateen sail classes.

Duration of activity: 30 minutes, 6 pax for each boat

THE GONDOLA AND THE FORCOLA

The Gondola is a typical boat of the Venetian Lagoon, unique and fascinating, to build it the authorized artisans use 7 different wood types wisely placed on different parts of the boat. The gondola is 11 meters long and it is asymmetrical, it is built basically on the characteristic of the gondolier who will own it, so if he will row on Venetian style, a single rower on the back left side of the boat, the gondola will assume an asymmetrical asset, balanced by the weight of the gondolier. The gondolier uses a single row and this is inserted on an essential part of the gondola called Forcola, built in wood and shaped to fit the gondola configuration, there are forcolas made for gondola, sandolo, or mascareta (typical boats in use on the lagoon).

The forcola has a shape that allows all sorts of manoeuvres and it is inserted on a slot and moved out after the use, it is also a sort of symbol for the Venetian and it is an object that often can be found in their houses.

Duration of guided tour: about 2 hours

Max 50 people divided in 2 groups



Spicy tour: EROTIC ITINERARY IN CASANOVA'S VENICE

An itinerary in Venice and its places inspired by a seducer that literature and countless cinematographic interpretations and representations have most spoken and written about: Giacomo Casanova.

In this portrait of Casanova who was a frequent caller at brothels, a wanderer and a womanizer, you will discover an image of a personality that characterized one era and its tradition that may finish with the age of enlightenment or with Venetian exploits of another famous Venetian seducer, Lord Byron, but that doesn't stop ravishing the general image. The image of erotic Venice, that with its charm seduced lovers and libertines who arrived here from every corner of Europe in order to consume their dissolute passions, had been handed down right from 18th century.

What we propose to you here is one unusual itinerary, on the discovery of places frequented by a character that was best renowned and representative from the lecherous, libertine and decadent aspects of 17th century Venice.

Duration of guided tour: max. 2 hours

Min. number for this tour: 11 pax / Max. number for this tour: 50 pax



BOATS, BATTLES AND FOREIGNERS

As a great maritime power, Venice was an international emporium that brought together a host of ethnic groups and cultures.

Evidence of this can still be seen above all in the area close to the Arsenal, the State Shipyard where galleys, the pride of the Venetian fleet, were built and fitted out.

We shall take you through the labyrinth of backstreets, to discover secluded art jewels such as San Giorgio dei Greci, the oldest Greek Orthodox Church in the West, and the Scuola of San Giorgio degli Schiavoni, house of the Dalmatian community, a small gem decorated with canvasses by Carpaccio. This is a delightful walk where you can still savour true Venetian life.

Duration of guided tour: max. 2 hours

Min. number for this tour: 11 pax

Max. number for this tour: 20 pax

Excursion to the Islands MURANO, BURANO and TORCELLO

This excursion on the northern lagoon features a tour of its most famous islands: a relaxing itinerary, away from the bustle of the city to savor the natural beauty of the marsh and lagoon that sustained the founding communities of Venice

Duration of excursion: max. 8 hours

Min. number for this tour: 11 pax -50 (maximum)



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Culinary Experiences

Explore the rich flavours of Venetian cuisine with cooking classes, wine-tasting and mixology experiences. Our courses are open to all cooking enthusiasts and for those who delight in the cooking art, wishful to to implement their gastronomic knowledge.



“TASTE OF ITALY” – Pizza & Focacce

Explore the secrets of the dough, the leavening and the execution according to the Italian tradition. A program that includes many delicious pizzas and focaccias recipes.

The course lasts about 2 hours and will cover all the technical steps of the recipes: from the choice of raw materials to the preparation, cutting and cooking. Then enjoy the specialty that you made!

*A minimum of 5 people is required



“MEDITERRANEAN” – Pasta Dishes & Risotti

Mediterranean cuisine is a triumph of flavours, color and taste. Don't miss this Cooking Class, where you will learn how to prepare delicious and authentic pasta dishes and typical “risotto” from the Italian tradition!

The course lasts about 2 hours and will cover all the technical steps of the recipes: from the choice of raw materials to the preparation, cutting and cooking. Then enjoy the specialty that you made!

*A minimum of 5 people is required

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“Sweet” – Dessert

Our chefs will teach you to make some of traditional national and international dessert. A program that includes finger desserts and monumental cakes, easy and quick to prepare. The course lasts about 2 hours and will cover all the technical steps of the recipes: from the choice of raw materials to the preparation, cutting and cooking. Then enjoy your special dessert!

*A minimum of 5 people is required



Mixology – From Monday to Thursday, 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Learn how to mix a Mojito and other classic cocktails with a twist. Make your very own cocktails with our experts Tony and Sandra. The course lasts about an hour and a half and will cover all the technical steps of the recipes: from the choice of raw materials to the preparation. Then enjoy your cocktail!

*A minimum of 1 person is required



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