

Pickpockets are fairly common in Venice, so be

# Safety

many little bars serving it all over the place. gud end their day with an espresso and you'll find venetians like to start their day, finish their meals

find a secluded square with a little restaurant and AITERNATIVELY, PICK & dIRECTION, WAIK TOR & While, which are usually great value for the location. orand Canal, many have set menu deals for lunch Kigito Bridge there are many restaurants lining the service change for this privilege: Around the ant beware, restaurants can charge up to a 50% sometimes bands serenading you while you eat, nas a great atmosphere and at night there are adnake and around the Rigito Bridge, St Mark's The most popular places to eat are St Mark's

Venice's 400 bridges to deliver, you'll know why! gud men neaving crates up and down the steps of see the barges pulling ingredients into the city denerally a little more than average but when you traditional fare in Venice. You'll be paying Linere are no shortage of places to sample

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trom St Mark's Square makes this Journey. Murano Island is definitely worth it. The vaparetto If it is Murano glass you are after then a trip to

nistorically accurate product. usually be able to show you a locally made and shops dotted around the city. These shops will the huge amount of smaller, and more expensive, you will be buying anything authentic. The other is affordable option, though it is touch and go that the Rialto Bridge which is definitely the more your souvenirs, one is the large markets around There are two places that you can go to buy

masks, Murano glass and lace. popular and famous of the souvenirs are Venetian selling typical Venetian souvenirs. Among the most There are many little shops dotted around Venice

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I here is no shortage of ATMs. Mark's square and another by the Rialto bridge. in venice. There are two Travelex offices, one in St There are plenty of banks and exchange bureaus

ento denomination coins.

come in 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50 Euro cent and 1 and 2 20, 50, 100, 200 and 500 euros while Euro coins banknotes are available in denominations of 5, 10, The official currency of Italy is the Euro (€). Euro

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# Quick Talk Italian

The official language of Italy is Italian. The following are a few words to help you out.

Exit

Uscita

Entrance

Ingresso/

**Entrata** 

**Uomini** 

Women

Donne

Quanto

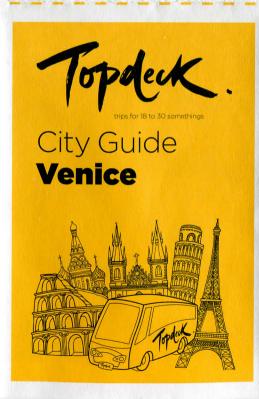
Men

Yes Si No No Hello Buongiorno/ Ciao Goodbye Arrivederci/ Ciao Please

Per Favore costa? Thank you Do you speak Grazie English? Parla inglese? Open/Closed Aperto/Chiuso One Uno

Toilets Gabinetti/ Bagni





# Things to do in **Venice**

# St Mark's Square

The square has always been seen as the centre of Venice. Coffees cost anything from €6 upwards. Watch out for the pigeons!

#### St Mark's Basilica

# Free entry into the Church, Museum Approx €4. Tomb €2 and Altar €2

This is the most famous of the city's churches and one of the best known examples of Byzantine architecture.

Remember that you will have to cover knees and shoulders to get in.

Open: Mon to Sat 9.45am - 5pm, Sun 2pm - 4pm, open til 5pm on Sundays from Apr to Nov

# St Mark's Campanile

#### Approx €8

The Bell Tower. It can be very windy at the top but offers the best views of the Venetian islands.

Cover your ears on the hour! Open: Apr to June & Oct 9am - 7pm, July to Sep 9am - 9pm, Nov to Mar 9.30am - 3.45pm

## **Doges Palace**

#### Approx €17, Audio Guide €5

See how the Royals used to live.

Open: Nov to Mar. 8.30am - 5.30pm Apr to Oct 8.30am - 7pm

## Accademia

#### Approx €11

A fine art collection and includes works from local Venetian artists

Open: daily 8.15am - 7.15pm, Mon 8.15am - 2pm

# **Rialto Bridge**

A great place to take a break and watch the world go by. Enjoy the market shopping!

# **Murano Island**

#### Vaporetto ticket €6.50

Famous for its glasswork, take the vaporetto over the one mile stretch of water and see Venetian glass made up close.

# Lido

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Another island that is home to Venice's film festival in September. At least half the Adriatic side of the island is constituted by a sandy beach ideal for Swimming.

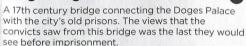
# **Peggy Guggenheim Museum**

## Approx €12, students under 26 years €10

The Pegay Guagenheim Museum is the most important museum in Italy for European and American art of the first half of the 20th century This museum features art from prominent American modernists and Italian futurists.

Open: Daily 10am - 6pm, closed Tuesday

# **Bridge of Sighs**



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Remember! Entrance fees and opening times in Europe can change at any time.

> Topdeck Top Tip: Being a car-free area. Venice's businesses are served by burly delivery men who transport goods through the streets and allevs. They don't enjoy giving way or stopping, so if you hear a booming "Attenzione!" behind you, be sure to hop out of the way!

# **Getting around Venice**

There are no cars allowed in the city of Venice so the only traffic you will encounter will be gondolas, boats and other pedestrians. Venice is built on 117 small islands and has around 150 canals. There are only 4 bridges which cross the Grand Canal. The best way to explore Venice is to wander around and get completely lost. Start at St Mark's Square and work your way around all of the major sights like Rialto Bridge, the Bridge of Sighs and St Mark's Basilica.