



Venice Revealed: Secret Treasures of the Serenissima

23-27 September 2024

Practical notes and advice

Important note: *Art History in Focus* does not offer Package Tours or Holidays. To join this Tour/Guided Excursion you will be responsible for arranging your own transport, accommodation and transfers independently. We would highly recommend booking these together through a tour operator, in order to benefit from ATOL protection and financial protection for these components. We are neither responsible or liable for these or any other third-party services that you may choose as part of these arrangements. However, some tips can be found below.

We require a minimum number of participants to run the tour, and will confirm in writing to all those booked as soon as that number has been reached. We would advise waiting for us to contact you before booking your flights and accommodation, although you may like to reserve these provisionally in the interim. We anticipate however that the minimum number will be reached very quickly.

Some Hotel Suggestions

There are a number of very good hotels in the Cannaregio district. Our meeting point each morning will be the lobby of the Ca' Sagredo in Campo S. Sofia and we will return here each evening, so we would suggest booking accommodation that is nearby. Here are a few suggestions:

Ca' Sagredo: 5-star <https://www.casagredohotel.com/>

The rooms are all elegantly furnished and individually decorated in classic Venetian style with period-style furnishings in keeping with the historical legacy of the 15th century palace. We would recommend requesting a room with views overlooking either the rooftops, the Campo S. Sofia or the Grand Canal. There is a good hotel bar and restaurant and if the weather is fine you can sit on the terrace, which looks out onto the Grand Canal.

The hotel has reserved a number of rooms for *Art History in Focus* guests at a discounted rate, until 31st of March 2024. After the 31st of March 2024, these rooms will be released, and extra reservations will be confirmed subject to hotel availability. To take advantage of this offer, ask your tour operator/travel agent to contact the hotel and say that you are joining the *Art History in Focus* Tours/Guided Excursion on 23-27 September. (We do not receive any commission on any bookings).

Ai Mori d'Oriente: 4-star <https://www.morihotel.com/>

This elegant hotel is situated in the peaceful Cannaregio district of Venice, off the busy tourist paths and yet within easy reach of the main sights. It takes its name from the “mori” or Turkish tradesmen who lived in the quarter of the city where Tintoretto also lived. The rooms are elegantly furnished, and a few have views over the canal. There is a small bar downstairs which also offers light snacks. For more substantial meals, there are a number of excellent bars and restaurants nearby. It is a 10-minute walk to the Ca' Sagredo.

Ca' Gottardi: 3-star <https://www.cagottardi.com/#/>

This simpler 3-star boutique hotel comes highly recommended by our guide in Venice and is just 5 minutes' walk from the Ca' Sagredo. Rooms are comfortable and traditionally furnished (some have canal views), the staff are friendly and there is a nice bar. Rates are available with or without breakfast included.

Transfers

We cannot book your transfers to Venice or provide advice on specific arrangements, however some tips can be found below.

If you are flying into Venice airport (Marco Polo) you can either take a public vaporetto, private water taxi or bus to reach the city centre.

Water taxi: There are a number of companies with whom you can pre-book a water taxi online, such as Consorzio Motoscavi Venezia <https://www.motoscavivenezia.com/>, alternatively if you prefer not to book this service yourself, just ask your hotel to arrange your taxi transfers in advance for you. Expect to pay at least €130 for a single journey. It will take about 20-30 mins to reach your hotel depending on the location.

Vaporetto or public water bus: Run by Alilaguna, the vaporetto costs about €15 and takes about 40 minutes if you disembark at *Fondamente Nove* using the blue or red line or *Madonna dell'Orto* using the orange line,. These are the most convenient stops for reaching hotels in the Cannaregio district. You will then have a short walk from the vaporetto stop, depending on your hotel's location. You can buy your ticket in the arrivals hall of the airport or online: <https://www.alilaguna.it/en/airport-lidovenice-or-vice-versa>

To reach both the water taxis or vaporetto, just head upstairs (take the lifts) after coming into the arrivals hall and then walk along the departures area, following signs for “Darsena/Vaporetto/Water Taxis”. Take the moving walkway (under cover) and after about 5-10 mins you will reach a downward escalator, taking you to the water's edge.

Normal bus: there is a regular airport bus from outside the airport that can take you to Piazzale Roma in about 20 minutes. The ticket can be purchased online, at the airport or at ATVO machines, or online, and it currently costs about €9.50. You would then need to walk from Piazzale Roma (about 30 mins by foot to Ca' Sagredo) or take the vaporetto along the Grand Canal.

Flights – general advice

You may also wish to extend your stay in Venice on either side of the Tour/Guided Excursion dates. As flight delays and cancellations can occur, arriving the day before the Tour/Guided Excursion starts may be prudent, to mitigate for any unforeseen circumstances.

Insurance

Following on from the above, we consider comprehensive travel insurance essential and you must have such insurance to cover, in particular, illness, accident, emergency repatriation, cancellation, theft, lost luggage and delays. As advised, we would highly recommend booking flights and accommodation together through a tour operator, in order to benefit from ATOL protection for these components.