

2-DAY TRAVEL GUIDE

2 Day Venice Itinerary: Rialto, San Marco & Doge's Palace

A 2 day Venice itinerary covering the Rialto corridor, the Bovolo staircase and the Accademia bridge on day one, then Piazza San Marco, the Doge's Palace and St Mark's Basilica on day two.



AT A GLANCE

01 *Day One* The Rialto and the Other Bridges

Palazzo Contarini del Bovolo / Gelatoteca Suso /
Rialto Bridge

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Piazza San Marco / Doge's Palace / St. Mark's Basilica

RIALTO · SAN POLO · DORSODURO

Day One: The Rialto and the Other Bridges

Today we're walking from the Rialto corridor into San Polo and Dorsoduro after arriving in Venice. We climb Palazzo Contarini del Bovolo, grab gelato at Suso, and cross Rialto Bridge before lunch beside the canal. Then we're continuing over Ponte de Cà Foscari and ending at Ponte dell'Accademia.



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Airport Bus to Piazzale Roma

If you are flying to Venice, you will likely land at Marco Polo Airport, this means you need to cross the bridge over to...

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Palazzo Contarini del Bovolo

Palazzo Contarini del Bovolo is a distinctive spiral staircase hidden in a narrow alleyway. It really is a lil hidden...

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Gelatoteca Suso

Suso is an artisanal, takeaway-only gelateria near the Rialto Bridge, known for signature flavors like Pistacchio Assoluto, Opera, Gianduja, and...



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Rialto Bridge

Rialto Bridge gives you that classic view straight down the Grand Canal, with boats and waterways spreading out below its raised central portico. It is...

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Ristorante Caffè Saraceno

This Grand Canal restaurant sits right beside Rialto Bridge, with a waterside terrace looking directly toward the bridge and passing boats. We stopped...



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Ponte de Cà Foscari

This was one of my favorite hidden gem bridges that I stumbled upon. A completely unknown bridge without a crowd of tourists, but with the best views of...



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Ponte dell'Accademia

Ponte dell'Accademia is one of only four bridges crossing Venice's Grand Canal, linking Dorsoduro and San Marco near its southern end. The wooden arch...

SAN MARCO · SAN POLO · CASTELLO

Day Two: The Piazza & Its Monuments

Today we're moving between San Marco, San Polo, and Castello. We start in Piazza San Marco and tour the Doge's Palace, then cross to dai Zemei for cicchetti before returning to St. Mark's Basilica. After Libreria Acqua Alta, fit your gondola departure before dinner at La Piazza.



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Piazza San Marco

Piazza San Marco is a huge plaza that holds all of the main Venice landmarks - St Mark's Basilica, Doge's Palace, the Campanile, and Bridge of Signs. You can also see the clock tower ringing while its...

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Doge's Palace

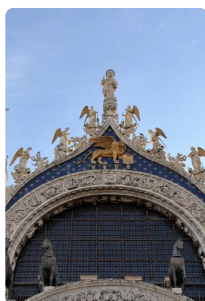
Doge's Palace pulls you inside the political heart of the Venetian Republic, moving from the courtyard and doge's apartments into the rooms where Venice was governed and judged. You'll pass...

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Ostaria dai Zemei

Ostaria dai Zemei is a Venetian bacaro built around wine by the glass and cicchetti, with classics like baccalà beside mackerel, pickled onion, and cured meats. This was my FAVORITE meal in...

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St. Mark's Basilica

St. Mark's Basilica is a monumental complex you can explore through the church itself, then continue into the Pala d'Oro, museum, and Horses Loggia. The Pala d'Oro combines gilded silver with...

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Libreria Acqua Alta

Libreria Acqua Alta is the unusual Venice bookshop where bathtubs and a full-size gondola hold books above passing floodwater. In the courtyard, unsellable books become a staircase you can climb for a look over the wall toward...



STOP 6

Ride a gondola

When in Venice, you have to ride a gondola! Here are some options you can take. And if you want to spice it up, there are also sunset catamaran cruises with cicchetti and prosecco if you're looking...

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Ristorante La Piazza

La Piazza is a lively two-floor restaurant just steps from Piazza San Marco. We had a reservation and received a little glass of prosecco during our brief wait, which was such a nice touch. It has a lively, warm ambience with...