

4-DAY TRAVEL GUIDE

4 Day Venice Itinerary: Rialto, San Marco & Burano

A 4 day Venice itinerary covering the Rialto, Piazza San Marco, the Frari and Accademia museums, followed by Murano, Burano and the Venetian Ghetto.



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PIAZZALE ROMA · SAN MARCO · RIALTO

Day One: The Rialto

Today we're arriving via Piazzale Roma, then heading into the Rialto corridor. We'll climb Bovolo, grab gelato, cross Rialto Bridge, and sit down for lunch at Saraceno before wrapping up at La Fenice.



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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 Venice island. The airport bus gives you...

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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 gem. Climb 80 steps through open arche...

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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 Tiramisù, plus rotating seasonal creations. It became my FAVORITE gelato stop in...



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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 the oldest of the 4 bridges cross the Grand Canal. We arrived at sunset,...

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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 here for our first meal in Italy, and it became one of our favorites of the...



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Teatro La Fenice Visit or Performance

La Fenice lets you decide how deeply you want to step into Venice's opera world. By day, you can move through the gilded foyer, auditorium, Royal Box, and...

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SAN MARCO

Day Two: St. Mark's Square

Today we're exploring San Marco, beginning in the square before the Doge's Palace and St. Mark's Basilica. Then we'll head up the Campanile, stop for tiramisù, and take a gondola ride before dinner.



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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 two figures at the top...

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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 through the Great Council, Senate,...

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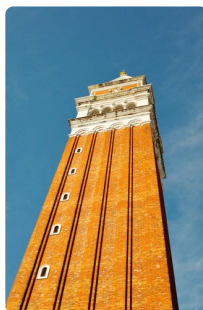


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St. Mark's Basilica

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 roughly 250 cloisonné enamels and...

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St. Mark's Campanile

St. Mark's Campanile is the soaring brick bell tower beside the basilica, and a lift takes you to the belfry instead of a long public staircase. At 98.6 meters, it's the tallest building in Venice. From the top, you can pick...

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Tiramisù - I Tre Mercanti

I Tre Mercanti is a tiny gourmet shop where tiramisù is assembled in the front window throughout the day, then handed over for you to eat at the counter or take away. We arrived before opening, watched the staff whip up the...



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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 to ride into the sunset with...

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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...

SAN POLO · DORSODURO

Day Three: Museums & Other Bridges

Today we're walking from San Polo into Dorsoduro. We'll start with coffee, the Frari, and the Leonardo da Vinci Museum, then follow quieter bridges toward an afternoon at the Gallerie dell'Accademia and Peggy Guggenheim Collection.



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Bottega del Caffè Dersut

Bottega del Caffè Dersut is a modern coffee bar directly in front of the Frari basilica. The apricot cornetto was probably the best one we had in Italy! It wasn't too sweet and was somehow moist while still feeling crispy. The...



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Basilica di Santa Maria Gloriosa dei Frari

Basilica dei Frari is a vast Franciscan church in San Polo, rooted in the order's thirteenth-century foundation in Venice. Inside, Titian's Assumption rises over the...

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Leonardo da Vinci Museum

At Venice's Leonardo da Vinci Museum, you can try out working models of his inventions and see how the mechanisms move. Flying machines and war machines give you plenty to explore, with explanations that help you follow the...

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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 the canal and a gorgeous sunset. And even better for photos without being...



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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 began as a temporary 1933 replacement for an 1854 steel bridge and was...



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Gallerie dell'Accademia

Gallerie dell'Accademia takes you through Venetian painting across 37 rooms, covering the fourteenth through the eighteenth century. Inside, you'll meet major works such as Giorgione's The Tempest, Titian's Pietà, Carpaccio's...

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Peggy Guggenheim Collection

The Peggy Guggenheim Collection is an art museum with intimate rooms that bring you close to European avant-garde and American modern art, with Picasso,...

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CANNAREGIO · MURANO · BURANO

Day Four: Murano & Burano Day Trip

Today we're heading onto the lagoon to see Murano's glassmaking and Burano's colorful canals. Back in Venice, we'll finish in Cannaregio with time to explore the Venetian Ghetto.



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Murano and Burano Lagoon Islands Day Trip

Murano and Burano give you two distinct lagoon islands in one outing. Murano centers on working glassmaking traditions and the Glass Museum, while...

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The Venetian Ghetto

The Venetian Ghetto is the historic Cannaregio quarter where Venice confined Jewish residents beginning in 1516, and the geography still show the tragedy's severity. It's only 7 acres of land, encircled by canals with only 2...

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