



## Italian Cruise from Venice to Mantua

Starting from \$4,830.00 per person

A very special trip aboard a luxury all-inclusive hotel barge cruising the Venetian Lagoon and the River Po Valley to Mantua and its lakes in Style and Elegance.

Discover the Italian Renaissance by visiting Venice, Ferrara, Mantua but also enjoying fabulous landscapes and tasting the Italian Cuisine and Wines.

Stroll and discover Venice like a local and explore its most authentic corners off the beaten track in the most atmospheric areas of the city and be part of the Venetian lifestyle!

# Trip Summary

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## Day 1

Private transfer from Venice airport to the luxury barge on the Venetian Lagoon  
Venice

## Day 2

From Venice to San Pietro in Volta  
Check in at San Pietro In Volta - San Pietro In Volta

## Day 3

From San Pietro in Volta to Taglio di Po  
Check in at Taglio di Po - Taglio di Po

## Day 4

From Taglio di Po to Zelo  
Check in at Zelo - Zelo

## Day 5

From Zelo to Governolo  
Check in at Governolo - Governolo

## Day 6

From Governolo to Mantua  
Check in at Mantua - Mantua

## Day 7

From Mantua to Venice  
Check in at Venice - Venice  
Venice - Cicchetti Tour

## Day 8

Check out at Venice - Venice  
Private transfer from your accommodation to Venice airport

## Day 1



### Private transfer from Venice airport to the luxury barge on the Venetian Lagoon



#### Venice

After your arrival at Venice airport, you will be transferred to your accommodation on the 'Classic Cruise' fluvial barge.

A Prosecco welcome gives you a chance to meet the crew, followed by a late afternoon cruise along the Giudecca Canal where we admire some of the most famous monuments of Venice. Visit the Doge's Palace and dinner aboard, followed perhaps by an evening stroll to the magnificent St Mark's square.

We moor overnight in the Riva Sette Martiri by the Naval Museum.



## Day 2



### From Venice to San Pietro in Volta

Your day starts with a guided walking tour in Castello District where you will experience the unique atmosphere of this magical city and perhaps discovering some hidden parts of it.

You also will visit the Palladian Church of St. Peter and of the Naval Museum.

After a delicious Venetian lunch, you will have time to relax aboard or wander more in the narrow streets or 'calle' of Venice.

In the late afternoon, we cruise along the Lido to Pellestrina, for a special walk or bike tour at sunset.

Dinner and overnight aboard.



## Check in at San Pietro In Volta



### San Pietro In Volta

Venezia, Veneto, IT, 30126

## Day 3



## From San Pietro in Volta to Taglio di Po

Morning cruise to Chioggia that is home to one of the most important fish markets in Italy. The lively, colourful market building houses around 30 fish stalls. Here you'll see fishmongers selling the locally caught catches, of sea cicadas (a delicious crustacean), sole, sea-bass, black sea bass, scallops, anchovies and sardines, which are believed to be particularly healthy due to the local shallow waters.

This afternoon we cruise gently along the canal through a nature reserve where we should see colourful flamingos and other wildlife. Dinner this evening will be ashore in the beautiful 17th century Villa Ca'Zen in Taglio di Po. We will be kindly hosted by the owners of this private stately home where Lord Byron courted Countess Guiccioli and wrote some of his best poetry.

Overnight on board.



## Check in at Taglio di Po



## Taglio di Po

Taglio di Po, Veneto, IT, 45019

## Day 4



### From Taglio di Po to Zelo

Morning cruise leaving the Po River and entering the Canal Bianco to Adria for a walk to the city center and the free visit of the Archeological Museum.

After lunch, you will have the chance to visit the magnificent Renaissance gardens and wine cellars of 17thC Villa Widmann-Borletti for a private tasting of their renown estate-grown vintages. This winery has been supplying Venetian society for centuries.

You will then return to the barge and the navigation continues to Zelo and ... are you ready for a surprise on board?

Dinner on board at Zelo.



### Check in at Zelo



## Zelo

Zelo, Veneto, IT, 45020

## Day 5



### From Zelo to Governolo

Today your morning excursion starts with a guided tour of the Renaissance city of Ferrara. You will visit the 14thC Estense Castle with its moat, drawbridges, marble balconies and sumptuous apartments, and the Schifanoia Palace with its fabulous 15thC frescoes.

You also will admire the cathedral façade with its sculpted images described as an Illustrated Bible.

Afterward, you will return to the barge for an afternoon canal cruise where you will navigate past villages and farmsteads from Trevenzuolo to Governolo and during dinner, you will enjoy a tasting of Serego Alighieri wines.



## Check in at Governolo



### Governolo

Governolo, Lombardy, IT, 46037

## Day 6



## From Governolo to Mantua

Our final cruise takes us to Mantua with its captivating lakeside setting.

You will visit the 14th century Ducal Palace housing some 15 gardens, courtyards, a museum, basilica, theatre and some 500 rooms.

The Palazzi, fine architecture and squares reflect the wealth of the Dukes of Gonzaga. The architecture of the city neo-classical and baroque architecture is splendidly portrayed in the 14th century Ducal Palace, set in 15 gardens and courtyards, a museum, basilica and theatre. The palace has intricate frescoes, a Gallery of Mirrors and an exquisite Rivers Room and houses an impressive 12,000 paintings and sculptures. The town is also famous as the birthplace of Virgil, and of artists Mantegna and Donatello.

We will enjoy our last dinner this evening at the "Captain's Farewell Dinner".



## Check in at Mantua



### Mantua

Mantua, Lombardy, IT, 46100

## Day 7



## From Mantua to Venice

After breakfast passengers disembark for the transfer back to Venice.

Transfer to your hotel in Venice.



## Check in at Venice



### Venice

Venice, Veneto, IT



## Venice - Cicchetti Tour

Live Venice like a Venetian!

With this walking tour you will explore the most authentic areas of Venice and learn about its history, culture, legends and peculiarities.

During the walk you will stop at three different bacaros, the typical Venetian wine bars. The bacaros we select are full of atmosphere and unique in their own style. Here you will breathe an authentic and lively experience made of excellent wines and the cicchetti , the Venetian style tapas, full of the flavors of the lagoon.

This is an engrossing experience that will stimulate your curiosity for Venice as well as your taste for wine, food and life in Italy.



## Day 8



### Check out at Venice



#### Venice

Venice, Veneto, IT



### Private transfer from your accommodation to Venice airport

## Information & Documents



### Your trip details - Price per person \$4.835.00

*Price includes (based on 2 people sharing a double cabin/hotel room)*

- Return transfer to the cruise from the Venice airport
- 6 night cruise
- all meals on board catered by the onboard Master Chef
- open bar 24/7 with a large range of alcoholic and non alcoholic drinks, all wines served throughout the cruise
- excursions and admittance fees as per the itinerary

- use of barge facilities, which includes bicycles
- transfer to your hotel in Venice
- 1 night at Hotel Gabrielli 4\* in Superior room with breakfast
- small group Cicchetti Tour in Venice

***Not included in the price***

- Airfare
- Travel insurance
- Meals, except for those included in the program
- Documents of a personal nature such as passports, visas etc.
- Tips
- City tax to pay on your arrival at the hotels
- Anything not specifically mentioned as included in "price includes"