

Full Itinerary

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ACTIVITY LEVEL:

Level 2

DESTINATION:

Venice post-tour extension to Lake Como &
Milan, Living La Dole Vita

DURATION:

4 days/ 3 nights

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Please arrange your onward flights to depart from
Venice Marco Polo Airport (VCE) on Day 4 of
the tour extension.

PICKUP LOCATION:

Residence Santabbondio, at the end of the Lake
Como & Milan tour.

OVERVIEW

Please contact the office to book this post-tour extension

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After exploring the stylish streets of Milan and soaking up the beautiful scenery of Lake Como, why not round off your Italian adventure with a few days in the magical city of Venice? With its winding canals, romantic gondola rides, charming bridges and beautiful historic architecture, Venice feels like stepping into another world. Spend your days getting lost in the company of a local expert among picturesque alleyways, enjoying aperitivo by the water, discovering hidden cafés and indulging in delicious Italian food. Whether you're admiring St Mark's Square, watching the sunset over the Grand Canal or simply soaking up the atmosphere, Venice is the perfect place to slow down, savour la dolce vita and end your trip on an unforgettable high.

The Big Journey Company's new European Collection integrates excellent dining, the flexibility of premium self-catering accommodations, and immersive excursions led by expert Tour Directors to deliver an uncompromisingly high standard of travel. Whether touring by private boat, exploring winding cobblestone streets, or enjoying the scenic, peaceful atmosphere, Lake Como offers an idyllic, high-prestige retreat for your European exploration.

ITINERARY SUMMARY

DAY 1 - Arrival in The Floating City

DAY 2 - Venice, La Serenissima

DAY 3 - Venice's Islands

DAY 7 - Arrivederci Italia

FULL ITINERARY

DAY 1 - ARRIVAL IN THE FLOATING CITY

Welcome to Venice!

This morning we depart Milan by private transfer. Arrive at Venice's Tronchetto, Venice's logistics hub, for a private boat transfer to the nearest mooring point to our hotel. We will be transferring to our hotel by boat and there will be enough room for 1 piece of luggage per person. Please think ahead and be sure your luggage is manageable for this part of the journey.

Venice is a dream shimmering on the waters, a city of painted palaces and serene churches. This unique urban masterpiece has canals instead of streets, boats instead of buses, and ornate bridges instead of subways. A trip to Venice offers an unforgettable glimpse of life's defining moments played out on watery avenues: weddings, funerals, carnivals and regattas. This afternoon, we will enjoy the company of a local expert guide for an orientation walking tour.

You will then enjoy time for dinner and evening at leisure in Venice.

Accommodation: Ca' Vendramin Zago or similar, Venice

DAY 2 - VENICE, LA SERENISSIMA

After breakfast we meet our local guide once again and, via the major canals, today we will get round the best of Venice. Our ACTV Daily Pass will allow us unlimited travel on the city's waterbuses known as vaporettos.

On St Mark's Square we will visit the Doge's Palace, an impressive structure composed of layers of building elements and ornamentation. Its original foundations were begun in the 14th Century and it was developed significantly during the Renaissance era.

Around the corner from the Doge's Palace we will see Venice's famous Bridge of Sighs. Spanning the Rio di Palazzo (Palace River), the bridge was intended to connect the Old Prison and interrogation rooms in the Doge's Palace to the New Prison, which was situated directly across the river. Hence the sighing of the people who walked across it, from sentence to the execution of their punishment.

We will explore St Mark's Basilica, consecrated in 1094. This building symbolized the Venetian republic's historical power and wealth.

Considered one of the best examples of Byzantine architecture in the world, the Basilica di San Marco is known for its opulent design and gilded interior mosaics, and nicknamed Chiesa d'Oro, or "Church of Gold".

We will enjoy lunch together in a characteristic Venetian trattoria before travelling again on the Grand Canal in our chosen vaporetto to see the Rialto Bridge. The Rialto Bridge is the most famous of the bridges that cross the Grand Canal and was constructed under the supervision of Antonio da Ponte, between 1588 and 1591. The bridge is famously built with shops at both sides of the structure.

In the late afternoon light we will enjoy a 30 minute ride on a gondola seeing Venice up close via narrower calmer canals before an evening and dinner at leisure.

Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Accommodation: Ca' Vendramin Zago or similar, Venice

DAY 3 - VENICE'S ISLANDS

This morning we're out on the water again, in a private motor boat to explore Venice's nearby islands of Murano and Burano on foot.

The people of Venice have been making crystal and glass since the 10th century, when Venetian merchants brought the secrets of production back from the East. It was in 1291 when glass production was transferred to Murano from Venice city centre because of the fear of fire from the kilns. The trip to Murano takes a matter of minutes during which we will pass San Michele island, which is Venice's cemetery and where famous people such as Stravinsky and Diaghilev are buried or interred.

We will enjoy a visit to a Murano glassworks where we will see master glass blowers create colourful ornate pieces shaped into works of art.

Lunch will be taken at leisure before our boat takes us to the island of Burano. Burano is one of the prettiest islands in the lagoon: it is a miniature Venice where all the houses are painted in bright pastel colours. Burano is famous for its lacework, a skill that has been carried out here since the sixteenth century and for which it has a worldwide reputation.

As soon as we disembark, we walk along Via Marcello and then turn right into the Fondamenta di San Mauro, after which Via Baldassare

Galuppi, that opens onto the square with the same name. Here we will find the Lace Museum where you can see antique pieces of lace and can watch the various stages of work carried out by the experts. In the square there is also the Church of San Marino, which houses the “Crocefissione” (crucifixion) painting by Tiepolo and also the Palazzo del Podestà.

This evening we will enjoy a fine Venetian Farewell Dinner together to raise a toast to our final evening together in Italy.

Included meals: Breakfast & Farewell Dinner

Accommodation: Ca' Vendramin Zago or similar, Venice

DAY 7 - ARRIVEDERCI ITALIA

Sadly, it's time to say goodbye. You will be transferred to the airport for onward travel.

Included meals: Breakfast

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Airport transfer included (subject to arriving/departing at the designated airport and staying at the tour hotel on the official tour dates)
- Transfer from the end of the Lake Como & Milan tour to Venice hotel on Day 1 of the tour extension with 1 piece of luggage per person.
- Accommodation as detailed in the itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- All entrances, English-speaking guides and visits as indicated in the programme.
- Tourist taxes
- Services of a Big Journey Company Tour Director throughout (subject to minimum numbers being reached)

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Flights departing from Venice Marco Polo Airport (VCE) on Day 4.
- ATOL Protection
- Additional food and beverage unless otherwise included in the itinerary
- Personal expenses
- Personal Travel & Medical Insurance
- Optional excursions/entrances
- Gratuities

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Timeless Venice post-tour extension to Lake Como & Milan, Living La Dolce Vita European Collection 2027.

- Arrival flights should be arranged to arrive into Milan Malpensa Airport [MXP] in time for the start of LAke Como & Milan, Living LA Dolce Vita main tour.
- Departure flights should depart from Venice Marco Polo Airport (VCE) on Day 4 of the tour extension.
- Please let The Big Journey Company know prior to travelling if you have any medical needs or take any medication that we need to be made aware of to ensure that you have a safe and pleasant tour.
- Please consult your doctor for advice on vaccinations and inoculations before travel.

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Choose from the list of dates below

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