

Italy: Valleys of the Dolomites

Pre-Trip-Extension - Venice Pre-Trip Extension

2 Nights from \$445.00 per person, double occupancy

- 2 nights at the Duodo Palace Hotel with daily breakfast
- City Information
- Hospitality Desk and orientation tour
- Airport transfers

Only available with the Air Inclusive Package.

DAY 1: Depart home / Fly overnight to Venice

Depart home for Italy. The particulars of your arrival overseas are detailed with your flight itinerary.

DAY 2: Arrive in Venice / Begin your Trip Extension

Arrive at the airport in Venice, Italy. Once in the arrival terminal, you will be met by a VBT representative holding a VBT sign. He or she will be located just outside of customs and will assist you with your transfer by water taxi to the hotel. From the airport pier, you'll transfer (approximately 35 minutes) with our transfer company, Venezia Taxi, to your centrally located hotel in Venice.

If you are going to be delayed for more than 15 minutes at the Lost & Found desk due to delayed or lost luggage, please let our transfer company know by calling +39 328 23 89 661 (at a fee). You may also contact Allianz Global Assistance to advise of your delay, and they will contact our transfer service.

The rest of the day is free to discover Venice and dine on your own with the VBT City Information as your guide. Your hotel room may not be available until 2:00 p.m. If you arrive early, you may store your luggage with the reception desk. Our local expert will be available at the hotel from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. to answer your questions.

Please note: VBT transfer times and departure points are finalized in advance and cannot be modified for individual guests. If you fly in earlier than the scheduled program dates, transportation from the airport will be at your own expense.

Accommodation: Duodo Palace Hotel, Venice

DAY 3: Independent exploration of Venice

Today explore Venice to your heart's delight. The city is actually a collection of 118 islands in a shallow lagoon, so a great way to explore is by water. A picturesque gondola, often with a singing gondolier, is a relaxing way to see the sites, but you can also take a vaporetto, or water taxi, to travel farther and faster. The Grand Canal is the most famous waterway and the Rialto Bridge the most famous crossing, but Venice has more than 150 canals and 400 bridges to explore by boat and on foot. We recommend that you purchase a multi-day transportation ticket (Venezia Unica City Pass) to travel by vaporetto, which will take you to locations as varied as the islands of Burano, Torcello, and Murano, famed for its glass-blowing. Your centrally located hotel will make it easy to access it all.

Please note: Italian museums are closed on Mondays.

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Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4: Independent exploration of Venice

Set out early in the morning to take in the picturesque atmosphere of St. Mark's Square before the crowds arrive. Napoleon called this scenic spot "the drawing room of Europe." Early morning is also a great time to visit St. Mark's Basilica, one of the best examples of Byzantine architecture in Europe, and the Doge's Palace where you can learn about the lives of Venetian Republic nobility. A contrast to the opulent setting is the Bridge of Sighs, which leads to the former prison house. The bridge was named for the sighs uttered by the prisoners as they caught their last glimpse of freedom. While galleries such as Gallerie dell'Accademia carry the works of Italian old masters, the Peggy Guggenheim Collection on the Grand Canal hosts an exquisite collection of modern art in Ms. Guggenheim's former home. Venice is a pedestrian-friendly city, and your centrally located hotel will make it easy to access it all.

VBT Air Package guests will arrive throughout the day.

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