

Venice

Escorted Tour

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Fri 1st Oct to Tue 5th Oct

Set against the backdrop of the glittering Adriatic Sea, Venice sparkles with romance as you wander through charming campi or watch the gondolas gently glide under the many bridges that criss-cross the maze of canals. Filled with glorious palazzi, towering churches, art galleries, fine shopping and waterways with graceful gondolas, Venice fully deserves the title "La Serenissima". From our well-situated mooring point just 15 minutes' walk from St Mark's Square, we are free to discover this truly romantic city. We also have the pleasure of delightful cruises across the bay to visit the charming islands of Burano and Murano plus a trip inland to the town of Padua, dedicated to St Anthony and full of artistic treasures.

Your cruise itinerary

DAY ONE

Arrival at Venice Marco Polo Airport from where we transfer to our floating hotel (NB. applies only if optional travel from the UK is booked with JMB). After meeting the crew and settling into our cabins, we proceed to the restaurant where all meals are taken throughout the cruise. After dinner the evening is free to enjoy Venice at your own pace.

DAY TWO

We spend the morning cruising on the delightful lagoon. After lunch on board, attend 'Rigoletto' by Verdi at the Teatro La Fenice at 3.30pm.

DAY THREE

After breakfast, we take a walking tour of St Mark's Square (OE), Venice's only piazza with an awe-inspiring basilica, soaring Campanile and magnificent Doge's Palace. After our guided tour, we return on board for lunch and then our afternoon is free in Venice. Undoubtedly, a gondola ride will be high on the list, a magical experience as you glide past the city's fabulous architecture. Meander over to the famous Rialto Bridge where the merchants of Venice still vie for your custom.

Alternatively, visit the great Galleria dell'Accademia displaying paintings by Venetian masters such as Bellini, Carpaccio and Titian or, for a more modern approach to art, try the Peggy Guggenheim Collection or Ca' Pesaro, situated in the historic palatial district of Santa Croce.

DAY FOUR

This morning we cruise gently southwards to Chioggia. This pretty little town is a miniature version of Venice, with canals, characteristic narrow streets and several mediaeval churches. From Chioggia, we travel to Padua (OE), the main setting for Shakespeare's The Taming of the Shrew. Known as the town of St Anthony, Padua is also a pilgrimage town and full of artistic treasures. After our visit to the famous "Santo" Basilica dedicated to St Anthony, we are free to explore the historic centre of Padua independently. Try to pop into the magnificent 19th century "Caffè Pedrocchi", one of the largest cafés in the world and much loved by artists and local inhabitants alike. We rejoin the MS Michelangelo in Venice again. Tonight we are invited to the gala dinner, a special occasion to mark our last evening on board.

DAY FIVE

After breakfast on board, we say farewell to the crew and transfer to the airport for our homeward flights (NB. transfer included only if optional flight is booked with JMB).

The itinerary and moorings are subject to change due to water levels and volumes of traffic on the lagoon.

Your holiday at a glance

MS Michelangelo

Features

78 air-conditioned cabins, restaurant, lounge bar, gift shop

Lift

No (2 decks)

Porterage

Yes

Your cruise includes

- 4 night cruise with buffet breakfast in twin main deck cabins with shower/wc
 - 4 dinners and 3 lunches on board
 - unlimited drinks included with on-board meals (water, wine, fruit juice, beer, tea or coffee)
 - services of a Tour Manager abroad
 - Best category Opera ticket
- Not included**
- travel between the UK and Venice – Gatwick flights available at a supplement (includes transfers between the airport and quayside)
 - optional excursions (OE) as detailed

Relaxing break afloat in Venice • 5 days/4 nights from £499 per person	
Departures.....	1 Oct
Cruise only	£695

We will do our best to maintain brochure prices but we reserve the right to increase or decrease them at any time to reflect changes in our costs (including air fares)

Supplements per person per cruise: Upper deck cabin + £70 Single cabin + £149 Fly from Gatwick* with transfers + £149

Transfer distances: 12 miles (30mins)

***Fly from any other UK airport into Venice**



Gondolas