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**Alison Bing**

# In This Book

## QuickStart Guide

Your keys to understanding the city – we help you decide what to do and how to do it



### Need to Know

Tips for a smooth trip



### Neighbourhoods

What's where

## Explore Venice

The best things to see and do, by Neighbourhood



### Top Sights

Make the most of your visit



### Local Life

The insider's city

## The Best of Venice

The city's highlights in handy lists to help you plan



### Best Walks

See the city on foot



### Venice's Best...

The best experiences

## Survival Guide

Tips and tricks for a seamless, hassle-free city experience



### Getting Around

Travel like a local



### Essential Information

Including where to stay

Our selection of the city's best places to eat, drink and experience:

 **Sights**

















 **Eating**

 **Drinking**

 **Entertainment**

 **Shopping**

These symbols give you the vital information for each listing:

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|  Telephone Numbers     |  Family-Friendly |
|  Opening Hours         |  Pet-Friendly    |
|  Parking               |  Bus             |
|  Nonsmoking            |  Ferry           |
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|  Wi-Fi Access          |  Subway          |
|  Vegetarian Selection  |  Tram            |
|  English-Language Menu |  Train           |

Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighbourhood:



### Bar Hemingway

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Legend has it that Hemingway, wielding a machine gun, created this timber-paneled bar during his Paris showpiece as a hangout for the town. Papa Hemingway. Dress code: smart casual. 6.30pm-2a.

## Lonely Planet's Venice

Lonely Planet Pocket Guides are designed to get you straight to the heart of the city.

Inside you'll find all the must-see sights, plus tips to make your visit to each one really memorable. We've split the city into easy-to-navigate areas and provided clear maps so you'll find your way around with ease. Our expert authors have searched out the best of the city: walks, food, nightlife and shopping, to name a few. Because you want to explore, our 'Local Life' pages will take you to some of the most exciting areas to experience the real .

And of course you'll find all the practical tips you need for a smooth trip: itineraries for short visits, how to get around, and how much to tip the guy who serves you a drink at the end of a long day's exploration.

It's your guarantee of a really great experience.

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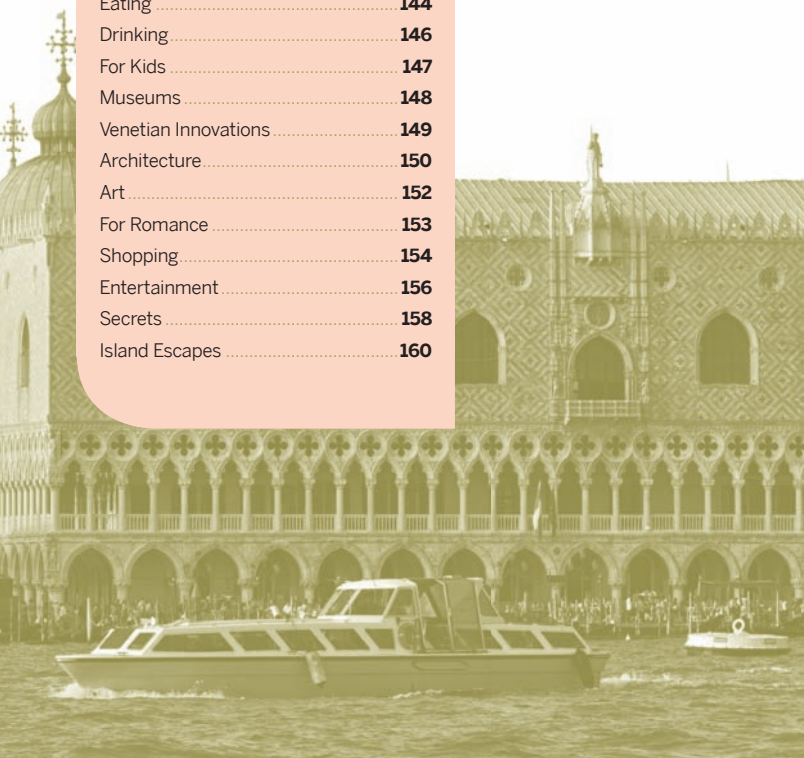
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## Welcome to Venice

'Ooooooooooooo!' Gondoliers call out in narrow canals. With the world's highest density of Unesco-protected masterpieces, Venice will earn gasps from you too. Once you've seen palaces built on water, partied like Casanova in costume and eaten chorus lines of red-footed lagoon scallops, you'll greet every canal bend with anticipation.

Gondolas, Bacino di San Marco

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