

# TRANSPORT

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## AIR

Direct flights to/from major destinations within Italy, Europe and the US are available at **Marco Polo airport** (VCE; ☎ 041 260 9260; [www.veniceairport.it](http://www.veniceairport.it)), including budget flights run by UK-based EasyJet and Alitalia's Air One. Most direct flights into Venice come from Rome and Milan, with a handful from Naples, Olbia and Palermo. Ryanair's budget flights to/from London Stansted, Dublin, Shannon, and Paris currently use Treviso's **San Giuseppe airport** (TSF; ☎ 042 231 51 11; [www.trevisoairport.it](http://www.trevisoairport.it)), a 30km, one-hour drive from Venice.

Low-cost airlines are a benefit to travellers, but a burden on the environment and Venice's air quality; to travel with a cleaner conscience, consider a carbon-offset program (see p259). Travel within Northern Italy or from Lugano is often cheaper and more convenient by train (p263), and you'll be cutting back on carbon emissions.

## Airlines

More than 40 airlines serve more than 60 destinations direct to/from Venice. Airlines don't bother with shopfront offices in Venice so you'll have to go online, call the following numbers or try a travel agent:

**Air Dolomiti** (EN; ☎ 199 400044; [www.airdolomiti.it](http://www.airdolomiti.it))

Airline with flights from Monaco to Venice and Frankfurt, Salerno, Monaco and Vienna to Verona.

**Air One** (AP; ☎ 199 207080; [www.flyairone.it](http://www.flyairone.it)) Alitalia-operated airline offers low-cost local flights throughout Italy.

**Alitalia** (AZ; ☎ 06 2222; [www.alitalia.it](http://www.alitalia.it), in Italian) Flights from Rome, Milan, Sicily and other Italian centres, plus European and US hubs.

**BMI** (BD; ☎ 0870 607 0555; [www.flybmi.com](http://www.flybmi.com)) Flights to Venice from London's Heathrow.

**British Airways** (BA; ☎ in UK 0870 850 9850, in Italy 199 712266; [www.britishairways.com](http://www.britishairways.com)) From the UK.

**Cimber** (DM; ☎ in Denmark 70 10 84 84, in Italy 02 696 33 595; [www.cimber.com](http://www.cimber.com)) Budget flights from Copenhagen to Venice.

## THINGS CHANGE...

The information in this chapter is particularly vulnerable to change. Check directly with the airline or a travel agent to make sure you understand how a fare (and ticket you may buy) works and be aware of the security requirements for international travel. Shop carefully. The details given in this chapter should be regarded as pointers and are not a substitute for your own careful, up-to-date research.

**Delta** (DL; ☎ in the USA 800 241 4141, in Italy 848 780376; [www.delta.com](http://www.delta.com)) Flights from New York and Atlanta.

**EasyJet** (U2; ☎ in the UK 0871 244 2366, in Italy 899 234589; [www.easyjet.com](http://www.easyjet.com)) Flights from London Gatwick, Bristol and East Midlands.

**Flybaboo** (BBO; ☎ in Switzerland 0848 445445; [www.babooairways.com](http://www.babooairways.com)) Flights from Geneva to Venice.

**Germanwings** (4U; ☎ in Germany 0900 191 9100, in Italy 199 404747; [www15.germanwings.com](http://www15.germanwings.com)) Direct, low-cost flights linking Treviso to Cologne, Salzburg, Prague, St Petersburg, Istanbul, Bucharest and Sofia.

**Jet2** (LS; ☎ 0871 226 1737; [www.jet2.com](http://www.jet2.com)) Budget airline that flies from Leeds and Edinburgh to Venice.

**Qantas Airways** (QF; ☎ in Australia 13 13 13, in Italy 848 350010; [www.qantas.com.au](http://www.qantas.com.au)) Codeshare flights from Australia to Italy, often via Hong Kong.

**Ryanair** (FR; ☎ in Ireland 0818 303030, in the UK 0871 246 0000, in Italy 899 678910; [www.ryanair.com](http://www.ryanair.com)) Flights from Brussels, Dublin and Shannon, Frankfurt (Hahn), Girona (for Barcelona), Liverpool, London (Stansted), Paris (Beauvais) and Rome to Treviso. Ryanair also flies to Brescia airport, reasonably handy for Verona.

**Sky Europe** (NE; ☎ in Hungary 06 1777 7000, in Italy 166 205304; [www.skyeurope.com](http://www.skyeurope.com)) Low-cost flights between Treviso and Prague.

**Transavia** (HV; ☎ in Netherlands 0900-0737, in Italy 02 696 82 615; [www.transavia.com](http://www.transavia.com)) Low-cost flights from Amsterdam to Treviso and Verona.

**TUIfly** (X3; ☎ in Germany 0900 109 9595, in Italy 199 192692; [www.tuifly.com](http://www.tuifly.com)) Flights from Berlin and other German cities to Venice.

**US Airways** (US; ☎ in the USA 800 622 1015; [www.usairways.com](http://www.usairways.com)) Direct flights from Philadelphia and Tampa to Venice.

**Vueling** (VY; ☎ in Spain 902 333933, in Italy 800 787788; www.vueling.com) Flights from Barcelona, Seville and Madrid.

**Wind Jet** (IV; ☎ 899 809060; www.volawindjet.it) Flights to Venice from Catania and Palermo, and Verona to St Petersburg and Moscow.

## Airports

Venice's **Marco Polo airport** (VCE; ☎ 041 260 92 60; www.veniceairport.it) is 12km outside Venice and just east of Mestre. *Arrivi* (arrivals) at Marco Polo airport is on the ground floor, where you will also find an Azienda di Promozione Turistica (APT) office, car-hire outlets (p262), hotel-booking agencies, bureaux de change, *deposito bagagli* (left luggage) and *bagagli smarriti* (lost luggage).

Check-in and departures are on the 1st floor. You'll find banks, ATMs, cafes and shops on both floors. For transit options into Venice, see [below](#).

Some low-cost airlines, including Ryanair, provide service to Treviso's minuscule **San Giuseppe airport** (TSF; ☎ 042 231 51 11; www.trevisoairport.it), about 5km southwest of Treviso

and about an hour's drive through traffic to Venice. The arrivals hall has a thinly stocked regional tourist information booth, a lost-luggage office, a bureau de change and several car-hire outlets. Next door, in departures, you'll find an ATM and a couple of tour and airline offices (including Ryanair). Eurobus buses (run by ATVO) connect Piazzale Roma with Treviso's San Giuseppe airport (one way/return €5/9, one hour five minutes). Taxis (€75) can take over an hour in traffic.

## BICYCLE

Not that it's feasible with all those footbridges, but cycling is banned in central Venice. On the larger islands of Lido and Pellestrina, cycling is a pleasant way to get around and reach distant beaches. Bicycle hire places are clustered around the Lido vaporetto stop ([Map p116](#)), including **Lido on Bike** (☎ 041 526 80 19; www.lidoonbike.it; Gran Viale 21/B; single/tandem/double/family bikes per hr €3/6-18/7/14, single/tandem bikes per day €9/18; ☎ 9am-7pm daily, weather permitting).

## GETTING TO/FROM MARCO POLO AIRPORT

To get to Venice from Marco Polo airport, you have four main options: bus, ferry, water taxi and auto taxi. Bear in mind that if you're taking a ferry or water taxi, it's a 10-minute walk down the sidewalk to the airport docks from the arrivals hall. If you take a taxi or bus, you may have to hop on a ferry or walk from the Piazzale Roma depot to reach your hotel in San Marco, Dorsoduro, Castello, Giudecca or the Lido.

### Boat

Scenic and convenient, **Alilaguna** (☎ 041 240 17 01; www.alilaguna.com) offers 60- to 80-minute ferry rides (€13) from the Marco Polo docks into Venice: the A (arancia, or orange) line to Guglie (near the train station) and Rialto; the B (blue) line, with stops at Fondamente Nuove, Lido, San Marco, Zattere, and Giudecca; and the R (red) line to Murano, Lido, Arsenale, San Marco and Zattere. The faster, direct Gold Line to/from San Zaccaria, near San Marco, takes 35 minutes, costs €25 (35 minutes, seven times daily every half hour). Tickets for Alilaguna ferries to Venice can be purchased at the ticket booth in the Marco Polo arrivals hall.

A convenient but expensive option you'll find at the airport docks are water taxis, which can often drop you off right at the water gate of your hotel. **Motoschafi Venezia water taxi** (☎ 041 522 23 03) is a collective that offers service between Marco Polo airport and Venice for €90 to €100 (possibly more with baggage) for up to four people; ask your B&B or hotel concierge to pair you with fellow arrivals/departures to share the ride.

### Bus

This is the cheapest way to go.

**ATVO** (☎ 041 38 36 72; www.atvo.it) buses, known as fly buses, between the airport and Piazzale Roma leave about every half hour (€3, 20 minutes). Bus stations are in front of the Marco Polo arrivals hall, with ticket machines on the sidewalk. A separate service runs to/from Mestre train station (€2.50).

**ACTV** (☎ 041 24 24; www.actv.it) bus 5 runs between Marco Polo airport and Piazzale Roma (€1.50, 30 minutes).

### Taxi

As a back-up option, **Auto taxis** (☎ 041 595 20 80) cost around €40 from Marco Polo airport to Piazzale Roma (15 to 30 minutes).