## San Marco Royal Tour

Dogi and dignitaries had the run of San Marco for centuries, and now it's your turn. Follow this royal tour that ends with your own palace intrigue.

Start Piazzatta San Marco Distance 2.5km Duration 1-1¼ hours

**5 La Fenice** was faithfully reconstructed in 1996 after an arson attack.

Campo S

Campo di

Santa Maria del Giglio

Ostregh

Campo Santo

Stefano

**6** Kissing in *campi* (piazzas) is such an established pastime it's surprising the *dogi* didn't tax it – but duck into Renaissance **Palazzo Contarini del Bovolo** courtyard for privacy.

**2** Punishments were once publicly announced on the *loggia* (balcony) of the **Palazzo Ducale** before they were posted on the palace door.

3 In Piazza San Marco find Basilica di San Marco, the Campanile, Ala Napoleonica (now the entry to Museo Correr) and Mauro Codussi's 16th-century Procuratie Vecchie.

Giardini Ex Reali Piazza San Marco

Take a Break... Pause for a coffee

at 18th-century Caffè Florian

4 The bell tower of 15th-century Chiesa di Santo Stefano leans 2m, as though it's had one spritz too many. The church's brick facade features marble Gothic portals by Bartolomeo Bon.

Grand Canal

Maurizio

**Classic Photo** The view across Venice from the Campanile.





Piazzetta

San Marco

1 START