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

Tips for a smooth trip



Neighbourhoods What's where

Explore Venice

The best things to see and do, neighbourhood by neighbourhood



Top SightsMake the most of your visit



Local LifeThe insider's city

The Best of Venice

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



Best WalksSee 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
- Orinking
- **Entertainment**
- Shopping

These symbols give you the vital information for each listing:

- ✓ Telephone Numbers
- Family-Friendly
 Pet-Friendly
- Opening Hours
 P Parking
- Nonsmoking
- Bus
 ★ Ferry
- @ Internet Access
- M Metro
- ♥ Wi-Fi Access✓ Vegetarian Selection
- S Subway ☐ Tram
- English-Language Menu

☐ Train

Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighbourhood:



Lonely Planet's Venice

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

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 neighbourhoods and provided clear maps so you'll find your way around with ease. Our expert authors have searched out the best of Venice: 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 Venice.

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.

Our Promise

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Welcome to Venice

'Ooooooeeeee!' 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 in costume like Casanova and eaten chorus lines of red-footed lagoon scallops, you'll greet every canal bend with anticipation.

Basilica di San Marco (p24)

East meets West in this architectural treasure.

