



VENICE

Ideas for an incentive programme

Activity #1 GONDOLIER COURSE

This activity consists of a course given by a gondolier. During the theoretical part participants will learn the basic notions of the Venetian rowing technique. In the second part, they will practise: each participant will feel the emotion of being a gondolier for one day. He/she will go through a tract of the Lagoon rowing in standing position on the gondola under the attentive supervision of the gondolier right behind him/her. At the end each participant will receive a diploma.



Activity #2 VENETIAN MASK WORKSHOP



In one of the most famous workshops in town, you will have the opportunity to learn how to decorate papier-mâché masks. After an introduction to the history of Venetian mask making, you can choose from among various pre-cast masks and learn how to decorate one on your own. Included among your choices are the many different styles of masks - each inspired by different Venetian themes or periods: the Carnival, the "Commedia dell'Arte", or "fantasy" - according to your taste and personality. Then our experts will help and assist you during the mask decoration

phase, whether you adopt one of the 2 traditional decoration techniques, or one of the 4 other finishing methods. At the end, you will take home a personal and unique creation as an unforgettable memory of your Venetian stay.

Activity #3 VENETIAN WALKING RALLY

It would be a personalised walking discovery of the heart of the Serenissima. Each team will receive a Polaroid Camera with film for 10 shots, a Road Book, a map of the city, a "panic envelope". The objective is to arrive at the restaurant where lunch (or dinner) will take place with all the correct answers and photographs. Surprises will not miss. Each participant will receive a small present whereas the winner team will receive a prize.

Activity #4 REGATTA ON A DRAGON BOAT

Team race on dragon boats particularly attractive for incentive trips. Participants will race along a canal of the Lagoon or at Venice Lido. At the end each participant will receive a diploma. Final toast with Prosecco wine for everybody. Possibility to include a prize for the winner team.



Activity #5 BACARO TOUR

The "bacaro" is the typical osteria where all Venetians meet to drink a good glass of wine. You can choose among a variety of different venues offering also good snacks based on local cuisine. A kind of itinerant wine-tasting which can also include a gondola tour and possibility to have a drink with gondoliers.



Activity #6 COOKING CLASS



Meet our culinary expert and for a walk around the typical fruit and fish markets in Rialto. Stories and anecdotes about the Venetian way of living over the centuries. Transfer to a private Palace for the lesson based on traditional Venetian cuisine. All guests will be given an apron and (on request also a cook hat) and will take part directly to the lesson by cooking themselves.

Activity #7 A WALK WITH GIACOMO CASANOVA

The palaces, the stories and the legends about this famous Venetian. A fascinating discovery of his life and love affairs under an ironic and funny light. Will also include a stop for a “spritz”, the typical Venetian aperitif.

Activity #8 A WALK WITH GIACOMO CASANOVA

This Venetian detective, created by the fantasy of Donna Leon, is a very much appreciated character because of his high sense of justice who has also become particularly famous in Germany thanks to a TV series. Brunetti loves his city and every new case offers his readers a new, unknown but thrilling piece of Venice. We organise an itinerary following the story, and the murder hunt, of one of these novels, a very special way of living this city, its monuments and history.

Activity #9 ORIENTEERING

They have to find several activity-posts in the town. At the posts they have to solve team-activities (like spider web, trust fall, acid river, etc.) and riddles/puzzles about the way. In the end, all teams come together at one place. Each team has some words; all words together make a sentence and the solution of the game. We could give radios or handys to the different teams so that TeamA knows the way of TeamB and tells them the route; TeamB knows the route of TeamC, and so on.

Activity #10 A PRIVATE VISIT TO ST.MARK’S CATHEDRAL UNDER THE STARS

After-hour visit of the St. Mark’s Basilica. The viewing starts around 7.30 p.m. with our expert guide who will give an in-depth explanation of the history of this splendid masterpiece. Guests will have the opportunity to admire the “Pala d’Oro” one of the richest and most precious altar screens in the world covered with more than 3000 precious stones.

Finally, visit to the crypt normally not included in usual guided circuits and possible only under a special permission. It is the only underground structure in Venice which has been preserved until today.

At the end of the visit a cocktail at one of the famous Cafès in St. Mark’s Square will follow.

Activity #11 A PRIVATE VISIT TO PEGGY GUGGENHEIM COLLECTION

After-hour visit of Peggy Guggenheim Collection, facing the Grand Canal and considered one of the most important and suggestive Collection of Modern Art in the world.

Activity #12 CLASSIC GUIDED TOURS

Classic Venice Piazza San Marco, Cathedral, Palazzo Ducale (entrance fee included).

Unusual Venice San Giovanni and Paolo, Rialto Bridge Marco Polo’s house.

The Venetian XVIII Century Tour Ca’ Rezzonico (Museum of the Venetian XVIII Century). The visit will explore that period not only from the artistic point of view, but also from the social life one of that wonderful period.

Accademia Gallery and Peggy Guggenheim Museum



The most famous Lagoon Islands Visiting Murano, Burano and Torcello, the 3 most famous islands of the Venetian lagoon.

The minor Lagoon Islands Visiting San Lazzaro degli Armeni, San Francesco del Deserto, Burano and Torcello.

Gondola Ride A nice experience visiting the hidden corners of Venice aboard a Gondola. A place where the gondolas are built and restored will be visited on the way.