

# **Practical Stuff**

#### **Safety and Scams**

Venice is a quiet city. Pickpockets operate in the areas around Piazza San Marco, Mestre and Venice train station in the Vaporetto (public waterbus) and other busy tourist areas.

### **Local Laws and Customs**

- Italy has strict laws against the use, possession or trafficking of illegal drugs. If you are convincted of any of these offences, you can expect to receive a heavy fine or a prison sentence from 4 to 24 years.
- Dress modestly if visiting a church or a religious shrine.

#### **Tipping**

It is not necessary but high recommended to leave a little tip when you leave a restaurant. Taxis do not expect a tip but it's usual to round up the change to the nearest euro.

#### Water

Tap water is perfectly safe to drink

#### Money

Italy's currency is the Euro. Exchange rate: 1 USD = 0.88069 EUR

### Sample price guide

Prices in euros Small bottle of water € 1.00 - € 2,00 Movie ticket € 8.00 Café espresso/ American Coffee € 1,00 - € 2,50

## **Local information**

Time: GMT+ 1hours (summer)
Sunrise and sunset

Mid May: Sunrise, 05:40. Sunset, 20:35

#### Weather

In summer the weather in Venice is hot and humid, the temperature between

June and September averaging 82 °F (28°C). Summers are relatively dry, but rain does occur all year round. During winter, it is cold, wet and sometimes snowy.

Temperatures rarely drop as low as freezing point.

Sometimes during a certain time of the year Venice get flooded. Especially during the months of October and November. Tidal forecast in Venice: <a href="http://www.tide-forecast.com/locations/Venezia-Italy/tides/latest">http://www.tide-forecast.com/locations/Venezia-Italy/tides/latest</a>

# **Dialling codes**

The international country dialling code dialling for Italy is +39.

### Electricity

230 Volt, 50 Hz Plugs type: C and E

#### **Working hours**

Government offices: 9.00 am - 12:30 pm; 3:00 pm-5:30 pm (Closed Saturday and Sundays)

Banks: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm; 2:30 pm-4:00 pm (Closed Saturday and Sundays) Shops: 9:30 am - 7:00 pm (In busy tourist areas some close around midnight)

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#### **ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES**

#### BY PLANE

Visitors flying to Venice may arrive through one of these airports: **Venice-Marco Polo at Tessera**, or **Canova at Treviso**.

If you are going to reach Venice from Venice-Marco Polo Airport (Tessera) you have several options:

#### **Public Transport**

- ACTV bus **number 5** run throughout the day between the airport and the **central transport hub at Piazzale Roma** with departures in both directions every 15 minutes. The journey takes around 20 minutes.

  The ticket cost € 8,00 one way. Here you can find all the information you might need <a href="http://www.actv.it/ifyouarriveatmarcopoloairport">http://www.actv.it/ifyouarriveatmarcopoloairport</a>
- ATVO **buses** run throughout the day between the airport and the **central transport hub at Piazzale Roma** with departures in both directions every half hour. The journey takes around 20 minutes. The Ticket cost <a href="http://www.atvo.it/index.php?lingua=en&area=menustandard&idpadre=23&idmenu=35">http://www.atvo.it/index.php?lingua=en&area=menustandard&idpadre=23&idmenu=35</a>
- ALILAGUNA runs a number of ferry services over various routes between city and airport. Each service leaves
  hourly through the day. Tickets cost 15 euros single ride, and 27 euros the round trip. You can have a
  discount pre-booking through the web page <a href="http://www.alilaguna.it/en">http://www.alilaguna.it/en</a> or you can buy the tickets directly at
  the airport.

#### **Private Transport**

- Water Taxis can be booked directly when you arrive at Marco Polo Airport or pre-booked via the 24-hour phoneline to pick you up on arrival or get you to your plane on time.

The trip from the airport to Venice or to Lido costs from € 110,00 to € 120,00 up to four people with one large luggage each. For each extra person the charge is € 10,00 and for each extra piece of luggage the amount is € 5,00.

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Venezia Taxi +39- 328 2389661 <a href="http://www.veneziataxi.it/en-us/home.aspx">http://www.veneziataxi.it/en-us/home.aspx</a>
Venezia Turismo +39- 041 2770563 <a href="http://www.veneziaturismo.net/en/">http://www.veneziaturismo.net/en/</a>

- Taxi

A **taxi ride** from Marco Polo airport to **central transport hub at Piazzale Roma** in Venice with Radio Taxi costs 40 euros. <a href="http://www.radiotaxivenezia.com/en/">http://www.radiotaxivenezia.com/en/</a>; +39.041.59.64

If you are going to reach Venice from Canova Airport (Treviso) you have this options

### **Public Transport**

ATVO's (www.atvo.it) **Eurobus** service runs throughout the day between the airport and Venice's Piazzale Roma with departures timed for incoming and outgoing flights. Tickets (5 euros single, 9 euros return, valid seven days) can be bought in dispensers in the arrivals hall, at Piazzale Roma or online. The journey takes one hour and ten minutes.

http://www.atvo.it/en-treviso-airport.html

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### **Private Transport**

- Taxi

A **taxi ride** from Treviso airport to Piazzale Roma in Venice with Radio Taxi Treviso costs 70 euros. **www.taxitreviso.it**; +39 0422 431515

#### **BY CAR**

if you are going to reach Venice by car you will need to to leave your car at one of the car parks on the mainland, at Piazzale Roma or on Tronchetto Island or Mestre because inside the city is not possible to drive any kind of vehicles.

- ASM Venezia Piazzale Roma Garage http://avm.avmspa.it/en/content/parcheggi-0; +39 041 272 7301
- Garage San Marco <a href="http://www.garagesanmarco.it/en">http://www.garagesanmarco.it/en</a>; +39 041 523 22 13
- Parking Sant'Andrea http://avm.avmspa.it/en/content/sandrea-car-park-0; +39 041 272 73 04
- Venezia Tronchetto Parking
   <a href="http://www.veniceparking.it/it-IT/findparking/Venezia%20Tronchetto%20Parking/">http://www.veniceparking.it/it-IT/findparking/Venezia%20Tronchetto%20Parking/</a>; +39 041 520 75 55
- Garage Europa in Mestre <a href="http://www.garageeuropamestre.com/en;">http://www.garageeuropamestre.com/en;</a> +39 041 959 202

To take your car to the Lido, take the ferry from the Tronchetto-Ferry Boat stop to San Niccolò on the Lido. Here you can find all the information you might need: <a href="http://actv.avmspa.it/en/content/actv-ferry-boat">http://actv.avmspa.it/en/content/actv-ferry-boat</a>

Many hotels have special deals with a car park: you should ask your hotel before choosing one at random par kit.

#### **BY TRAIN**

Venice has two railway stations: Venezia-Mestre on the mainland and Venezia-Santa Lucia which is on the Grand Canal

If the train stop at Venezia -Santa Lucia train station you can take a vaporetto (public water bus) or water taxi to your final destination.

If the train stop at Mestre you'll need to hop on a local train (or any train which stops here and continues to Santa Lucia) or take a bus or a taxi just outside the train station (for all the information see the point below).

## HOW TO MOVE IN VENICE, MESTRE AND LIDO

#### Venice

The best way to move in Venice is walking.

The public tran sport is the **Vaporetto ACTV** (public water bus). Here you can find all the prices and the time tables <a href="http://muoversi.venezia.it/en">http://muoversi.venezia.it/en</a>

One way tiket € 7,00 — It is also possible to by a travel card <a href="http://www.actv.it/touristtravelcardseng">http://www.actv.it/touristtravelcardseng</a> PRICES:

20,00 € - 1-DAY TRAVELCARD 30,00 € - 2 DAYS TRAVELCARD 40,00 € - 3 DAYS TRAVELCARD 60.00 € - 7 DAYS TRAVELCARD

An other option is to use a private water taxi. The price is  $\le$  70,00 up to four people with one large luggage each. For each extra person the charge is  $\le$  10,00 and for each extra piece of luggage the amount is  $\le$  5,00.

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Veneziana Motoscafi +39- 041 716922 <a href="http://www.venezianamotoscafi.it/en/">http://www.venezianamotoscafi.it/en/</a>

#### Mestre

The public transport is the **Autobus ACTV.** Here you can find all the lines and the timetables: <a href="http://actv.avmspa.it/node/741">http://actv.avmspa.it/node/741</a>

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The price is  $\le$  1,50 one way and the buses connect Venice to Mestre 24 H/24. The trip is around 15 – 20 minutes from the centre of Mestre to Piazzale Roma.

#### Lido

You can reach the Lido of Venice using the Vaporetto boat or the ferry from the Tronchetto.

The Vaporetto boat connect Venice to Santa Maria Elisabetta 24H /24, here you can find the lines and the timetables: http://muoversi.venezia.it/en.

With the ferry boat you can reach the Island with the car. Here you can find all the information you might need: http://actv.avmspa.it/en/content/actv-ferry-boat.

### **USEFULL APPS**

## http://moovitapp.com/

A free social app about public transport, where information about transport means is shared by its users in real time

## http://www.veneziaunica.it/en/content/tell-me-where-you-want-go-timetables-and-routes

The official Venezia Unica tourist guide - conceived mainly for moving about Venice, supplies visitors with waterbus timetables.