# Walks - Welcome to Venice: Walking Tour, St. Mark's Basilica & Gondola Ride

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| **Location:** Venice, Italy  **Category:** Tours & Sightseeing  **Currency:** EUR  **Language:** English  **TimeZone:** Europe/Rome  **Duration:** 3.0 hours  **Max Group Size:** 20 | **Magpie Product Code:** RSNLBU  **Company Website:** takewalks.com  **Primary Contact:** Walks  **Email:** info@takewalks.com |

**Highlights:**

- Learn the secrets and history of the Rialto Bridge.

- Row down the hidden canals of Venice in a gondola.

- See the Rialto Market and learn about Venetian cuisine.

- Discover the house where Marco Polo lived.

- Skip the line at St. Mark’s Basilica

**Description Summary:**

Learn the history of Venice on a small group walking tour. Skip the line at St. Mark’s Basilica, and finally enjoy a gondola ride down some of the enchanting canals of the city center.

**Description:**

A first-timer to Venice, or don’t know where to begin your explorations? Over the course of this small-group tour, experience many of the city’s top highlights: see the Rialto Bridge, visit St. Mark’s Square and St. Mark’s Basilica, and enjoy a relaxing gondola ride. You also explore areas of the city that many tour groups miss, from the sestiere of Cannaregio to the Rialto Fish Market.

Discover the magic of Venice on foot and by water on a combined walking tour and gondola ride. Explore the city center with a local guide, marvel at the inside of St. Mark’s Basilica, and then take a ride down the canals on the city’s famous mode of transport.

Meet near the Rialto Bridge and learn why it was initially considered a very bad idea to build it. Take a quick look at the Rialto Fish Market to learn about the long fishing history of the city and its famous cuisine. Get a couple of restaurant recommendations from your local guide!

Continue to the sestiere (district) of Cannaregio, home to some of the city’s hidden gems. Discover the house where Marco Polo once lived, and go to the unique Church of Santa Maria dei Miracoli. See a remarkable statue by Verocchio on the Campo San Giovanni and Paolo, where you will also see a variety of typical Venetian architectural styles. Meander through hidden alleyways, and hear tales of the city’s past.

Learn what it is like to live on the island today as you walk to St. Mark’s Square. Look inside St. Mark’s Basilica for a better understanding of how Venice built a mercantile empire that once spanned the entire Mediterranean. Gaze at exquisite mosaics and other treasures inside and hear how the city begged, borrowed and stole to grow from a tiny island to one of the biggest powers in the medieval world.

Your guide will then leave you to enjoy a 30-minute (approximately) gondola ride with a professional gondolier. Limited to only 5 people per gondola, this experience will be both intimate and relaxing. Punt through the quieter canals of Venice as you relax and enjoy the city at its best!

**Inclusions:**

Local English-speaking guide

Expertly guided walking tour

Skip the line ticket for St. Mark's Basilica

Gondola Ride

Headset

**Exclusions:**

Gratuities

Hotel Pick-Up/Drop-Off

Guide (during gondola ride)

**Know Before You Book:**

- Our group tour utilizes multiple areas that are not wheelchair accessible. Those with wheelchairs should contact us so we can arrange your visit.

- Sites visited on this tour occasionally close due to holy days, high tides, and/or flooding. If time permits, we will notify you prior to your tour. For last-minute closures, modifications may be communicated at the tour start time. If a site closes, you will tour the exterior of the site.

- During times of high tides, flooding, or heavy rain, the gondola ride may be substituted for another experience.

- The Rialto Fish Market is closed on Sundays.

- Due to the religious nature of the Basilica, all individuals regardless of gender must cover their shoulders and knees. A scarf or shawl is acceptable. Walks cannot be held responsible for those denied entry.

- Walks / Devour complies with all local government regulations. Please refer to local government guidelines for the most up-to-date information.

**Know Before You Go:**

- This tour is in English.

- This is a walking tour. Guests should be able to walk at a moderate pace without difficulty.

- This tour meets 15 minutes prior to the start time. No refunds can be provided for late arrivals or no-shows.

- If you cannot join your tour (running late, etc.) please contact us. We may be able to reschedule your tour (with an amendment fee) depending on availability.

- Our group tour utilizes multiple areas that are not wheelchair accessible. Those with wheelchairs should contact us so we can arrange your visit.

- Due to the religious nature of sites on this tour, all individuals (regardless of gender) must cover their shoulders and knees. It is acceptable to bring extra coverings to put on just before entering a holy site. Walks cannot be responsible for anyone denied entry.

- Sites visited on this tour occasionally close due to holy days, high tides, and/or flooding. If time permits, we will notify you prior to your tour. For last-minute closures, modifications may be communicated at the tour start time. If a site closes, you will tour the exterior of the site.

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- Large bags and backpacks cannot be accommodated on this tour.

- The Rialto Fish Market is closed on Sundays.

- Tips/gratuities (for your guide) are always appreciated.

**Health items:**

Face masks required for travelers in public areas, Face masks required for guides in public areas, Face masks provided for travelers, Hand sanitizer available to travelers and staff, Social distancing enforced throughout experience, Regularly sanitized high-traffic areas, Gear/equipment sanitized between use, Guides required to regularly wash hands, Regular temperature checks for staff, Paid stay-at-home policy for staff with symptoms

**Commentary:**

English - Guide

### Operating Info

**Product Start Date:**
2020-04-15

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**Product End Date:**
2021-10-31

**Booking Cut-off:**
24
hours
before start time

### Locations:

**Pickup:**
none

**Starts Notes:**
Departure Point:
Campo San Giacomo di Rialto 255, 30125 Venezia VE,Italy. Please meet outside the entrance of the Church of San Giacometto.

**Type:**
Starts location

**Address:**
Campo San Giacomo di Rialto 255, Venice, 30100, IT

**Directions:**
https://www.google.com/maps/place/Campo+S.+Giacomo+di+Rialto,+30100+Venezia+VE,+Italy/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x477eb1dba2133f4f:0x83e6326d08491e91?sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjN5uXYtYvyAhXjCjQIHXZUCjEQ8gEwG3oECDAQAQ

**Notes:**
Campo San Giacomo di Rialto. Please meet outside the entrance of the Church of San Giacometto.

**Type:**
Meeting Point location

**Address:**
Chiesa San Giacomo di Rialto, Rialto Bridge, Venice, Metropolitan City of Venice, Italy

**Type:**
Ends location

**Address:**
Piazza San Marco, 52, Venice, IT, 30124, IT

**Directions:**
https://www.google.com/maps/place/St.+Mark's+Square/@45.4337687,12.3375071,18.52z/data=!3m1!5s0x477eb1cf94a24d3d:0x5d3229428ca16ee7!4m12!1m6!3m5!1s0x0:0x12c68bff26b97ed8!2sMuseo+Correr!8m2!3d45.4334731!4d12.3373838!3m4!1s0x477eb1d76e418489:0x2d0bb9644fff61b!8m2!3d45.4341668!4d12.3384717

**Notes:**
Near St. Mark's Square

**Instant Confirmation:**
Yes

### Cancellation

**Cancellation Policy:**
standard

**Cancellation Cut-off:**
72
hours

**Cancellation Notes:**
Cancellations received greater than 72 hours prior to tour commencement are fully refundable.
Cancellations received within 72 hours of tour commencement are nonrefundable.
Amendment requests are subject to availability and price changes.
Late arrivals and no shows are nonrefundable. This is applicable to any tour participant that fails to arrive, or arrives after tour departure.

**Options:**

2024: January, February, March, November, December

2024: April, May, July, August, September, October

Pricing valid for June 1st - June 30th 2024

### Pricing

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| **Pricing valid for low season months** |  | **Retail** | **NET** | **%** | **Min Rate** |
| Adult (15+) | 15-99 years | €74.00 |  |  |  |
| Child (2-14) | 2-14 years | €69.00 |  |  |  |
| Infant (0-1) | 0-1 years | €0.00 |  |  |  |
| **Pricing valid for high season months** |  | **Retail** | **NET** | **%** | **Min Rate** |
| Adult (15+) | 15-99 years | €79.00 |  |  |  |
| Child (2-14) | 2-14 years | €75.00 |  |  |  |
| Infant (0-1) | 0-1 years | €0.00 |  |  |  |
| **Pricing valid for June 1st - June 30th 2024** |  | **Retail** | **NET** | **%** | **Min Rate** |
| Adult (15+) | 15-99 years | €89.00 |  |  |  |
| Child (2-14) | 2-14 years | €85.00 |  |  |  |
| Infant (0-1) | 0-1 years | €0.00 |  |  |  |

### Other Information

**Terms and Conditions**

Before you travel, please read the "Know Before You Go" section for essential information, requirements, and possible disruptions regarding your tour.

**Voucher Info**

Mobile tickets will be accepted

**Redemption**
Your voucher will be collected or scanned on redemption