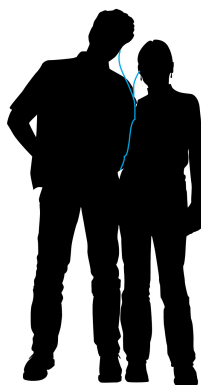


YOUR GUIDE TO - VENICE



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1.0 – WELCOME

Your audio guide:

Thanks very much for choosing this mp3cityguides guide to Venice. If you've already done any of our other walks, you'll know how it works but if not, I'll tell you now.

As you've probably already noticed, each of these sections of the walk that you've downloaded on to your machine has a name - this first one is 'Piazza San Marco'. Just consider each of these walks as individual tracks on an 'album' which is the complete tour of Venice. You'll hear directions about where to go next at the end of each section but the route and the stopping points are also marked on your map which is on page four of this Printed Guide.

When you get to a stopping point find somewhere to stand or sit which is out of the way of people and traffic and then play the relevant section of the walk.

The map has been especially produced to help you find your way while you're listening to the audio guide which means that it's not drawn exactly to scale.

Top tip: when you print out this Printed Guide or, at least, the map, set your printer to high quality or fine print so that the map is as clear as possible and easy to read.

Please take care when you're using the audio guide: Venice is a relatively safe city but do keep an eye out for pick pockets and watch out when you're crossing the road.

When we arrive at a monument, church or a museum, after I've described it you might want to go in or you might want to buy a ticket for later if it looks crowded. Or you might just want to carry on and come back and visit it afterwards now that you know where it is.

Top tip: Play a few sections of the tour on your mp3 player or iPod before you go just to check that they've downloaded OK.

Your printed guide:

This printed guide complements your audio guide. We know that exploring a city can take more than one visit - and possibly even a life time so we've pared our guide down to what we think are the essential things to see and do. They're included in section four, the Hit List.

We've done our best to get it right and, because we're an Internet based guide rather than a conventional guidebook, we can update our information very quickly.

That said, all kinds of places inevitably change their opening times at short notice so please accept our apologies if you arrive somewhere and, despite what we've said, you find it's shut. As with your Audio Guide, if you find that a museum, gallery, church, bar or restaurant is not as we've described it then please do let us know by contacting us at

feedback@mp3cityguides.com



3.0 – GETTING AROUND

From Marco Polo airport:

The ATVO bus departs every 30 minutes (40 minutes to an hour during the early morning and late evening) from stop number one just outside the entrance to Arrivals. Look for 'Venezia Express'. The journey takes about 20 minutes. Tickets cost EURO 3 for a single and can be bought from the ATVO office in the Arrivals area.

Buses arrive at the Piazzale Roma bus terminal from where it's a short walk to the Piazzale Roma Vaporetto stop.

Return buses to the airport leave from stop D2 every 30 minutes (40 minutes to an hour during the early morning and late evening). Tickets can be bought from the ATVO office at the far end of the Piazzale.

For more information ring: + 39 0421 383672 or + 39 0421 383671 or see www.ATVO.it

From Treviso airport:

Arriving from Treviso Airport ATVO bus departures are timed to coincide with flight arrivals. They leave from outside the Arrivals hall. The journey takes about 1 hour ten minutes stopping at the town of Mestre on the mainland. Tickets cost EURO 5 for a single and can be bought from the ATVO office in the Arrivals area

Buses arrive at the Piazzale Roma bus terminal from where it's a short walk to the Piazzale Roma Vaporetto stop.

Return buses to the airport leave from stop D2 related to flight departures and timed so they should arrive about one hour 15 minutes before departure time. Tickets can be bought from the ATVO office at the far end of the Piazzale.

For more information ring: + 39 0421 383672 or + 39 0421 383671 or see www.ATVO.it

From Santa Lucia railway station:

Trains arrive here from Milan, Mestre, Vicenza and other mainline destinations. Opposite it is the Ferrovia Vaporetto stop.

Getting around:

Vaporetto: There are no taxis and no buses in Venice, just foot power and the water bus known as the Vaporetto.

Look out for the yellow Vaporetto stops along the Canale Grande and at other points. Tickets cost EURO 7 for a single journey. You can also get a one day Travel Card (EURO 16) or a Three Day Travel Card (EURO 30) which offer unlimited travel. Better still, the VENICEcard also offers unlimited travel as well as free entry to 11 museums and 16 churches in Venice - plus the public loos. It costs from EURO 21 (if you're aged over 30) for one day. See useful websites below.

Vaporetti depart roughly every 10 minutes.

Vaporetto Line 1 goes along the Grand Canal from the Piazzale Roma bus station and the railway station in the north round via the Rialto bridge to Vallaresso (for the Piazza San Marco) in the south, stopping at alternative banks. It's the best sight seeing route.

Vaporetto Line 82 goes along the Grand Canal from the Piazzale Roma bus station and the railway station in the north but only stops at certain stops including Rialto and Vallaresso (for the Piazza San Marco) and then onto the Lido.

NB: the stops serving each direction (ie Piazzale Roma in the direction of Rialto and Rialto in the direction of Piazzale Roma) are usually next to each other so make sure you get the right direction.

For more information ring: + 39 041 24 24 or see www.actv.it

On foot: The network of canals and calles or streets in Venice is infuriatingly complex. Many streets have a number of different names and every map seems to show a different lay out. We've tried to make our printed route guide as clear as possible so do refer to it. We've also tried to make our spoken directions clear but rather than complicate the matter with too much confusing detail we don't mention every little twist and turn or side street so, if in doubt, take the main street ahead of you. Again, you can always refer to your map.

Look out for a series of yellow tourist signs leading you through the city to main points of interest such as the Rialto, San Marco and the Piazzale Roma.

4.0 – THE HIT LIST

Getting to know Venice – or any big city – can take a lifetime but if you've only got a weekend then here is what we recommend you see in descending order of priority.

* = covered on our audio guide

TOP TIP: VENICEard gives free access to 11 museums and 16 churches. See Useful Websites below.

Galleries and museums

* **Basilica San Marco – St Mark's Cathedral** This remarkable looking confection is one of the most distinguished and beautiful churches in the world. The interior is even more hauntingly beautiful than the façade.

Open:

November - March/April (Easter):

Basilica: 9.45 am - 5pm - Sunday and holidays: 2pm - 4pm

St Mark's Museum: 9.45 am – 4.45 pm

Pala d'oro: 9.45am - 4pm - Sunday and holidays: 2pm - 4pm

Treasury: 9.45am - 4pm - Sunday and holidays: 2pm - 4pm

March/April (Easter) - November:

Basilica: 9.45am - 5pm - Sunday and holidays: 2pm - 5pm

St Mark's Museum: 9.45am – 4.45pm

Pala d'oro: 9.45am - 5pm - Sunday and holidays: 2pm - 5pm

Treasury: 9.45am - 5pm - Sunday and holidays: 2pm - 5pm

* **Palazzo Ducale - Doge's Palace** The seat of power in Venice for a thousand years has elegantly decorated rooms and a spacious courtyard. The great meeting room is particularly impressive.

Open: April to October daily 9am - 7pm. November to March daily 9am - 5pm.

(Ticket office closes one hour before the palace).

Piazzetta San Marco, San Marco. Vap: San Zaccaria.

* **The Galleria dell' Accademia** Venice's principal art gallery has a vast range of paintings mainly by Venetian artists arranged in chronological order. Open Monday 8.15am - 2pm and Tuesday to Sunday 8.15am - 7.15pm.

Campo della Carità, Dorsoduro. Vap: Accademia.

* **Scuola Grande di San Rocco** Venice's greatest Scuola Grande has an almost overwhelming collection of paintings by Tintoretto throughout its great meeting rooms.

Open: 28 March to 2nd November daily 9am - 5.30pm. 3rd November to 27th March daily 10am - 5pm.

Campo San Rocco, San Polo. Vap: San Toma.

* **Ca' Rezzonico** This great mansion shows how wealthy Venetians would have lived during the eighteenth century complete with luxurious sitting rooms and vast ballroom. It also has temporary exhibitions.

Open: Daily except Tuesday 1st April to 31st October 10am - 6pm and 1st November to 31st March 10am - 5pm. Ticket office closes one hour before the museum.

Fondamenta Rezzonico, Dorsoduro. Vap: Ca' Rezzonico.

Peggy Guggenheim Collection Cool, modern art gallery founded set up by the famous American heiress with works by Picasso, Brancusi and Giacometti amongst others.

Open: Daily except Tuesday 10am - 6pm.

Fondamenta Venier dei Leoni, Dorsoduro. Vap: Accademia.

www.guggenheim-venice.it

* **Scuola Grande dei Carmini** Beautiful ceilings by Rococo painter Tiepolo, a staircase with a gorgeously ornate ceiling and an interesting collection of monochrome wall paintings. Open: 1st April to 31st October Monday to Saturday 9am - 6pm and Sunday 9am - 1pm. 1st November to 31st March Monday to Saturday 9am - 4pm and Sunday 9am - 1pm

Campo Santa Margherita, Dorsoduro. Vap: Ca' Rezzonico.

* **Museo Correr** The history of the Republic with paintings and sculptures showing the development Venetian art.

Open: April to October daily 9am - 7pm and November to March daily 9am - 5pm. (Ticket office closes one hour before museum).

Piazza San Marco, San Marco. Vap: Vallaresso.

* **Campanile** The tallest tower in Venice has some spectacular views across the city and the lagoon.

Open: April to September daily 9.30am - half an hour before sunset. November to March daily 9.30am - 3.30pm.

Piazza San Marco, San Marco. Vap: Vallaresso.

Churches

Opening times vary but, unless stated, churches are usually open Monday to Saturday from early in the morning until about 12.30pm or 1pm and then from about 3.30pm until about 7pm. Sundays, they are usually only open in the afternoon.

Please be considerate during services.

* **Basilica San Marco** Stunningly decorated church with strong Byzantine influence and gorgeous gold mosaics.

Open: April to September Monday to Saturday 9.45am - 4pm and Sunday 2pm - 4pm. October to March Monday to Saturday 9.45am - 4.30pm and Sunday 2pm - 4pm.

Piazza San Marco, San Marco. Vap: Vallaresso/San Zaccaria.

* **Santa Maria Gloriosa dei Frari** This vast church contains the tomb of Titian and Canova and paintings by Titian and Bellini amongst others as well as a beautiful carved wooden choir.

Open: Monday to Saturday 9am - 6pm and Sunday 1pm - 6pm.

Campo dei Frari, San Polo. Vap: San Toma.

* **Santo Stefano** Vast, Gothic church with beautiful ship's keel wooden roof.

Campo Santo Stefano, San Marco. Vap: Accademia.

* **San Salvador** An elegant Baroque church with sculptures by the architect Sansovino and paintings by Titian.

Campo di San Salvador, San Marco. Vap: Rialto.

San Giorgio Maggiore The first church by the great architect Palladio looks grand and imposing from Saint Mark's square and is every bit as impressive inside.

Isola di San Giorgio Maggiore. Vap: San Giorgio.

Madonna dell'Orto Home to the most celebrated collection of church paintings by Tintoretto.

Campo dell'Orto, Cannaregio. Vap: Orto.

San Sebastiano Stunning collection of paintings by the great artist Paolo Veronese.

Fondamenta di San Sebastiano, Dorsoduro. Vap: San Basilio.

Santa Maria dei Miracoli An early Renaissance church that manages to include a mass of decoration of detail while retaining a simple elegance.

Campo Santa Maria dei Miracoli, San Marco. Vap: Rialto.

* **Santa Maria dei Carmini** Unusual interior with baroque paintings and lines of dark wood and gilt statues.

Campo dei Carmini, Dorsoduro. Va: Ca' Rezzonico.

Santa Maria della Salute Imposing, elegant Baroque church which stands at the entrance to the Grand Canal.

Campo della Salute, Dorsoduro. Vap: Salute.

* **San Pantalon** There is a simple, unfinished exterior and inside probably the largest painting on canvas. Vast and imposing.

Campo San Pantalon, Santa Croce. Vap: San Pantalon.

Santi Giovanni e Paolo Vast, open church which houses the remains of 25 Doges and various other items from Venetian history.

Campo Santi Giovanni and Paolo, Cannaregio. Vap: Fondamenta Nove.

* **San Polo** Romanesque church with simple understated interior featuring a wooden, ship's keel roof. High lights are a dramatic last supper by Tintoretto and Tiepolo's series of 14 stations of the cross.
Campo San Polo, San Polo. Vap: San Toma.

San Zaccaria Interesting mixture of Gothic and Renaissance architecture and details. Look out for Giovanni Bellini's Madonna and Four Saints.
Campo San Zaccaria, San Marco. Vap: San Zaccaria.

Other places and attractions

Ca' Pesaro - Galleria Internazionale d'Arte Moderna Stunning 17th century Grand Canal mansion that now houses works by Kandinsky, Klimt and Miro amongst others.

Open: April to October Tuesday to Sunday 10am - 6pm. November to March Tuesday to Sunday 10am - 5pm.

Fondamenta Ca' Pesaro, San Polo. Vap: San Stae.

* **La Fenice Opera House - Teatro La Fenice** Venice's great opera house. Beautifully decorated and worth looking at even if you're not a fan of the music.
Open: Monday to Saturday 10am - 4.40pm but closed sometimes during rehearsals.
Campo San Fantin, San Marco. Vap: Santa Maria del Giglio

* **Scala Contarini del Bovolo** Curling staircase in a quiet courtyard that offers wonderful views across the roof tops of Venice.
Open: April to October Daily 10am - 6pm and November to March 10am - 4pm.
Off Calle dei Locande, San Marco. Vap: San Marco.

5.0 – EATING, DRINKING & SHOPPING

Cafés:

Dorsoduro

Cafe Noir Relaxed bar with young crowd and good range of sandwiches and snacks. Lively by night.

Open: Daily but evenings only on Sunday.

Crosera San Pantalon. Vap: San Toma.

Gelateria Causin A wide range of ice creams are available at this relaxed cafe in a pleasant Campo.

Open: Monday to Saturday 9am to 11pm.

Campo Santa Margherita. Vap: Ca' Rezzonico.

Gelateria Nico Very popular with tourists looking for refreshment after the Accademia but still great ice cream – although the service is variable. Daily 10am to 11pm.

Fondamenta Zattere 922. Vap: Accademia

San Marco

Caffe del Doge Smart, modern cafe with wide selection of coffees and empire which is fast expanding across the world. Excellent coffee in very pleasant surroundings.

Open: Daily 7am - 7pm except Sunday.

Pone del Lovo. Vap: Vallaresso.

* **Caffe Florian** One of the most famous caffes in Venice, it has an unbeatable location on the Piazza San Marco but you'll pay dearly for it. Best known for its rich hot chocolate.

Open: Daily 10am - midnight.

56 Piazza San Marco, San Marco. Vap: Vallaressa.

www.caffeflorian.com

Gran Caffe Chioggia Opposite the Doge's Palace, this classic cafe has a string quartet and dark wood panelled walls for extra luxuriousness.

Open: Monday to Saturday 10am - midnight.

Piazzetta San Marco. Vap: Vallaressa.

* **Ristorante Gran Caffe Quadri** Its wonderful location in the Piazza San Marco is perfect for watching the crowds go by. There is also a very smart restaurant upstairs.

Open: Daily 9am - midnight.

121 Piazza San Marco. Vap: Vallaresso.

www.quadrivenice.com

Santa Croce/San Polo

Caffe del Doge Smart, modern cafe with wide selection of coffees and empire which is fast expanding across the world. Excellent coffee in very pleasant surroundings.

Open: Daily 7am - 7pm.

Calle dei 5. Vap: Rialto.

Castello

Rosa Salva Bustling little bar and serving coffee and cakes by day and cichetti - Venetian snacks - and aperitifs in the evening.

Open: Daily except Wednesday 7.30am - 8.30pm.

Campo San Giovanni e Paolo. Vap: Arsenale.

Bars:

Cannaregio

Alla Vedova Elegant little bar serving Venetian aperitifs such as Campari and spritzers with interesting cichetti - Venetian tapas.

Open: Daily except Thursday.

Calle del Pistor, Cannaregio. Vap: Ca' d'Oro.

Osteria agli Ormesini Friendly, unpretentious bar popular with students and young Venetians. Huge range of wines by the glass and beers.

Open: Daily except Sunday 7pm - 2am.

Fondamenta degli Ormesini. Vap: Madonna dell'Orto.

Dorsoduro

* **Enoteca Cantinone Gia Schiavi** Locals and well informed tourists pack into this little wine bar and shop. Wine is served by the glass and bottle by knowledgeable staff and mopped up with wonderful cichetti. In the summer, balance your plate of goodies on the wall by the canal.

Open: Daily except Sunday.

Fondamenta Sangiatoffetti. Vap: Accademia.

Margaret Duchamp Relaxed, friendly bar which is popular with young tourists and young Venetians alike.

Open: Daily except Tuesday 10am - 2am.

Campo Santa Margherita. Vap: Ca' Rezzonico.

San Marco

Cavatappi New addition to Venice's bar scene with wide range of local wines and some from further afield. Food which is light and modern and moderately price is also available.

Open: Daily (closes after lunch on Sunday)

Campo dell Guerra. Vap: Vallaresso.

Harry's Bar It's ridiculously expensive and full of wealthy American tourists but Harry's Bar with its dark wood interiors and white jacketed waiters has a charm of its own. The classic drink is the Bellini - Prosecco, a sparkling wine, mixed with peach juice.

Open: Daily 10.30am - 11pm.

Caller Vallaresso, San Marco. Vap: Vallaresso. Tel: + 39 041 528 5777

Santa Croce/San Polo

Cantina Do Mori Very traditional bar with wonderful range of cichetti and great charm.

Open: Daily except Sunday 9am to 9.30pm.

Calle do Mori. Vap: Rialto.

Osteria Bancogiro Bar which does delicious food. Grab a table outside during the spring and summer.

Camp San Giocometto 122 San Polo

T: + 39 041 523 2061

Restaurants:

Prices: Guide is for one person for three courses plus half a bottle of wine.

Expensive: EURO35 (£25) and above. Moderate: EURO 30 (£15-£25). Budget: up to EURO 20 (£15).

NB: When ringing restaurants as with any number in Italy dialled from abroad, KEEP the first '0', ie 041 NOT 41.

Cannaregio

Algiubagio Relaxed friendly service with hearty classic dishes and young clientele part local, part tourists. Price: Budget/Moderate.

Open: Daily lunch and dinner.

Fondamente Nuove (Just by the Vaporetto stop). Vap: Fondamente Nuove. T: + 39 041 523 6084

www.algiubagio.net

Al Fontego dei Pescaori Tucked away in a covered street, this little restaurant prides itself on fresh ingredients simply cooked - especially where fish is concerned.

Price: Moderate.

Open: Daily for lunch and dinner except Sunday.

Sotoportego del Tagiapiera. Vap: Ca' d'Oro. T: + 39 041 520 0538

La Bea Vita Cheap and cheerful eatery, popular with local people that does hearty portions and a great set lunch. Sit out by the canal during the summer. Price: Budget.

Open: Daily for lunch and dinner except Sunday.

Fondamenta delle Cappuccine. Vap: San Marcuola. T: + 39 041 275 9347

Vini da Gigio Stylish but traditional fish restaurant specialising in local dishes.

Price: Moderate.

Open: Wednesday to Sunday.
Cannaregio 3628 a. Vap: Ca' Doro. T: 39 041 5285140

Dorsoduro

La Bitta Cosy, unpretentious restaurant with a modern take on some classic Italian dishes such as gnocchi with smoked ricotta and salmon with balsamic vinegar reduction.

Open: Daily for dinner except Sunday. T: + 39 041 523 0531 NB NO CREDIT CARDS

Calle Lunga Santa Barnaba

Pane e Vino

Part of small chain that offers simple well prepared dishes from the nearby Friuli region of Italy. Price: Budget/Moderate.

Open: Daily lunch and dinner.

Calle del Botteri. Vap: San Stae. T: + 39 041 523 7456

www.panevinoe.it

Casin dei Nobili Classic Italian dishes made with care and attention and served during warmer months in a pleasant vine covered courtyard.

Price: Moderate.

Open: Daily except Monday lunch and dinner.

Sotoportego del Casin dei Nobili. Vap: San Barnaba. T: + 39 041 241 1841

San Marco

Acqua Pazza Elegant restaurant with well prepared Italian classics and an emphasis on seafood set in this lovely square. Pizzas are also very good. Price: Moderate/Expensive.

Open: Daily for lunch and dinner except Monday.

Campo Sant' Angelo. Vap: Sant' Angelo. T: + 39 041 277 0688

www.veniceacquapazza.it

Fiore Cosy but very smart little fish restaurant with Venetian style sashimi a speciality. Price: Moderate.

Open: Daily except Tuesday lunch and dinner.

Calle delle Botteghe. Vap: Vallaresso. T: + 39 041 523 5310.

Ristorante Hostaria da Franz Traditional Venetian eatery offering great seafood near the giardini pubblici. Grab a table along the canal side. Price: Moderate.

Open: daily lunch and dinner

Fondamenta San Giuseppe 754. Vap: Giardini/Biennale. T: + 39 041 522 0861

www.hostariadafranz.com

Osteria Bancogiro Modern takes on classic Venetian cooking that are often lighter and use unusual ingredients are served in the modern, rustic interior of this exciting restaurant.

Campo San Giacometto. Vap Rialto. T: +39 041 523 2061
www.osteriabancogiro.it

Osteria San Marco Cool modern restaurant with imaginative - and very successful - variations on classic Italian dishes. Price: Moderate/Expensive.

Open: Daily for lunch and dinner except Sunday.
Frezzeria. Vap: Vallaresso. T: + 39 041 528 5242.

Santa Croce/San Polo

Ae Oche Bustling little restaurant serving well made pizzas with toppings that range from the familiar to the more adventurous. Price Budget.

Open: Daily except Monday lunch and dinner.
Calle del Tintor. Vap: San Stae. T: + 39 041 524 1161.

Alla Madonna Bustling, well established restaurant popular with locals who sit at long tables. Price: Budget/moderate.

Open: Daily for lunch dinner except Wednesday.
Calle della Madonna. Vap: San Silvestro. T: + 39 041 522 3824.

Trattoria Antiche Carampane Cosy little trattoria with good seafood menu including a speciality of soft shell crab and spaghetti with a peppery sea food sauce.

Rialto San Polo 1911 Website has good map and directions.
Rio Tera de la Carampane. Vap: San Silvestro. T: + 39 041 524 0165

Muro Vino e Cucina With its hip, neo-industrial interior this restaurant and wine bar offers a wide range of wines and cutting edge Italian cooking. Price: Moderate.

Open: Daily for lunch and dinner except Sunday.
Campo Bella Vienna. Vap: Rialto. T: + 39 041 523 7496
www.murovinoecucina.it

Osteria la Zucca Busy but friendly trattoria with classic Italian dishes and an emphasis - unusually in Italy on vegetarian dishes. Price: Budget/Moderate.

Open: Daily for lunch and dinner except Sunday.
San Giacomo dell'Orio. Vap: Riva di Biassio. T: + 39 041 524 1570
www.lazucca.it

Castello

Al Covo A highly acclaimed new comer offering a modern take on some Venetian classics. Fish dishes are particularly recommended. Price: Expensive.
Open: Daily for lunch and dinner except Wednesday and Thursday.
Campiello della Pischeria. Vap: Arsenale T: + 39 041 522 3812
www.ristorantealcovo.com

Alle Testiere A tempting, imaginative menu is available in this tiny but very popular restaurant. Two sittings are available and booking is essential. Price: Expensive.
Open: Daily for lunch and dinner except Sunday and Monday.
Calle del Mondo Novo. Vap: Rialto. T: + 39 041 522 7220

L'Osteria di Santa Maria Jolly trattoria with extensive menu of classic pasta, meat and fish dishes. Price: Moderate.
Open: Daily lunch and dinner except Sunday.
Campo Santa Marina. Vap: Rialto. T: + 39 041 528 5239
www.osteriadisantamarina.it

Shops:

Cannaregio

Cibele Well stocked health food shop with organic products and herbal teas plus knowledgeable staff.
Open: Daily except Sunday 8.30am - 12.30pm and 3.30pm - 7.30pm
Campiello dell'Aconeta. Vap: San Marcuola.

Martini Welcoming, unpretentious neighbourhood cake and bread shop.
Open: Daily except Tuesday 6am - 9pm
Rio Tera San Leonardo. Vap: San Marcuola.

Pasticceria Roberto Puppa Stunning array of chocolates, cakes and sweets, many of which are made from traditional Venetian recipes.
Open: Daily except Sunday 9am - 7pm.
Calle Spezier. Vap: Fondamente Nove.

Dorsoduro

Galleria San Nicolo Striking contemporary glassware by Venetian and other designers from around the world.
Open: Daily except Sunday 10am - 7pm.
Fondamenta Tragheto. Vap: Ca' Rezzonico.

Bressanello Striking modern prints that avoid all the usual Venetian clichés. The best place to buy your souvenirs.
Open: Daily except Wednesday 10am - 1pm and 3pm - 7.30pm.

Calle Lunga Santa Barnaba. Vap: Ca' Rezzonico.

* **Gualti** Striking and unusual but always delicate and refined - Gualti's women's accessories are in a class of their own.

Open: Daily except Sunday 10am - 1pm and 3pm - 7.30pm.

Rio Terra Canal. Vap: Ca' Rezzonico.

www.gualti.it

Giuseppe Faggiotto A wonderful chocolate emporium featuring some unusual flavours and some striking packaging.

Open: Daily except Sunday 9am - 7pm.

Fondamenta Bollani. Vap: Accademia.

www.peratoner.it

Il Graffio These wonderfully atmospheric shop has traditional prints plus some new designs by the very talented owner Alessandra D'Agnolo.

Open: Daily 10.30am - 12.30pm and 2.30pm - 7.30pm.

Calle delle Botteghe. Vap: Vallaresso.

Rigattieri Call dei Frati Beautiful range of antique homewares and furniture.

Between Sant'Angelo and San Stefano.

3532-3535 San Marco

Open: Monday to Saturday 10am – 5pm

<http://rigattieri-venice.com>

Torrefazione Tea and tea-making equipment including pretty cups as well as petit fours to enjoy with it are available at this smart little shop.

Open: Daily 9am - 1pm and 4.30pm - 7pm. Closed Wednesday afternoon.

Campo Santa Margherita. Vap: Ca' Rezzonico.

San Marco

Galleria Marina Barovier Contemporary and antique glassware from the celebrated glass manufacturers of the island of Murano and other workshops.

Open: Daily except Sunday 10am - 7pm.

Salizada San Samuele, San Marco. Vap: San Samuele.

Gaggio Gorgeous clothing and accessories in velvet - specialities are *friulani* - traditional Venetian slippers.

Open: Daily except Sunday 10am - 7pm.

Calle Botteghe Vap: Vallaresso.

* **Godi Firenze** The two sisters who run this clothes shop were born in Venice but studied in London and so clothes have a strong contemporary look with a hint of the luxury and mystery of Venice.

Open: Daily except Sunday 10am - 12.30pm and 3.30pm - 7.30pm.
Campo San Luco. Vap: Rialto.

Lieber Attractive prints of Venice, stationary and pens.
Open: Daily 10am - 7pm.
Marziana San Zulian. Vap: Rialto/Vallaresso.

Pauly & Co Even if you're not planning to buy anything, it's worth looking in this beautiful, celebrated emporium of Venetian glassware.
Open: Daily 10am - 6pm.
Calle Larga San Marco. Vap: Vallaresso.

Santa Croce/San Polo

Carta Venezia Writing paper, cards and lanterns all in a signature coarse grained white paper.
Open: Monday 3.30pm - 7.30pm, Tuesday to Saturday 11am - 1pm and 3.30pm - 7.30pm.
Calle Lunga, off Campo Santa Maria Mater Domini. Vap: San Stae/San Silvestro.

Rio Bio Organic and Fair Trade food, food supplements and health and beauty products.
Open: Daily except Sunday 9am - 1pm and 4.30pm - 7.30pm.
Campo San Giacomo dall'Orio. Vap: San Stae.

Vizio Virtu Gorgeous contemporary chocolate shop with delicious, high quality creations and friendly service.
Open: Daily 10am - 7.30pm.
VizioVirtu, Calle de Campaniel. Vap: Piazzale Roma.
www.viziovirtu.com

5.0 – USEFUL WEBSITES

www.venicecard.it - offers free entry to eleven museums and free travel on public transport.

www.turismovenezia.it/en - official Venetian Tourist Board website - well laid out with revised museum opening times and useful information on temporary exhibitions.

www.comune.venezia.it - Venice local government website which has information about latest exhibitions as well as more general visitor information.