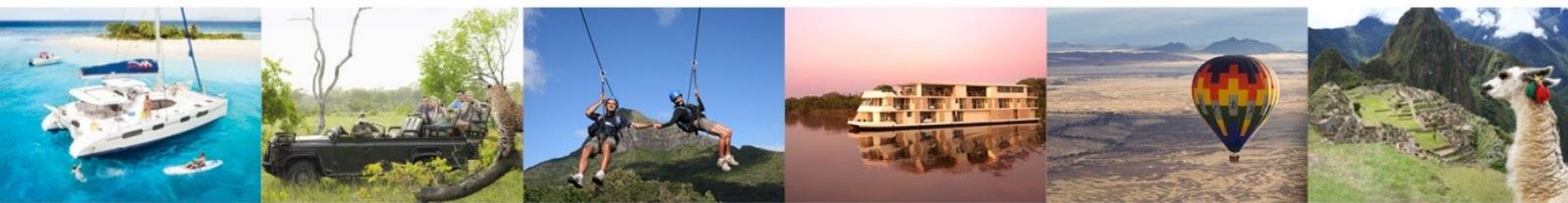


VENICE

2016

TOUR DESCRIPTION	DAYS OF OPERATION	DURATION	PRICE
<p>MORNING WALKING TOUR OF VENICE Have a walk outdoors (no entries) through the most characteristic and important places for the history of Venice. A qualified and experienced guide will escort you through the millennium of life of the Serenissima Republic, recalling the past full of charm of this unique city. An essential tour for the understanding of Venice! Route: Piazza San Marco – Origins, history and description of the main monuments: Basilica San Marco, Palazzo Ducale, Bell Tower, Clock Tower and procuratie. Santa Maria Formosa – History and anecdotes related to this wonderful and characteristic square. Campo SS. Giovanni e Paolo – The “Pantheon” of Venice, the Great School of Charity, the Captains of fortune. Marco Polo’s House and Malibrán Theatre – Anecdotes and past and recent history cross each other in this beautiful corner of Venice. Return to San Marco through the Mercerie, vital connection between Rialto and San Marco and the main street for the city shopping</p>	Daily except 25 December 2016 and 01 January 2017	1.30 hours approx.	€28.00
<p>TOUR TO THE ISLANDS After sailing past the island of San Giorgio Maggiore, a 16th century Benedictine church designed by Andrea Palladio and built between 1566 and 1610, the public Gardens, the tip of Sant’Elena and the Lido (the famous beach resort), the boat arrives at Murano known throughout the world for its glass manufacturing industry. There you can visit one of its factories. The second stop is at the picturesque island of Burano, more correctly called as archipelago of four Islands linked by bridges, famous not only for its lace but also for its fishermen’s houses painted in bright colours. Then, after a short sail, you will reach the quiet and sparsely populated island of Torcello where the cathedral with its magnificent mosaics and the church of Santa Fosca stand there to testify its glorious past. The tour includes the service of a specialized official tour guide.</p>	Daily between 01 April and 31 October 2016	3.5 hours approx	€23.00
<p>DISCOVER VENICE & GONDOLA RIDE The only way to visit the unusual and fascinating corners of Venice off the beaten track and where time seems to have stood still centuries ago. Outdoors visit with the Tourist Guide of the area between Piazza San Marco and the Rialto Bridge, through a labyrinth of little canals, and sites of historic and artistic interest, passing by some special places: Teatro la Fenice, (“The Phoenix”), one of the most famous opera house in Europe, the site of many famous operatic premieres; Scala del Bovolo, an unique spiral staircase with a plethora of arches; Rialto Bridge and its typical shops, one of the architectural icons of Venice. The tour does NOT include the explanation of the Piazza San Marco. After the walk, relax yourselves with a quiet gondola ride (up to 6 people per gondola - 35 minutes ride) on the Grand Canal (S. Maria della Salute area) and minor canals (Fenice area) - The tour ends with the landing at the station Vallarossa (Dogana). On the gondola ride there is no commentary.</p>	Daily except 25 December 2016 and 01 January 2017	2 hours approx.	€53.00



<p>MURANO GLASSBLOWING & BURANO LACE-MAKING TOUR</p> <p>Escape the crowds and chaos of Venice and catch a glimpse of what the city used to be – an island of artisans world-famous for their craft, where traditional skills have been passed down from generation to generation for centuries. Join us on a half day trip to these timeless islands, so close yet worlds away from crowded Piazza San Marco. After meeting in a central Venice location we'll start our tour with a short and comfortable boat ride to Murano. There's a lot to see on the way and your guide will keep you entertained with a description of the sights as you pass them. It's no time at all until we're off the boat again, taking our first steps on beautiful Murano, a small island world-famous for its glass. Once upon a time Murano glassblowers were the only people in Europe who knew how to create a mirror and their skills were so valued that they were banned from leaving the city of Venice under threat of execution. Watch a craftsman in action as he goes about his daily business, describing his process in English while he works. No staged presentations for us, this is a real, workaday studio and our experience here will be as authentic as it comes. Afterwards you will have time to browse the huge collection of glass art here and wander the island on your own. Then it's back on the boat and off to our next stop, Burano. The tiny island of Burano is famous for two reasons – for its houses, huddled tightly together along streets and canals, each one is painted a different colour with laundry strung up across narrow streets. But Burano's major claim to fame is its centuries old tradition of lacemaking. Stay and watch their painstaking work, listen to a full commentary on what, in the age of sewing machines, has become a dying art and then take the time to explore the fascinating museum at the back. When Michelangelo visited Burano he bought an altarpiece for the brand new Duomo in Milan. You can take a leaf from his book and pick out your own keepsakes or spend your free time winding your way along the kaleidoscopic streets, sampling delicious cookies in local bakeries. While other tour operators also visit Torcello, we have intentionally omitted the third island from our tour in favor of providing you with more time to explore the more memorable islands of Murano and Burano. Our selective tour of the islands spends less time on the boat and less time trekking inland, giving you more time to experience this wonderful corner of the world at a pace that suits you.</p>	<p>Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays between 01 April and 31 October 2016</p>	<p>5 Hours approx.</p>	<p>€38.00</p>
<p>VENICE BY NIGHT WALKING TOUR & GONDOLA RIDE</p> <p>If you came to Venice with visions in mind of winding streets and tumbling houses where laundry swings out over canals, then Hidden Venice is the tour for you. Step away from the crowds and get off the beaten track with this original tour that explores Venice's less seen, more romantic side on the other side of the Grand Canal. Our Hidden Venice tour starts at spectacular Rialto Bridge whose marble reflects in the canal below. On our walk through hidden Venice, we'll see lovers strolling and kids playing in many of the beautiful squares in the area – the Campo San Polo, the Campo San Margherita and the Campo San Barnaba. We'll pass the Basilica dei Frari (outside visit) and stop in front of the Scuola Grande di San Rocco.</p>	<p>Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays between 01 April – 31 October 2016</p>	<p>2.30 hours approx.</p>	<p>€73.00</p>



As you stroll your guide will fill you in on the stories, myths and legends that make Venice so endlessly fascinating, showing you a local's perspective of this often 'touristy' city. The city is beautiful in the evening light and full of life. We'll pass Peggy Guggenheim's museum and you'll hear about the famous patron who lost her father to the Titanic but gained the means to build one of the world's most notable art collections. Our tour ends on the sweetest note with a shared gondola ride as the sun is setting. Relax as a gondolier, in his ubiquitous striped shirt, punts along the canal. Keep your eyes peeled for the many palaces that line the waterways of Venice or just for women reeling in their washing lines. With only six people per gondola your ride will be peaceful and intimate – or for an additional fee opt instead for the private gondola ride, a romantic and unforgettable experience for you and your loved one.

As the sun dips below the horizon our boats dock and the group disperses with heads full of narrow canals and masterpieces hidden in neighborhood churches.

Please note that minimum number of passengers might apply for certain tours. Children rates on request. Thompsons standard terms & conditions apply.

