

VENICE TO ISTANBUL: CANALS, CRUISING AND CROSSROADS

Featuring - Istanbul, Venice

DURATION	GROUP SIZE	AIRPORT	PRICE STARTING FROM
17 Nights / 19 Days	22 People	New York (JFK/EWR)	Twin Occupancy Price Per person - \$0.00

OVERVIEW

This memorable journey begins in Venice, one of the most romantic cities in the world, and culminates in the timeless magic of Istanbul, with a leisurely cruise across the Mediterranean in between. Experience the highlights of the Floating City on a guided walking tour before boarding your ship for the voyage east. Your Venice stay features a private walking tour with an English-speaking guide through the historic heart of the city, including St. Mark's Basilica and the Doge's Palace, with admission to the Doge's Palace included. A scenic private boat ride across the lagoon and a 30-minute daytime gondola ride along the quiet canals complete the day, with a local English-speaking assistant on hand for eight hours. Venice is a city best discovered on foot and by water. Beyond the grand sights of St. Mark's Square, the walking tour reveals the quieter side of the lagoon city, with narrow lanes, small bridges and hidden courtyards that have changed little over the centuries. The boat rides and the gondola trip add to the experience, letting you see Venice the way its residents and visitors have for hundreds of years. You then transfer to the Venice cruise terminal to begin your cruise, arranged separately, on a 14-night sailing. The journey ends in Istanbul, where you disembark and transfer to your hotel for a final night in the city before your return flight home. The 14-night cruise between the two cities is on your own arrangements, so you are free to choose the ship, cabin and itinerary that suit you best, while we take care of everything before and after the voyage, including your stay, guides and transfers in Venice and Istanbul.

ACCOMMODATION

CITY	HOTEL NAME	CHECK-IN	CHECK-OUT	NO. OF NIGHTS
Venice	Voco Venice Mestre - The Quid by IHG	Day-2	Day-4	2 Nights

DEPARTURE

Start Date	End Date	Departure Gateway	Price Per Person
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INCLUSIONS

- ◆ **International return airfare ex-New York (Please check with us for pricing from other cities)**
- ◆ Airport taxes, fuel surcharges & baggage fees
- ◆ 2 night's accommodation in Venice on twin-sharing basis in superior hotels or similar
- ◆ 1 night accommodation in Istanbul on twin-sharing basis in superior hotels or similar
- ◆ Daily buffet breakfast at the hotel
- ◆ Arrival and departure airport transfer
- ◆ Transfer from Venice hotel to the cruise terminal
- ◆ Transfer from the cruise terminal in Istanbul to your hotel
- ◆ Local English-speaking assistant in Venice during the day (8 hours)
- ◆ Private English-speaking guided walking tour of Venice, including St. Mark's Basilica and the Doge's Palace
- ◆ Admission to the Doge's Palace
- ◆ Boat ride from Venice Santa Lucia (SL) to Cornoldi (800 m from St. Mark's Square) and return
- ◆ 30-minute daytime gondola ride, without music (5 people per gondola)
- ◆ All applicable taxes & service charges

EXCLUSIONS

- ◆ 14 nights onboard cruise from Venice to Istanbul (Day 4 to Day 18) on own arrangements
- ◆ Onboard expenses, port charges, gratuities and shore excursions during the cruise
- ◆ Personal incidentals such as laundry, telephone calls, room service, and alcoholic beverages
- ◆ Gratuities for tour guides, drivers, and restaurant staff
- ◆ Travel Insurance and visa fees
- ◆ Meals and beverages not explicitly mentioned in the itinerary
- ◆ Personal expenses, tips, and gratuities
- ◆ Admission to St. Mark's Basilica and any sites not explicitly mentioned in the itinerary
- ◆ Optional excursions and shore excursions during the cruise

ADD-On

Day 8 - Cooking class with lunch at a Tuscany farmhouse (Minimum 10 Pax) : **\$310**

Day 5 - Day trip to Amalfi Coast from Naples (Minimum 10 Pax) : **\$175**

Day 6 - Day trip to Capri from Naples (Minimum 10 Pax) : **\$195**

Day 8 - Florence walking tour with Accademia Gallery (Minimum 10 Pax) : **\$85**

Day 11 - Venice Guided tour including St. Marks Basilica and Doge Palace (Minimum 10 Pax) : **\$180**

Tour Extension - One post-night stay in Istanbul with a one-way airport transfer : **\$0**

Tour Extension - One pre-night stay in Venice with a one-way airport transfer : **\$0**

ITINERARY

DAY 1 DEPART FOR VENICE

Depart from your home city on your flight to Venice, Italy, where your journey begins.

DAY 2 ARRIVAL IN VENICE [-/-/-]

Welcome to Venice! Upon arrival at Venice airport, after clearing immigration and customs formalities, you will be transferred to your centrally located hotel. Standard check-in time applies. Spend the rest of the day at your leisure, relaxing after your flight or taking a first stroll along the canals and lanes around your hotel.

Overnight in Venice

DAY 3 VENICE – ST. MARK’S BASILICA & DOGE’S PALACE [B/-/-]

Relish breakfast at the hotel before meeting your local English-speaking assistant, who will be with you during the day for 8 hours to help you move around the city with ease. Take a scenic private boat ride from Venice Santa Lucia (SL) to Cornoldi, about 800 metres from St. Mark’s Square, where your private English-speaking guide awaits for a 2-hour walking tour of the historic heart of Venice. Your guide shares the story of the Venetian Republic and its seafaring past as you walk through the city. Admire the magnificent mosaics and golden domes of St. Mark’s Basilica, then step inside the Doge’s Palace, the Gothic seat of the Venetian Republic, with admission included in your package. Explore its grand halls and learn how the city was governed at the height of its power. After the walking tour, glide along the quiet canals on a 30-minute daytime gondola ride, without music, for an intimate look at the city’s hidden corners. The gondola ride is shared with up to 5 people per gondola. At the end of your day, enjoy a boat ride from Cornoldi back to Venice Santa Lucia (SL), and return to your hotel at leisure.

Overnight in Venice

DAY 4 VENICE - TRANSFER TO CRUISE TERMINAL AND EMBARKATION [B/-/-]

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before checking out. At the appointed time, you will be transferred from your Venice hotel to the cruise terminal to board your ship and begin your cruise. Settle into your cabin and enjoy the first evening of your voyage as Venice slips away behind you.

Overnight onboard cruise

DAY 5 ONBOARD CRUISE [-/-/-]

Enjoy a full day on your cruise. The day is at leisure and on your own arrangements, with time to explore the ship, relax and enjoy the facilities on board.

Overnight onboard cruise

DAY 6 ONBOARD CRUISE [-/-/-]

Today is on your own arrangements. Spend it at leisure on board, or join any shore excursion of your choice.

Overnight onboard cruise

DAY 7 ONBOARD CRUISE [-/-/-]

Enjoy another day of your cruise at your own pace. Meals, activities and excursions today are on your own arrangements.

Overnight onboard cruise

DAY 8 ONBOARD CRUISE [-/-/-]

A day at leisure on your cruise. Relax on board or explore at your own pace, on your own arrangements.

Overnight onboard cruise

DAY 9 ONBOARD CRUISE [-/-/-]

Continue your cruise with a free day, on your own arrangements. Unwind on board or take part in activities of your choice.

Overnight onboard cruise

DAY 10 ONBOARD CRUISE [-/-/-]

Today is a day at leisure on your cruise. Plan your day as you wish, on your own arrangements.

Overnight onboard cruise

DAY 11 ONBOARD CRUISE [-/-/-]

Enjoy the day at leisure on board, on your own arrangements, with the freedom to relax or join optional excursions.

Overnight onboard cruise

DAY 12 ONBOARD CRUISE [-/-/-]

Another free day on your cruise, on your own arrangements. Enjoy the ship's amenities at your own pace.

Overnight onboard cruise

DAY 13 ONBOARD CRUISE [-/-/-]

Spend the day at leisure on your cruise, on your own arrangements, taking in the sea views and the comforts on board.

Overnight onboard cruise

DAY 14 ONBOARD CRUISE [-/-/-]

A relaxed day on your cruise, on your own arrangements. Choose your own pace and activities for the day.

Overnight onboard cruise

DAY 15 ONBOARD CRUISE [-/-/-]

Today is free for you to enjoy on your cruise, on your own arrangements, whether on board or on a shore excursion of your choice.

Overnight onboard cruise

DAY 16 ONBOARD CRUISE [-/-/-]

Continue to enjoy your cruise with a day at leisure, on your own arrangements.

Overnight onboard cruise

DAY 17 ONBOARD CRUISE [-/-/-]

Your last full day on the cruise is at leisure and on your own arrangements. Prepare for disembarkation in Istanbul tomorrow.

Overnight onboard cruise

DAY 18 DISEMBARK IN ISTANBUL AND TRANSFER TO HOTEL [-/-/-]

Welcome to Istanbul! Disembark from your cruise ship in Istanbul you will be transferred from the cruise terminal to your hotel. Standard check-in time applies, and the rest of the day is yours to explore the city, from the Bosphorus waterfront to the bazaars and mosques of the old city.

Overnight in Istanbul

DAY 19 ISTANBUL - DEPARTURE [B/-/-]

Conclude your journey with a final breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Istanbul airport in time for your return flight home, carrying memories of two of the world's most enchanting maritime cities.

Note - The itinerary above may be modified without prior notice. The sequence of activities and scheduled visits may vary due to operational factors, including weather, traffic and venue availability. Cruise services and shore excursions are on own arrangements and are not included in the base package price.

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