

THE TRAVEL CLUB

Pre-Departure Itinerary *Romantic Venice*

Saturday, August 4 – Friday, August 10, 2012

Occupying 117 islands in the azure waters of the Adriatic, Venice is a watery labyrinth of canals, bridges and the world's most famous sandbar, the Lido. Enjoy fabulously located accommodations at **Albergo San Marco Hotel** near the **Doge's Palace** and **Bridge of Sighs** and a half-day guided walking tour to acquaint you with this exotic lagoon city. The heart of Venice, **Piazza San Marco**, looks as perfect as a film set; and the panorama across the water is precisely as Canaletto painted it. **The Grand Canal** is the most beautiful street in Venice, surrounded by opulent architecture and bustling with watercraft! There's more to Venice than her past glories— follow her narrow streets to tiny piazzas, stroll the quayside promenade lined with restaurants and cafes, then stop at Gelateria Nico, the perfect spot to indulge the twin Venetian passions: watching boats and eating gelato!

Includes

- Round-trip regularly scheduled **Alitalia** flights from Boston to Venice via Rome
- Five nights' four-star accommodations at the **Hotel Violino D'Oro**
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Half-day guided walking tour
- Escorted round-trip, private airport/hotel transfers

Rates

\$2,134 person double occupancy

\$2,584 for single reservations

Includes \$375 fuel surcharge.

Triple accommodations may be available upon request. Add \$125 for air taxes and fees. Fuel surcharge, taxes and fees subject to change. Passport required. Per person deposit is \$300.

Accommodations

Hotel Violino D'Oro

Via XXII Marzo 2091, San Marco
30124 Venezia, Italy
041 277 0841

Hotel Violino d'Oro is located in a 18th century building and obtained its current appearance in the first months of 2000, in accordance with and under the supervision of the office for the Preservation of Landmark Buildings of Venice.

Exposed beams, large crystal chandeliers, fine furnishings and floral decorations can be found in the lobby, TV room, reception and snack bar, open 24 hours a day. The hotel was also one of the first to be completely "smoke free".

DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1: Departure from Boston

Depart from Boston on your Alitalia non-stop flight to Rome.

Day 2: Arrive Rome – connecting flight to Venice

Continental breakfast will be served on board before landing. You will clear immigration and proceed to your connecting flight to Venice. Upon arrival in Venice, retrieve your luggage and clear customs.

You'll be met by our local representative, who will assist you with the motorboat transfer to **Hotel Violino D'Oro**, your home for the next five nights. Check in and receive room assignments. The rest of the day and evening are at leisure to get acquainted with the hotel and surroundings.

Days 3: Venice

After breakfast at the hotel you will meet your local guide for a walking tour of Venice You will visit the Piazza San Marco, the lively heart of the "Serenissima," which is surrounded on three sides by historical buildings with arcaded facades. You will also see the Clock Tower, Doge's Palace and the Bridge of Sighs The afternoon and evening are free to discover Venice on your own. Stroll to the Rialto Bridge market to shop for bargains and souvenirs. For sheer romance, try a Gondola ride on the Grand Canal. *(B)*

Days 4-5-6: Venice at leisure

Enjoy breakfast each morning and the days are free to discover Venice just as you like it at your own pace. *(B)*

Day 7: Return flight to Boston

Transfer by motorboat to the Venice Airport with assistance for your return flight back to Boston via Rome. *(B)*

Proof of Citizenship is required for all trips outside the United States. U.S. citizens require valid Passport. Passports are the responsibility of each client.

PLEASE NOTE: *This pre-departure itinerary is designed to give you an idea of how this itinerary is structured.* We reserve the right to make any changes to your final itinerary if deemed necessary, at any time prior to departure.

PLEASE NOTE: *This is not your final itinerary. You will receive final documents (itinerary, tickets (if applicable), etc.) approximately 2-3 weeks prior to departure. Although we try our best to ensure that information is accurate at the time of publication, we are not responsible for any error, omission, misprint or liability that results from the use (or misuse) of this information.*