



Venice and its Lagoon as you have never seen them before

At the centre is Venice. From there, like ripples across the water, place after place waiting to be discovered. In a world where distance is no longer a challenge, the true meaning of adventure is going into depth, understanding roots and values and savouring unfamiliar experiences with the help of guides who turn places into stories.

SlowVenice Network is made up of tourist companies offering travel experiences embracing the “**slow**” **tourism** philosophy, with its emphasis on authenticity, sustainability and close contact with local cultures and traditions. **SlowVenice** is the brand with which we offer tourists trips and excursions on foot, by bicycle and typical boats, to discover **extraordinary places**.

Become the protagonist of your experience!

Plunge into the travel experience and live it as the protagonist, coming into direct contact with artisans, farmers, *valligiani* (fish farmers), fishermen... in a few words, with the local people that you'll meet on your way.

Choose customised holidays

We organise **travel proposals made to measure** especially for you so as to offer you original and exclusive experiences. You can choose among the different **hospitality solutions** (villas, historical estates, hotels, farmhouses and campsites) the one that best suits your needs.

The experiences: details that make a difference

Hidden Venice

There is a typical Venice made up of places known all around the world; however, most of this incredible city is hidden among its small squares and streets, places that tell ancient stories that you can still find today in the gestures and habits of Venetians. Places that tell you about Venice through the art of great masters like Giorgione, Tintoretto, Tiepolo and Titian, the architecture of aristocratic Palaces and working-class Quarters, life at the sea, the skilful work of craftsmen who continue creating unique pieces of great value up to these days.

The Lagoon and its small islands

Would you like to find out how Venice was born? You can do it by simply giving yourself the time to make a trip through the lagoon, touching each of the islands that constituted the first centre of the Republic of Venice in ancient times. The people of these islands inhabit difficult but fascinating places: women sit on small chairs at the doors of their houses, bolsters on their laps, bent over their intricate lacework, people collecting unique vegetables, while the hands of the fishermen are busy untangling skeins of nets. The local dialect has different cadences on every island. And you'll live a complete experience when sailing on our traditional boats guided by expert sailors.

Sips of the Republic of Venice between Chioggia and the Villas on the Riviera del Brenta

To fully understand the power and richness of the Republic of Venice, you cannot be satisfied with just visiting the city. We accompany you at our slow pace while you discover "The Little Venice", the name given to Chioggia, and you will live the aristocratic atmosphere of the splendid Villas that are reflected on the Naviglio del Brenta, and which are named after the Venetian noble families. You will feel as if you travelled to the past and you are living in a different time.

Flavours of land and sea

The Lagoon is an inexhaustible source of richness that is also found in the products obtained from the land (purple artichoke of Sant'Erasmus, chicory from Chioggia, asparagus from Conche) and from the sea (*siegoli, orae, canoce, masanete,..*), as a result of the ability of skilful men who have known how to make the most of the properties of a natural environment of great value. With the same ability, our restaurants really know how to transform these products into delicious dishes, which are also an integral part of the Venetian history. The aromas and flavours of these delicacies are an essential component of your travel experience.

Venetian fish farms

Fish farms are environments that are unique in their kind, a wise balance between the most unspoiled nature and the work of men dedicated to fish farming. A day spent together with a fish farmer is such an intense experience that it will remain in your memory forever, with the salty flavour of *salicornia*, the unexpected flight of ducks and the enclosures of the *lavoriero* to be adjusted whenever tide changes.

Draining pumps and reclamation

Picture yourself in the shelter of the lagoon in the middle of the countryside and, all of a sudden, all you can see is water. Yes, there was a time in which it was just like that. Now picture the ability of ingenious developers and the hard work of thousands of people who, over the centuries, have taken out of the marsh, metre by metre, hundreds of hectares of soil. A work that still continues today, day after day, and which you will be able to see with your own eyes by visiting incredible engineering works such as draining pumps, embankments, pound locks...

Venetian hinterland on a bike

The lands around the lagoon are pearls of history and nature. A bicycle is the funniest way of visiting the lands of the Roman Via Annia in Altino or Concordia Sagittaria. You can also cycle along the *restere* (river banks) in the Nature Park of the Sile River or follow the fresh and crystal clear waters of the Lemene River in the “Ippolito Nievo” Parco Letterario (Landscape in Literature Park), or go up and down the soft landscape lines in Regional Park of the Euganean Hills.

Photography and birdwatching

Ernest Hemingway used to spend long periods in our lagoons to experience unique emotions. At dawn, on a small boat, going across the lucid and biting air or the soft and wet mist, he would reach the valley and stood there for long hours, in silence and in solitude, watching out for the sounds of ducks, keeping his eyes open to any small flutter of wings. We will take you to a place where hunting is not allowed, but your “bag” will certainly be rich. Whether they are shots with your camera or indelible images fixed by means of the objective lens of the telescope, we offer exclusive and unforgettable adventures to birders or the most demanding “pic hunters”.

Crafts Shopping

Good holidays always give you the chance to take a souvenir home, something that helps you keep the memory of the experience lived. We offer much more than that: the chance to acquire an object that embraces the essence of an experience lived in Venice, the union between past and present, a unique item to be exhibited made of Murano glass, exclusive shoes made by footwear masters from the Riviera del Brenta, a screen print made with your own hands with the aid of a skilful artisan, a mask made applying ancient techniques...

All the reliability you need

Limosa T.O., a company with almost 30 years’ experience in organizing holidays and excursions on natural and cultural themes, is the leader and commercial agent of the network. Thousands of tourists, coming from all over the world, have relied on us to discover the other side of Venice, its lagoon and the Venetian hinterland.

Our professionalism at your service

Our staff of professional naturalist guides is at your complete disposal. They know the territory, and design and test each of our travel experiences so as to always guarantee high-level standards.

The best partners chosen for you

Thanks to our long history, we have been able to add the best operators in the tourist sector. They are now part of the SlowVenice network, and work closely with us so that each travel experience is perfectly organized.

The guarantee of continuous assistance

You can rely on the direct assistance of our staff, available at all times, to answer to any request, and on the willingness to meet particular needs.

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