



IAFL European Chapter Meeting Venice, Italy Social Program Events



Wednesday 1st February 2023

Highlights of Venice Walking Tour for all 3:00 - 5:00pm \$55

Meet with the guide at the Hotel Monaco and depart on foot. During this walking tour, guests begin their historical and artistic introduction to Venice St. Mark's Square, admiring the outside of St Mark's Basilica and the outside of the Doge's Palace. The tour ends at the bridge of Sighs that links the palace to the medieval prison, Palazzo delle Prigioni, across the canal.

Approx. distance to be covered on foot: 1.5 km with steps/bridges – 2 hours all on foot/standing



Welcome Reception and Dinner for all Hotel Monaco & Grand Canal 6:30 - 10:30pm \$0

Time to catch up with old friends and make new ones!

Hotel Monaco & Grand Canal welcomes you inside a historic building from the early 1600s, located in the heart of Venice, a few steps from St. Mark's Square, its Basilica and the Doge's Palace. With its stunning view on the Grand Canal, it offers direct access through its exclusive and scenic "water gate".

After Dinner Drinks at Hotel Monaco & Grand Canal's Bar 10:30pm - late *Expression of interest in attending*

Join Alberto at Hotel Monaco & Grand Canal's bar, with views of the Grand Canal.

Please note that those attending will be required to pay for their own drinks.



Thursday 2nd February 2023

Guided Tour La Fenice Theatre for Accompanying Guests **9:00 am - 12:00 midday \$75**

La Fenice Opera House is definitely a must for making your stay in Venice unique! The visit between the stuccos and gold of its prestigious venues let you take a look at the secrets of the Theater and its stars, tracing its history from its origins to the present day. Meet with the guide at the Hotel Monaco and depart on foot.

Approx. distance to be covered on foot: 1.5 km with steps/bridges – 2 hours all on foot/standing



Guided Tour Velvet Atelier & Frari Church for Accompanying Guests **9:00 am - 12:00 midday \$75**

In a small workshop in Venice lies an ancient world where precious velvets are woven with skill and patience. A nice walk will lead to the Frari Church, a monumental gothic church that contains numerous works of art, including the altarpiece of the Assumption by Titian and a wooden statue by Donatello. At the end of the visit, you will then walk back to the Hotel with your guide.

Approx. distance to be covered on foot: 3 km with steps/bridges – 3 hours all on foot/standing





Lunch & Afternoon Island Tour by Venetian Galleon, for all 1:00 - 6:00pm \$180

Discover the beauties of the Venice Lagoon on board a Venetian Galleon modelled on the fleets sent down the Adriatic by the Most Serene Republic in its imperial heyday. In this unique location you will be transported back through the mists of time to the origins of the Republic discovering unprecedented views of its enchanting islands.

Following lunch and wine on board the Galleon we will disembark at Torcello. After a walk through a landscape unchanged for thousands of years and past the Devil's Bridge we will visit the ancient Eleventh Century Basilica with its terrifying Byzantine mosaics of the Last Judgment.

We will then move to the pretty little island of Burano next door, where you will have 40 minutes to explore its picturesque streets of candy-coloured houses and workshops of lace.

Last stop before heading back to Venice will be Murano Island, famous since the middle ages for glass-making. Here, we will stop at a traditional glass-factory where you'll have the possibility to attend a live glass-blowing demonstration.

Approx. distance to be covered on foot: 3.75km with steps/bridges – 3 hours by boat + 2 hours on foot/standing

Happy Hour at Hotel Monaco & Grand Canal's (Campiello space) for all 7:00 - 8:00pm \$0





**Dinner at Restaurant Poste Vecie
for First Timer Fellows & IAFL Exec
8:30 - 10:30pm \$110**

Restaurant “Poste Vecie” located in the Rialto Market Area (reachable with a 30-minute walk from Hotel Monaco). Dating back to the 16th century, it is the oldest restaurant in Venice, originally used as a post office by the Venetian Republic “Serenissima”. Typical and exclusive restaurant, located inside the famous Rialto fish market, where every day the chef draws inspiration to create its plates, paying attention to the seasonal products.

For All - Recommended restaurants (direct booking), walking distance from Hotel Monaco:

- AMO Restaurant at Fondaco dei Tedeschi
- Restaurant Quadri
- Restaurant Canova (at the Baglioni Hotel Luna)
- Restaurant Antico Pignolo
- Restaurant Do Forni

**After Dinner Drinks at Hotel Monaco &
Grand Canal’s Bar
10:30pm - late**

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Friday 3rd February 2023



**Cooking Class at Antica Besseta
Restaurant
for Accompanying Guests
9:00am - 12:00 midday \$110**

The course takes place at the “Antica Besseta” restaurant, one of the oldest Venetian trattorias, reachable with a 35-minute walk from Hotel Monaco passing by Rialto’s famous market. Return transfer by private watertaxi

**Guided Tour Venice Jewish Ghetto for Accompanying Guests
9:00am - 12:00 midday \$70**

The Jewish Ghetto is the world's first ghetto created in 1516 as an enclave in which the city's Jews were ordered to live. After the inside visit of the synagogues and Jewish Museum, you will continue on foot towards St. Mark's Area, walking through the lively Cannaregio district and visiting the Gesuiti Church. Walking distance is approx. 45 minutes, return transfer by private watertaxi.

Approx. distance to be covered on foot: 3 km with steps/bridges – 30 mins by boat + 2.5 hours on foot/standing



Unknown Venice Guided Tour for all

1:30 - 5:30pm \$110

Including light lunch buffet at the Monaco hotel at 12:15hrs

Visit on foot with a local guide the churches 'San Giovanni e Paolo (the burial place of 25 doges, built in 1430 has masterpieces of Bellini, Piazzetta and sculptures of Lombardo), passing by the church of the 'Miracoli' (masterpiece of Renaissance by Pietro Lombardo) and the Marco Polo's houses, reaching the Rialto bridge.

Approx. distance to be covered on foot: 3.5 km with steps/bridges – 4 hours all on foot/standing

**Happy Hour at Café Florian for all
6:30 - 7:30pm \$0**

Just 5 minutes walk from The Hotel Monaco, Café Florian offers the perfect location for Happy Hour at the St. Mark's Square. Caffè Florian – the first Café in Italy - may rightfully claim to be one of the city's symbols. Opened on December 29th 1720 by Floriano Francesconi under the name "alla Venezia Trionfante", or Triumphant Venice.



DINE AROUND – Please choose 1 of the following 3 restaurants :



Dinner at Restaurant Vecia Cavana for all 8:30 - 11:00 pm \$125

Near Rialto Area, originally an old roofed boathouse, still maintaining the columns, the brick arches and the mooring hooks, it offers excellent fish dishes and good quality wines.

Transfer by private boat (duration 30 minutes approx. by boat + 15 mins on foot)

Dinner at Osteria Santa Marina for all 8:30 - 11:00 pm \$125

Gourmet restaurant, offering the great cooking traditions of the lagoon, but with flavours and recipes filled with creativity, imagination and innovation.

Located within walking distance from the Hotel Monaco (approx. 20 minutes on foot).



Dinner at Taverna La Fenice for all 8:30 - 11:00 pm \$125

It is a "Classic" of Venetian restoration, considered among the most typical historical venues in Italy. Elegantly situated, facing the celebrated Teatro La Fenice.

Located within walking distance from the Hotel Monaco (approx. 10 minutes on foot).



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Saturday 04th February 2023



Accademia Galleries and Sta Maria della Salute Church, Afternoon Tour for all 1:00 - 5:00pm \$70

Meet with the guide at the Hotel Monaco and depart on foot to reach the Accademia Galleries, a museum which houses an unrivaled collection of paintings from the Venetian masters of the 13th through the 18th century. Sta Maria della Salute Church is a spectacular Baroque basilica with a unique octagonal floor plan, dome and 12 works by Titian in the sacristy.

Approx. distance to be covered on foot: 3.5 km with steps/bridges – 4 hours all on foot/standing

Venice Icons Tour: Doge's Palace & St. Mark's Basilica, Afternoon Tour for all 1:00 - 5:00pm \$75

Admire two of Venice's most iconic attractions, the interior of St. Mark's Basilica to see the famous masterpieces of mosaics, marbles and loggias. You will then continue with a visit of the Doge's Palace, the former's seat of government and home of the "Dogi" who ruled Venice in the early centuries. This pinkish-red marble and white Istrian stone palace is considered by many to be the biggest civic structure in Italy dating back to the 12th century.

Approx. distance to be covered on foot: 1.5 km with steps/bridges – 4 hours all on foot/standing





**President's Dinner for all
Pisani Moretta Palace
7:30pm - 11:30pm \$250**

The 15th-century Palazzo Pisani Moretta is one of the grandest private palaces along the Grand Canal. Now beautifully restored it boasts masterpieces by major Venetian artists of the 1700s such as Giambattista Tiepolo. The Palace has welcomed some very distinguished guests over the centuries, including Tsar Paul, The Emperor Joseph II, the Empress Josephine and Goethe. Normally open only once a year during Carneval for the Doge's Ball this is an exceptional opportunity to explore and dine in one of Venice's most exclusive hidden treasures. Arriving by boat we will host a masked dinner under candlelight on the occasion of the conference as if it was our private IAFL Venice Carnival.



If you would like to hire a costume for the President's dinner or purchase a mask please contact:

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KARTARUGA VENEZIA (within walking distance of Hotel Monaco)
Calle de le Bande, Castello 5370, 30122 Venezia VE
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(transport by motor-launches will be provided from the Monaco hotel and at the end of the dinner for the 20-25 minute journey back to the hotel).

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