# **VENICE**





Welcome to the world's captivatingly beautiful city. Everything you have ever heard about this place is true, and more. Take in St. Mark's Square with its Basilica and Campanile tower, Doge's Palace, the Bridge of Sighs, the Rialto (setting for Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice) or just wander down the narrow meandering alleyways that pass for streets on this amazing island.

# SIGHTS 2 SHOP

Venice has always been a busy retail centre, with an emphasis on luxury goods and a flair for the eccentric. The main retail areas are the Mercerie and the streets known collectively as the Frezzeria which wind between campo San Fantin and piazza San



Paving homage to the god of fashion

Marco. The densest concentration of big-name fashion houses is in calle Larga XXII Marzo where Gucci, Prada, Valentino, Fendi and Ferrogamo huddle together. Remortgage your home before leaving Ireland.

## ART

Venice is an art lovers' paradise and you can spend all your time soaking in the masterpieces of the Galleria dell' Accademia, the Guggenheim Collection, the Scuola Grande di San Rocco and the Mnseo Correr



The Tempest by Giorgione

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Your outstanding memory of the Venetian eating experience will be the price, but find a table outside in a piazza on a warm summer's evening or beside a canal watching the boats go by and the



Dine as you watch the gondolas pass by

food will almost certainly taste good. Risotto and seafood are local favourites but there a plenty of restaurants specializing in other Italian delights.

### ALBERGO SAN **MARCO**

your feet dry in style

then the obvious

option is a gondola

are very expensive,

agree your price in

take one from an

ride. Be warned: they

advance and only ever

official gondola stand.

Piazza San Marco 877. Venice 30124

With a location that is 10m from the edge of St. Mark's Square, this hotel prides

itself on being in the heart of the action. It is next to a small canal and footbridge and the 'water-bus' stop is 200m away. The building dates back several centuries and its rooms are compact and simply furnished. Enjoy a meal in the restaurant 'Do Dai' and follow it up with a drink at



#### **BEL SITO** \*\*\*

San Marco 2517, Venice 30124

This hotel is 250m west of St. Mark's Square on the small Venetian square of Santa Maria del Giglio, opposite an imposing church and 50m from a

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water bus stop. The hotel is an attractive well-maintained pale yellow building and the rooms are simply furnished in nineteenth century style. There is a small wooden terrace with canopy and white iron



COLOMBINA \*\*\*

The Colombina is located about 150m east of St. Mark's Square on a narrow street overlooking a canal and with a view of the

Bridge of Sighs. The hotel is accommodated in what was originally a Venetian palace and only opened in 1999. There is a roof terrace offering impressive views and the hotel even has its own private waterway landing site.



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View of Bologna

reputation as the capital of Italian cuisine is the place for you. It's also renowned as home to Europe's oldest university and the seat of Italian communist politics. The city centre is among the best in the country and has enough curiosities to merit several days' stay. Come also for the busy cultural life and a café and bar scene that will keep you returning for more.



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