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WELCOME TO UNIVERSITÀ IUAV DI VENEZIA

Iuav was established in 1926 as one of the first Architecture Schools in Italy. Today about 4.500 students are enrolled in Iuav bachelor's and master's degrees. Iuav global reputation has always been related to its expertise in the fields of architecture, design, urban planning, fashion and theatre.

In 2018 luav was officially recognised as a **special-status university** by the Italian Ministry of University and Research.

At luav your studies will be **focused on learning by doing**: the **workshop** format characterises learning and research activities by offering hands-on and innovative experiences under the direct supervision of high-profile professors and professionals. Studying in Venice gives you the challenging opportunity to merge into a world of art, architecture and culture every single day.

luav is a place where study options and teaching methods are developed in line with international trends, a centre for advanced research and training on environmental, territorial and urban issues, a privileged observatory on Made in Italy excellence, the only *scuola speciale* in Italy completely dedicated to the arts.

This guide will briefly introduce you to some of the most important aspects of university and city life: it intends to support you throughout your stay to make this experience memorable.

We wish you to enjoy your stay and every success in your studies!

For further information on luav profile www.iuav.it/international

Key services and main buildings

For all enquiries (appointments included) please contact the following services by email

Admission service

iscrizioni@iuav.it > admission policy and procedures for bachelor's and master's programmes > luav card

Student registry

bachelor's degrees studenti.triennale@iuav.it master's degrees studenti.magistrale@iuav.it > academic career management

Fees and financial aid service

diritto.studio@iuav.it

> tuition fees related issues, payment, scholarships, reductions, and exemptions

Disability support service inclusione@iuav.it

> advice and guidance
 on disability and learning
 difficulties

SAP – Psicological support desk

sap@iuav.it

> psychological and/or psychotherapeutic support

Postgraduate specialisation programmes service

master@iuav.it

 > admission policy and procedures
 > academic career management for postgraduate specialisation programmes Specialisation School in Architectural and Landscape Heritage SSIBAP ssibap@iuav.it

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Career service

tirocinio@iuav.it > internship in Italy for students and newly graduates

Placement placement@iuav.it

> work placements, advice on job search and information on the labour market

Student recruitment and orientation service study@iuav.it

> welcome activities and counselling

Student senate sds@iuav.it

 > social and cultural activities, peer-to-peer
 > information and support

International Tutors

iuavinternationaltutor@ gmail.com

 peer-to-peer information and support for international students, before and upon their arrival in Venice Student services are located in Campo della Lana, Santa Croce 601, Venezia

The student senate office is located in Tolentini, Santa Croce 191, Venezia

In case of an emergency European Emergency number: 112

Italian emergency numbers: 113 Police 115 Fire Brigade 118 Ambulance 1522 Violence and stalking







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G E T T I N G S T A R T E D

Enrolment procedures

If you need an entry study visa for Italy (type D), in addition to the regular application on Iuav online desk, you are required to preenrol on Universitaly portal (www.universitaly.it) to start the visa issuing procedure.

Please note that all visa procedures must be completed by 30 September 2022.

According to the programme you have applied to, you are required to follow the instructions below to enrol.

> bachelor's and master's degrees

Enrolments of new bachelor's and master's students are carried out in person.

Upon your arrival in Italy, by 30 September 2022, you are required to make an appointment with the admission service (Campo della Lana, Santa Croce 601) to hand in the following paper documents: > **enrolment form**, duly signed and dated (you can also ask the officer to print it out for you)

> high school or bachelor's degree diploma and transcript of records, along with an official translation into either Italian or English, duly legalized by the Italian consular-diplomatic mission in your home country (as an alternative to the legalization, you can provide a Statement of Verification by CIMEA centre) > either a declaration of value (*dichiarazione di valore*), a diploma supplement in European format or a Statement of Comparability by CIMEA centre regarding your high school or bachelor's diploma > the copy of a valid ID (EU students, both front and back) or passport (both front and back)

> copy of your Italian tax code (codice fiscale)

> non-EU citizens: copy of your residence permit or your application receipt, student visa and all documents issued by the Italian embassy in your home country (e.g. pre-enrolment form, authenticated photo...)

> Marco Polo students: Italian language certificate (B1 level based on the Common European Framework of Reference – CEFR).

Once the enrolment is complete, you can download all certificates related to your student career (e.g. certificate of enrolment) from the Student Web Service (SPIN).

for more information: Admission service info.immatricolazioni@iuav.it

> international mobility programmes

Incoming students (attending either Overseas or Erasmus+ programmes) are required to make an appointment at the international mobility service (Campo della Lana, Santa Croce 601). To complete your enrolment, you need to hand in:

- 2 passport-size pictures

- the original copies of the **application documents** you already sent online

- a copy of your Italian tax code (codice fiscale)

- your Learning Agreement (LA), signed by your home university

Once you complete this procedure, the international mobility service can provide you with all certificates related to your student career (e.g. certificate of enrolment).

for more information: International mobility service mobilita.studenti@iuav.it

> postgraduate specialisation programmes

New postgraduate specialisation students are required to complete the online enrolment procedure and send the following documents master@iuav.it:

- > enrolment form, duly signed and dated
- > receipt of **payment of the first instalment** of the enrolment fee
- > bachelor's or master's degree diploma
- > transcript of records translated into either Italian or English

> declaration of value (dichiarazione di valore) by the Italian Embassy in the country that issued your high school degree or else statement of comparability issued by CIMEA centre regarding your bachelor's or master's diploma

> copy of a valid **ID document** (for EU students) or **passport**, both front and back

> copy of your **Italian tax code** (*codice fiscale*).

Once you complete this procedure, you can **download** from the **Student Web Service** (SPIN) all **certificates** related to your student career (e.g. certificate of enrolment).

Please note that in Italian a postgraduate specialisation programme is called "master" but it is not to be mistaken with a master's degree programme.

for more information: Postgraduate specialisation programmes service master@iuav.it

> Specialisation School in Architectural and Landscape Heritage SSIBAP

The Specialisation School in Architectural and Landscape Heritage - SSIBAP is a two-year postgraduate programme.

New SSIBAP students are required to complete the online enrolment procedure through the Student Web Service area (SPIN) and send the following documents to ssibap@iuav.it:

- > enrolment form, duly signed and dated
- > receipt of payment of the first instalment of the enrolment fee
- > master's degree diploma

> transcript of records translated either into Italian or English
> declaration of value (dichiarazione di valore) by the Italian
Embassy in the country that issued your high school degree or else
statement of comparability issued by CIMEA centre regarding
your master's diploma

> copy of a valid ID document (EU students) or passport, both front and back

> copy of your Italian tax code (codice fiscale).

Once you complete this procedure, you can download from the Student Web Service (SPIN) all certificates related to your student career (e.g. certificate of enrolment). for more information: Specialisation School in Architectural and Landscape Heritage - SSIBAP service ssibap@iuav.it

PagoPA system

PagoPA is a new electronic payment method to make any payment for the Italian public administration (like Università Iuav di Venezia) easier, safer, and clearer.

This method allows you to pay fees through different modalities from your luav personal area (login into the Reserved Area > Menu > Registrar's Office > Payments).

For further details on the PagoPA system www.pagopa.gov.it [ITA]

for more information: Fees and financial aid service diritto.studio@iuav.it

Digital identity and services

Student ID

Once you register to the **Student Web Service** (usually called SPIN, SPortello INternet), you receive a username and a password.

These unique login details allow you to:

> monitor your academic career in the reserved area (check your academic records, browse internship opportunities, download certificates)

> follow online classes - if available - through MS Teams platform

> borrow books from the library and browse the catalogue > enter your email account > access the wifi

registration to SPIN: www.iuav.it/studenti > sportello internet

to retrieve or change your username and password: cambiopw.iuav.it/ [ITA]

Email account

Your student email account (<n.surname>@stud.iuav.it) is managed by Google E Suite for Education. It is highly recommended to check it very often as all institutional communications are sent to this email.

to enter your student email account: mail.stud.iuav.it/

luav Card

Developed in collaboration with BancoSanMarco, luav Card is issued once you upload your picture at fotoid.iuav.it and can be collected at:

> admission service – for students enrolled in a bachelor's, master's degrees, postgraduate specialisation programmes and the Specialisation School in Architectural and Landscape Heritage - SSIBAP You can use your card to:

> access the university library

> prove that you are a student at luav to access museums, cinemas, theatres at a reduced price

luav Card is also a **pre-paid card** and is the only means for luav to manage financial relationships (e.g. scholarships) with students. It is highly recommended to activate the pre-paid card function as soon as possible at one of Banco SanMarco offices by bringing with you:

- > the luav card
- > your ID or passport
- > your Italian tax code

for more information on Iuav Card and Banco SanMarco office locations:

www.bancobpm.it/trova-filiali/tutte-le-filiali/ [ITA]

Stay permit and registration

Stay permit (non-EU students)

If you are a non-EU citizens intending to stay in Italy for more than 3 months, you need to request a stay permit (*permesso di soggiorno*) within 8 days from your arrival to Italy.

The procedure requires the following **steps**:

1 collect the kit for the stay permit at one of the post offices that offer the so-called Sportello Amico service. The closest to Iuav (Tolentini) is on Fondamenta del Gaffaro, Dorsoduro 3510, Venice To check the opening hours and make an appointment www.poste.it

2 fill in the forms and attach:

> a copy of your ID/passport and Visa

> a certificate of enrolment to luav with a 16-euro revenue stamp (which you can buy in any tobacconist's).

It is highly recommended to make a copy of your application before presenting the documents.

3 deliver of the originals documents to the post office where you collected the kit.

You will be asked to pay around 120 euros as a fee for your application.

You will be given:

> a **barcode receipt** (*accettazione assicurata*), which is valid as a **temporary stay permit**. You can use this receipt to register at the Local Registry Office (*Anagrafe*) and request your Italian tax code.

> date, time, and address of your appointment at the police station (Questura) of your district

4 for the appointment at *Questura* you need to to bring with you the following **documents**:

> 4 passport-sized **pictures** (white background)

> passport

> barcode and appointment confirmation received at the post office

> declaration of financial support (e.g. screenshot of your home

banking with your name/copy of the front of your credit card with your name...)

> copy of health insurance (please note that health insurance should cover the whole period of your stay in Italy)

> copy of accommodation contract:

a) if you are staying in a private accommodation: your landlord needs to have registered the contract at the Local Revenue Office (*Agenzia delle entrate*) with your name and surname on it b) if you are hosted by family/friends: your host needs to provide you with a declaration of hospitality, which must include a stamp

from the nearest police office/municipality

c) if you are staying in a university residence: the administrative staff of the residence need to provide you with a statement that confirms you are staying there.

During the appointment, officers will take your fingerprints.

5 check the status of your application with the username and password on the receipt delivered by the post office on www. portaleimmigrazione.it and verify on the website of *Questura* if your stay permit is ready to be picked up.

If you have previously indicated an Italian mobile phone number in the application kit, you will receive a text message when your stay permit card is ready.

6 it is essential that you comply with all necessary statutory requirements and procedures to enter and stay in Italy for the entire period of your stay, otherwise your entry/stay may be interrupted in accordance with the Italian law in force. for more information on stay permits: studyinitaly.esteri.it/en/visa

Registration (all students)

Both EU and non-EU citizens spending **more than 3 months** in Italy are required to register at the **Local Registry Office** (*Anagrafe*) by presenting the following documents:

- > certificate of enrolment at luav,
- > ID/passport
- > Italian tax code
- > health insurance
- > documents demonstrating that you are economically self-sufficient

for more information on Venice Registry Office: www.comune.venezia.it/it/content/anagrafe [ITA] comunitari@comune.venezia.it

Italian tax Code (codice fiscale)

The Italian tax code (*codice fiscale*) is a 16-digit code, which identifies citizens in their relations with public bodies and administrations and it is necessary to sign a contract, a rental agreement, to have a bank account or to buy an Italian SIM card. It is highly recommended that you apply for your tax code at the Italian Embassy/Consulate in your home country before you arrive in Italy.

You can request your Italian tax code, by appointment, at the Venice Revenue Agency (*Agenzia delle Entrate*) located in Campo Sant'Angelo, San Marco 3538.

You need to bring with you: > ID or passport

> stay permit receipt> proof of your enrolment at luav

for more information: Agenzia delle Entrate www.agenziaentrate.gov.it > english > tax identification number

Health insurance and health assistance

EU students, SEE State students (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) and students from Switzerland

The European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), ensures access to the public health care sector under the same conditions and at the same cost as people insured in Italy.

It is issued by the national health insurance provider of your home country.

EHIC does not cover payments for private-sector health care providers.

Students from countries with bilateral agreements

In some cases, the health insurance provider of your home country can issue a form that ensures access to the Italian health service thanks to a bilateral agreements.

Below you can find a list of countries and related certificates: **Australia** – Medicare Card (valid for 6 months after the start of your stay in Italy) **Brazil** – I/B 2 Certificate **Croatia** – 111 Certificate

Bosnia Herzegovina, Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro – OBR7 Certificate

Principality of Monaco – I/MC 8 Certificate Republic of San Marino – I/SMAR 8 Certificate

These forms do not cover payments for private-sector health care providers.

If you did not ask for the certificates mentioned above before your departure, see the section dedicated to non-EU students.

Non-EU students

To obtain a stay permit you need to provide evidence of health insurance coverage with:

1) private insurance, released by any insurance agency, either in Italy or abroad, with the following features:

> it is valid in Italy;

> it covers all risks of illness;

> it covers the entire period of your stay in Italy

> it includes a description of the procedures needed to ask for a reimbursement

> it is legally translated in Italian if issued by an international provider

2) voluntary registration to the National Health Service that

ensures access to the public health care sector under the same conditions and at the same cost as people insured in Italy. This registration is valid for one calendar year (January – December) and entails the payment of a fee that may vary according to the type of your stay permit.

This second option is highly recommended because it is the only one that gives you free access to the local health services.

EU digital Covid-19 certificate

You can get your EU Digital Covid Certificate if you have already received a vaccine in your home country (outside the EU) and the vaccine is recognized by the EMA, or if you have recovered from Covid-19 abroad.

Once you have obtained your Italian Tax Code (*codice fiscale*), you should write to commissario.vaccini@aulss3.veneto.it forwarding all the documents required in English or along with an official translation, as well as a self-certification demonstrating your student status.

The certificate will be issued within a couple of days.

If you have already received a vaccine in your home country but the vaccine is not recognized by the EMA (eg Sputnik vaccine), at the moment you cannot receive the digital Covid-19 certificate. The Italian Ministry of Health may decide to extend the certificate also to people that received a non-recognized vaccine.

If you want to receive your vaccinations in Italy but you don't have the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), you will need to write to commissario.vaccini@aulss3.veneto.it and ask for an appointment. In the email, you need to attach a copy of an identity document and a self-certification of your student status. On the day of your vaccination, you need to bring with you your Italian tax code (**codice fiscale**) to get your Covid-19 Certificate. for more information, you shall refer to the local department of the National Health Service: estero@aulss3.veneto.it Venice office is located in via Cappuccina 129, Mestre Opening hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday from 8.30 am to 11.30 am

Health assistance

In case of emergency, you can refer to the First Aid section of: *Ospedale Santi Giovanni e Paolo* in Venice, Castello 6777 (by waterbus: line 5.1, 5.2, 4.2, 4.1, 2 stop at Ospedale) *Ospedale dell'Angelo* in Mestre, via Paccagnella n. 11 (bus 24H from Venice; bus 32H, 33H, 34H, 45H, 47H and 48H from Mestre). It is highly recommended to bring your ID/passport along with EHIC (EU and EU-equated students), health insurance or health card (in case you are registered with the National Health Service).

Medicines and Pharmacies

You can buy medicines in pharmacies (*farmacie*), usually marked with a green cross in front of the shop.

If you are undergoing special treatment, remember to check the availability of your medicine in Italy and bring the related prescription with you.









ACADEMIC LIFE

Italian university system

This scheme summarises the structure of Italian university system:



* In Italy, a postgraduate specialisation programme is usually called master.

for more information on Italian university system: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation www.studyinitaly.esteri.it/en The Italian **grading system** is based on a scale from 18 to 30: 18 is the lowest passing grade and 30 is the highest. You may also be awarded a 30 *cum laude* for excellence.

Credits (CFU or ECTS)) are awarded if you pass the final exam of the related course/workshop. One credit (CFU) corresponds to 25 hours of work, including lessons, exercises, etc., as well as home study.

Attendance is highly recommended in consideration of the practical approach of the courses. For all laboratories, for example, the attendance is usually compulsory up to 70% of the total number of hours of lessons

Exams

Exams can be written or oral, or both.

To take an exam, you are **required to register on SPIN** (Online desk) from 14 to 4 days before the date of the exam itself. Registration for exams permits the professor to confirm and digitally sign your results.

Please remember to fill in the evaluation questionnaire before registering for the exam of a course, workshop, or atelier.

for more information: Didactic Unit segreteria.corsidistudio@iuav.it








SERVICES AND FACILITIES

University library

The library service, combined with the project archive, the video library and the media library, provides a valuable support system to all study and research activities connected to luav areas of expertise.

luav library is located at Tolentini (Santa Croce, 191) and offers a wide collection of books and periodicals. There are 380 places available and 17 computer stations, lockers for small bags, selfborrowing and returning machines, online catalogues and copy machines.

for more information on opening hours, to book a seat and to browse the catalogue: sbd.iuav.it [ITA] biblioprestito@iuav.it

Internet and softwares

Internet access

All university building are covered by **wi-fi**. Iuav has its own dedicated network **Iuav** and it is also a member of the **Eduroam** federation and partner of **VeniceConnected** network. To access Eduroam you can use the same username and password as the Online Desk

for more information on the university wifi network: http://www.iuav.it/Servizi-IU/servizi-ge1/Servizi-in/rete-Rete-/ index.htm [ITA]

Partnerships with Microsoft and Autodesk

luav offers all students the opportunity to use for free many useful software in partnership with Microsoft and Autodesk.

The agreement with **Microsoft** provides an unlimited number of "Office 365 student" annual licences.

To activate your license, you need to follow the instructions you can find at: www.iuav.it/Servizi-IU/servizi-ge1/Servizi-in/ICT/ convenzion/#campus [ITA]

Under a special three-year license, **Autodesk**, through Autodesk Education Community, makes more than 30 years of its popular professional programmes available (Autodesk Inventor[®], Autodesk Revit[®], Autodesk 3ds Max[®], Autodesk Maya[®], AutoCAD[®]...). To benefit from this offer, you shall register at Autodesk Education Community (www.autodesk.com/education), by using your institutional email address.

MS Teams is the platform where all online teaching and learning activities take place. Please, activate your luav account once you complete your enrolment, as only this account is valid for MS Teams.

for more information and assistance: ICT service helpdesk@iuav.it

External learning opportunities

Learning Italian

Ca' Foscari School for International Education offers Italian language courses at all levels (CEFR A1 to C2) throughout the academic year with a special intensive programme in the summer and programmes specially designed for exchange students.

for more information: Università Ca' Foscari – School for International Education (S.I.E.) San Sebastiano, Dorsoduro 1686, Venezia www.unive.it/cfsie cfsie@unive.it

Please note that Università Iuav di Venezia does not cover the cost of the Italian language course. The average cost for an intensive course is about 250.00/300.00 euros.

The free app **ItaliAmo** offers 10 stages with dialogues, common expressions, language exercises, together with cultural and culinary curiosities. It is available for both Android and iOs devices.

Erasmus Veneziano

Thanks to special agreements between Università Iuav di Venezia, Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Accademia di Belle Arti and Conservatorio di Musica di Venezia, you can follow courses in a different university institution while staying in Venice.

You can choose from within the courses offered by the Venetian university institutions at no extra cost, take exams and have the corresponding university credits recognised according to the study plan of your study programme.

for more information and how to apply: www.iuav.it/international > discover > Erasmus Veneziano

Venice International University

Venice International University (VIU) is an international higher education network of 11 universities on the island of San Servolo, just a few minutes away from Piazza San Marco.

The Globalization Program is the flagship of VIU academic offer that focuses on globalisation and its economic, social, environmental, and cultural implications and consequences with an interdisciplinary and multicultural approach. The courses are taught in English by professors from member universities and can be recognised in your academic career.

for more information about deadlines and procedures and available places:

www.univiu.org/study/globalization-program viu@univiu.org

Student senate

luav student senate is the representative body of all students enrolled in luav bachelor's and master's degrees. 20 representatives at a maximum are elected by luav student community every two years.

The student senate is an advisory body to the academic senate and the administration council on teaching, student services and initiatives.

The student senate organises many cultural activities (exhibitions, conferences, performances...) to foster the sense of community and promote networking and socialisation. Every year all students can participate in a call for ideas to organise cultural activities funded directly by the student senate.

for more information: www.iuav.it/sds [ITA] sds@iuav.it FB: sdsiuav Instagram: sds_iuav

Erasmus Student Network

The Erasmus Student Network (ESN) is one of the most important student associations in Europe.

Founded in 1989 as a non-profit organisation, ESN supports and promotes international mobility by providing students with opportunities for cultural understanding and self-development according to the principle of 'Students Helping Students'. ESN Venezia was created in July 2011. Through an exciting schedule of activities and events, ESN Venezia actively promotes international students' integration and international mobility programmes.

for more information: venezia.esn.it venezia@esn.it FB: esn.venezia Instagram: esnvenezia

University canteens and cafés

You can access the **university canteens** and buy menus at a reduced price thanks to a personal QR code issued by ESU Venezia through the dedicated website The main university canteens are: > *Ristorante Universitario Rio Novo* Fondamenta del Rio Novo, Dorsoduro 3647, Venezia open from Monday to Sunday both at lunchtime and dinnertime (Sunday dinnertime excluded) + takeaway service > *Food & Art* Giudecca 487-487B

for more information on university canteens: www.esuvenezia.it [ITA]

University cafès are located in the following buildings: Cotonificio Veneziano Tolentini

University sports centre (CUS)

The university sports centre (CUS) offers a wide range of courses (rowing, judo, self-defence, dancing, tennis, skiing...) and recreational activities for university students. It also organises summer and winter camps, sport events and inter-university tournaments.

for more information on courses, activities and registration to CUS Venezia: Dorsoduro 2407, Fondamenta dei Cereri www.cusvenezia.it [ITA] info@cusvenezia.it







LIVING IN VENICE

Accommodation

The most popular options for accommodation are university residences and private accommodation (flat share, studio...).

If you are still looking for accommodation, a **list of all options** is available at www.iuav.it/housing

To consider all available opportunities for long-term accommodation, you can find a **temporary option** (hotel, hostels...) for a few days/weeks.

If you are looking for a **room/flat to share** you can: > browse the accommodation notices on the notice boards at Tolentini and Santa Marta > consult dedicated websites for accommodation.

When looking for private accommodation, you shall start by defining the aspects that are most important for you (single/ double room, washing machine in the house...).

Here is a list of topics you may want to consider:

1 location:

- if it is in Venice: is it close to the university buildings?

– if it is in Venice surroundings: can you easily reach Venice with bus/train from there?

- are there basic services nearby (supermarket, laundrette, cafè...)?

2 furniture and services

- is kitchen well-equipped?
- is there enough space for your belongings \checkmark is there
- a storage room?
- is there a washing machine?
- is there wi-fi?
- is there air conditioning?

3 budget

- can you afford it?
- are bills included?
- is wi-fi included?
- are there any extra expenses (linen, cooking utensils, furniture)?
- is there a deposit to pay?

4 safety

- is there a locker?
- can you lock your room?

5 flat/roommates

– are your flat/roommates students?

6 rental contract

- all arrangements shall be done in written forms as verbal agreements are not legally binding

 the owner shall register the contract and provide you a copy (non-EU students need a registered copy of the contract when applying for the stay permit)

- take your time to read and understand all clauses before signing

check the period of stay and termination conditions (if any)
ask for a receipt for any payment you make in the frame

of the contract.

Banks and post Offices

Payments (including taxes) can be made at banks and post offices.

Here is a list of larger post offices, all of them with *Sportello amico* service (useful for the stay permit):

> in Venice:

Fondamenta del Gaffaro, 3510 (near Tolentini) Calle dello Spezier, 233/D (near the railway station) San Polo 2022 (in Campo San Polo) San Marco 5016 (behind San Salvador church – near Rialto)

> in Mestre:

Via Milano 20 (sideroad of Corso del Popolo) Viale San Marco 102/R (bus/tram stop San Marco)

Getting around

In Venice

What are the best ways to move around in a city without cars? While walking is the best option to explore the city there are a few options you shall consider for longer distances:

> within the city of Venice and the islands of the lagoon: waterbuses (vaporetti)

> to the mainland: buses or trains

Waterbuses and buses are managed by ACTV through **VeneziaUnica**, a card to store transport tickets and passes, it is valid for 5 years and lets you travel at reduced fares.

You can purchase it at the dedicated office in Piazzale Roma (open every day from 6.30 am to 7.30 pm) You need to bring the following documents: > a copy of ID or passport > your Italian tax code (*codice fiscale*) > a certificate of enrolment at luav

for more information on **waterbus and buses**: actv.avmspa.it/en

for more information on **tourism in Venice**: www.visitvenezia.eu

Exploring the Veneto Region, Italy, Europe

Venice is very well-connected to all main sites in the Veneto Region and with the rest of Italy and Europe. Trains leave from Venezia Santa Lucia train station, buses/coaches from Piazzale Roma, and you can catch a flight from Marco Polo and Treviso airports.

for more information on **trains**: Trenitalia www.trenitalia.com/en Italo www.italotreno.it/en

for more information on **buses/coaches**: ACTV actv.avmspa.it/en ATVO www.atvo.it/index.php?lingua=en Flixbus global.flixbus.com

for more information on **airports**: Venice Marco Polo www.veniceairport.it/en Treviso www.trevisoairport.it/en

for more touristic information: Veneto Region veneto.eu Italy www.italia.it/en Europe visiteurope.com/en

Phone calls

To make a call **from Italy** you need to dial **oo** + **country code** before the phone number, while if you want to call Italy from abroad you need to dial 0039 before the number.

If you have a **mobile phone**, you can buy an Italian SIM card for national and international calls.

SIM cards usually cost around 20 euros, and can be purchased at mobile phone shops, post offices or supermarkets. To activate the SIM card you need your Italian tax code, ID or passport and an italian address of reference.

Pre-paid recharges (*ricarica telefonica*) can be bought in any tobacconist's, supermarket or online through the mobile operator website/app.

Many **free apps** allow you to make calls and video calls through the internet.

In case you don't have a mobile phone, you can purchase a **pre-paid card** at a tobacconist's: there are different types according to the country you would like to call.

Eating habits

In Venice, as in the rest of Italy, there are **three main meals**: breakfast, lunch, dinner with a few snacks during the day. A very popular Venetian habit is the *aperitivo* before dinner: people gather in small taverns (*bacari*) and cafés to share an aperitif and a few appetizers (*cicheti*). This habit can get longer at weekends and when it completely replaces dinner it is called *apericena*.

Venetian cuisine is mainly based on **local specialties** and **fresh food**. Ingredients from other parts of Italy sneak into Venetian dishes and cross-cultural fusion is also very popular.

Here is a non-comprehensive list of Venetian specialties:

Appetizers

*Baccalà mantecat*o: codfish served as a white cream on toasted bread

Sarde in saor. sardines, with onion-y mixture

Tramezzini: small sandwiches of white triangular bread with various fillings

First courses

Bigoi in salsa: spaghetti-like pasta with anchovies, onions, tomatoes and fennel seeds

Risotto al nero di seppia: rice with squid ink Second dishes

Frito misto: crunchy mix of fried shrimp, calamari rings and vegetables

Poenta e schie: small lagoon prawns served with corn cream **Desserts and pastry**

Bussolai, zaeti, baicoli: biscuits

Frittelle: small fried dough balls made during the Carnival **Aperitif**

Spritz: prosecco wine, bitter liqueur such as Aperol, Campari, Cynar, or Select, sparkling mineral water and a slice of orange or lemon depending on the liqueur, an olive.

Eating out is very common at weekends and it is better to reserve a table if you are going to a restaurant.

Tips are not required but they can be a sign of deep appreciation for the meal or the service.

Besides supermarkets, you can also **shop for food** specialties in bakeries, pastry shops.

Outdoor markets are a local alternative to find fresh food (e.g. Rialto market).

Weather

Venice is located on the north-eastern coast of Italy and it is washed by the Adriatic Sea that influences its weather all year round.

Below is an overview of the weather conditions in Venice during the year:

Spring: April, May, June days are long, temperatures are moderate, not much rain

Summer: July, August, September hot and humid, storms that make the temperature cooler for a few days

Autum: October, November, December daylight is shorter, pleasant temperatures, fog, *acqua alta*

Winter: January, February, March mild, temperature averaging above freezing, snow is rare, *acqua alta*

In autumn and winter, when astronomical tide and wind cause a large inflow of water in the lagoon, the phenomenon of *acqua alta* (high tide) takes place.

It usually lasts about two hours and affects only some areas of the city. It generally causes little inconvenience and offers a peculiar perspective on the city.

People are alerted with acoustic signals and walkways are placed on the busiest streets: when the tide is higher than 120 cm rubber boots are necessary.

Venice City Council offers a **free high tide alert system** via short text messages.

For further information and subscription portale.comune.venezia.it/maree/iscrizione [ITA] The Tide Forecast Center created **Hi!Tide** (for Android and iOs), a free app to monitor the tide in Venice and check which areas are flooded.

Free time

Events in Venice

Venice offers many opportunities to enjoy the city: museums, art galleries, cinemas, theatres.

The event agenda is very varied: you can choose among different opportunities to get the most out of your free time.

for more information: www.veneziaunica.it/en

Venetian feasts

Carnevale	February
San Marco	April 25th
La Sensa	May
Redentore	July
Regata storica	September
La Salute	21 November

National Holidays

All Saints' Day	1 November
Christmas Holidays	24 December > 6 January
Labour day	1 May
Republic day	2 June

Events at luav

Iuav organises many events throughout the year: check your institutional email for notifications on upcoming events or visit www.iuav.it > Agenda Iuav

Discount cards for students

As a university student, you can get a discounted entry to museums and cultural institutions by showing your luav card. You can also apply for other discount cards to enter museums, cinemas, theatres at a reduced price.

The following are the most popular: **European Youth Card** www.eyca.org Rolling Venice Card (for under 29) www.veneziaunica.it/en CinemaPiù card www.comune.venezia.it/it/content/cinemapi [ITA]

Useful words and phrases

Hello Good morning Good evening Good night Goodbye Have a nice day Yes/No Maybe Please Thank you (very much) You are welcome I'm sorry How are you? Fine, thanks What's your name? My name is Where are you from? I am from... Nice to meet you!

Ciao Buongiorno Buonasera Buonanotte Arrivederci (formal) / Ciao (informal) Buona giornata Sì/No Forse Per favore Grazie (mille) Prego Mi dispiace Come stai? Bene, grazie Come ti chiami? Mi chiamo... Da dove vieni? Vengo da.. Piacere!

I don't understand Say it again, please? What does it mean? **Breakfast** Lunch Dinner The bill I am vegetarian/vegan I am allergic to .. Restaurant Canteen Italian tax code Identity card Passport Stay permit Tax stamp Police station Ticket/season ticket Train/bus station

Waterbus stop Where is the..? I am lost Doctor Chemist's/pharmacy I am ill Medicines Hospital Non capisco Puoi ripetere, per favore? Cosa vuol dire? Colazione Pranzo Cena il conto Sono vegetariano/vegano Sono allergico a.. Ristorante Mensa Codice fiscale Carta d'identità Passaporto Permesso di soggiorno Marca da bollo Ouestura Biglietto/abbonamento Stazione dei treni/degli autobus Fermata del vaporetto Dov'è...? Mi sono perso Dottore Farmacia Sono malato Medicine Ospedale

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Only in Venice... Campo

Campiello Calle Sestiere Bacaro Cicheti Quanto costa? Ricarica Telefono/cellulare Supermercato Ufficio postale Negozio

Square (the only Piazza in Venice is San Marco) Small square Narrow street District Tavern Tapas



