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Venice: City View

Venice is unquestionably one of the truly unique cities of the world. With its extensive canals, spectacular architecture, and renowned beauty, the story of this city is every bit as exciting and beautiful as one would imagine and more. While Venice doesn’t have exciting and continuous nightlife, famous sports teams, or ethnic enclaves, simply put, its history and sheer beauty make these things unnecessary.

Founded in the 5th C.E., when a small group of traders stole the lands of Saint Mark from the Byzantines and started their own community, Venice was, by the 12th century, the center of the Roman Empire. Situated in the Venetian Lagoon, most of the city’s buildings sit on pilings set in a layer of sand (silt and sand) that have gradually hardened into mineral form.

“LA SERENISSIMA”

Venice’s climate is most pleasant in spring and fall, when it truly earns its ancient nickname “La Serenissima” (“Host Serene”). July and August can be uncomfortably hot, and the canals amply. Winters can be cold, but are mainly gray and wet. The city does not flood per se, but has acqua alta (especially high tides), which occur from April to September, when the streets can stand a few inches deep in water. Warning sirens sound about an hour before such tides. Some shops keep passarelle (planks) on hand for pedestrians to walk on it is the height of wisdom to cut in or hurry across them.

Attractions in the canaled city include Basilica di San Marco (St. Mark’s Basilica), Palazzo Ducale (Ducal Palace), Ponte dei Sospiri (Bridge of Sighs), Torre dell’Orologio (Clock Tower), Galleria dell’Accademia (Academy Gallery), the Peggy Guggenheim Collection, the Scuola (gymnous) of San Rocco, and San Giorgio Maggiore. Of course, the canals themselves are one of the main attractions, the Grand Canal Traghetto Boats being Venice’s version of “Ponto” Cherry-Ripe. For shopping, try the Rialto markets, Mercerie di Orosei, and Calle Larga XXII Marzo.

A UNIQUE DESTINATION

Venice’s uniqueness has made it a huge tourist destination, and that all be its undoing. The city’s population is falling dramatically, and most businesses have left for the mainland. The current population stands at about 80,000, a drop of more than 50 percent since World War II, but the city hosts 15 million visitors a year.

Violent crime is rare, but pickpockets and purses snatchings are common. The canals, steeped bridges, and watercourses present difficulties for people with physical disabilities. The lagoon struggles with pollution, real estate values have skyrocketed, and all things have premium prices.

There are complaints that Venice has ceased to be real, but simply preserved for the tourists—not to mention the fact that many of the city’s foundations are also slowly sinking.

In the face of this, the city has tried to increase settlement, and has sponsored many civic improvements—fiber-optic cables installed, bridges rebuilt, sewage improved. Museums restored. It is still open to question whether one of the great cities of the past will survive as such in the 21st century, but for now Venice remains the quintessentially romantic Italian destination of choice for travelers the world over.
**Athens: Excursions**

**In the City**

**The Ancient Sites of Athens**

Plan to spend at least a day exploring the Acropolis—perhaps the most important ancient structure the world over, and one that can be seen from almost anywhere in the city—and its handful of surviving monuments. Although it has only one entrance, you can approach it from several directions. The main one is from the north along a path that is an extension of Diokouros Street in the southwest corner of the Plaka. It is wise to get to this world heritage site early, as the mid-day crowds and heat can be overwhelming.

Visitors to the Acropolis (high-city) ascend a switchback marble staircase leading back in time. Upon entering the grounds, loose chunks of marble and broken columns seen to spout from the earth like giant lobster mushrooms that culminate in the Parthenon, the crowning achievement of the Acropolis. You are now on the Panathenian Way. To the right stands the Temple of Athena Nike. Continuing along the path leads to the Parthenon, Greece’s largest-ever Doric temple. The next most important monument of the Acropolis is the Erechtheum, of which the oft-photographed southern porch consists of six Caryatids served to look like maidens (taking the place of columns). Other important Acropolis structures include the Theater of Dionysus and the Odeon of Herodes Atticus, where drama, music, and dance performances are still held.

Located northwest of the Acropolis and at the edge of Monastiraki, the Ancient Agora, once the city’s most important gathering spot, is the place to roam. The 12-hectare (30-acre) jumble of ruins and buildings includes the Temple of Hephaestus, the best-preserved Doric temple in Greece; the Stoa of Attalos, an ancient reconstruction that houses the Agora Museum; and the Church of the Holy Apostles, which was built in the 11th century to commemorate St. Paul’s teachings in the Agora.

Another must-see ancient site is the Temple of Olympian Zeus, located southeast of the Acropolis, it was once the largest temple in Greece and took more than 700 years to build. Julius Caesar erected the Roman Agora, east of the Ancient Agora, in the 1st century CE. The nearby Arch of Hadrian, erected in 135 CE, commemorates the consecration of the Temple of Olympian Zeus.

**Athens from Above**

Walk to the end of Moutzoukou Street in trendy Kolonaki and you will encounter one of Athens’ most popular, and possibly tourists, excursions: Lykavittos Hill. Lykavittos (hill of wolves) was once surrounded by countryside. Although the wolves are gone today it is a pine-covered pillar jutting out of a jungle of concrete, it offers the most commanding view of the seemingly endless white city, as well as the shimmering islands Saronics and Aegina in the Saronic Gulf.

If you aren’t up for a hike, reach the top via the convenient funicular, or drive up the road. The more adventurous can climb a path to the summit, which is the highest point in Athens at 277 meters (900 ft). At the halfway point, you can rest and restore your energy at a café. The reward at the top is yet another café and a restaurant with a spectacular view of the Acropolis.

The summit of Lykavittos Hill, which might seem more like a mountain after a long, hot hike, is also home to the chapel of Agios Georgios, which is illuminated at night and casts a glow that can be seen all over Athens. Visitors to the top of the hill can also find the open-air Lykavittos Theater, which hosts jazz and rock concerts during the Athens Festival from June through September.

**Green Athens**

The heat, humidity, and air quality can be oppressive in Athens, so parks are an essential part of the city as places to rest and just breathe in some healthy oxygen. It’s no wonder, then, that one of the city’s most visited sites is the National Gardens. The gardens are just a stone’s throw away from bustling Syntagma Square, and once visitors leave the concrete jungle of Athens on Lycabettus Hill they drop into a tropical paradise of flowers, plants, trees, shaded walkways, and ponds brimming with ducks and turtles.
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**Summary of Requirements**

**Passport**
- Required for all travelers.

**Visa**
- Required for citizens of Australia, Canada, Ireland, the United Kingdom, the United States, and other countries listed in B. Visa Required below. These travelers may obtain a visa upon arrival.
- Not required for citizens of New Zealand and some other countries; see section A. Visa Exempt.

**Return Ticket**
- Not required; however, may be used as proof of trip conditions in visa application process.

**Additional Restrictions**
- Those residing, working, or studying in Turkey should register at the nearest local police department upon arrival, regardless of the validity of their visa.

**Passport**

Passports should be valid at least 90 days longer than the expiry date of the visa or the length of the trip.

**Visa**

Citizens of Australia, Canada, Ireland, the United Kingdom, and the United States may obtain a three-month, multiple-entry visa sticker upon arrival at the border gate.

Citizens of New Zealand do not need a visa for tourist or transit purposes for up to 90 days.

A. VIISA EXEMPT

Citizens of the following country do not need a visa to enter Turkey:
- Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus

Citizens of the following countries do not need a visa for tourist or transit purposes for up to 90 days:
- Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei, Bulgaria, Chile, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Eritrea, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hong Kong SAR (holders of British National Overseas passports must obtain a visa), Iceland, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Romania, San Marino, Singapore, South Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uruguay, Vatican City, and Venezuela.

Citizens of the following countries do not need a visa for tourist or transit purposes for up to 60 days:
- Roanoa and Herzegovina, and Macedonia.

Citizens of the following countries do not need a visa for tourist or transit purposes for up to 30 days:
- Azerbaijan, Costa Rica, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Macao SAR, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.

B. VIISA REQUIRED

Citizens of the following countries and territories need a tourist visa for Turkey, and may obtain a three-month, multiple-entry visa sticker upon arrival at the border gate. Only a valid passport and the visa-processing fee are required for this visa.
- Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Canada, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Haiti, Hong Kong British National Overseas passports, Ireland, Jamaica, Kuwait, Maldives, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Oman, Portugal, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Slovenia, Spain, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, (holders of British Protected Persons passports must obtain a visa abroad), and United States.
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500 Euro

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## Italian - List of Professions

**NOTE:** In Italian, many professions have a mascuine and a feminine form.

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## Clothing Size Guides

### Clothing Guide for Women

**World Clothing Size Guide: Women**

**Women's Blouses & Sweaters Sizes**

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**Note:** Sizes vary widely by manufacturer; the chart above is a rough approximation. If unsure, consult size charts at the manufacturer's website.
Living Abroad Tips: Pets and Animals

Travelers planning to take a companion animal to a foreign country should be advised to meet the entry requirements of the country of destination and the transportation guidelines of the airline. To obtain this information, travelers should contact the country’s embassy or consulate as well as the airline.

There are several ways to travel with a companion animal by air. The animal may be allowed in the airplane’s cabin if it meets certain size and weight restrictions, it may be checked in with luggage, or it may be placed into cargo. Travelers intending to bring their pets onboard should check with the airline for space and size and weight restrictions.

There is often an additional cost. For the health of the animal, pets are allowed to travel in checked luggage or cargo only if weather conditions permit. The airline will be able to help determine the best dates and times for traveling with pets.

Requirements:
- Some countries, provinces, or states may require general health certificates for animals, including dogs or cats. Health certificates may be required by airlines for pet travel as well.
- Pets may be subject to inspection and may be denied entry if they have evidence of an infectious disease that can be transmitted to humans. For example, if a dog appears to be ill, further examination by a licensed veterinarian at the owner’s expense may be required before entry. Depending on the situation, pets may be subject to locally imposed quarantine requirements.

RARe’s:
- Unless a dog is being imported from a country considered “rabies-free” by the World Health Organization, it must be accompanied by a valid rabies vaccination certificate that includes the following information:
  - The breed, sex, age, color, markings, and other identifying information
  - A vaccination date at least 30 days before importation
  - A vaccination date reflecting that the dog was at least 3 months of age at the time of vaccination
  - The vaccination expiration date (if not shown, the date of vaccination must be within 12 months of date of importation)
  - The signature of a licensed veterinarian

Exotic Pets: The Pet Passport
The pet passport is a CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) Certificate of Ownership for personally owned wildlife. The certificate acts like a passport to simplify the permit procedures for people who frequently travel internationally with companion animals or animals used in non-commercial competitions, such as slavery. It is issued for a single animal, is valid for 3 years, and may be used for multiple border crossings. The owner must accompany the pet when crossing international borders and the animal may not be sold or otherwise transferred when traveling abroad.

Import or Export of Pets and Animals
The import or export of personal pets, especially exotic pets, may be regulated by conservation laws or treaties that are part of international conservation efforts.

TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES
The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) was formed in the 1970s and currently has 175 parties (countries that have agreed to be bound by the Convention). You must have a CITES permit before travel if your pet is listed by CITES.

Protected by CITES: Domestic Bengal cats and other crosses between CITES-listed species and the domestic cat; most parrots, cockatoos, kites, and macaws; quails, box turtles, and all boas and pythons
Not protected by CITES: Domesticated animals like dogs, cats, rabbits, and the European ferret; the budgerigar, cockatiel, rose-ringed parakeet, and the peach-faced lovebird.

THE ANIMALS RIGHTS ACT

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  - Researchers, writers, editors
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