

Venice Extension to Palazzi & Palladio in Northeast Italy May 19 – 22, 2017



Built on 117 islands, with 150 canals and 400 bridges, Venice is truly unlike anywhere else! This extension will complement the “Palazzi & Palladio in Northeast Italy” trip and will also feature Resource Ken Bartlett. Whether you have been to Venice before or this will be your first visit, you will be delighted by the variety of sights in this amazing city. We will show you a number of less visited Venetian churches and museums that fit with the “Palazzi & Palladio” theme as well as take you on several special and exclusive tours. In addition, we will explore the islands of Murano, famous for its glass-making, Torcello and Burano, which is known for lace, plus the Venissa vineyard on the island of Mazzorbo.

Tour Itinerary and Highlights

Day 1 Venice

Transfer from the hotel in Mira to Venice by coach and private boat. Snacks and refreshments at a historic café in Piazza San Marco. Afternoon guided tour of Palladian buildings including Il Redentore, Le Zitelle, and San Giorgio Maggiore via private boat. Check in and early dinner at the hotel. Exclusive evening visit to Basilica San Marco.

Day 2 Venice

This morning we will have a guided walking tour of Venice, including rooms designed by Palladio and the “Secret Itinerary” in the Palazzo Ducale, and Santa Maria dei Miracoli, a Renaissance jewel. Lunch included. Afternoon tour of the Palazzo Mocenigo



Museum for a glimpse of the lifestyle of a Venetian noble family. Dinner on your own.

Day 3 Murano, Torcello & Burano

This morning depart by water taxi for the islands of Murano, Torcello and Burano. Both the Veneto-Byzantine church of Santi Maria e Donato on Murano and the Basilica di Santa Maria Assunta on Torcello have splendid mosaics. On colourful Burano we will visit the Lace Museum. We will also have a wine tasting with snacks at the Venissa winery. Return to Venice. Some free time in the afternoon for your own explorations. Farewell dinner.

Day 4 Venice

Group transfer to Venice Marco Polo Airport (VCE) for those departing at or after the departure time of the ROMtravel Coordinator.

Hotel

Venice Hotel Bonvecchiati 3 nights

Resource Person

Dr. Kenneth Bartlett is Professor of History & Renaissance Studies at Victoria College, University of Toronto. He is author of *A Short History of the Italian Renaissance*, *The Civilization of the Italian Renaissance* and *The English in Italy: A Study in Culture and Politics* as well as 5 video series, including the most recent, *The Guide to Essential Italy*, with the Smithsonian



Institution – and many other books, translations and articles on Italian history and culture. A frequent traveller to Italy and a regular instructor in summer abroad programs in Siena, Ken will enlighten us and enrich our experience.

ROMtravel Coordinator

Anne Lindsey is a Trustee of the ROM, a past Co-Chair of ROMtravel, and an experienced traveller. Her interests include archaeology, art and cuisine. She has coordinated ROM trips to Sicily, the Dalmatian Coast & Venice, Tuscany & Umbria and Uzbekistan.

Tour Cost

Double Occupancy	\$3,145
Single Supplement	950

Extension begins at the hotel in Mira and ends at Venice Marco Polo Airport (VCE). International flight costs to/from your Home and Italy are NOT included.

Photos

- Church of San Giorgio Maggiore, Venice, courtesy of Anne Lindsey
- Doge’s Palace, Venice, courtesy of Wikipedia
- St. Mark’s Basilica, Venice, courtesy of Wikipedia and Tetrakty
- Colourful houses, Burano, courtesy of Wikipedia and JalilArfaoui
- Grand Canal, Venice, courtesy of Wikipedia and Wolfgang Moroder



Terms & Conditions

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Single Supplement: \$950.00

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Tour Cost Includes

- Group coach transfer from Hotel Villa Franceschi in Mira to Venice on Day 1.
- Group coach transfer from hotel to Venice Airport on Day 4 for those departing at or after the departure time of the ROMtravel Coordinator.
- Porterage of one standard-sized suitcase per person at the hotels.
- Ground transportation in a deluxe, air-conditioned coach and private boat for transfers and private boat or water taxi for excursions as per itinerary.
- Shared accommodation in double occupancy room with private facilities.
- Meals: Buffet breakfast daily, 1 lunch and 2 dinners with wine, including water and coffee or tea. 1 snack lunch. 1 wine tasting with antipasti. Bottled water daily on the bus.
- All visits, entrance fees, speakers' fees and events as per itinerary.
- All taxes and tips for all goods and services, drivers, hotel, restaurant and guiding staff related to the basic tour; all hotel and local taxes.
- Services of a Resource Person, a ROMtravel Coordinator and a Travel Agency Escort.
- Services of English-speaking local guides. Services of Georgia Hardy Tours.
- A travel handbook.

Not Included

- International flight costs to/from your home and Italy.
- Items of a personal nature, e.g., laundry, telephone calls, internet access.
- Airline baggage fees where applicable. Visa fees where applicable.
- Meals, snacks, beverages, and other services unless specified.
- Cancellation and hospital/medical insurance. Emergency evacuation costs.
- Additional meals and accommodations due to delays.

Costs

All prices quoted herein are based on rates, fees and taxes as of May 13, 2016. Costs are subject to change without notice. Should tour costs increase, Georgia Hardy Tours (as per TICO regulations) reserves the right to increase the price accordingly up to a maximum of 7%. Note that the itinerary may be subject to change without notice.

ROM Membership Requirement

Participants must be members of the Royal Ontario Museum. Individual annual membership is \$97; family annual membership is \$149 (if both partners join the tour, only one needs to be a member). Non-resident family annual membership (outside L/M postal zones) is \$102. Prices are subject to change without notice.

Deposits and Final Payment

An initial non-refundable deposit of \$1,825.00 per person is required at the time of booking. Optional insurance is payable in full at the time of booking. **A second non-refundable payment of \$5,157.50 is due on September 16, 2016. The balance of payment, \$5,157.50, and single supplement of \$2,350.00, if applicable, is due on January 16, 2017. Amounts quoted cover the main trip from May 8 – 19, and the Venice Extension from May 19 – 22.**

Reservations

As the number of participants is limited, reservations should be made as soon as possible. In the event of over-subscription, a waiting list will be maintained.

Physical Limitations or Disabilities

Any physical limitation or disability requiring special attention or treatment must be reported when reservation is made. Georgia Hardy Tours and/or its agents reserve the right to decline or accept anyone who may in their sole judgment require care and attention beyond that which can be provided.

Cancellations

Should a confirmed participant cancel, notification must be received in writing by Georgia Hardy Tours. **All payments are non-refundable.** No refund will be issued for unused services. No claim or refund will be considered unless submitted in writing and received by Georgia Hardy Tours within 30 days of the termination of the tour.

Documents

A passport valid for six (6) months after the return date is required. For non-Canadian citizens, it is the individual traveller's responsibility to ensure proper visas or affidavits. Neither Georgia Hardy Tours nor ROMtravel is responsible for missing or incorrect travel documents. Entry to another country may be refused even if the required information and travel documents are complete.

ROMtravel values your Privacy

Your contact information will be published in the Trip Handbook unless you advise NOT to do so. It is for the sole use of trip participants, ROMtravel and the Travel Agency, and will not be shared with anyone else.

Insurance

Comprehensive insurance to afford protection against penalties caused by cancellation of trip due to injury, illness or death of tour participant or member of participant's family is recommended. It is TIPS insurance, underwritten by Reliable Life Insurance Company. The insurance premium is non-refundable and must be submitted at time of deposit. A waiver will be necessary if insurance is not taken. Ontario taxes are included in the quoted prices. **The rates quoted are subject to change until insurance policy is issued.**

Based on accommodation in double occupancy room (tax included)					
Age	All Inclusive	Non-Medical	Age	All Inclusive	Non-Medical
To 59	\$531.36	\$501.98	70-74	\$1,062.13	\$861.08
60-64	\$657.50	\$603.07	75-79	\$1,590.84	\$1,368.36
65-69	\$846.40	\$742.66	80-84	\$2,095.20	\$1,793.88

Rates cover the main trip from May 8 – 19, and the Venice Extension from May 19 – 22. For single accommodation, or for those aged 85 and over, or for other comprehensive and non-comprehensive coverages, please contact Georgia Hardy Tours.

Royal Ontario Museum Responsibility

Neither the Royal Ontario Museum nor the Department of Museum Volunteers of the Royal Ontario Museum, or any member thereof, assumes any responsibility for the financing, arranging or the conducting of the tour, nor shall be liable for damages or loss to person or property that might occur in connection with this tour however arising, whether by negligence or otherwise, and whether or not a member of the Royal Ontario Museum staff or the Department of Museum Volunteers accompanies the tour. The applicant by applying to join the tour hereby agrees to this limitation of liability on the part of the Royal Ontario Museum, the Department of Museum Volunteers or any member thereof.

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