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The Original and Best Walking Tours

Original Venice Walk & Doge's Palace

A private guide will lead you through the medieval world's most glorious homage to human ingenuity on an experience covering the Venice of Marco Polo to contemporary Venetian life.

- Explore St Mark's Square, once the epicentre of the wealthiest and most powerful city in Europe
- See the splendour of St Mark's Basilica, encompassing a millennium of illustrious history
- Hear about the struggles to save this city from slowly disappearing beneath the dazzling waters of the Adriatic Sea
- Experience what "La Serenissima" signifies, and has signified, to Venetians throughout the centuries
- Step in the footsteps of the condemned and take in the splendid views of the aptly-named Bridge of Sighs
- Experience the pomp and pageantry of the magnificent Doges and hear about their outlandish lifestyles
- Enter the Doge's Palace, embodying one of the grandest propaganda campaigns ever seen in history
- Hear how the Doges masterminded one of the biggest tragedies in the history of western culture - then profited from it

The finer details of the Original Venice Walk & Doges Palace Tour:

Prices: Adults - 69 euro; Students (6-17 yrs) - 54 euro; Children (2-5 yrs) & Infants (0-1 yr) - free.

Meeting Time and Dates: 1:50pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 2 April - 31 July and 1 September-31 October.

Includes:

- Quality guide, guaranteed small group, entrance to St. Mark's Basilica* and the Doges' Palace, headphone audio systems when required.

Excludes: Optional gratuities

Meeting point: Under the portico, at the foot of the stairs at the Correr Museum's entrance. This is just off St Mark's square between shops 77 and 78, under the arches on the opposite side of the square to that of the Basilica. See map below.

Please note: Knees, backs and shoulders must be covered for church entry. No backpacks allowed. *At times, St Mark's Basilica is closed for religious ceremonies, on occasion without prior announcement. In these instances, the tour will proceed without entering into the Basilica.

Minimum participants: 4 persons

Maximum participants: 18 persons

Security and personal belongings: Due to increased security, some delays in entry are to be expected. We do in any case offer the quickest possible entry. Bags (including purses, satchels or pouches), backpacks or other varieties are no longer permitted in the Basilica di San Marco. There is a free baggage deposit service available, although it is suggested you do not leave any wallets or other items of value. Please bring as few personal items as possible.

Please note: Shoulders and knees must be covered when entering churches. At times, St Mark's Basilica is closed for religious ceremonies or other reasons, on occasion without prior announcement. In these instances, the tour will proceed without entering into the Basilica. The Basilica is closed on April 24th and 25th because of the celebrations in occasion of the feast of St. Mark.

Weather: Runs rain or shine. Please note that in the case of rain occasionally causing high water in St. Mark's square, there may be an extra wait to enter the Basilica on occasion.