

# VENICE TOUR

Here's an idea for a self-guided tour of Venice, starting and ending at Venezia Santa Lucia Train Station. It includes both iconic landmarks and hidden gems, with a few food stops along the way.

## Venice Tour – Departure and Return from Santa Lucia Train Station

- **Duration:** About 4-5 hours (without long breaks)
- **Difficulty:** Easy, but with some bridges to cross

### 1. Departure: Santa Lucia Train Station

As soon as you step outside, you'll see the *Canal Grande* (Grand Canal). For a great view, head up to the *Ponte degli Scalzi* (Scalzi Bridge).

### 2. Ghetto Ebraico (Jewish Ghetto) (5 min walk)

We start with a short detour to the *Ghetto Ebraico*, one of the most authentic areas in Venice. Here you'll find:

- *Piazza del Ghetto Nuovo* (New Ghetto Square), a peaceful and charming square.
- *Paradiso Perduto* (Lost Paradise), a historic spot known for seafood dishes and live music. There are also other traditional bars along the nearby canals.

### 3. Strada Nova (New Street, a main shopping street) & Gislon (15 min walk)

We continue along *Strada Nova*, one of Venice's main streets, to *Gislon*, a great place to try one of the best *mozzarella in carrozza* (fried mozzarella sandwiches) in town.

### 4. Ponte di Rialto (Rialto Bridge) & Mercato di Rialto (Rialto Market) (5 min walk)

After a snack, we reach the famous *Ponte di Rialto*, perfect for a photo of the *Canal Grande*. If it's morning, don't miss the *Mercato di Rialto*, filled with fresh seafood and fruit stalls.

### 5. Piazza San Marco (St. Mark's Square) (10 min walk)

Moving on, we reach the heart of Venice:

- *Basilica di San Marco* (St. Mark's Basilica), the city's iconic landmark.
- *Campanile di San Marco* (St. Mark's Bell Tower), for a breathtaking panoramic view.
- *Palazzo Ducale* (Doge's Palace), a Gothic masterpiece.

After visiting *Piazza San Marco*, we start making our way back.

### 6. Ponte dell'Accademia (Accademia Bridge) (15 min walk)

We cross the *Ponte dell'Accademia*, which offers one of the best views of the *Canal Grande* and *Basilica di Santa Maria della Salute* (Santa Maria della Salute Basilica).

## 7. Campo Santa Margherita (Santa Margherita Square) (10 min walk)

One of Venice's liveliest squares, filled with bars and cafés—perfect for a *spritz* or coffee break.

## 8. Return to Santa Lucia Train Station (15 min walk)

From *Campo Santa Margherita*, we follow the *Fondamenta del Gaffaro* (Gaffaro Canal Walkway) to *Piazzale Roma*, and then back to the train station.

## Food & Drink Stop Options

- **Snack:** *Gislon* (*mozzarella in carrozza*)
- **Lunch or Dinner:** *Paradiso Perduto* (seafood and *cicchetti* – small Venetian tapas-style bites)
- **Aperitivo** (a casual drink and snack break): a *bacaro* (the Venetian tradition of enjoying drinks and *cicchetti* in an informal setting) in *Campo Santa Margherita*

Way-point route via Google Maps: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/oMMnqhkyzGHbrf8r9>

