

Venice, Italy



The
Urbanite
Insight

Sights:

- Get lost in the alleys: this was actually my favorite thing to do in this city — try wandering around with no plan!
- [Campanile di San Marco](#): a bell tower with an amazing panoramic view of the city
- [St. Mark's Basilica](#)
- [Doge's Palace](#)
- [Ca' d'Oro](#): a private palace on the Grand Canal, now turned into a museum and art gallery
- [Rialto Bridge](#) & [Rialto Market](#)
- [Grand Canal](#): you can do a [cruise](#) or save money by taking a water taxi instead
- Gondola Ride: these are expensive, but if you have the extra cash it's a bucket list item for most
- [Piazza San Marco](#): you'll find lots of people, shops and restaurants in this square

Top Rated Restaurants:

- [Osteria Boccadoro](#): a typical Venetian restaurant that uses only homemade products. They have an extensive wine cellar, located

away from the tourist area in a quiet Venetian square.

- [Al Covo](#): a charming rustic style seafood restaurant
- [Cocaeta](#): a quick and cheap spot to grab amazing crepes
- [Antico Forno](#): Great place for carry out pizza
- [all'Amarone Vineria](#): cute wine bar with a selection of pizza and pasta

Islands to Visit:

- [Burano](#): the cutest island with pastel-colored buildings and lace shops
- [Sant'Erasmo](#): the orchard of Venice, full of vibrant green produce growing
- [Mazzorbo](#): the upscale hotel/restaurant Venissa lies on this island, which is connected by bridge to Burano
- [Lido](#): upscale and expensive island with beautiful beaches where celebrities stay during the Venice Film Festival (not as expensive during the off-season)
- [Pellestrina](#): an island with lovely beaches that is mainly a fisherman's community with a cozy village feel
- [Guidecca](#): the brooklyn of Venice, which gives you amazing views of the main island's St. Mark's and the Doge Palace