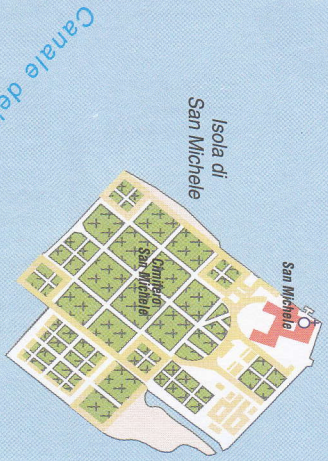




- 1 = Ship's berth
- 2 = Water bus or Taxi Ticket booth
- 3 = Monorail station
- 4 = Monorail drop off point
- 5 = St Mark's
- 6 = Rialto Bridge



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Venice

Venice, Italy

Port information

Currency	The currency in Italy is Euro. Major credit cards are accepted in most shops, cafes and restaurants; you can also find ATMs around the city.	Language	Italian but English is widely spoken.
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Getting around

Distance to town centre	To walk directly to St Marks takes approx 40-60 minutes.	Main highlights	Piazza San Marco (St Marks Square) is the main square of Venice. On this square you will find: San Marco Cathedral , the cathedral and main church of Venice. It dates from around 1060 and was dedicated to Saint Mark. It is 43m high and is one of the most beautiful basilicas in Europe. Clock Tower: designed by Mauro Codussi and built between 1496 and 1499. When visiting the Bell Tower it is worth going very early, rive as queues can be long. Appropriate dress must be worn so ladies' knees and shoulders should be covered. No big bags are allowed. Venice from the water. Whether it is on a Gondola, water taxi or the public boats (vaporettas), it's a must to see Venice from the water to get a true appreciation of how life in the city really works. Pass under Rialto Bridge on The Grand Canal and snake your way through the small winding back streets of Venice. Venice is a very busy city, although it has mainly even surfaces, there are many bridges and steps throughout the city surrounding the main attractions. There are very limited places to rest or sit down. If you have walking difficulties or have a walker or wheelchair, it's best to come to Destination Services before planning your day ashore.
Getting about	Venice is completely pedestrianised. All transport goes over the water and many canals.		
Local transport	Local buses in Venice are boats. From the Stazione Marittima outside the terminal building you can go directly to St Marks Square using the ALILAGUNA Service operating approximately every hour during the days when ships are visiting. Please give yourselves plenty of time to return before the ship sails, especially when there are many ships in port.		
Taxis	Land taxis are outside terminal building if going out of Venice.		

Essential information

Tourist information	Tourist information is located not far from St. Mark's Square, at the piers of the canal bus . You can buy a nice city map with small guidebook.	Shopping	You will not find big department stores in Venice only local shops and boutiques. If you are looking for designer labels head to Calle dei Fabbri or the Mercerie which runs from St Marks to Rialto. When looking at souvenirs, Venetian masks are popular as is Murano glassware, a product of the area. It is also possible to visit the factory and see how the glass is made. Some shops will close for siesta between 13.00-14.00 and as our call falls on a Sunday not all shops will be open. PLEASE NOTE: As with all tourist destinations please keep a close eye on your valuables especially in crowded areas.
Internet access	Internet is available in most bars and cafes, you will often have to buy something to use the service.		
Important information regarding Venice	In the height of the summer Venice can become very hot. Please ensure to take plenty of water with you. If you plan to eat or have coffee in St. Marks Square please be aware that the price will increase if there is music playing. A gondola takes up to 6 people. If you are looking for a ride for just two people, you will pay for the remaining seats which are not taken. Prices are usually displayed on the front of the boat and it is approx €100 per gondola. Be sure to be out on deck with your camera in hand as we sail away! Sunday many Churches have very reduced hours for tourist visits and some are closed all day due to religious functions.		

Your Destination Services team would like to wish you a lovely day in Venice

There can be last minute changes. Please check *Cruise News* for the latest information before you go ashore.