



Tour Name

The Sweet Taste of Venice

Tour City

Venice

Tour Snapshot

Sweets lovers and coffee lovers alike will want to jump on this tour of traditional Venetian bakeries! Discover the secrets behind Italian *caffè* culture and taste some of Venice's best desserts as you mingle with locals in Cannaregio and Castello.

Highlights

- Learn the secrets of Italian coffee culture and how to sip *caffè* like a local
- Taste traditional Venetian sweets
- Discover family-run bakeries that are loved by locals
- Sample some of that famous tiramisu
- Explore the neighbourhoods of Cannaregio and Castello

Local Impact: How you taking this tour will benefit the local community:

- All the stores and foodie spots we visit are 100% owned and run by locals, ensuring that local people benefit from tourism to their city. So any inclusions on the tour and additional purchases you make will directly benefit the local community.
- You will pick up some responsible travel tips that will help you to be a greener traveller while you're in the city
- We will take you off the main tourist trail, introducing you to some of Venice's many hidden gem neighbourhoods, easing congestion in the bust tourist centre of the city.

Inclusions: Local English-speaking guide, food and drinks as set out in the itinerary (coffee, bottle of water, 3 dessert samples, alcoholic spritz or soft drink)

Exclusions: Additional food and drinks, alcoholic beverages, souvenirs and personal shopping, tips/gratuities for your guide.

Schedule details

- Duration: 3 hours
- Meeting point:
At the steps of the Santa Lucia train station entrance
- Find the exact meeting point with what3words: [///mouse.codes.jingles](https://www.what3words.com/#!/mouse.codes.jingles)
- Starting time: 9.00 AM
- Ending point:
Rialto Bridge

Full Itinerary

Italians love their coffee but there are certain rules one must follow if you're going to do Italian café culture the right way. This tour introduces you to those rules and customs and invites you to become a genuine *caffè* expert. If that wasn't enough, we will also introduce you to the traditional *pasticcerie* of Venice and the history behind the city's sweet treats as you wander through

the most local neighbourhoods in town!

You'll meet your local guide at the steps of the Santa Lucia train station (the only train station in Venice) and begin your adventure exploring the *Cannaregio* neighbourhood.

Our first stop on your Venice food and drink tour will be at a family owned *pasticceria*, a favourite breakfast venue of locals on their way to work. It's conveniently located at the entrance of the island, for those coming to work from the mainland, it become an institution for its well-known pastries. By visiting this stop, you will be supporting a family run business (which is fast becoming a thing of the past in Venice). You'll also learn the secrets to sipping coffee the proper way so that you'll blend right in with the locals for the rest of your Italian holiday.

After breakfast, we will head to the heart of the ancient Jewish Ghetto, a neighbourhood that is 500 years old and remains an important part of the Venetian community. It's here that you will have the chance to buy kosher desserts in a small bakery.

We will continue our stroll through the neighbourhood of *Cannaregio*, passing by the main corners of this residential area. Your guide will stop for those who fancy doing some shopping, at a family bakery that's famous for its *torrone* and other traditional desserts of Venice. Get a lesson on the history and traditions of local Venetian cuisine as we munch on our delicious sweet treats.

We'll then continue our way toward the Castello neighbourhood, the largest *sestiere* on the island and home to the *Arsenale* (naval dockyard). We'll explore its narrow lanes before stopping at our next *pasticceria*, an elegant family-run spot that has become *the* most beloved and famous place to buy seasonal desserts; panettone at Christmas, *Colomba* at Easter... Depending on the time of year, you'll get a mix of different desserts to try, appropriate to the season. You'll also have the chance to relax your legs here while sipping the famous Venetian *spritz* overlooking the beautiful Church of San Giovanni e Paolo.

After your energy boosting spritz, we'll visit one of the most amazing bookstores in Europe, *Libreria Acqua Alta*, a hidden gem in the heart of *Castello*.

Our tour ends on a high with some famous Italian tiramisu! Learn everything about this Veneto dessert as you shovel delicious spoonfuls of homemade tiramisu in your mouth! Do you love chocolate? We do too, so we decided that with your tiramisu, you will also try the traditional hot chocolate that was drink by Venetians in the 17th century! Rescuing an old recipe from that time, you will go back in time to taste this chocolate-y perfection. (In summer, we'll do the cool version of this!).

From there, we'll walk toward our ending point at the Rialto Bridge where It's time to say *a presto* at the steps. Your local guide will give you some tips for continuing your day in Venice or help you with directions back to your accommodation.

Additional information

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Dress standard: Please wear comfortable shoes for walking, and bring a hat and sunscreen during the summer months.

Your Trip: For your Urban Adventure you will be in a small group of a maximum of 12 people.

Confirmation of booking: If you have your voucher, your booking is confirmed. We'll see you at the start point. Get in touch if you have any concerns or require more information via the email address or phone number (business hours only) on your voucher.

Child Policy: Children are permitted on this tour without baby carriage.

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