

ENJOY GARDA HOTEL

GUIDE TO VENICE



enjoy
Garda Hotel

GUIDE TO VENICE



enjoy
Garda Hotel

Guides: Enjoy the Moments
VENICE



With this guide, we introduce you to Venice, which ranks among the most visited cities in Europe. It is a fascinating city, with its sumptuous palaces reflected in the waters of the canals, the romantic bridges that connect the districts and the artistic treasures housed in its churches and museums. Use these pages as a source of advice, but always check the official sites for current conditions, such as opening days, opening hours, prices, free admission, etc.

Venice is immense and it would take many days to visit all of it, but we will note the places that you must not miss. In particular, we will guide you to the heart of Venice: St Mark's Square and St Mark's Basilica, the Doge's Palace, the Correr Museum, the Archaeological Museum and the monumental rooms of the Marciana Library. We will also invite you to climb the Rialto Bridge and enjoy a panoramic view of the city from the terrace of the Fontego dei Tedeschi. Finally, let's get to know the local specialities, with handicrafts, local dishes and traditional festivities.

Want to get to know Venice better?
Let's start!

GUIDE TO VENICE



CITY ACCESS FEE

Due to the large number of visitors, on certain days of the year and at certain times, an entrance fee is required to enter Venice. You must pay it on the official website <https://cda.ve.it/it/>.

But, before paying, check if you are entitled to an exemption: you can find the complete list of exemptions on the website. If you are exempt you must request an exemption code online. Children under 14 can enter Venice for free, without applying for an exemption.

Generally you are allowed to cancel your entry voucher and request a refund up to the day before your visit, but always double check this on the official website.

GUIDE TO VENICE



HOW TO GET TO VENICE

You can get to Venice by car or by train, but we recommend the train, which is the most comfortable and economical way.

By train you can leave from Peschiera del Garda station, which is only a 5-minute walk from Enjoi. If you choose the direct high-speed line you can arrive in Venice in less than an hour and a half. Get off at Venezia Santa Lucia, the terminus. Check the timetables on the Trenitalia website: <https://www.trenitalia.com/>

Traveling by car is more complicated because parking is difficult to find and it is located in a slightly more inconvenient area for exploring Venice. In any case, if you prefer to go to this lagoon city by car, it is best to park at Tronchetto, which has about 4,000 spaces.

Please note that the cost of parking is high, in line with Venetian prices.

You can get a discount if you book parking at least 30 days before your arrival, on the Venezia Unica website (<https://www.veneziaunica.it/>), choosing the 'Book early and save' option.

GUIDE TO VENICE



HOW TO GET AROUND

In Venice there are essentially two ways of getting around: walking or taking the vaporetto, which with its numerous stops, takes you to all the points of interest in the city and the islands.

Walking: has the advantage of immersing you in the characteristic streets of Venice, avoiding the wait for the vaporetto and saving you money.

Vaporetto: has the advantage of giving you the experience of navigating on Venice's Grand Canal, which is surrounded on both sides by fascinating historic buildings. It also saves you the trouble of getting on and off all the little bridges in Venice. In terms of time, however, there is not a big difference compared to walking.

If you choose the vaporetto, pay attention to the direction of navigation, because at the same stop you can board water buses going in opposite directions.

Bear in mind that you will need a ticket every time you board the vaporetto. If you plan to do more than two legs, you are better off buying a day pass.

Walk and vaporetto: you can also choose to walk to St Mark's Square in about 30 minutes and return by vaporetto, or vice versa.

GUIDE TO VENICE



How to purchase tickets for the vaporetto:

You can buy them when you arrive at the train station. At the exit you will find the ferry stops with ticket offices in front of you.

You can buy them with Whatsapp, through Chat&Go® (find all the information on the official Actv website <https://actv.avmspa.it/it>)

You can buy them with Venezia Unica, entering the number of tickets you need. This option can be interesting if your visit is at least 30 days away and you want to save money. In this case you can choose the 'Book early and save' option. However, this is a more complicated solution than buying directly from the ticket office, because it requires you to create a personalized card for each member of your family. If you are interested you can find all the information on the official website of Venezia Unica: <https://www.veneziaunica.it/>

If you have difficulty walking, Venice can be a difficult city to get around, because there are many bridges connecting the various areas of the city.

To understand which areas are accessible you can look at the page created by the Municipality of Venice: <https://www.comune.venezia.it/it/content/venezia-accessibile-itinerari-senza-barriere>

GUIDE TO VENICE



Tourist information points

- **Santa Lucia** railway station, Cannaregio 54 C-D in front of Actv A-B landing stage
- **Piazza San Marco** 71/f
- **Piazzale Roma** (shop next to Agenzia Venezia Unica)

Useful apps for getting around Venice

- **Google Maps** is vital for getting around Venice safely in the *calli* and *campi* (streets and squares, as they are called in Venice). In the more central streets you can find your way with signs installed at the top of the first floor of houses/buildings, but as soon as you leave the tourist routes you may find yourself in a real labyrinth of streets from which it is difficult to leave.
- **Che Bateo** will help you get around on the water buses easily, signposting you in real time with stops and timetables to reach your destination.
- **Hi!Tide** will help you monitor the state of high water in Venice at certain times of the year (especially November and December).

In the event of high water, don't worry: with the introduction of the Mose, the phenomenon is under control and in any case the municipality always provides walkways for walking without getting wet.

SAN MARCO SQUARE AND BASILICA



You can get to St Mark's Square from the station in about 30 minutes by foot or by water bus in about 25 minutes (San Marco stop).

St Mark's Basilica overlooks the majestic St Mark's Square and is a great example of Byzantine architecture. Inside are priceless treasures including the Pala d'Oro, an altar richly decorated with precious stones and enamels, and numerous reliquaries containing fragments of saints and sacred objects.

The mosaics decorating the interior of the basilica tell sacred stories and legends, offering visitors a valuable window into Venetian history and culture.

Official site: <http://www.basilicasanmarco.it/>

How to buy tickets for St Mark's Basilica

St Mark's Basilica attracts a lot of tourists, so we recommend you buy a skip-the-line ticket to avoid hours of queuing to enter.

You can buy your tickets online at the official website:

<https://basilicasanmarco.skipperformance.com/it/negozio#/it/acquista>

Once at the Basilica, enter through the Door of St Peter, where you can enter with the skip-the-line ticket.

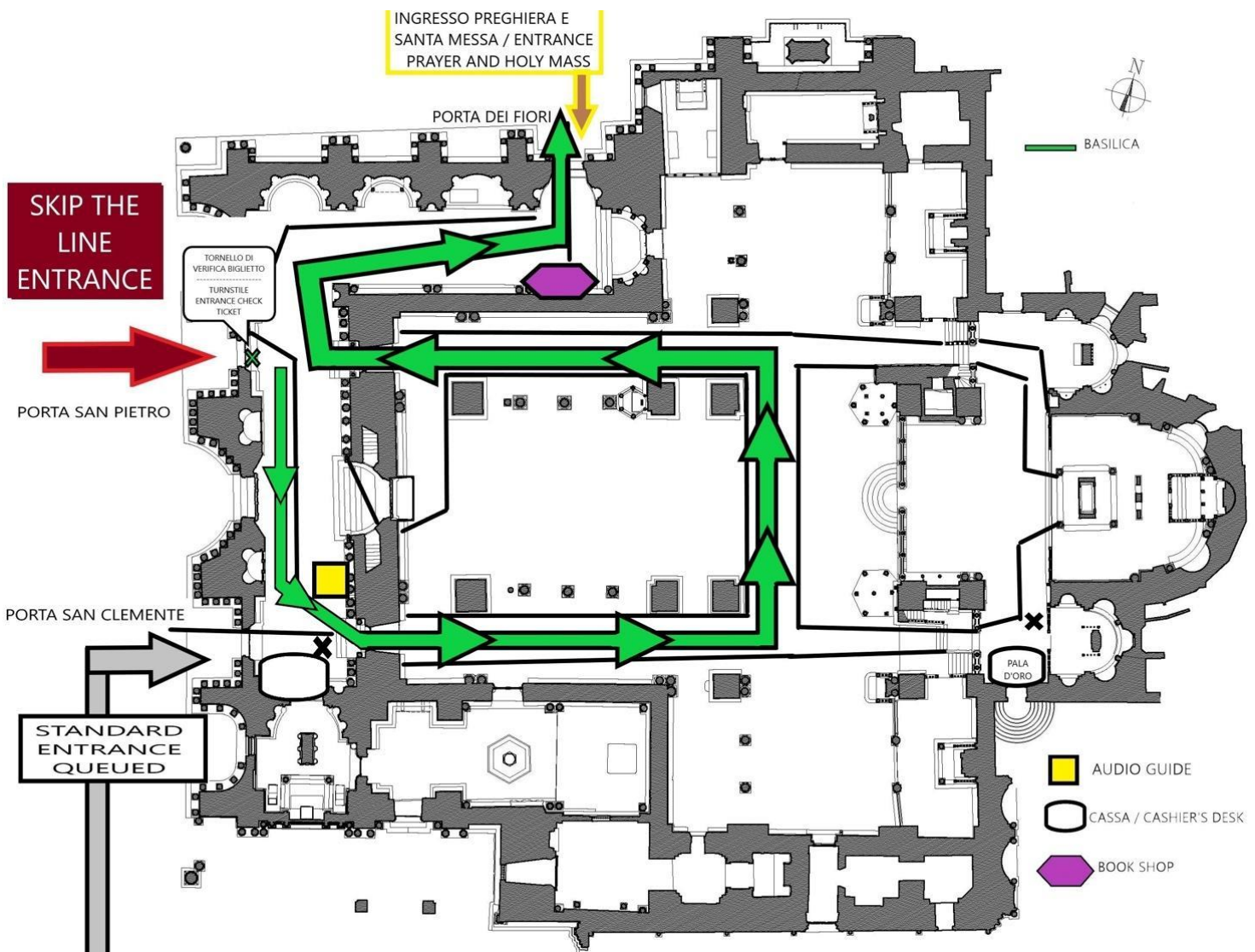
SAN MARCO SQUARE AND BASILICA

Inside the Basilica you can see many things:

- St Mark's Basilica
- Bell Tower
- Museum and Loggia dei Cavalli
- Pala d'Oro (hidden behind the altar)

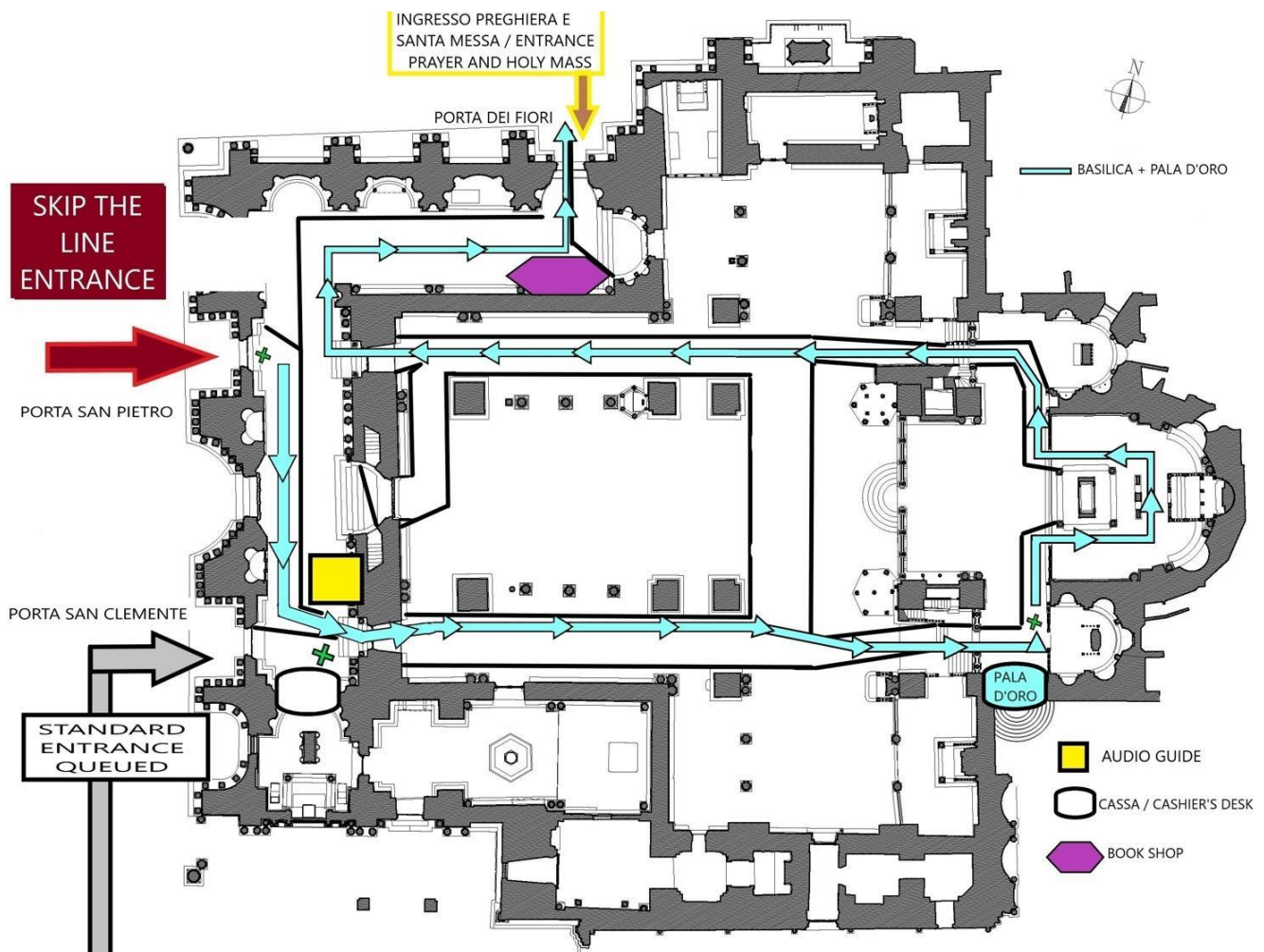
If you buy just the entrance to the Basilica your tour will be shorter, but you can enrich it by adding the other combination tickets. We particularly recommend that you also buy a ticket for the Pala d'Oro, a unique example of Gothic goldsmithing that has remained intact.

If you decide to buy only the ticket for the Basilica, your visit will last about 15-20 minutes and your route will be:



SAN MARCO SQUARE AND BASILICA

If you decide to also buy the ticket for the Basilica + the Golden Pall, your visit will last about 30-45 minutes and your route will be:



SAN MARCO SQUARE AND BASILICA



Useful tips

- Be on time, they have a small tolerance for delays.
- Best to print your ticket. It is not obligatory, but it facilitates entry.
- We advise you to check the opening hours on the official website, as there may be extraordinary closures for Masses or maintenance.
- Clothing appropriate to the sacredness of the place is required. Enter with shoulders and knees covered.
- If you are interested, you can hire an audio guide at the D'Uva desk immediately after passing through the entrance turnstile (see map above).
- Please note that tickets purchased online are non-refundable.
- Children under the age of 7 enter free of charge.
- At the end of your visit, stop by the sumptuous Caffè Florian and treat yourself to a fascinating break: it is one of the oldest in the world, founded in 1720. With its elegant atmosphere, it has welcomed celebrities and intellectuals over the centuries, becoming a cultural icon. Its six rooms, restored in the 19th century, retain the charm of the era.

DUCAL PALACE AND THE MUSEUMS OF SAN MARCO SQUARE



Official site: <https://palazzoducale.visitmuve.it/>

Just a few metres from St Mark's Basilica stands the Doge's Palace, a jewel of Gothic architecture and testimony to the power of the Serenissima Republic. Inside you can admire the sumptuous rooms decorated with masterpieces by Tintoretto and Veronese, explore the secret prisons from which Casanova escaped, cross the famous Bridge of Sighs and immerse yourself in the political and cultural history of Venice through the centuries.

We recommend that you buy your ticket online. The price is particularly high because it is a single ticket that allows you access to both the Doge's Palace and the nearby museums in St Mark's Square: the Correr Museum, the National Archaeological Museum and the monumental rooms of the Biblioteca Nazionale Marciana.

Useful tips:

- If you buy online at least 30 days in advance you are entitled to a discount.
- If you are visiting with your family, you can choose the family ticket option, which saves you money.

DUCAL PALACE AND THE MUSEUMS OF SAN MARCO SQUARE



- Alternatively, you could buy the Museum Pass, which costs slightly more and gives you access to several museums, but we don't recommend it because you probably won't be able to visit them all in one day. If you want to consider it, you should know that it allows entry to all open Civic Museums (except the Clock Tower) and connected ones. It is valid for 6 months and only allows one entry to each museum.
- Audio guides are available for a fee if you are interested.
- If you want to access rooms that are not visible with the normal tour, you can purchase tickets for one of the two special guided tours. These are The Doge's Treasures and The Secret Itineraries of the Doge's Palace Both last about an hour and a quarter, plus a visit to the palace.
- Inside the Doge's Palace there is a baby pit-stop, with a breastfeeding, changing and relaxation area.
- Once the visit is over you can take a walk along Riva degli Schiavoni, which runs along the Grand Canal.

As they are included in the single ticket, we suggest you continue your visit with the other museums in St Mark's Square, to be visited one after the other:

- Museo Correr: offers an exceptional collection of Venetian art and history, with paintings, sculptures, furniture and decorative art objects.
- Museo Archeologico Nazionale (National Archaeological Museum): housed in the rooms of the Correr Museum complex, it presents a vast collection of Veneto archaeological finds.
- Monumental Rooms of the Marciana National Library: they offer a spectacle of art and culture, with magnificent frescoes and Renaissance decorations, in the sumptuous atmosphere of one of the oldest and most prestigious libraries in Italy.

RIALTO BRIDGE AND PANORAMIC VIEW



From St Mark's Square you can walk about nine minutes to the Rialto Bridge, passing through streets full of shops, bars and typical houses.

The Rialto Bridge is the oldest of the four bridges spanning the Grand Canal, together with the Accademia Bridge, the Scalzi Bridge (located right in front of the train station) and the Constitution Bridge.

It was originally designed as a simple pontoon bridge, until the current version was built in 1591.

There is a special experience waiting for you there: a panoramic view of the city from the terrace of the Fontego Gallery (also known as Fondaco).

The Galleria is located on Calle del Fontego dei Tedeschi and is a luxurious shopping centre with all the most prestigious names in international fashion.

On the fourth floor there is a terrace from which you can admire Venice in a particularly privileged position.

The visit is free, but must be booked on the Fontego's official website:
<https://www.dfs.com/it/venice/service/rooftop-terrace>

RIALTO BRIDGE AND PANORAMIC VIEW



Useful tips

- Book early as places are limited and sell out quickly, but bear in mind that they do not accept bookings more than 3 weeks in advance.
- The terrace is open daily from 10.15 a.m. to 6 p.m. and in the winter period it is best to go when it is still light. You could also calculate the time of sunset in the period of your visit, to book that very special moment. The visit lasts 15 minutes.
- The terrace is located on the fourth floor and can be reached by escalator, monumental stairs or lift.
- You can show your confirmation email to prove your booking.

There is an important vaporetto stop at Rialto. If you want to avoid a long walk back, you can get on there and comfortably return to the station by crossing the waters of the Grand Canal. Just pay attention to the direction of the vaporetto, as both those going towards the station and those heading towards San Marco dock at the same stop.

TYPICAL HANDICRAFTS AND TYPICAL DISHES



TYPICAL HANDICRAFTS

Venice is famous for some prestigious handicrafts, but this excellence is now being lost in favour of more commercial shops and low-priced products. Among the great traditions are Murano blown glass work, Burano lace, the creation of carnival masks and leather goods.

WHERE TO EAT AND TYPICAL DISHES

Venice offers several options for meals, but it is difficult to find places that are not touristy.

If you're looking for a quick meal, immersed in the true Venetian atmosphere, we recommend lunching at some bacaro (you can find several by following the reviews on Tripadvisor), where you can enjoy the typical cicchetti.

The bacari are the classic Venetian osterie with a popular character, which often have few seats and are chosen for an aperitif or a quick lunch. The cicchetti - usually displayed on long counters - are a number of particularly tasty snacks, to be ordered at the moment, depending on one's taste and appetite.

TYPICAL DISHES



WHERE TO EAT AND TYPICAL DISHES

If, on the other hand, you prefer to dine in a restaurant, we can suggest some of the traditional dishes: baccalà mantecato (stockfish, oil and garlic), sarde in Saor (fried sardines marinated in vinegar and onion), spaghetti with squid ink, bigoli in sauce with anchovies and onions, and fegato alla veneziana (Venetian style liver).

Before returning to the Enjoy, you can also buy some typical cookies to take home or as gifts. We particularly recommend these specialities:

- Buranelli, typical of the island of Burano, which originated as Easter sweets.
- Baicoli: the ingredients are simple, but the preparation is laborious.
- Pan dei Dogi: a rich cake, made with spices and dried fruit. It was bought by the nobility, while the people could only afford it during the Christmas holidays.
- Zaeti: made with maize flour, from which the name is inspired (meaning 'little yellows').

TRADITIONAL FESTIVALS



TRADITIONAL FESTIVALS

Here are some traditional Venetian festivities:

- **Venice Carnival** - One of the most famous festivities in the world, characterised by elaborate masks, historical costume parades, cultural events and masked parties. It takes place every year in the days leading up to Shrove Tuesday, with the dates varying according to the Easter calendar.
- **Festa della Sensa** - Held on the Sunday after Ascension Day (in Venetian 'Sensa'). It used to be a simple celebratory, religious and superstitious rite, and served to propitiate calm waters. Today the festival consists of a procession of traditional rowing boats, at the head of which is the 'Serenissima', from which a ring is thrown into the water symbolising the mystical marriage between Venice and the sea.
- **Festa del Redentore** - This takes place every year on the third Saturday in July and commemorates the end of the plague in 1576. The festival includes a procession of illuminated boats through the Giudecca Canal, followed by spectacular fireworks.
- **Regata Storica** - A typical Venetian boat race held annually on the first weekend in September. The regatta is preceded by a historical costume parade celebrating the past glory of Venice.

TRADITIONAL FESTIVALS



- **Festa della Madonna della Salute** - Celebrated on 8 December in honour of the Madonna della Salute, this festival commemorates the end of the plague in 1630. Venetians cross a pontoon bridge to the Salute church to pay homage to the Virgin.
- **Festa del Redentore dei Pellegrini** - Held on the first Saturday in September, it involves a procession of boats carrying pilgrims to the Redentore church on the island of Giudecca.
- **St Mark's Day** - Celebrated on 25 April, this festival honours the patron saint of Venice, St Mark. It includes a solemn mass in St Mark's Basilica followed by a procession through St Mark's Square.
- **Feast of St Martin** - Held on 11 November, this feast commemorates St Martin, the patron saint of grape pickers and the poor. The festival is celebrated with processions, fireworks and food and wine tastings.
- **Festa del Bòcolo** - Celebrated on 25 April, this festival sees men give a rosebud to their beloved women in honour of St Mark and the legend of St Ursula.
- **Festa della Madonna dell'Ascensione** - This takes place on 8 September on the island of Giudecca and includes a boat procession carrying a statue of the Madonna along the Giudecca Canal.



Enjoy Garda Hotel

Via Venezia, 26

37019 Peschiera del Garda (Verona)

Telefono: +39 045 7550111 / +39 045 6401050

Email: info@enjoygardahotel.com

Skype: enjoybooking

WhatsApp: 393471969512