

5 excellent ICE-CREAM parlours

41 DA NICO

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gelaterianico.com

People have been flocking here for Nico's legendary *gianduiotto* for many years, and it has truly become a Venetian institution as a result! Do try this amazing creation, which is made from a piece of *gianduiola* (a mix of chocolate and hazelnuts) served in a small cup and covered with lashings of whipped cream. Exquisite is an understatement.



42 GELATO DI NATURA

Campo San Giacomo
dell'Orto 1628
Santa Croce ③
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gelatodinatura.com

This ice-cream shop has several franchises in the city. While it doesn't have many flavours and some are on rotation, the quality of the ingredients is excellent, and the ice cream simply delicious. Do try their walnut and fig if it's available.

43 GELATERIA PAOLIN

Campo Santo
Stefano 2962
San Marco ①
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You'll find the Paolin ice-cream parlour in Campo Santo Stefano, one of the most beautiful squares in Venice. This large venue has many outdoor tables. The perfect setting – especially on a hot summer's day – for a break and a cup that overflows with fruit and ice cream.

44 GELATERIA IL DOGE VENEZIA

Calle Traghetti
Vecchio 2822
San Polo ③
+39 339 148 2164

One of Venice's oldest *gelaterias*, which is very centrally located and the perfect place for a break in between visits to monuments. They serve excellent, strictly artisanal ice cream, including classic and more experimental flavours, with a few dairy and gluten-free options.

45 GELATERIA ALASKA

Calle Larga
dei Bari 1159
Santa Croce ③
+39 041 715 211

The artisan *gelato* shop par excellence. This hole in the wall produces only a few flavours, depending on which ingredients are available and in season. The ice cream is less sweet than others, as the ice-cream maker prefers to focus on the depth of flavour. Truly outstanding.

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96 **LIBRERIA TOLETTA**

**Sacca della
Toletta 1214**
Dorsoduro ②
+39 041 523 2034
latoletta.com

A historic bookstore which has an amazing collection of English-language books. It's also one of the largest in Venice. In 2008, Libreria Toletta started to publish its own books, with over 150 titles in its catalogue to date. Here you'll also find one of the city's premier literary cafes.

97 **LIBRERIA BRUNO**

**Calle Lunga
San Barnaba 2729**
Dorsoduro ②
+39 041 523 0379
b-r-u-n-o.it

The perfect bookshop for architects, designers, graphic designers, and creative minds in general, which sells a curated selection of magazines, which are difficult to find elsewhere. Here you'll find books spanning the worlds of art and design, as well as sociology, pedagogy, publishing and current affairs.

98 **LIBRERIA ANTIQUARIA SEGNI NEL TEMPO**

**Calle Lunga
San Barnaba 2856**
Dorsoduro ②
+39 041 722 909
maremagnum.com

Even if antique books aren't your thing, do visit this bookshop anyway if you enjoy a journey through the annals of Venetian history. In addition to stocking precious volumes and books you won't find anywhere else, the store also sells prints, maps of the city, and a variety of other printed curiosities.

99 **LIBRERIA LINEA D'ACQUA**

**Calle della
Mandola 3717/D**
San Marco ①
+39 041 522 4030
lineadacqua.it

Linea d'Acqua sells prints, antique books, and oil paintings of Venice, that highlight the ethereal beauty of the city. Step inside and you'll immediately be drawn to the large bookcase. Take a book, open it, inhale, and then nestle yourself in one of the two beautiful armchairs for a couple of hours.

100 **LIBRERIA STUDIUM**

Calle Larga 337
San Marco ①
+39 041 522 2382
librieriastudium.eu

One of the best reasons to visit this well-stocked bookshop, on two floors, near San Marco is its curated selection of books on Venice, with plenty of guides and books about the city's history. They also have lots of foreign language books, including an English, German and Spanish section.



97 **LIBRERIA BRUNO**



169 PALAZZO FORTUNY

168 **CASA DI CARLO GOLDONI**

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San Polo ③
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carlogoldoni.
visitmuve.it*

Goldoni is one of the most famous Venetian playwrights of all time. Today his 'home in the lagoon' has become a museum dedicated to him, showcasing a collection of documents, images, portraits, and... puppets. The highlight of the collection however is the small puppet theatre of the Grimani ai Servi family, with thirty puppets in elaborate 18th-century clothes.

169 **PALAZZO FORTUNY**

*Calle Traghetto
Vecchio 3958
San Marco ①
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fortuny.visitmuve.it*

Mariano Fortuny Madrazo was an eclectic artist, a painter, an engraver, and a set designer. He also designed textiles and fashion and founded the Fortuny textile company, which still produces printed fabrics today using traditional methods. It's thanks to him that the city of Venice has a Fortuny Museum, a splendid contemporary art space in the 15th-century building that he renovated and elected to make his home.

170 **COLLEZIONE PEGGY GUGGENHEIM**

*AT: PALAZZO VENIER
DEI LEONI
Calle San
Cristoforo 701-704
Dorsoduro ②
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guggenheim-venice.it*

Palazzo Venier dei Leoni is an unfinished building, which was started in 1748, by Lorenzo Boschetto, who also designed the Church of San Barnaba in Venice. In 1948, Peggy Guggenheim, a famous intellectual and art patron, bought the palazzo and lived there for the next thirty years. Today it is a modern art museum, run by the Guggenheim Foundation, and a must-see.

273 **CLOISTER OF
THE SANTO STEFANO
CONVENT**

**Campo Santo
Stefano**
San Marco ①

You will find the majestic Gothic Church of St Stephen in Campo Santo Stefano. Once inside, make for the door in the aisle on the left, which leads to the frescoed cloister of the former Augustinian Eremite convent, which was abolished in the 19th century. Today only some fragments of paintings depicting scenes from the Old Testament remain.

274 **THE CYPRESS
CLOISTER**

**AT: FONDAZIONE
GIORGIO CINI**
**Isola di San
Giorgio Maggiore** ⑥
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cini.it

The cypress cloister is an elegant green space inside the Cini Foundation complex, and enclosed, on all sides, by airy renaissance porticos. At the centre, near the well, four magnificent cypress trees rise up, arranged in a symmetrical and elegant order, lending their name to the cloister.

275 **DON ORIONE
ARTIGIANELLI
CULTURAL CENTRE**

Rio Terà
Foscarini 909/A
Dorsoduro ②
+39 041 522 4077
donorione-venezia.it

This vast complex, covering an area of 10.000 square metres, has four cloisters within its walls, one of which dates back to the 15th century. Today the centre's spaces are mainly used as accommodation and for cultural purposes. As the Biennale and other institutions often include this venue in their calendar of events, you'll be able to visit it more often than not.

5 charming

ABANDONED PLACES

276 **FORTE SANT'ANDREA**

**Isola di
Sant'Andrea** ⑧
+39 0444 193 2124
iluoghidell
abbandono.com

How many abandoned 16th-century buildings do you know? Venice is also this: a fortress built to protect the lagoon, an excellent example of military architecture, which today is relegated in a state of semi-ruin, and, perhaps also for this reason, even more charming.

277 **COLONIA CA' ROMAN**

Pellestrina ⑩
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iluoghidell
abbandono.com

The Ca' Roman summer house was built in the 1930s at the behest of doctor Alberto Graziani. Hundreds of children spent time here, on the beaches of the lagoon. Today it's in a state of complete abandon, but it still retains its appeal. Periodically, photo tours are organised of the premises. Check the website for more info.

5 churches with works by TITIAN

- 306 **BASILICA DEI FRARI** This impressive Gothic basilica is home to at least a dozen masterpieces in the history of art. Starting with Tiziano's two paintings: the *Pesaro Madonna* and the altarpiece of the *Assumption of the Virgin*. You can also see the monument to Antonio Canova here as well as Jacopo Sansovino's *St John the Baptist* and much more (Donatello and Giovanni Bellini)... You won't know where to look first.
- Calle del Scalete** 3072
San Polo ③
+39 041 272 8611
basilicadeifrari.it

- 307 **CHURCH OF SAN SEBASTIANO** The current appearance of this single-nave church dates back to the 16th century. While the architectural structure and design is rather simple, the interior is enriched with a series of paintings and frescoes. Besides Tiziano's *St Nicolas*, this site is known for its sublime pictorial cycle by Veronese, as well as works by Sansovino, Tintoretto, Palma il Giovane, and others.
- Campezzo San Sebastiano** 1686
Dorsoduro ②
+39 041 275 0462
chorusvenezia.it



306 **BASILICA DEI FRARI**

5 CAMPI

where children can play safely

- 371 CORTE DEI CORDAMI** The shape of this unusually long square refers to its history. They used to produce hemp ropes here in the old days. In the summer, you'll often see old women sitting on their doorstep while children chase each other around the wellhead.
- Calle Corte dei Cordami**
Giudecca ⑥



- 372 PARCO DELLE RIMEMBRANZE S. ELENA / PARK OF REMEMBRANCE**
Castello ⑤

The St Elena gardens are probably the largest park in Venice, a beautiful green area full of plants and trees in a less touristy area of Venice, where children can play safely. From here you can enjoy breathtaking views of the lagoon and the Lido, especially on summer nights.

- 373 GIARDINI REALI / ROYAL GARDENS**
San Marco ①

The Royal Gardens are ideal for taking a break with your little ones. They are conveniently located behind the Marciana National Library. You'll often find groups of students on a field trip and children of all ages enjoying the open space before their next visit.

- 374 GIARDINI DI CA' REZZONICO GARDENS**
Fondamenta Rezzonico Dorsoduro ②

A small and graceful garden in the heart of Venice, a place that offers plenty of peace and quiet with benches and Italian-style hedges. An excellent idea when you need a break from the melée in the museums in the centre.

- 375 GIARDINO MARINARESSA GARDENS**
Riva dei Sette Martiri Castello ⑤

This beautiful tree-lined garden that overlooks the lagoon is influenced (in a positive way!) by the proximity of the historic headquarters of the Biennale. During the art show, the garden hosts many related events, and contemporary art pieces and sculptures are installed here on a rotating basis.

5 things to see in MURANO

- 421 **CAM VETRI D'ARTE**
Piazzale Colonna 1/B
Murano ⑦
+39 041 739 944
cam-murano.com
- Like all timeless trades, the gestures of glassmaking transcend the boundaries of craftsmanship, turning it into a ritual. In this glassworks, you can watch masters as they create a vase or a small horse – the best way to fully appreciate all the expertise and effort that this art requires.
- 422 **LA PERLA (AI BISATEI)**
Campo S. Bernardo 7
Murano ⑦
+39 041 739 528
- A rustic restaurant that is only open for lunch, that serves all the traditional delicacies, including lots of fish dishes. It is very popular with the locals, who are often given priority when waiting for a table, but this is also a badge of quality. They also serve *cicchetti* here, but only until noon, after which lunch is served!
- 423 **MUSEO DEL VETRO**
Fondamenta Marco Giustinian 8
Murano ⑦
+39 041 243 4914
museovetro.
visitmuve.it
- The museum, located in the Giustinian Palace, traces the history of glass from its origins, with iridescent pieces from the Roman era, and the works of the Most Serene Republic, up to the present day, with a selection of surprising and contemporary creations.

- 424 **VENINI SPA**
Fondamenta dei Vetrai 47
Murano ⑦
+39 041 273 7204
venini.com

When it comes to glass and Italian design, Venini is THE place to go. All the greatest national and international designers, architects, and artists have collaborated with this historic brand. Inside the museum you'll see, in addition to some iconic pieces, a significant number of sketches and drawings and some prototypes that were never taken into production.

- 425 **THE GLASS CATHEDRAL, FORMER CHURCH OF SANTA CHIARA**
Fondamenta Daniele Manin 1
Murano ⑦
+39 041 736 998
santachiara
murano.com

Since this 13th-century deconsecrated cathedral underwent a radical restoration, it has been transformed into an interesting place to tell the story of Murano's craftsmanship. Here you can see how glass is blown, as well as admire the sumptuous chandeliers and other colourful creations.

