

Independent departure of guests from Venice.

We can arrange private transfers from the hotel to the airport.

Cost: £1,890 per person

Which includes:

Hotel accommodation - twin rooms for sharing with a city view. Room supplements on request.

Buffet breakfasts

Service and tax

All meals, including wine

Riva boats

Guides specific to the buildings

Tickets for all visits

The expert knowledge of tour leaders Susan Llewellyn and Sara Corker.

The only thing **NOT** included are the flights, and transfers from airport to hotel and visa versa.

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Visitors are offered a rare opportunity to visit Venice, the city in the lagoon. This unique long weekend trip is tailored for the discerning: visitors will have private, behind the scenes access to key attractions not usually accessible by visitors.



THE SUSAN LLEWELLYN ACADEMY OF INTERIOR DESIGN

VENICE TRIP

13 – 16 OCTOBER 2011

A 5 star visit to a city of marble and gold,
embossed with jasper and paved with emerald.

---- John Ruskin



Thursday 13 October

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The 5 star Hotel Westin Europa & Regina

<http://www.westineuropareginavenice.com>

Early evening a private visit to St Mark's Basilica

This is unique and rare chance to visit one of the world's most stunning and visited buildings alone, after it has closed to the public and accompanied by our knowledgeable guide. You will be allowed access to areas not normally open. It is a magical experience and fabulously romantic, as you enter the Basilica in the dark and watch the spectacular golden mosaics being slowly lit and brought to life before your eyes. The Pala D'Oro alter screen will be turned, something that is normally only done on specific religious days.

Dinner at Harry's Bar

Frequented by a host of famous foreigners from Hemingway onwards, Harry's Bar is a unique restaurant which despite its fame still has one of the best kitchens in the city and certainly the best service. We will have a table with a fantastic view on the top floor and of course a welcome glass of Bellini.

Friday 14 October

A private tour of the Rubelli Palazzo

The home of the historic Rubelli collection dating from 15th to 20th century. We will meet with Dr Isabella Campagnol *Curator of our historical archives and projects* and Dr Elizabeth Reiner *Head of Sales in the showroom* and view the archives and new collections of Rubelli, Armani/Casa, Dominique Kieffer and Donghia.

Lunch at Busa alla Torre on Murano

A fleet of wooden rivas will be waiting to whisk us across the lagoon to the island of Murano: the most stylish way to arrive for lunch! This is easily the best restaurant on Murano.

A private visit to the Seguso glass factory

After lunch guests will have a private visit to the workshops of Archimede Seguso which are not normally open to the public. The Seguso family tradition of glass making can be traced to the 16th century and Archimede's great-grandfather was one of the foremost figures in the industry's rebirth in the second half of the 19th century. Seguso makes glass for Cartier, Versace, Tiffany and Valentino among others, however all production is carried out by hand from these workshops which are renowned for being one of the few which still use original techniques. Seguso's work is among the finest examples of Venetian glass making – his pieces reaching record prices in auction rooms the world over.

Dinner in the garden of the Osterio al Bacareto

The word "Bacareto" comes from Bacaro"an old wine originating in Puglia.

The restaurant has been in the De Giulo family for 4 generations. It is currently run by the great-grandson's of founders Adriano and Federico.

Saturday 15 October

A private visit to the Fondazione Querini Stampalia

The Foundation Querini Stampalia was born in 1869 at the behest of Count Giovanni, the last descendant of a noble family Venetian Querini Stampalia. It is the only instance in which, by a family, have been preserved heritage, home, library, archives, art collections, furniture and furnishings.

The 18th century Venetian Palace restored by the great Venetian architect Carlo Scarpa in 1964. We will see paintings by Pietro Longhi and others, and see exquisite fabrics, porcelain and objects. Lunch will be in their café/garden.

A private visit to the La Fenice opera house

We will be given a brief history of the turbulent times of the opera house. La Traviata was first premiered at La Fenice.

A private view of the Peggy Guggenheim museum followed by drinks on the roof, overlooking the stunning views of the Grand Canal. Dinner at Antiche Carampane

A favourite restaurant in Italy, located in a labyrinth of long narrow streets that used to be the red light district of Venice. Despite its unassuming exterior, everything from the outstanding starters including soft shell crabs to the homemade desserts including the Venetian classic the gianduiotto make dinner a memorable occasion.

Sunday 16 October

Lunch at Torcello

After a relaxed start to the morning, we will depart for the Locando Cipriani on Torcello at midday. It is one of Italy's most delightful restaurants with a stunning garden where we have the most prized tables. After lunch riva boats will collect you from Torcello to return to the city.