

Travelrite International invites you to join us to cycle

The Waterways of Venice

24 June to 5 July 2025 with Laura Noccioli



A fascinating leisurely journey, starting in Lake Garda and travelling by bike and boat between Mantua, the pearl of the Renaissance, and the glorious Venice. It explores celebrated cities of art like Ferrara, Adria and Chioggia, one of Europe's prime Nature Reserves and a wealth of tucked-away rural hamlets along the route, rewarding our daily rides with authentic regional dishes back on board. The navigation is guaranteed all year round along the waterways parallel to the Po river.

Itinerary

DAY 1 Tuesday 24 June, 2025 Arrival/Lake Garda

Upon arrival in Milan you will be transferred by coach to your charming hotel in the lakeside town of Bardolino, Lake Garda. Have the afternoon free to wander through the streets of the old town centre teeming with bars, restaurants and small shops (that during summer are open until late), where you can taste the typical products of the area. This evening join us for a welcome dinner and drinks and get to know your fellow travellers.

DAY 2 Wednesday 25 June 2025 Lake Garda

This morning after breakfast we will take a boat to the fairy-tale island of Lake Garda for a guided tour to see the villa with its refined neo gothic architecture and the stunning gardens. We finish the tour with an Italian style aperitif on the terrace with incredible views and then free time to explore the island at your own pace.

DAY 3 Thursday 26 June 2025 Lake Garda

After breakfast today we will ride from Bardolino along the coast of Lake Garda through lots of gorgeous towns such as Borghetto, Monzambano, Peschiera & Lazise. We will have lots of time to stop and enjoy all the great sites and savour the local delicacies.

DAY 4 Friday 27 June, 2025 Lake Garda

Today we will take a boat ride to the most popular town to visit in Lake Garda – Sirmione. We will visit one of Italy's best preserved castles Scaligero, see roman ruins and explore the medieval town.

DAY 5 Saturday 28 June, 2025 Mantua

A free morning before we transfer to our cruise. We are welcomed aboard our new home-from-home late afternoon, and begin with an introductory briefing, with our tour leader, skipper and crew, along with a first refreshing aperitivo. After dinner we can stroll into town and savour the historic centre at its most evocative: Benvenuti a Mantova!

DAY 6 Sunday 29 June, 2025 Mantua round tour

A day dedicated to the discovery of this cultural gem, its three picturesque "lakes" formed by the river Mincio and the surrounding countryside. This afternoon we meet our Mantuan guide for a walking tour across the historic centre: starting from Piazza Sordello with its magnificent cathedral and Palazzo Ducale, we will walk through the city centre up to Piazza delle Erbe. Here we will admire the Clock Tower, the Rotonda di S. Lorenzo (the oldest church in town) and the Cathedral of St. Andrew, a jewel of Renaissance art and architecture. We will learn why Mantua, once a City State ruled by the Gonzaga family, is now considered by many as Italy's "Sleeping Beauty". (The programme may be subject to changes).

DAY 7 Monday 30 June, 2025 Mantua – Zelo

After breakfast, we set sail from the "lakes" of Mantua and cruise through the lush wetlands that lead to Governolo Lock, where Mantua's River Mincio flows into the Po. Here, we saddle up and follow the broad sweeps of the levee towards Ostiglia, renowned for its medieval fortress and fierce fighting in 1945, as the Allies drove Hitler's forces back. Next: Bergantino, home of the distinctive Museum of Fairground Rides and its collection of street organs, all expertly restored (and thunderous!). This village is also in the heartland of Grana Padano

-the arch-rival of Parmesan – and a visit to the local cheese factory, sampling some well seasoned Grana, is de rigueur. We catch up with our barge in Zelo, a sleepy village on the Canal Bianco, the waterway which runs parallel to the Po.

DAY 8 Tuesday 1 July, 2025 Zelo – Ferrara – Adria

This morning we cross the Po and ride southwards through a patchwork of farmland, orchards and hamlets, as far as Ferrara. Under its ruling family, the Este, this city state attracted architects, artists and scholars for centuries, pioneering town planning principles that have been emulated worldwide ever since. To this day, Ferrara University ranks among the best, and the town is dubbed the "Cycling Capital of Italy". A private bus and trailer then take us back to our floating hotel in Adria, an ancient Roman port once washed by the sea which bears its name. Adria is also renowned for its Etruscan and Greek heritage. An after-dinner passeggiata into town for a well-earned grappa or gelato is in order.

DAY 9 Wednesday 2 July, 2025 Adria – Po Delta Nature Reserve – Pellestrina Isl

After a short cruise, we cycle into the delta of the life-giving Po. This unique wetland is the prime reserve in Europe for herons and home to a sizeable colony of flamingos. Weather permitting, as we continue towards Chioggia, we can also enjoy a break at a fine-sand beach nearby for a dip in the Adriatic – not forgetting a hot savoury piadina! Chioggia is also known as "Little Venice", a colourful fishing hub. The overnight takes place on the Island Pellestrina, just in front of Chioggia.

DAY 10 Thursday 3 July, 2025 Pellestrina island – Venice

Venice beckons, but first another world altogether: Pellestrina, the first of two islands we traverse today – a humble and tranquil fishing backwater, picturesque as ever with its cottages, boats and nets. A short island-hop by ferry lands us on the Lido. Fashionable in high society ever since the Belle Époque, the Lido di Venezia is now home to the International Venice Film Festival and its galaxy of stars. We will also visit a historic glass factory on Murano island, with a glassblowing demonstration by a master artisan. After rejoining our barge, an unrushed cruise in front of St Mark's square takes us to our final destination. After dinner we can savour Venice at night, now free of the crowds and at her most romantic: Benvenuti a Venezia!

DAY 11 Friday 4 July, 2025 Venice

Following a wander off the beaten track with your tour leader you have the day free to enjoy the city at your own pace. Christened La Serenissima ("The Most Serene"), the Venetian Republic held sway over much of the Mediterranean (and beyond) for centuries – both as a military power and a beacon of culture.

DAY 12 Saturday 5 July, 2025 Venice

Departure after breakfast. We transfer guests to Venice Airport.

Cycle as much or as little as you like!





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Price per person twin share:

Double/Twin	Lower	Cat B	\$5690	Cat C	\$5790
Double/Twin	Upper	Cat B	\$6390	Cat C	\$6490
Single	Lower	Cat A	\$7090	Upper	Cat A \$7690

Included in the price:

- Welcome Dinner
- 4 nights accommodation in 4 star hotel in Bardolino incl breakfast
- 7 night Po River Cruise in the requested cabin category.
- Sightseeing as listed in the itinerary.
- Bike rental each day (Electric bikes are on request. Additional charges of \$300 will apply)
- Tour management by Travelrite International Pty. Ltd.

Not included in the price:

- Passport and visa fees
- Travel insurance
- Meals unless specified in the itinerary
- Sightseeing and general expenses unless specified in the itinerary
- Additional travel arrangements not in the detailed itinerary. These will be quoted separately.
- *Flights are not included. Please contact one of our friendly consultants for a quote 1800 630 343.*

Extending: You can stay longer in Italy for minimal extra cost. Please contact 1800 630 343 for more information.

General information and booking conditions

Touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair-climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the need of assistance from others.

TOUR OPERATOR: Travelrite International Pty Ltd, ATAS number A10538 (ABN 64 005 817 078) is the tour operator.

TOUR COSTS: The tour costs are based on general transport, accommodation costs and foreign exchange rate at 1/5/24. Travelrite reserves the right to alter the costs if any of these factors change, giving any passenger that has booked the right to withdraw with full refund of monies paid or modify arrangements. No alterations to price will be made within 90 days of departure from Australia.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: A non-refundable deposit of \$900 per passenger is required at the time of booking. Full payment will be required 90 days before departure for the tour. A 1.5% administration fee will be charged on payments made by credit card.

CANCELLATION CONDITIONS: Cancellation over 90 days before tour departs will result in loss of deposit. Cancellation 90 days and under before tour departs will result in a loss of all monies paid.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Travel insurance is recommended to cover the costs of cancellation fees due to illness, death in family, etc.

MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS AND CONDITIONS: The tour has been priced on the basis of a minimum number of passengers having booked 90 days prior to departure. Travelrite reserves the right to cancel the tour, giving a full refund of all monies paid or offer arrangements to proceed with the tour at a modified cost. Travelrite reserves the right to change advertised entrances and/or substitute the tour host, if necessary for the smooth operation of the tour.

REFUNDS: The tour is based on arrangements that do not allow for any refunds in respect to sightseeing, accommodation, meals or other services not utilized after the tour has commenced.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: All passengers will require a valid passport. Visas for countries visited are not required for Australian passport holders. If you hold another passport, please check with Travelrite.

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HOW TO BOOK: Bookings can be made by sending full names and addresses of intending tour members with a non-refundable deposit of \$900 per person for the tour.

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