

EXCEPTIONAL EXPERIENCES: VENICE

Venetian Verve

Fine Craftsmanship, Clock Towers, Canals on Film

Inside St. Mark's Clock Tower:

Gain privileged access to Torre dell'Orologio — St. Mark's Clock Tower, one of the marvels of 15th-century engineering. Arrive in the evening to gain private entry to this technological masterpiece. You ascend the tower by the 19th-century spiral staircase; arriving at the rooftop Moors, marvel at the timepiece and the view across St. Mark's Square.

Venice in the Movies: A local guide leads you on a walking tour of Venice, focusing on famous film locations. Numerous hit movies have been made here, including *The Italian Job*, *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*, and several James Bond films. Your guide explains how filming was accomplished as you explore squares, canals and other movie settings.

Behind the Scenes: Enter the little-known world of true luxury Venetian craftsmanship with a personal shopper. First stop: The private estate of fashion designer Roberta di Camerino, where her inspiring wardrobe is opened to you. Meet a Venetian woman whose shoes are works of art, and follow intoxicating fragrances to a custom perfumery. Your six-day Venice tour also includes a market visit and an intimate cooking lesson with chef Enrica Rocca.

Vicenza and the Palladian Villas: Head out on a day excursion to the UNESCO World Heritage site named City of Vicenza. Your expert guide leads you around a city that was transformed in the 16th-century by Venetian architect Andrea Palladio, and where few changes have occurred since.

Clockwise from top:
Venetian gondola ride;
Torre dell'Orologio at
St. Mark's; Grand Canal;
Palladian villa.



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