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GENERAL INFORMATION NOTE





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1. ARRIVAL IN VENICE

1.1 MEET AND GREET SERVICE

A Meet and Greet service will be provided on arrival date for all the Delegates arriving at the airport of Venezia Marco Polo. A welcome desk will be located right outside the Arrivals exit, to the left ("OLTREX" desk).

A personal Welcome Letter containing all the information about the conference will be delivered directly to the hotels.

1.2 FROM VENEZIA - MARCO POLO AIRPORT TO TOWN

The major international airport of Venice is "Marco Polo".

It is located about 10 km (6.2 miles) north from the City Centre and about 11 km (6.8 miles) from the meeting venue. The airport code is VCE and it has only one Terminal.

For further information please visit the official website of Venezia - Marco Polo Airport: www.veniceairport.it/en.

The best way to reach the City Centre from Venezia - Marco Polo Airport is by coach, by taxi, by water bus or by water taxi, depending on where your hotel is located.

By Coach

Frequent buses and coaches link Venezia - Marco Polo Airport with the City Centre (Piazzale Roma) in approximately 35 minutes.

ATVO

From Venezia - Marco Polo Airport (second line outside the Airport Arrivals hall).

To Piazzale Roma (City Center).

Frequency: 30 minutes.

Price: € 6,00

Booking on-line: www.atvo.it

ACTV - Line 5Aerobus

From Venezia - Marco Polo Airport (second line outside the Airport Arrivals hall).

To Piazzale Roma (City Center).

Frequency: 30 minutes.

Price: € 6,00

Booking on-line: www.actv.it

By Taxi

The taxi service is provided by *Cooperativa Artigiana Radiotaxi*.

Telephone: +39 041 5964 (24-hour service)

Attention: taxis are not allowed in town; they all leave their passengers in Piazzale Roma, near Venezia Santa Lucia Railway Station.



By Water Bus

A public water bus (vaporetto) service runs from the airport dock to Venice and the main islands (Murano, Burano, Lido). The water bus service is provided by the company *Alilaguna*.

From the Arrivals hall exit, look on the left for the covered walkway and follow the walkway for 7 minutes until you reach the dock.

Tickets can be purchased:

- At the Public Transport ticket office in the Airport Arrivals hall
- At the ticket machines at baggage claim near carousels 3 or 5
- At the ticket office at the dock (water bus landing stage)
- On board the water bus.

By Water Taxi

Water taxi is the fastest way to travel around Venice. They are not cheap, but definitely folkloristic. The company *Venezia Water Taxi* has about 30 taxi who can host up to 10 persons.

Telephone: +39 041 5229040 (24-hour service)

1.3 FROM TREVISO - CANOVA AIRPORT TO TOWN

The second airport of Rome Venezia is the "Antonio Canova" Airport.

It is located about 30 km (18.6 miles) north from the City Centre and about 31 km (19.3 miles) from the meeting venue. The airport code is TSF and it has only one Terminal.

For further information please visit the official website of Treviso - Antonio Canova Airport: <http://www.trevisoairport.it/en>.

The best way to reach the City Centre of Venice from Treviso - Antonio Canova Airport is by coach or by taxi.

By Coach

Frequent buses and coaches link Treviso - Antonio Canova Airport with the City Centre of Venice (Piazzale Roma) in approximately 50 minutes.

ATVO

From Treviso - Antonio Canova Airport.

To Piazzale Roma (City Center).

Frequency: 20-40 minutes.

Price: € 10,00

Booking on-line: www.atvo.it

By Taxi

The taxi service is provided by the company *Radio Taxi Treviso*.

Telephone: +39 0422 431515 (24-hour service)

For more details on the rate that will be applied, ask information to the staff in charge before boarding the vehicle.



By coach and train

ACTI line 6 to Treviso railway station, then train to Venezia Santa Lucia Railway Station.

- ACTT line 6 departs from Via Noalese, to the right of the airport exit, every 15-20 minutes and arrives in Treviso Train Station in about 15 minutes. Tickets (€ 1,30) can be purchased at the ticket office, in the Arrivals hall on the ground floor of Treviso Airport terminal building.
- Regional train departs every 15 minutes and arrives in Venezia Santa Lucia in about 20 minutes. Tickets (€ 3,30) can be purchased at the ticket office or at the vending machines.

2. HOTEL RESERVATION

2.1 HOTEL LIST

HOTEL MONACO E GRAND CANAL ★★★★★

Address: San Marco 1332

Tel: +39 041 520 0211

The Hotel Monaco & Grand Canal enjoys an unparalleled location in Venice overlooking the Grand Canal and next to Ca' Giustinian, the historical headquarters of the Venice Biennale. The hotel is also close to the true heart of the city, St. Mark's Square, and enjoys wonderful views of the Basilica della Salute and the Island of San Giorgio.

HOTEL WESTIN REGINA ★★★★★

Address: San Marco 2159

Tel: +39 041 2400001

Inside the historical 17th Century palaces that compose the Hotel, guestrooms and suites are nestled in a setting of relaxed luxury. Outside, the artistic and theatre district surround the Hotel; following Calle XXII Marzo, lined with luxury shops, makes a dramatic entrance to Piazza San Marco.

HOTEL DANIELI ★★★★★

Address: Riva degli Schiavoni 4196

Tel: +39 041 5226480

With sweeping views over the Venetian lagoons, Hotel Danieli enjoys a location rich in history on Riva degli Schiavoni. The hotel is just moments from Piazza San Marco, the heart of the city and guests can easily wander around the many authentic streets nearby. Hotel Danieli offers a distinguished setting for prestigious events, meetings and other occasions.

HOTEL LUNA BAGLIONI ★★★★★

Address: San Marco 1243

Tel: +39 041 5289840

This historic Venetian hotel, member of the Leading Hotels of the World and Fine Hotels & Resorts, is housed in a magnificent, aristocratic Venetian palace and offers its guests an intimate, welcoming atmosphere combined with impeccable service.



HOTEL CASANOVA ★★★

Address: San Marco Frezzaria 1284

Tel: +39 041 5206855

Hotel Casanova is located in Calle Frezzaria, one of the most famous and important streets in Venice, less than 50 meters from St. Mark's Square and very close to Calle XXII Marzo, which is well-known for its exclusive boutiques. It has 50 rooms of various type disposed in four floors with a lift.

Internet wi-fi connection is available in public areas free of charge.

2.2 HOW TO RESERVE

While filling the online registration form, you will be asked to indicate a preference for your hotel. Symposia will check its availability and will send you a confirmation e-mail.

Reservations must be guaranteed by credit card. Nothing will be charged at the reservation time. Payments will be done directly at check out time in the hotel, which will provide a regular invoice.

For any special need (room kind, check in and check out date and similar), please contact the Organizing Secretariat by sending an e-mail to info@grupposymposia.it.

2.3 CANCELLATION POLICY

In case of no show or late cancellation (within 3 days before the arrival date), the cost of the first night will be charged on your credit card.



3. MEETING VENUE AND TRANSPORTATION

The meeting will be held at:

TEATRO LA FENICE



The Teatro La Fenice was founded in 1792. In the nineteenth century, the theatre staged the world premieres of numerous operas, including Rossini's *Tancredi*, *Sigismondo* and *Semiramide*, Bellini's *I Capuleti e i Montecchi* (The Capulets and the Montagues) and *Beatrice di Tenda*, Donizetti's *Belisario* (*Belisarius*), *Pia de' Tolomei*, and *Maria de Rudenz*, and Verdi's *Ernani*, *Attila*, *Rigoletto*, *La traviata* and *Simon Boccanegra*.

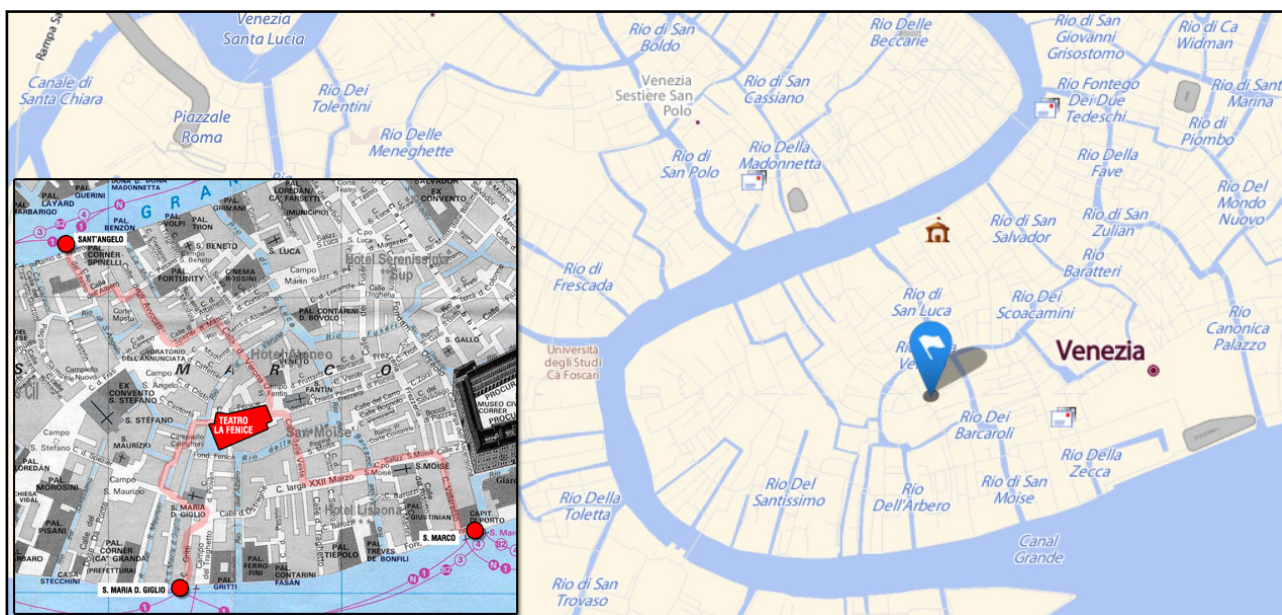
In the last century, the Fenice has also placed a special emphasis on contemporary productions, welcoming the world premieres of Stravinski's *The Rake's Progress*, Britten's *The Turn of the Screw*, Prokofiev's *L'angelo di fuoco* (*The Fiery Angel*), Nono's *Intolleranza* (*Intolerance*) and Maderna's *Hyperion*. Recent premieres have included Kagel's *Entführung im Konzertsaal* (*Kidnapping in the Concert Hall*), Guarnieri's *Medea*, Mosca's *Signor Goldoni* and Ambrosini's *Il killer di parole* (*The Killer of Words*).

The theatre is a leading creative venue, staging more than one hundred opera performances per year, a major symphonic season conducted by prominent conductors from across the globe (including frequent collaborations with Myung-Whun Chung, Riccardo Chailly, Jeffrey Tate, Vladimir Temirkanov and Dmitrij Kitajenko), the full cycles of symphonies by Beethoven, Schumann, Brahms and Mahler, a contemporary repertoire focused especially on Venetian artists such as Nono and Maderna, ballets, and chamber music concerts.



Address

La Fenice Opera House
Campo St Fantin, 1965
St Mark, 30124 Venice
Telephone: +39 041 786511
E-mail: info@teatrolafenice.org



3.1 LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

A private boat transportation service will be provided for all the delegates to get from Venezia Marco Polo Airport to the meeting venue.

3.2 HOW TO GET TO THE MEETING VENUE

Distance from Venezia Airport - Marco Polo: 11 km (6.8 Miles)

Distance from Venezia Santa Lucia Railway Station: 1.5 km (0.9 Miles)

From Venezia Santa Lucia Railway Station and from Piazzale Roma:

- Take the water bus (vaporetto) line 1 to "Sant'Angelo" stop; then walk to Teatro La Fenice.

On **Ottobber 31st**, at **09.00 am**, there will be a Meeting Point with our hostess in the Hall of the **Hotel Monaco and Grand Canal**, to walk to the Teatro La Fenice.

For those who prefer to come directly to the **Teatro La Fenice**, the meeting point will be at **09.30** in the hall of the theatre for **registration**.



3.3 WI-FI AND FACILITIES AT THE VENUE

Full conference facilities and equipment, including wireless internet access, computers and printing machines, will be available at the meeting venue during the days of the meeting. Wi-Fi will be available in the whole meeting venue for free.

Coffee/tea and light refreshments will be provided in the morning. Buffet lunch will be served at the Meeting Venue for free for all delegates.

The organizing secretariat will be available for all delegates to inform you and guide you during your stay.

4. SOCIAL PROGRAMME

4.1 WELCOME DINNER BUFFET - OCTOBER 30th

On Thursday, October 30th, from *8.00 pm*, a Welcome Party will be held for all the Delegates in the Ridotto Ballroom of the **Hotel Monaco e Grand Canal**.



In 1638 the Hotel Monaco was a public Ridotto or “Foyer”, a place where Venetians would retire to gamble, hold parties, have fun – all pastimes that perfectly embody the Venetian mercantile spirit. Open during Carnival, which then lasted six months, the Foyer became famous. It was a place greatly



frequented by travelers who were attracted by the international notoriety of the Venetian Carnival. It offered the most intense and diverse theatre season in Europe, parties, extraordinary kinds of entertainment as well as gambling choices without equal. State revenues from gambling were incredibly high.

In 1768, after 130 years of service, the Foyer needed to be renovated and the task was given to the architect Bernardino Maccaruzzi, who modified the internal structure making it more functional.

How to reach the Hotel Monaco e Grand Canal

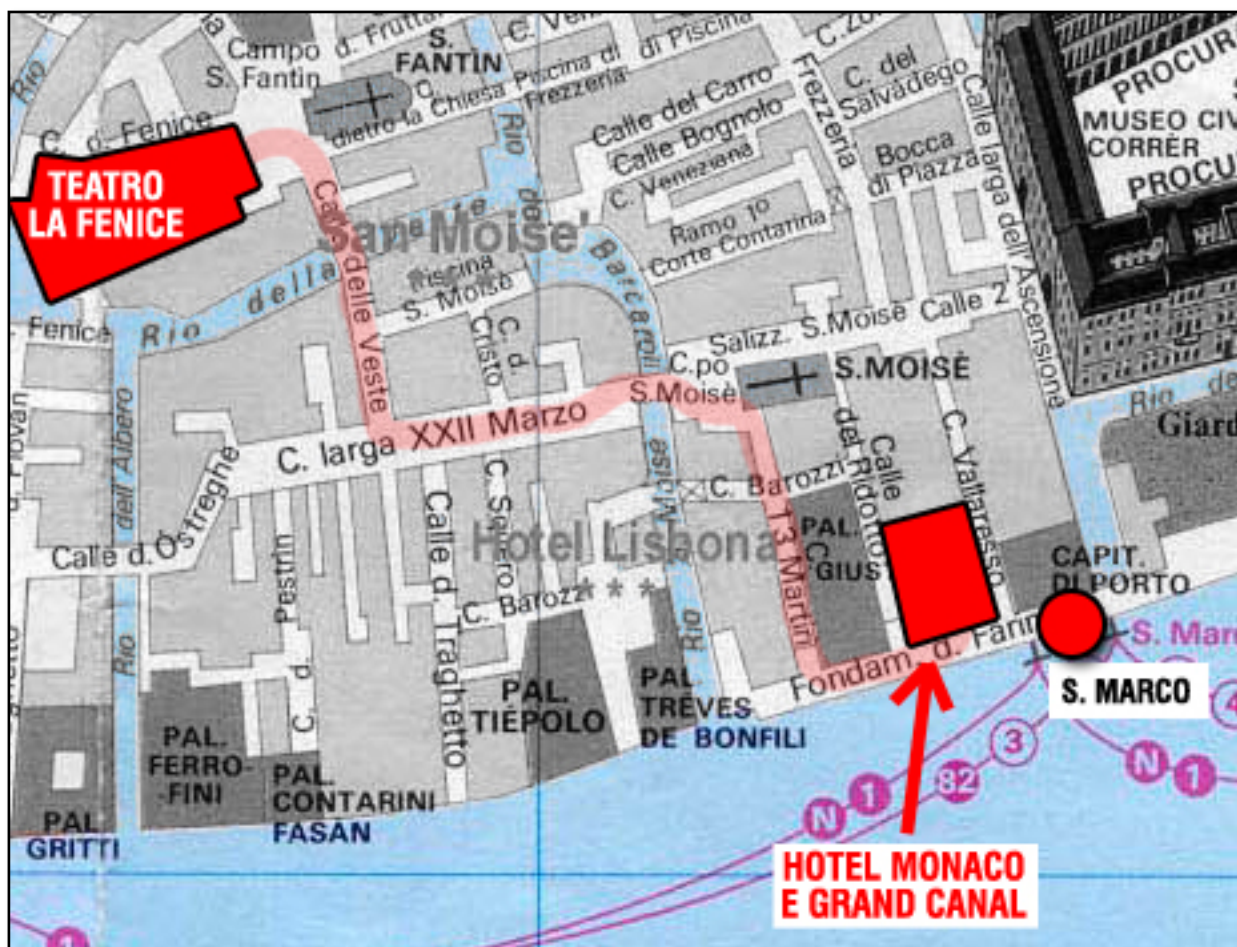
The Hotel Monaco e Grand Canal is located in **San Marco, 1332**.

From Venezia Santa Lucia Railway Station and from Piazzale Roma:

Take the water bus (vaporetto) line 1 to "San Marco" stop; the hotel is on the left.

From Teatro La Fenice (meeting venue):

Looking at the Church of St. Fantin, go right on Calle delle Veste; at the end of the street, turn left on Calle Larga XXII Marzo; after the bridge, keep the right and take Calle 13 Martiri; at the end of the road, turn left; the hotel will be on your left side.





4.2 WORKING DINNER - OCTOBER 31st

The working dinner will take place at the Restaurant "La Favorita".

Meeting Point: **07.45 pm** in the hall of the **Hotel Monaco e Grand Canal**.

Restaurant "La Favorita"

"La Favorita" Restaurant is at Venice Lido, in a unique and fascinating environment, where, among the secluded silent streets with their luxurious vegetation, there are beautiful Belle Époque buildings and grand hotels such as the Des Bains and the Excelsior, which are livened up by the international elite during the Film Festival.

Venice Lido

Lido is the beach of Venice. This island shelters the lagoon from the Adriatic Sea, and is famous for its Movie Festival which is held every year between the end of August and the first week of September. In 1920 it was the most important beach in Italy, due to its aristocratic atmosphere (still present today). Here Thomas Mann wrote "*A Death in Venice*" and it was shot in Visconti's 1972 movie (inspired by the book). Some of the scenes of *The English Patient* were shot here as well (inside The Hotel Des Bains, one of the most important buildings, erected in Liberty Style). A scene from *Casino Royale* (Daniel Craig, 2006) was shot here as well. The British travel writer Robin Saikia's book, *The Venice Lido*, gives a lively overview of the Lido's literary and social history from ancient times to the present day.





5. TOURIST INFORMATION

5.1 VISITING VENICE

ST MARK'S SQUARE

St. Mark's Square (Piazza San Marco) is filled with centuries of history and is still the symbolic heart of Venice; it has even been referred to as the drawing room of Europe. With the grand St Mark's Church at one end, the Campanile bell tower rising in the middle and the elegant colonnaded arcade of famous cafes on three sides, it is a wonderful place to be - and the hundreds of pigeons think so too.



RIALTO BRIDGE

Probably the most visited and most photographed bridge in Venice, the Rialto Bridge (Ponte di Rialto) opened in 1591. For nearly three hundred years, it was the only way to cross the Grand Canal on foot. The bridge replaced various wooden bridges that had occupied the same location since the 12th century.





CHURCH OF SANTA MARIA DELLA SALUTE

This magnificent church is one of the most photographed structures in Venice. The church was built in the 17th century after a deadly wave of the plague had passed.



GRAND ST. MARK'S CHURCH

Saint Mark's Basilica is a monument made unique by both its wealth of history and the magnificence of its façade and interior. In essence, it is a splendid workshop, where, through the centuries, worked great Italian and European artists.

Its distinguishing Byzantine character appears particularly on the great mosaics illustrating St. Marco's tales, as well as the scenes of the Old and New Testament.



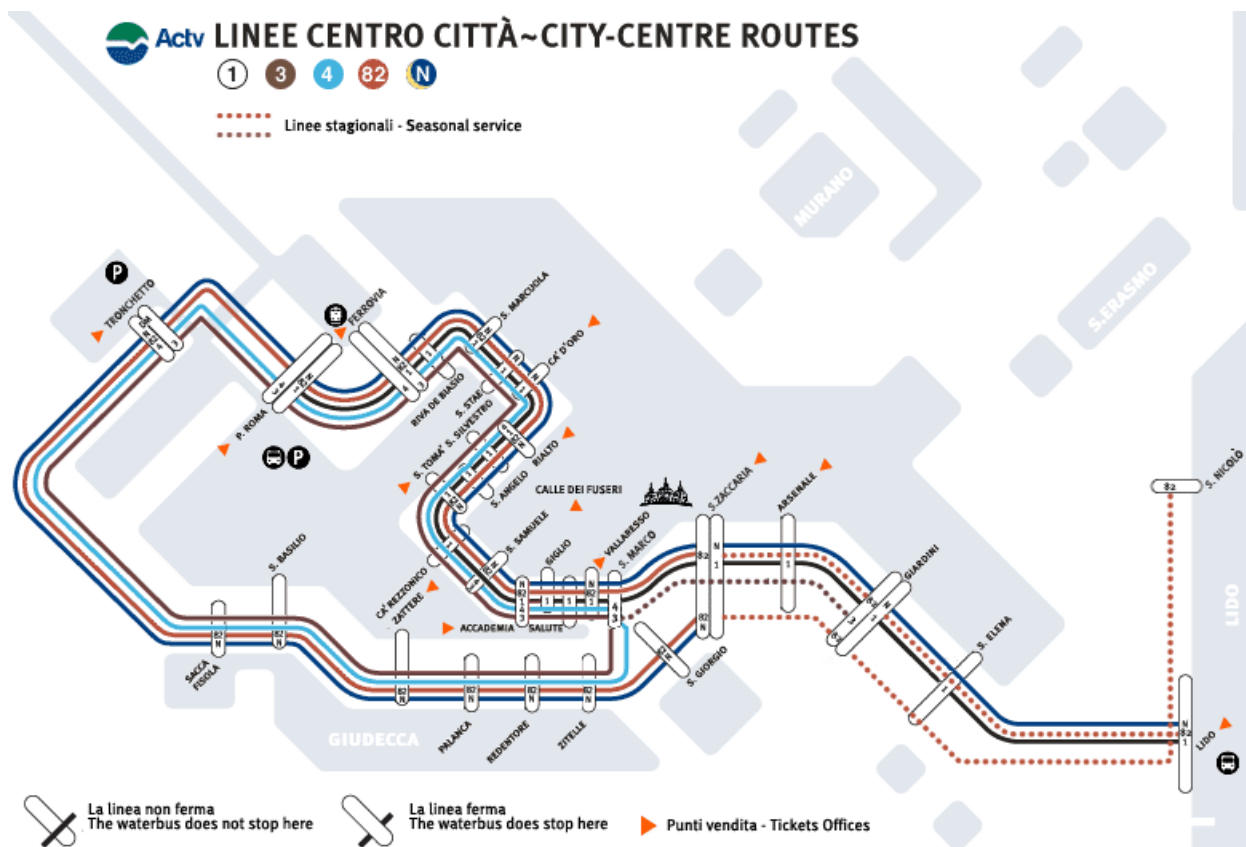


PALAZZO DUCALE (DOGE'S PALACE)

A masterpiece of Gothic architecture, the Doge's Palace is an impressive structure composed of layers of building elements and ornamentation, from its 14th and 15th century original foundations to the significant Renaissance and opulent Mannerist adjunctions. The structure is made up of three large blocks, incorporating previous constructions. The wing towards the St. Mark's Basin is the oldest, rebuilt from 1340 onwards. The wing towards St. Mark's Square was built in its present form from 1424 onwards. The canal-side wing, housing the Doge's apartments and many government offices, dates from the Renaissance and was built between 1483 and 1565.



5.2 PUBLIC TRANSPORT





Mobility in Venice, a fish-shaped city surrounded and crossed by water, is characterized by two viability systems: waterways, canals and streams, and pedestrian walkways consisting of, in Venetian language, calle, campo, fondamenta, salizzata; the island-made city is connected by a substantial number of bridges.

In this unique setting, where history blends with art, ACTV public transport ensures mobility throughout almost the entire area, through a network of water connections developing around four routes:

- 1) City Centre Routes, crossing the city mainly along the waterways of the Grand Canal or the Giudecca Canal, from Tronchetto to the Venice Lido (routes 1 and 2);
- 2) GiraCittà Routes, connecting Venice to Murano and the Venice Lido along the external lagoon perimeter (routes 3, 41.1, 41.2, 51.1, 51.2, 6);
- 3) Lagoon Routes, connecting the outer islands of the archipelago, like Murano, Burano, Torcello, Sant'Erasmo, S. Servolo to the mainland, arriving at Marco Polo airport at Tessera, Treport, Punta Sabbioni, Chioggia, Fusina, S. Giuliano (routes 12, 13, 14, 19);
- 4) Seasonal Routes, running in the tourist seasons or during important events the routes are named after.

Mobility in Venice is ensured 24 hours a day. The N night service network runs from approximately midnight until five in the morning.

By Water Bus

The **ordinary water services ticket** allows travel on all services (except for those of routes Alilaguna, and Actv routes no. 16, 19, 21 and Casinò) for **60 minutes** from stamping, with transport means change allowed in the same direction. Does not include the return journey. Included in the price is the transport of one luggage item of up to 150 cm as the sum of its three dimensions. Can be purchased from the Venezia Unica ticket desks and the authorized resellers.

The **Travel Cards** are the most economical solution for people who want to get around Venice and its surroundings on Actv's land and water services. They allow unlimited travel and can be used on all the services - both waterborne (except those of routes Alilaguna, and Actv routes no. 16, 19, 21 and Casinò) and on land - that provide urban services within the municipality ("Comune") of Venice (land services on the Lido and in Mestre except land-bus routes for journeys having Venice Marco Polo Airport as departure or arrival point).

Validity can be 1, 2, 3 or 7 days from stamping, depending on the chosen tariff solution. Included in the price is the transport of one luggage item of up to 150 cm as the sum of its three dimensions. Can be purchased from the Venezia Unica ticket desks, the self-service ticket machines of: Piazzale Roma S.Chiera, Ferrovia Scalzi, Ferrovia S.Lucia, S.Marcuola, Ca' d'Oro, Rialto, S.Tomà, Zattere, S.Marco Vallaresso and Giardinetti, S.Zaccaria Danieli and Pietà, Arsenale, Lido S.M. Elisabetta, Burano, Punta Sabbioni, Marco Polo airport, municipal Carpark in Piazzale Roma, Ospedale dell'Angelo, and the authorized resellers.).



- 20,00 € - 1 day travelcard
- 30,00 € - 2 days travelcard
- 40,00 € - 3 days travelcard
- 60,00 € - 7 days travelcard

By Water taxi

Water taxi is the fastest way to travel around Venice. They are not cheap, but definitely folkloristic. The company *Venezia Water Taxi* has about 30 taxi who can host up to 10 persons.

Telephone: +39 041 5229040 (24-hour service)

5.3 OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Currency: Euro (€, EUR).

Electricity: 220V

Time Zone: GMT/UTC +1 (Central European Time)

Telephone Area Code: The Country Code for Italy is 39; 041 is the city code for Venice. Hence, when calling Italy from abroad please dial: 1) International access code: 0039 2) the city code 041.

Emergency Telephone Numbers:

Police 113

Fire 115

Ambulance 118

General Emergencies 112