









#### **ITALY**

# LA BELLA VITA - VENICE & MANTUA (TOUR CODE: 11839)

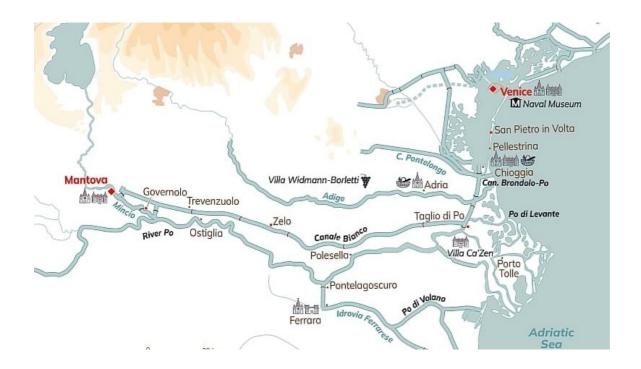
STARTS AND ENDS	TRAVEL PERIODS	EXPERIENCE	TRAVEL STYLE
in Venice	05 Apr 26 - 25 Oct 26	Cruising	Barge Cruising
		Food & Wine	
		Cultural	

A cruise on the Venetian Lagoon, River Po and Canal Bianco between Venice and the lakeside city of Mantua is a truly magical experience.

#### Highlights

- Dinner ashore at the 17th Century stately home Villa Ca'Zen
- · Tour of Chioggia with its Roman, Etruscan and Byzantine history
- Tour of historic Venice, The Naval Museum and the Pavilion of Gondolas
- · Visit Mantua's 14th century Ducal Palace and Gardens

Explore the rich cultural heritage of Italy with guided tours of Ferrara, Mantua, and Chioggia, where Renaissance, Roman, Etruscan and Byzantine influences come to life. Cruise through diverse landscapes, from vibrant lagoon islands to wild dunes and bird-filled pine forests. La Bella Vitra, a stylish 20-passenger vessel, features a modern Italian interior with vibrant colours, a welcoming bar and a spacious dining room with panoramic views. Enjoy comfortable ensuite cabins, two upper-deck junior suites, and a vast sun deck with loungers, offering the perfect setting for relaxation.



## **INCLUSIONS**

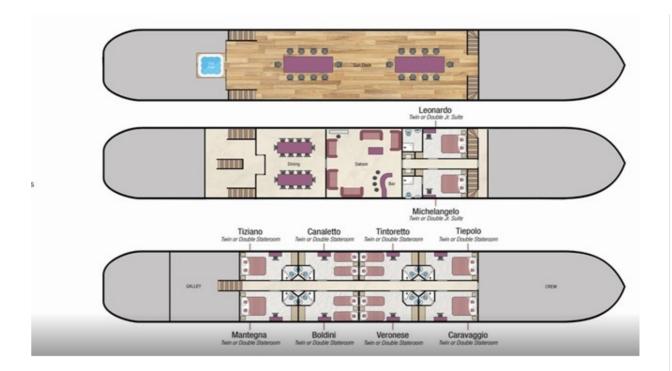
- 6 nights onboard the Hotel Barge La Bella Vita in a Stateroom
- Crew of 6-10 (Captain, tour guide, chef and hostesses)
- Transfers by an air-conditioned minivan
- · Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily prepared by your chef
- · Captains farewell dinner on your last night
- · Selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- · Excursions as per itinerary
- · Use of barge facilities

### **ITINERARY**

## Deck Hotel Barge La Bella Vita

#### First Class | 20 Passengers | 6-10 Crew

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- 148 Feet long
- 2 Twin/Double Junior Suites (130sq ft. incl. en suite)
- 8 Twin/Double Staterooms (105sq ft. incl. en suite)
- Air-Conditioned
- Centrally Heated
- Piano



### <sup>≥</sup> 1 Mestre (Venice)

Guests are met at the **Best Western Hotel Bologna in Mestre\*** and transferred by private chauffeured minibus to La Bella Vita for a prosecco welcome, followed by a late afternoon cruise along the Giudecca Canal past some of Venice's most famous monuments – the Chiesa del Redentore, the impressive Basilica di Santa Maria della Salute and the Punta della Dogana – before mooring near the Naval Museum and enjoying dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard Hotel Barge La Bella Vita in a Stateroom.

Dinner



### Venice San Pietro in Volta

This morning begins with a guided visit to the **Doge's Palace**, also known as Palazzo Ducale, a Gothic masterpiece that once served as the political and judicial centre of the Venetian Republic. Now a museum, it features magnificent chambers, grand staircases, and priceless artworks. After lunch, there is free time to explore further, perhaps with a guided walking

tour through the quiet Castello District and the Naval History Museum, home to historic vessels including ceremonial barges and warships. Alternatively, visit **Murano**, the renowned "Island of Glass", to see the famed glassworks. In the late afternoon, cruise to Pellestrina, separating the Venetian Lagoon from the Adriatic Sea, passing lagoon islands with ancient monasteries, colourful fishing boats and small churches. There may be time for a walk or cycle along the 18th-century Istrian Sea Wall before dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard Hotel Barge La Bella Vita in a Stateroom.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



### § 3 San Pietro in Volta Taglio di Po

After breakfast, cruise to Chioggia, city of Goldoni's plays. Here you will **visit the 18**<sup>th</sup> **century Church of San Domenico** set on its own island, to see Carpaccio's St Paul, his last recorded painting and other works of art by Tintoretto and Bassano. You will also admire the **Piazzetta Vigo** and visit the colourful fish market. There will also be the opportunity to enjoy a short tour of Chioggia's pretty canals in a traditional locally-built boat, before re-joining La Bella Vita. Passing through a nature reserve with flamingos and occasional heron, snipe and other wildfowl, travel upriver to Taglio di Po for dinner ashore hosted by the owners at the beautiful 17<sup>th</sup>Century Villa Ca'Zen, a private stately home by the river where Lord Byron courted the Countess Giuccioli and wrote some of his best poetry.

Overnight stay onboard Hotel Barge La Bella Vita in a Stateroom.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



# 34 Taglio di Po Zelo

This morning, the cruise continues along the **Bianco Canal** to Adria, an ancient Etruscan town with a visit to the Archaeological Museum. After lunch on board, the journey continues by road to the **Bagnoli Estate** to explore the Renaissance gardens and wine cellars of the 17th-century Villa Widmann Borletti, where a private tasting of the estate's renowned vintages is arranged. The winery has been a supplier to Venetian society for centuries. Later, the barge is rejoined in Zelo. Dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard **Hotel Barge La Bella Vita** in a Stateroom.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



### Zelo Vallazza

The morning begins with a guided tour of the Renaissance city of **Ferrara**, including views of the **Estense Castle** with its surrounding moat and a visit to the magnificent cathedral, whose sculpted façade is often described as an 'illustrated Bible'.

In the afternoon, return to the hotel barge in Trevenzuolo for a relaxing canal cruise past villages and farmsteads en route to Vallazza. Dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard Hotel Barge La Bella Vita in a Stateroom.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



### §6 Vallazza Mantua

The final cruise makes a dramatic approach to **Mantua**, birthplace of the poet Virgil and home to artists Mantegna and Donatello, set against a captivating lakeside backdrop. The city showcases exceptional neo-classical and baroque architecture, epitomised by the 14th-century Ducal Palace, once residence of the Gonzaga family. With its courtyards, gardens, museum, basilica and theatre, along with intricate frescoes, the Gallery of Mirrors, the Rivers Room and 12,000 artworks, Mantua provides a magnificent finale to this Italian Renaissance journey. **Captain's Farewell** Dinner on board.

Overnight stay onboard Hotel Barge La Bella Vita in a Stateroom.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



After breakfast, guests are transferred by private chauffeured minibus to the Best Western Hotel Bologna in Mestre\*.

Breakfast

# **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE LOCAL CURRENCY
Italian EURO

#### **Departure Dates and Pricing:**

### 2025 Cruise Rates

Rates are for 6 nights either: per person based on double occupancy per cabin or on a whole barge charter basis. Prices below are in Euros.

Accommodation	Value	Regular
Stateroom	€4,790	€5,350
Junior Suite	€5,890	€6,550
Single Supplement	€1,900	€2,100
Charter (Whole Barge)		
Charter 10 passengers	€76,000	€85,000
Charter 12 passengers	€78,700	€88,200
Charter 14 passengers	€81,400	€91,400
Charter 16 passengers	€84,100	€94,600
Charter 18 passengers	€86,800	€97,800
Charter 20 passengers	€89,500	€101,000
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### 2026 Cruise Rates

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Apr 5, 12, 19	Value	Italy - Venice & the
Apr 0, 12, 10	value	Po Valley
Apr 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Jun 7, 14, 21, 28; Jul 5	Regular	Italy - Venice & the
	Value	Po Valley
Jul 19 & 26		Italy - Venice & the
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Aug 23, 30; Sep 6, 13, 20, 27; Oct 4, 11, 18	Regular	Italy - Venice & the
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Oct 25th	Value	Italy - Venice & the
		Po Valley

- This is a sample itinerary and is subject to change. On alternate weeks, the cruise will be in the reverse direction. Some cruises may be on the River Po, depending on the water level.
- This barge is available for charter bookings and theme cruises. Contact us for more details.

#### Pick-up Point

· Cabin bookings - Best Western Hotel Bologna in Mestre

#### **Drop-off Point**

· Cabin bookings - Best Western Hotel Bologna in Mestre

#### **Booking / Payment Process**

- On our website the Barge Cruise prices are show in Euros
- · All payments will be made to us in Australian Dollars
- The current exchange rate will be used at the time of deposit and balance
- Our invoice will make this clear and our team is here to assist you

#### **Supplier Booking Conditions Apply**

Due to the boutique nature and limited capacity of this travel experience, under our Bookings Conditions this package classifies as "Booking Type 2 – Travel Experience where we act as agent only". Your contract for the delivery of travel arrangements will be with the principal supplier and will be subject to their Booking Conditions. We will advise you prior to confirming your booking the full details and Booking Conditions of the principal supplier. Our responsibility to you where we sell travel arrangements as agent for the supplier is specified in the 'Responsibility' section of our Booking Conditions.

### Special Offer Terms & Conditions Apply:

Offer will only apply to new bookings confirmed and deposited by 11 August 2025 and cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer.

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#### Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- · Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.)
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- · Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package