



Eventi a Venezia
San Marco Events & Tours

La Bella Vita”- Mantua to Venice and the Italian Renaissance 2018

Enjoy a truly unique experience on board of La Bella Vita, cruising from the Lagoon of Venice to the Lakes surrounding the city of Mantua. Discover the elegance of the Italian Renaissance visiting the ducal cities of the Po Valley and their imposing palaces, strolling in their fascinating squares, walking or biking along the banks. Seven days of emotion, six nights on board of a luxury all-inclusive hotel barge! La Bella Vita is a stylish 20-passengers vessel that has been totally refitted in 2010 to high standards to offer comfortable, fully air-conditioned accommodation. She has 2 upper-deck suites and 8 staterooms, a bright and spacious dining room and a bar area with books, games and a piano. A huge sun deck above with comfortable sun loungers will offer you the perfect view of the beautiful landscapes during the trip and the possibility to immerse yourself both in the nature and in the culture of this extraordinary experience.

A very special trip aboard a luxury all-inclusive hotel barge cruising the Venetian Lagoon and the River Po Valley to Mantua and its lakes in Style and Elegance.

Discover the Italian Renaissance by visiting Venice, Ferrara, Mantua but also enjoying fabulous landscapes and tasting the Italian Cuisine and Wines.

Sunday, Day 1

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Guests are met at the designated meeting point in **Venice** on Sunday and transferred to La Bella Vita, moored in Porto Catena in **Mantua**. A Prosecco Welcome gives you a chance to meet the crew followed by the visit to the 14th century **Ducal Palace**, set in 15 gardens and courtyards, a museum, basilica and theatre. The palace has intricate frescoes, a Gallery of Mirrors and an exquisite Rivers Room and houses an impressive 12,000 paintings and sculptures. Dinner on board.



Monday, Day 2

MANTUA TO GOVERNOLO

After breakfast our local guide will take us to explore **Mantua city centre**. Those opera lovers amongst you will of course be familiar with the story of the Duke of Mantua from Rigoletto. The Palazzi, fine architecture and squares reflect the wealth of the Dukes of Gonzaga Family. The town is also famous as the birthplace of Virgil, and of artists Mantegna and Donatello. We re-join the boat for lunch and a cruise to Governolo.

Dinner and overnight aboard.



Tuesday, Day 3

GOVERNOLO TO BOSARO

Morning cruise along the Bianco Canal past villages and farmsteads to Zelo. This afternoon we transfer for a guided tour of the Renaissance city of **Ferrara**, including the 14thC Estense Castle with its moat, drawbridges, marble balconies and sumptuous apartments, and the Schifanoia Palace with its fabulous 15thC frescoes. We also see the cathedral façade with its sculpted images described as an Illustrated Bible.

Return to the barge, navigation to Bosaro and ... are you ready for a surprise on board?



Wednesday, Day 4

BOSARO TO TAGLIO DI PO

In the morning we visit the magnificent Renaissance gardens and wine cellars of the 17th century **Villa Widmann Borletti** for a private tasting of their renowned estate grown vintages. This winery has been supplying Venetian society for centuries. We return to La Bella Vita for lunch, then an afternoon cruise downstream along the Bianco Canal to enter the Po River and reach our peaceful mooring place at Taglio di Po. This evening we have dinner ashore at the beautiful 17thC **Villa Ca' Zen**, where we are hosted by the owners for a private dinner. It was here that Lord Byron courted the Countess Guiccioli and, whilst a guest at the villa, wrote some of his best poetry. Overnight on board.



Thursday, Day 5

TAGLIO DI PO TO SAN PIETRO IN VOLTA

Morning cruise to Porto Levante, passing through a nature reserve with flamingos and occasional heron, snipe and other wildlife. Transfer to **Chioggia** and visit to the very ancient city admiring the colourful fresh fish market, the Cathedral planned by Baldassarre Longhena, Piazzetta Vigo, the 18th C Church of San Domenico to see Carpaccio's St Paul. There's will also be the opportunity to enjoy a short tour of Chioggia's pretty canals in a traditional locally-built boat. After lunch aboard, we cruise through the lagoon past rustic fishing huts on stilts and the island of Pellestrina to **San Pietro in Volta**. Here there is the opportunity to stroll or cycle along the 18th century Istrian sea wall, with the Adriatic on one side and the lagoon to the other. Dinner and overnight aboard.



Friday, Day 6

SAN PIETRO IN VOLTA TO VENICE

Our final cruise takes us to **Venice** passing several lagoon islands with their coloured houses or ancient monasteries. Mooring on the waterfront outside the Naval Museum near St Marks we make a guided tour of the **Doge's Palace** in the morning after a buffet lunch on board. Free time in the afternoon

Captain's Farewell Dinner aboard.

Saturday, Day 7

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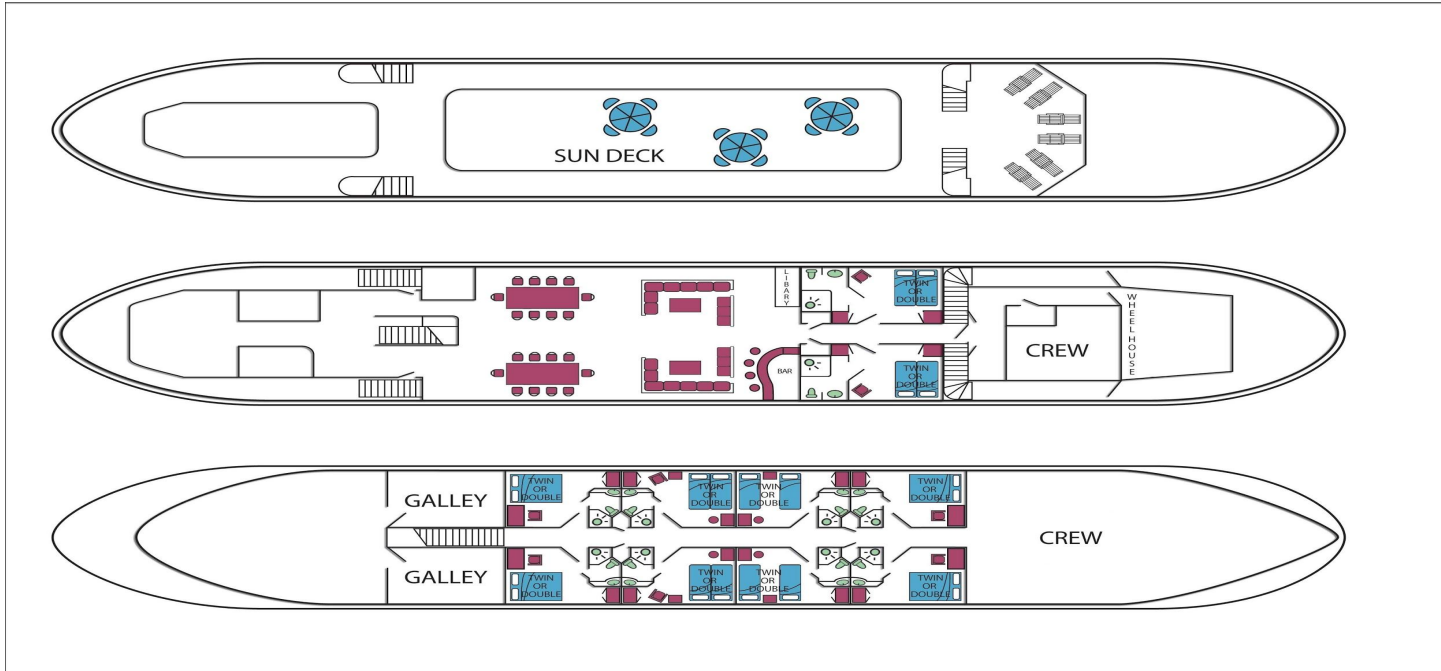
After breakfast passengers disembark for the transfers to P.le Roma or Htl. Laguna Palace.

LBV themed Cruises:

- **Renaissance Cruise**
- **Family Cruise**
- **Golf Cruise**
- **Opera Cruise**



La Bella Vita – Deckplan



La Bella Vita –Classic Cruise - Rates 2018

Accommodation	Value	Regular
Stateroom per person	€ 3.290,00 p.p.	€ 3.590,00 p.p.
Junior Suite per person	€ 3.990,00 p.p.	€ 4.390,00 p.p.
Single supplement	€ 1.250,00 p.p.	€ 1.450,00 p.p.
Charter 10 passengers whole boat	€ 50.900,00	€ 56.500,00
Charter 12 passengers whole boat	€ 52.800,00	€ 58.600,00
Charter 14 passengers whole boat	€ 54.700,00	€ 60.700,00
Charter 16 passengers whole boat	€ 56.600,00	€ 62.800,00
Charter 18 passengers whole boat	€ 58.500,00	€ 64.900,00
Charter 20 passengers whole boat	€ 60.400,00	€ 67.000,00

The price includes: Transfer to the barge from the meeting point on Sunday, 6 night cruise, all meals on board catered by the on board Master Chef, open bar 24/7 with a large range of alcoholic and non alcoholic drinks, all wines served throughout the cruise, excursions and admittance fees as per the itinerary, use of barge facilities, which includes 10 bicycles, and transfer back to the drop off point the following Saturday morning.

Departures 2018 (on Sunday)

March 25 Value

April 01, 08, 15 Value

April 22, 29 Regular

May 06, 13, 20, 27 Regular

June 03, 10, 17, 24 Regular

July 01, 08, 15, 22, 29 Regular

August 05, 12, 19, 26 Regular

September 02, 9, 16, 23, 30 Regular

October 07, 14, 21, 28 Value

