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“La Bella Vita” - an Opera Cruise in Italy 2024 from Venice to Mantua



Do you like the Opera? Then come to Italy and enjoy 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 and taking you to discover “il bel canto”. Enjoy the Italian Opera by visiting the beautiful theatres in Venice, Ferrara, Mantua but also experiencing an Opera live performed in the spectacular Arena di Verona!!!

Sunday, Day 1

VENICE

Guests are met at the designated meeting point in **Venice** on Sunday and transferred to La Bella Vita. A **Prosecco welcome** gives you a chance to meet the crew, followed by a late afternoon cruise along the Giudecca Canal where we admire some of the most famous monuments of Venice. Visit to the **Doge's Palace** and dinner aboard, followed perhaps by an evening stroll to the magnificent St Mark's square. We moor overnight in the Riva Sette Martiri by the Naval Museum. Dinner and overnight aboard.



Monday, Day 2

VENICE TO SAN PIETRO IN VOLTA

Guided tour of **Gran Teatro La Fenice**, experiencing the unique atmosphere and the elegance of the most famous theatre in Venice rebuilt after the fire in 1996.

After lunch on board, relax or wander. In the late afternoon we cruise along the Lido to **Pellestrina/San Piero in Volta**, for a special walk or a bike tour at sunset and an aperitif at a “bacaro”. Dinner and overnight aboard.



Tuesday, Day 3 SAN PIETRO IN VOLTA TO TAGLIO DI PO

Morning cruise to **Chioggia** that is home to one of the most important fish markets in Italy. The lively, colourful market building houses around 30 fish stalls. Here you'll see fishmongers selling the locally caught catches, of sea cicadas (a delicious crustacean), sole, sea-bass, black sea bass, scallops, anchovies and sardines, which are believed to be particularly healthy due to the local shallow waters. Our chef will make his choice for our dinner and give us a shopping list. Transfer to Porto Levante before lunch on board while cruising on the River Po passing through a nature reserve with flocks of flamingos and other wildlife. We travel upriver to Taglio di Po for dinner ashore hosted by the owners at the beautiful 17thC **Villa Ca' Zen**, a private stately home by the river where Lord Byron courted the Countess Guiccioli and wrote some of his best poetry. Overnight on board.

Depending on the departure date the Opera in Verona can be either on Wednesday or on Thursday evening...

Wednesday, Day 4 TAGLIO DI PO TO ZELO

Morning visit to the magnificent Renaissance gardens and **wine cellars of 17thC Villa Widmann-Borletti** for a private tasting of their renowned estate grown vintages. This winery has been supplying Venetian society for centuries. Afternoon cruise downstream entering the Po River to Porto Levante. Late afternoon we will transfer you to **Verona** for a short walk in the city centre, a dinner in a local restaurant and the **Opera** performed in the **Roman Arena**. Overnight on board.

Thursday, Day 4 ZELO TO GOVERNOLO

Morning cruise to Zelo past villages and farmsteads. This afternoon we take a guided tour of the **Renaissance city of Ferrara**, including a view of the 14thC Estense Castle with its moat, drawbridges, marble balconies and the visit to **Teatro Comunale**, very important opera house, and the very pretty **Camerino delle Duchesse** where the well-known "concerto delle donne" at the Estensi Court in 16^o century developed. We also see the cathedral façade with its sculpted images described as an illustrated Bible. Return to the barge for dinner and ... are you ready for a **musical surprise** on board?



Friday, Day 7
GOVERNOLO TO MANTUA

Morning cruise to Mantua and visit to the 14th century **Ducal Palace** housing some 15 gardens and courtyards, a museum, basilica, theatre and some 500 rooms. Let's find **Rigoletto's House**, named for the bronze statue of the court jester created by Giuseppe Verdi in the famous Opera. The melodrama, first performed in 1851 is set in Mantua at the time of Duke Vincenzo Gonzaga. This house and the killer's inn **Sparafucile** (a real 16th century fortress on the shore of the lake) make Mantua the city of RIGOLETTO. Let's finish the visit by admiring the **Teatro Bibiena**: it is the most beautiful example of a baroque theatre in Italy. This small jewel with a unique bell-like plan was honourably inaugurated in the year 1770 by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.



Free time in the afternoon for relax or shopping before the **Captain's Farewell Dinner** aboard.

Saturday, Day 8
MANTUA TO VENICE

After breakfast passengers disembark for the transfer back to Venice.



La Bella Vita – Opera Cruise 2024

Departures:
 July, 07th -> on 11th July: Aida by Giuseppe Verdi



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Rates 2024

Accomodation	Value	Regular
Stateroom per person	€ 4.250,00p.p.	€ 4.790,00 p.p.
Junior Suite per person	€ 5.190,00 p.p.	€ 5.790,00 p.p.
Single supplement	€ 1.600,00 p.p.	€ 1.800,00 p.p.
Charter 10 passengers whole boat	€ 67.000,00	€ 75.000,00
Charter 12 passengers whole boat	€ 69.400,00	€ 77.800,00
Charter 14 passengers whole boat	€ 71.800,00	€ 80.600,00
Charter 16 passengers whole boat	€ 74.200,00	€ 83.400,00
Charter 18 passengers whole boat	€ 76.600,00	€ 86.200,00
Charter 20 passengers whole boat	€ 79.000,00	€ 89.000,00

Opera Supplement: € 575,00 p.p.

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, 1 Gold Ticket for Arena Opera Festival 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.