

Italy



The land of la Dolce Vita

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The Venetian Lagoon



Regional highlights

At the heart of your cruising ground is Venice, one of the world's most beautiful water cities and just six hours from our base at Casier. Stroll through the maze of narrow streets and discover antique markets, vibrant food markets, ornate palaces, serene churches and exclusive boutiques. You'll soon understand why a cruising holiday in this area offers so much more than a usual city break.

“ Having a cruiser allowed us to visit this amazing city and its surroundings entirely at our own pace. It was a truly memorable holiday – and very cost-effective too. ”

The Venice Lagoon has more than 80 islands to explore, so there is always plenty to see and do. See glass-blowers in action on the historic island of Murano, watch the lacemakers on Burano and visit the imposing cathedral on Torcello. The rivers and canals around the lagoon offer something different again. The spring water River Sile winds its way through the countryside past attractive villages all the way to charming Treviso, an amazing

city full of Italian art, museums and restaurants. Follow the River Brenta to Padova alongside elegant summer houses and villas belonging to the Italian nobility.

Or why not explore the Po Delta – this vast nature reserve close to our base at Porto Levante is a perfect contrast to the hustle and bustle of Venice. Suave Italian beach resorts line the coast and offer a chance to soak up the sunshine in style.

Cruising Notes

The Venetian waterways can be busy, so some previous cruising experience could be advantageous. Distances for each journey will depend on the route you take within the lagoon and how long you choose to spend in each place. The number of locks and bridges on your journey will depend on the route you cruise. All our cruising routes offer the opportunity to visit the nearby wonderful beaches and seaside resorts.



- Public and private moorings can be pre-booked for you
- Fine sandy beaches at Jesolo
- World-famous Renaissance art and architecture of Venice
- Spectacular wildlife on the Po Delta – an area of outstanding natural beauty
- Watching skilled craftsmen at work on the Venetian Islands

Some cruising ideas to help you choose...

The Venetian Classic Cruise

Casier - Venezia - Murano - Burano - Torcello - Casier

1 Week - Return trip
120kms • 20hrs



Spend your time cruising the classic Venetian islands of the Northern Lagoon - Murano, Burano and Torcello, as well as the wonderful waterways city of Venice. Some of the oldest settlements of the Venetian lagoon are to be found on its northern islands where centuries-old traditions of lace-making and glass blowing can still be seen today. This cruise can also be done as a 3-day Short Break – just reduce the time spent visiting the islands according to your preferences.

The Culture Cruise

Casier - Venezia - Padova - Casier

1 Week - Return trip
120kms • 20hrs



Cruise through the Venetian Lagoon to the River Brenta through beautiful countryside and visit the city of Padova. Impressive Venetian summer villas of the Italian gentry line your route. Visit Villa Foscari and Villa Pisani – two of the finest open to the public. Padova is one of Venice's great historical cities. Cruise to the historic town centre with its busy market squares and rich art treasures.

The Culture & Seaside Cruise

Casier - Venezia - Jesolo - Casier

1 Week - Return trip
200kms • 16 locks



Italian seaside resorts on the Adriatic side of the Lagoon have something for everyone. Jesolo with its 11 km of fine beaches is just a short distance from Venice and is a perfect place to relax in the sunshine. Enjoy the cultural flavours of the ever-changing landscapes of the Venetian Lagoon or relax on the beaches and soak up the sunshine – the choice is yours!

The Nature Lover's Cruise

Porto Levante - Delta del Po - Chioggia - Porto Levante

1 Week - Return trip
160kms • 8 locks • 25hrs



From birdwatching in the Po Delta to sightseeing in the Venetian Lagoon, this trip has it all! Start by enjoying the beautiful natural surroundings of Italy's longest river, the River Po and the Po Delta National Park. Explore the famous fishing town of Chioggia and the islands of the southern Venetian lagoon before exploring the water city of Venice itself. On your return journey, discover the quiet sandy beaches at the mouth of the river near Porto Levante and Albarella for some seaside fun.

The Cruise of Contrasts

Porto Levante - Casier via Padova & Venezia or vice versa

1 Week - One-way trip
200kms • 16 locks



From Porto Levante enjoy the beautiful surroundings and amazing wildlife of the Po Delta national park. Cruise to enchanting Chioggia and barter at the famous fish market before heading into Venice for some art, culture and romance. Enjoy the traditional customs and cultures of Murano, Burano and Torcello and the lush green landscapes and sandy beaches that line your route to Casier.



- History & heritage
- Culture
- Gastronomy
- Cycling
- Horse-riding
- Watersports
- Fishing
- Golf
- Wildlife
- Swimming

The Italian Fleet

Match a boat to your choice of cruise

- Crown Blue Line Fleet
- CONNOISSEUR Fleet

Comfortably sleeping 8+

- Classique, Classique S, Salsa
- Valentré (1230FB A), Tower (1325FB A), Magnifique

Comfortably sleeping 6+

- Crusader
- Continentale, Elegance

Comfortably sleeping 4+

- Clipper
- Merchant (1070FB), Rialto (1140FB), Caprice, Corvette B

Perfect for short breaks - call the sales team for prices

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