

A Specialty Tour with The Detroit Anthropology Group

Carnival in Venice!

With daily cruises to its islands!

Murano – Burano – The Lido – San Giorgio – San Michele

*One of the “7 Wonders of the World”, Venice is the most magical & unique city on earth. With **no** cars, trucks, buses, motorcycles, or streets, Venice is probably the most interesting town in the world. It is composed of **117 islands**, separated by **150 canals**, & connected by **400** ornate stone **bridges**, creating a ***fairy tale*** setting.*

*On this - our 37th & final Venice tour, including 7th time for **Carnival** - we will stay in the same 1st-class 4-star hotel all week, with daily tours & cruises in and around the islands of Venice. You will **not** have to pack & unpack your suitcase, or check in & out of hotels every day. Instead, it will be the **magic of Venice** - **and** its beautiful medieval islands – every day. **In the middle of Carnival!***

*From Casanova and Marco Polo to George Clooney and Denzel Washington, Venice is everyone’s favorite city in Italy, including D.A.G. members, for 47 years. **Don’t miss our final Carnival experience!***



February 20 – 27/28, 2020
\$2995.

(Includes the expensive flights to, from, & in Europe)

Included Features

Roundtrip Airfare: Guaranteed reserved seats, roundtrip between Detroit and Europe.

Airfares in Europe: All airfares with advance reserved seats, **in** Europe.

Hotel: 4-star 1st-Class hotel, **in** Venice, with private bathroom, for the entire trip. (The price is per person. For a private single room, add \$895, or we can try to match you up with another person.)

Tours in Venice: Sightseeing tours of all the major highlights of this remarkable city & 7th Wonder of the World. (**all sightseeing tours in Venice & islands are included – there’s NO optional tours on this trip!**)

Cruise to the Lido: Roundtrip cruise and a tour of the Lido island with shops, museums, & Casino.

Cruises & walking tours on Venice’ lagoon islands.

Tour Leader: Experienced Tour Guide. (*Jim*).

Pre-trip Newsletters: To help you prepare.

Planning Meeting: Maps, the Itinerary, Italian wine tasting, and a video preview of Carnival.

Newsletters On-Tour: Daily “Bliss Sheets”.

Transfers: Between the airport & the hotel, by private boat of course.

Pre-arranged Itinerary: See inside this brochure.

Carnival in Venice: A Full Schedule of Activities.

San Marino: Optional Extension & Visit. (*See inside*)

Experience the costumes, mystery, colors & music of Carnival

DAY 1 - Feb. 20 (Thur): CARNIVAL IN VENICE; A SPECTACULAR HOLIDAY.

We depart this evening on a nonstop jet to Europe for our holiday in Italy, and Carnival in Venice. This is the trip of a lifetime, to enjoy one of the world's most spectacular events – Carnival. It's the most difficult event in the world to get good hotel rooms for, but we have a beautiful **1st-class 4-star hotel**, right **IN** Venice, and not in some outlying town where most American travelers have to stay. On the flight, you'll have a choice of free meals, movies, head sets, plus beer, wine, cocktails, and soft drinks in-flight. Be sure to read your "**Bliss Sheet**" on the plane, about Venetian & Italian customs, money, things to do, restaurants, history, dollars vs. Euro's, and shopping.

DAY 2 - Feb. 21 (Fri.): 7th WONDER OF THE WORLD – SPECTACULAR VENICE!

Our first day in colorful Venice in our **1st-class** hotel, where we'll enjoy one of the "**7 Wonders of the World**", the city of Venice itself. Today we'll begin to enjoy this most **unusual**, and most colorful, city in the world. The highlights on our included tour include **St. Mark's Square**, the **Rialto Bridge**, the **Grand Canal**, and the romantic **Bridge of Sighs**. The entire town of Venice is one of the "**7 Wonders of the World**", and today you'll see why, as we explore his magical setting. And it's **Carnival time** on top of all that. We take an **exciting tour and cruise** on the historic canals today, for the best sights & views. And today, you will begin to see the spectacular **costumed characters** arriving for Carnival. ("**Carnivale**" in Italian.) We also take an included **cruise to Murano**, the glass-blowing island this afternoon.



DAY 3 - Feb. 22 (Sat.): THE EXPLOSION OF COLORS - CARNIVAL ARRIVALS.



People will be arriving from **all over the world** today, wearing the most unusual costumes and face masks you'll ever see....for Carnival in Venice! This is the **7th time** at Carnival for members of The Detroit Anthropology Group, and an experience that you'll never forget. It is **almost impossible** to get decent hotel rooms **during Carnival**....and the best hotels have to be booked several **years in advance**. And they are **expensive, very**, during Carnival. There is a limit of rooms in Venice to begin with, simply because there's no more room to build new hotels. But, we **DO** have **1st-class** rooms, **right in Venice**. And just like our previous tours to Carnivale, I think we'll be one of the **only** groups from Michigan that has a **4-star** hotel.

DAY 4 – Feb. 23 (Sun.): MAGIC IN VENICE.

Another magical day today in the most unusual town in Italy, & in the world. Ahhh, Venezia. It is composed of **117 islands**, separated by **150 canals**, & connected by **400 small stone bridges**, to form the most unique and romantic setting on earth. The costumes will fill St. Mark's Square (San Marco) today, & in the narrow lanes & alleyways in Venice. Will **YOU** wear a costume, or just take pictures of this spectacular event? After **46** years of coming to Venice, the D.A.G. will again experience **Carnival** - the period of festivities, masks, medieval costumes of all types, & **music reverberating through the canals** and leading up to **Ash Wednesday** and **Lent**. Be sure to drop in on one or more of the many masked costume balls, inside & outdoors, throughout Venice.

The most spectacular event in Italy, for the 7th and final time!



The Gondola parade during Carnival – bring a camera!

DAY 5 – Feb. 24 (Mon): GONDOLA PARADE CRUISE TO THE LIDO & ADRIATIC SEA.

This is the day **before** the grand climax of Carnival, & we begin the day by viewing the colorful **gondola parade** with the gondoliers & gondolas decorated in medieval garb. We'll go to **2** main viewing areas, including one spot on a low arched, stone bridge with the gondolas flowing directly toward us for the best photos. Then we take a cruise on the **Venetian Lagoon** to the **The Lido**, where we'll have a casual walking tour, followed by free time for lunch and shopping. Prices are lower here than in Venice. We'll also take a short walk to the fabled **Adriatic Sea**, separating Italy from **Croatia**. The Lido has the only casino in Venice. Later we'll be back in Venice for more Carnival mystique and revelry, and preparing for tomorrow!

DAY 6 – Feb. 25 (Tue.): CARNIVAL CLIMAX; THE BIGGEST DAY AND “FAT TUESDAY”.

This is the day, the biggest day of the year in Venice, and in other countries that celebrate Carnival. There is **Carnival** in Rio, **Mardi Gras** in New Orleans, but nothing quite as special or as spectacular as **Carnival in Venice**. Everywhere we go in Venice today, we'll see and enjoy Carnival, with many people wearing face masks and the most unusual and colorful collection of costumes on earth. Today is **“Fat Tuesday”** or **“Shrove Tuesday”**, the day before **Ash Wednesday** and the last chance to eat, drink, flirt, party & enjoy life, **before** the sacrifices of **Lent** begin tomorrow. **Today and tonight** you'll witness the **climax of Carnivale**. Costumes, face masks, balls – both inside & outside – many of them free, will be taking place all over Venice, and in every nook and cranny throughout the town. Tonight, you'll marvel at the **Grand Finale** in the

illuminated St. Mark's Square, with Italian music reverberating thru the canals. You **WILL** run out of film in your camera and memory in your cell phone today. This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience!

DAY 6 – Feb. 26 - ASH WEDNESDAY: VENICE WITHOUT CARNIVAL – THE REAL VENICE.

We wake today to the scenes of Venetians & tourists leaving church with the **Ashes** on their forehead to mark **Ash Wednesday**. Most of the alley ways, canals, restaurants & shops will be mostly empty today with many of the tourists on their way home: to China, South Africa, Argentina, France, Canada, Australia, New Zealand & other places around the world. **But D.A.G. members will stay longer**, to enjoy this **beautiful city, without the crowds**. Today, we have Venice & its islands to **ourselves**, to get a feel for what it's actually like in this very unusual city. You will be amazed at the difference today, after the past several days of Carnival in Venice. This afternoon we take a **cruise** to the charming **island of Burano**, which is a **miniature Venice** known as the “lace island”. We'll take a casual walking tour along the **tiny canals lined** with small houses, **each painted a different color**. No two houses are allowed to exist side-by-side if they have the same color. After the walk, there'll be time for lunch & shopping, or exploring on your own.



DAY 7 – Feb. 27 (Thur.) HOME BOUND, *OR TO SAN MARINO*.

With Carnival over, it's time to go home today, *or* you can stay **one more day & night**, with a **day-trip** to the *independent country* of **San Marino**, *inside* Italy's borders. (*See the photo above*) The extra cost of \$175.00 per person, includes another night in the **4-star hotel**, & the **tour to San Marino**.

DAY 8 – Feb. 28 (Fri.) RETURN TO U.S.A.

Sadly, after Carnival in Venice and San Marino, we have to fly home today, with visions of Carnivale! **The Experience is Ended. Long Live the Experience.**

First-come, first-served – How to Reserve Your Seat – Terms & Conditions for Venice Carnival 2020.

Tour Agreement: This agreement sets forth the terms and conditions under which the tour operator, Europa Tours Inc., of Detroit/Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, in return for payment of the amount indicated as the tour price, agrees to provide you with this tour. Please read these terms & indicate your agreement by signing the Reservation Coupon & sending it with your deposit.

What Is Included: Listed in the *Included Features* box. (Not included are shopping, meals, airline/airport/security taxes & fees, or fuel surcharges).

Itinerary Variations: Our prime concern is that you enjoy your holiday. We therefore reserve the right to vary itineraries if improvements can be made or unforeseen circumstances make changes necessary. There are many national and local holidays which affect opening of shops, museums, & other facilities. Wherever possible, slight itinerary adjustments will be made to minimize inconveniences. The services of any IATA or Government Certified Airline may be used in conjunction with this tour. All passengers will be provided with an Itinerary & list of hotels, & other suppliers providing services on this tour.

Payment Schedule & Requirements: All checks for deposit & payments must be made out to: **Europa Tours Inc.** Europa Tours then makes the timely and non-refundable payments for you to the airlines & other suppliers by their required dates. If your payment does not arrive on time, we cannot make the payments for your seat. Your seat will then be canceled & previous deposits and payments will be forfeited. The schedule below will apply for this tour and again, all payments will be forfeited and reservations cancelled if the deadline for any payment is missed: (You will receive an Invoice, with *coupons* to use for your payments.)

- \$400 Deposit:** Due on a **1st-come, 1st-served** basis.
- 1/3 Remaining Balance: No later than 265 days before departure.
- 2nd 1/3 of Remaining Balance: No later than 185 days before departure.
- Final 1/3 of the Balance: Due 105 days before the departure date.

We will send you an Invoice with coupons & due dates to for your payments.

Optional Trip Cancellation Insurance: It is recommended that travelers purchase a travel protection plan to protect themselves & their trip investment. Now, in this day and age, more than ever it's extremely important to think about the unexpected. The Travel Insurance Protection plan information will be mailed back with the receipt for your original deposit.

This plan provides insurance coverage for your trip that applies only during the covered trip. You may have coverage from other sources that provides you with similar benefits but may be subject to different restrictions depending upon your other coverages. If you have any questions about your current coverage, call your Tour Leader, insurer, insurance agent or broker. The purchase of this plan is not required in order to purchase any other travel product offered to you by your travel retailer. You'll receive a detailed travel insurance brochure (**Travelx**).

Cancellation Schedule & Regulations: The following cancellation schedule will apply for this tour. If your written or email cancellation is received:

Up to 265 days before departure: Full refund less \$100 cancellation penalty.
Between 265 & 185 days before departure: Full refund less \$950 penalty.
Between 185 & 105 days before departure: Full refund less \$1550 penalty.
105 or less days before departure, for all "No Shows", and for cancellations not received in writing by the appropriate dates above: No refund.

We recommend that you purchase **travel insurance** to protect you and your payments. **In this day & age**, it is not wise to travel without travel insurance. **Cancellation Notice:** Must be *received in writing or email* by the dates above.

Group Tour: It is understood by the traveler, by sending a deposit or payment & the Tour Reservation Coupon, that this is a Group tour, different than individual travel. If necessary, we may have to substitute for a tour leader. There may be times that the Tour Leader or Tour Company must make a decision or a change that is thought to be best for the group & tour overall,

Responsibility: The responsibility of Europa Tours Inc., (herein called the Tour Operator) and/or their agents and/or employees is strictly limited. They act only as agents for the passenger in regard to hotels, transportation (whether by railroad, motorcoach, private car, steamship, aircraft or any other conveyance), sightseeing and other services, and as such, assume no liability for injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned either by reason of defect, through the acts of defaults of any company or person engaged in conveying the passengers or in carrying out the arrangements of the tour, or as a direct result of acts of God, dangers incident to the sea, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, acts of governments or other authorities, de jure or de facto, wars whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, terrorism, theft, pilferage, epidemics, quarantines, weather, medical or customs regulation, or from any causes beyond The Tour Operator's control, or from any loss of damage resulting from improper passports, visas, or other documents. Nor shall any carrier have to incur liability as a common carrier. The Tour Operator can accept no responsibility for loss or additional expenses due to delay or changes in schedule or other causes. The right is reserved to accept or retain any person as a member of any tour or to change or withdraw the tour as circumstances demand it. The Tour Operator reserves the right to cancel or reschedule any tour in accordance with operating requirements. All rates are based on tariffs in effect at the time the tour was planned & are subject to change in the event of adjustment therein. The completion of the reservation coupon and payment of the deposit shall be deemed to be consent to the above conditions and to the additional terms and conditions for this group tour that are announced or explained in the pre-trip Newsletters and/or at the pre-trip Planning Meeting. It is recommended that you protect yourself and your payments by purchasing travel insurance coverage. The insurance brochure will be sent to you with your receipt and confirmation letter after making your original deposit.

First-come, first-served – How to Reserve Your Seat

Mail the Tour Coupon below with a deposit of \$400 per person, on a *1st-come, 1st-served* basis, by the postmark date on your envelope. Make checks out to: "Europa Tours Inc." For information, e-mail: JimDetAntGrp@gmail.com.

Mail to:

Tour Reservation Coupon

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Tour Name: Carnival in Venice.
Tour Dates: Feb. 20-27/28, 2020.

Make Checks Out to: Europa Tours Inc.

Print Passport 1st Name: _____

Print Last Name: _____ **Middle:** _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Home Phone: (____) _____

Cell Phone (____) _____ **FAX** (____) _____

E-Mail Address: (Print clearly) _____ **Sex:** F. M. T.

No. of Seats Requested: _____ x \$400 each. **Total Amount Enclosed \$** _____ **Passport?** Yes No

Room Mate Information: (*check one below*)

 I do have a roommate. My roommate on the tour will be: (*Print Name*) _____

 I do not have a roommate. Please try to **match me** up: Male. Female. Transgender. LGBTQ. Smoking Non.

 I do not have a roommate. I request a **private, single room** and will pay the Single Supplement of **\$895** for this tour.

Signature(s) _____ **Date** _____

(I understand that my signature indicates that I am aware of, have read & agree to the terms & conditions above & in the pre-trip Newsletters.)

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