

## *Venice and Torcello*

*4 – 8 March 2010*



The water-bound location of Venice placed considerable constraints upon its architects, but facilitated the work of building ships, and it was this that gave the city its power, wealth and cosmopolitan character.

The aristocracy of rich merchants built their palaces along the main canals, both for ease of water transport to their wharves and warehouses, and for the light and air denied to the tall buildings behind them, densely packed along narrow streets and alleys to make the most of limited space. Confraternity houses and the urban monasteries of the mendicant orders dispensed spiritual guidance and charity to a polyglot community which always included foreign traders and entrepreneurs.

The Venetian ships brought back the culture of other lands along with their cargoes: Gothic and Islamic arches decorate palace facades, and San Marco was modelled on a Byzantine church (and later decorated with spoils from the Crusader sack of Constantinople in 1204, an event made possible by the Venetian fleet).

### **Accommodation**

Hotel \*\*\* **Single room supplement £150**

Centrally located Hotel Diana in Venice. Bed and Breakfast tariff in twin-share room with private facilities

### **Course Cost**

**£595**

Inclusive of tuition, airport transfers (airport transfers are only available for the Siragusa Ltd)

nominated flight), accommodation and breakfast.	
<b>Travel Insurance</b>	
Once tour is viable and if we have booked a flight for you through Travelpack, you can call Lorraine on 08444 930465 for an immediate quote (unless you already have insurance)	
<b>Flight</b>	<b>Ca. £190 scheduled flight to Venice</b>
Note that the cost is an estimate and if it is less you pay less. Please see Booking Conditions for more information concerning nominated flights	
<b>Local Transport</b>	
Airport transfers by boat	
<b>Group Size</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Tutor(s)</b>	<b>Dr Lyn Rodley</b>
<b>Related OU Courses</b>	AA315/General Interest
<b><i>Itinerary</i></b>	
<b>DAY 01</b>	
Arrival at airport, transfer to Hotel and orientation	
<b>DAY 02</b>	
Am: San Marco (inc. Treasury) Pm: Icon Museum, Scuola di San Giorgio degli Schiavoni	
<b>DAY 03</b>	
am: Churches walk – to include San Giovanni in Bragora; San Zaccaria; Santa Maria Formosa; Santi Giovanni e Paolo; Santa Maria dei Miracoli; Santa Maria dei Frari pm: Accademia	
<b>DAY 04</b>	
Am: Torcello, lunch in Burano Pm: Ca'd'Oro	
<b>DAY 05</b>	
am: walk: Cannaregio and the Ghetto pm: departure for airport	
This itinerary and study programme is provisional and may be subject to change in response to local conditions	

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