



VENICE

Venetian cuisine is based on seafood, often served with *risotto* as a first course. *Polenta*, made of corn meal, is also popular. *Tiramisu* (mascarpone cheese, coffee, chocolate, and lady fingers) has been imported from the mainland and has become Venice's most popular dessert.

Al Covo, Campiello della Pescaria, 3968, Castello, has a cozy setting and “fantastic food,” say Peggy and Martin Baer, who ate “fresh anchovies, blackened gnocchi followed by a grilled combination of crayfish and stingray.” The atmosphere is cheerful and the menu is mostly local seafood, with a frequent non-fish option as well. No credit cards. From *San Marco*, walk along the *Grand Canal* toward the *Castello*; turn left at the Gabriella Sandwirth Hotel. The restaurant will be on your left. *Closed Wed., Thurs., and 3-17 Aug.* **041/5223812**

Al Vagon, Cannaregio 5619, at vaporetto stop Ca d'Oro, line 1 *Closed Tue. & Nov.* **041/5237558**

Alle Oche, S. Giacomo dell'Orto 1552, is popular with college students and families and is well known for the fifty-some varieties of pizza, possibly the world's best. **041/5241161**

Antica Besseta, Salizada da Ca' Ziesto (at the end of Calle Savio), is found at Vaporetto stop Riva Biasio. “This came recommended to us by two lawyers from Padua. It is a dining adventure. Best grilled fish in Italy. Prices are moderate. Make reservations.” (Christine & Todd Schiltz, Wilmington,DE) *Closed Tues., Wed. lunch; in summer is open everyday.* **041/721687**

Antica Locanda Montin, Fondamenta di Borgo or Eremita, 1147, near S. Trovaso, Dosoduro, has also been recommended to us by the Baers, who enjoyed a wonderful lunch here. Note the paintings by famous modern painters. This used to be a favorite spot of Peggy Guggenheim, who took many leading artists of the time to dine here.

Closed Tues., dinner & Wed.; Aug. 1-10 **041/5227151**

Antica Mola, Fondamenta degli Ormesini 2800, Cannaregio, serves classic Venetian cuisine.

041/717492

Antica Trattoria Furatola, Calle Lunga San Barnaba 2870, Dorsoduro, is a low profile little fish place with an open kitchen. *Closed Mon. lunch, Thurs. January & August* **041/5208594**

Antica Trattoria Da Nino, Cannaregio 4858, serves typical Venetian specialties.

Closed Sat. evenings, Sun., & 2nd. wk. In Aug. **041/5285266**

Bentigodi/Osteria da Andrea, Cannaregio, 1423.

Closed Sun. & Jan. **041/716269**

Cantinone Storico, near the American Hotel, is recommended by Richard & Colette Martin, Worthington, OH: “lovely food, service, and dining room.” **041/523957**

Cip’s Club, Hotel Cipriani, Fondamenta de la Zitelle 10, Giudecca, is the more informal dining room at the luxurious complex located on an island across from San Marco which can be reached by private launch. The dining room is cozy, and the view of San Marco from the outdoor deck is worth at least half of the rather steep price of lunch. **041/2408575**

Da Mario Alla Fava, Calle Stagneri 5242, is reported by Tom Tully and Diane Meyer to have lovely atmosphere and excellent service. *Closed 15 days Jan. & 15 days in Aug.* **041/5285147**

Trattoria alla Madonna, calle della Madonna 594 30125. Trattoria Veneziana. *Closed Wed. & from 24th Dec.– Jan. & 4-17 Aug.* **041/ 5223824**

Harry’s Bar, Calle Vallaresso 1323, San Marco, is a Venetian institution once frequented by Ernest Hemmingway and other luminaries. Although the crowd is mostly tourists, stop in for one of their famous cocktails and to watch the scene. **041/5236797**

Osteria Canottieri, Cannaregio 690, near the Tre Archi bridge, vaporetto line 52, is a friendly and inexpensive neighborhood restaurant with a great fish menu. *Closed Mon. & Sun.* **041/717999**

Osteria da Fiore, Calle del Scaleter, 2202, in San Polo, is a small, upscale restaurant. Its menu features seafood from the Venetian lagoon, and the traditional Venetian cooking style is refined and artistic. Although extensive wine lists are rare in Venice, there is a good list here, featuring regional labels. The desserts are equally impressive. Don’t be fooled by the fact that there is another restaurant with the same name in Venice. This is the one you want. *Closed Sun. & Mon.* **041/721308**

Papageno, Lista di Spagna, 225/A-226, is conveniently located across the Grand Canal from the station. Papageno specializes in homemade pastas, international cuisine and Venetian dishes. This and the ristorante listed below were suggested by Wendy Baker as places convenient to eat if you are staying near the train station. *Closed in January* **041/716038**

[La] Perla, Cannaregio, in front of the Cinema Giorgione. A pizzeria/trattoria. *Closed Sun., Aug. & 15 Dec– 6 Jan.* **041/5285175**

Fiaschetteria Toscana, San Giovanni, Cannaregio 5719 is an easy 5 minute walk from the Rialto, near the Campo Santa Marina. The food is delicious and the ambience elegant. Be sure to sample the Venetian specialty, *seppia con polenta*, squid in its own ink. *Closed Mon. at lunch, Tue. & 15/30 July* **041/5285281**

Vini da Gigio, Cannaregio 3628/a, Fondamente San Felice, is a friendly, rustic restaurant, unusual for Venice in that the wines are a bigger attraction than the food. *Closed 3 wks Aug. - Sep. & 3 wks. Jan/ Feb. Closed Monday* **041/5285140**

