

Choir of Christ Church Southgate

Venice Tour 2019

Our choir are going on tour - but no band can go on tour without their groupies! Please find below the choir's service and concert itinerary while in Venice, as well as Richard's handy hints for getting around the city.

The city has the most fabulous vibe, with a relaxed pace of living. Each day will provide us with the opportunity to the choir sing beautiful music in stunning baroque churches, while absorbing the cities' fabulous architectural heritage, and enjoy each other's company with delicious food and drink (Bellini's anyone?).

Please also find below

Richard's unofficial guide to getting around Venice!

Public transport is superb in Venice and it is the best way to get around the city for long distances. Short distances are easily covered by foot.

Transport from the airport into the city:

The two best ways to get from the airport are either to get a water taxi from the airport (expensive, but direct) or to get the bus (ROUTES 5 AEROBUS, 15, 45) from the airport to Piazzale Roma. The bus stops right outside the main entrance to Marco Polo airport. The bus is less scenic but very practical. (Ticket info can be found below.)

Once the bus arrives at Piazzale Roma, you then transfer to the vaporetto service (waterbus) and use these to get around the city.

Getting around Venice:

There are a number of vaporetto routes that take you by canal around the city. A map can be found by below.

Vaporettos stops are named after nearby landmarks, e.g. San Marco, Rialto, Accademia. The stop nearest our accommodation is San Alvise. Like all public transport, the regularity of services vary so allow enough time get around the city.

Vaporetto Tickets:

Like TFL, vaporetto ticket machines are all automated. Just beep in once to get on the boat and sail off down a canal.

There are several types of automated tickets which are valid for 24, 48, 72 hours or 7 days giving you unlimited travel on most routes (all the ones you need) during that period. They are valid for that time period from the moment you first use them.

You can buy vaporetto in advance of your trip <https://www.veneziaunica.it/en>. This is the official city website. Even better - there are ticket with the bus airport transfers included. These can be found under ACTV - TIME-LIMITED TICKETS + TRANSFER MARCO POLO

AIRPORT (RETURN TICKET). *Remember the bus transfer is included within the ticket's time limit.*

This tickets can be printed from self-service machines at Marc Polo airport.

Food:

Real venetian cuisine is fish-based but there is plenty of pasta and pizza about!

Restaurants directly next to big landmarks are very expensive and often overpriced, particularly around San Marco. Look a little away from the main squares to find food for better value and often better quality.

St Marks' Square has a number of famous cafes, where classical bands play morning, noon and night. However, the outside tables on St Mark's Square charge 20Euros per person just to sit down, with coffee prices to match! The music is fantastic quality and you can easily stand with the crowds and listen, without having to sit at a table.

If the restaurant looks small and has no obvious signs of kitchen, chances are the food is heated up in a microwave from frozen out the back, so watch out for that.

The menus have lots of options for different courses, but don't feel obliged to try and eat 5 courses. Main and dessert is fine!

Bellini is a popular cocktail containing prosecco and peach.

Gondola

Hiring a gondola in February may be a brave choice, but if you do, Gondola prices are regulated by law during the day for 80 Euros. After 7pm however, the price is unregulated and greatly increases.

Weather

It will be cold so please do bring warm clothing. It may be sensible to bring umbrellas and sturdy footwear in case of flooding.

Following the Choir:

Please find below our full itinerary of services and concerts. Our two Sunday events are services and our performances Monday-Wednesday are concerts. All concerts are free to attend.

We would be delighted to see you at as many of the events as you would like to attend. Please do make yourself know to Fr. Chrichton and Richard so they can say hello.

Please remember that the two Sunday services at St Mark's and Frari are Roman Catholic services and Richard is sorry to say we will not be expected to take communion or go up for a blessing.

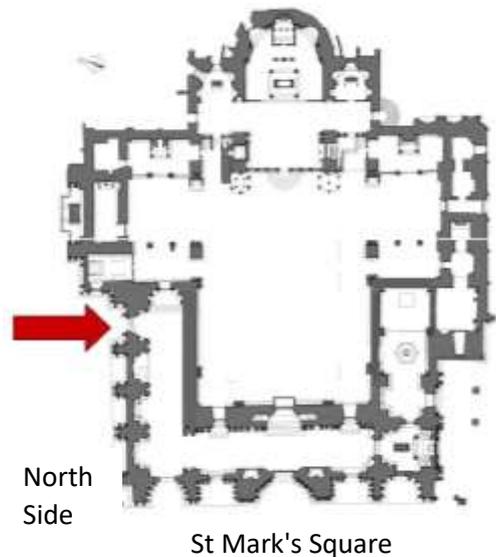
Tour Itinerary

Sunday 17 February

11.30 Arrive at St Mark's basilica at small north door entrance by side door on north side of the building on Piazzetta dei Leoncini – look for the statue of two stone lions (see map) - to ensure a good seat.

1200 Holy Mass in St Mark's Basilica.

1830 Accompany evening Mass in Frari.



Monday 18 February

1430 Concert (60-75 minutes) with at San Zanipolo ('Santi Giovanni e Paolo')

Tuesday 19 February

1630 Concert (60-75 minutes) with organ accompaniment at St George's.

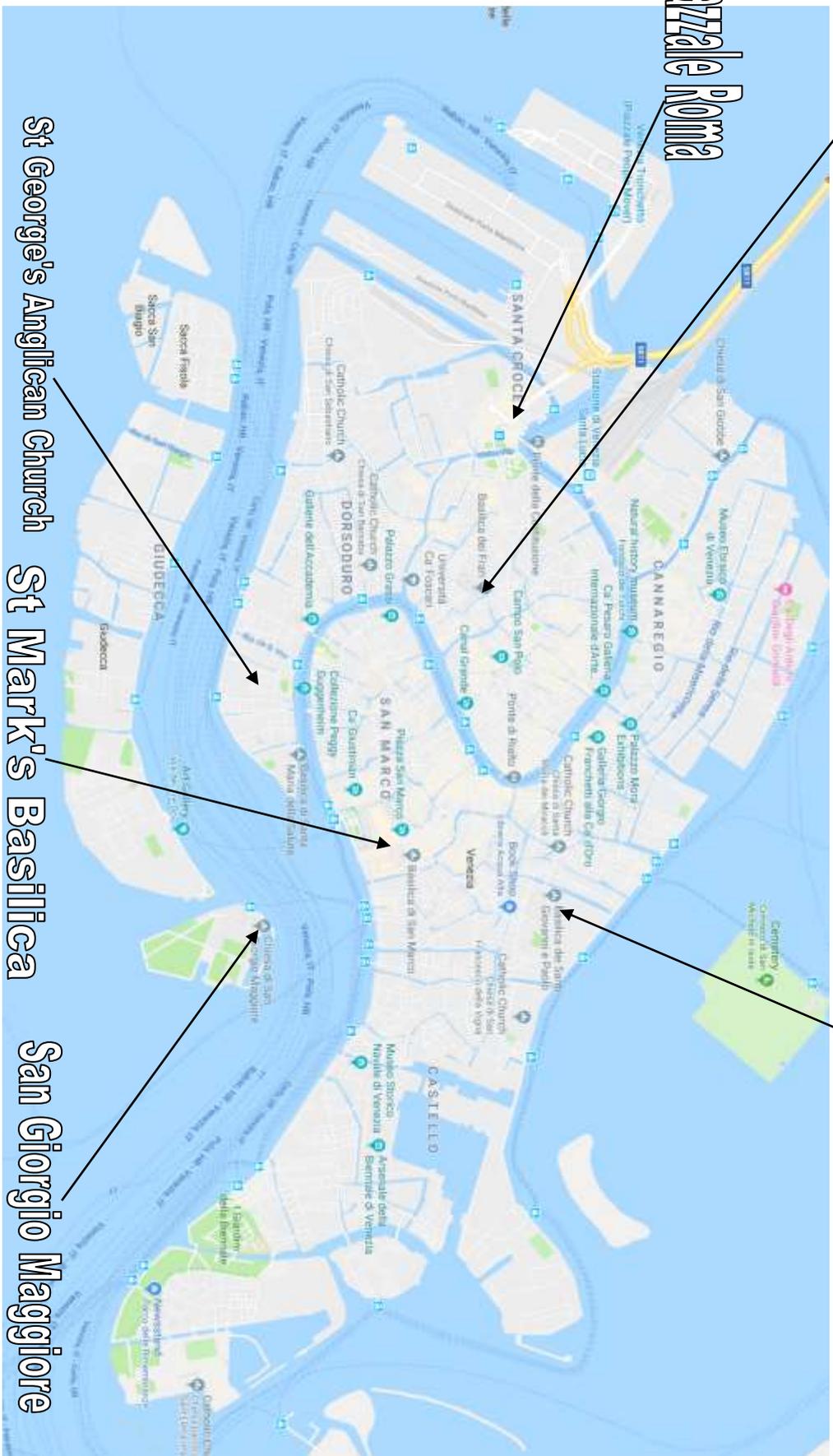
Wednesday 20 February

1200 Concert (60 minutes) at San Giorgio Maggiore.

Frari

San Zaniipolo

Piazzale Roma



St George's Anglican Church

St Mark's Basilica

San Giorgio Maggiore

Map from Google Maps

