



## 40 top tips for exploring Veneto and Venice with kids

By Holidays from Hels

Planning Tips		
1	<b>FLEXIBILITY</b>	In these uncertain travel times have a plan A, B and C - all fully cancellable.
2	<b>CAMPSITES</b>	Campsites in Europe are great for kids - combine them with a city break for a bit of R and R.
3	<b>PACK LIGHT</b>	As there are no cars in Venice, unless you have a waterside hotel entrance and a water taxi arrival, you will be carrying your bags from the ferry - so pack light and work out your nearest ferry stop in advance.
4	<b>INSURANCE</b>	Make sure you are Covid covered by insurance, including for self-isolation.
5	<b>CAR HIRE?</b>	Consider a car for travel to an out-of-town Venice campsite and exploring.
6	<b>COVID</b>	Bone up on the up-to-date Covid flight regulations and documentation for visiting Italy.
7	<b>DRIVING</b>	Driving in Italy is not for the faint hearted. Go for an excess waiver on car hire insurance.

## Campsite Tips

8	BEACHSIDE	Pick a site by the beach with at least one pool, and a pretty town nearby.
9	DINING	Plan arrival times to coincide with food outlet opening times.
10	DRINKING	Order prosecco on tap and by the jug/vase.
11	AIRCON	Make sure you book aircon if you want to be able to breathe/sleep.
12	POOLS	When looking at pools, the rule is the more the merrier. Check they have one for your child's age.
13	BOOK AHEAD	More campsite restaurants mean less cooking. Book your table to avoid disappointment/ tears/ hunger.
14	WEATHER	Italy is stormy. Pack a waterproof and have a rainy-day plan.
15	BEACHES	Not all Italian beaches are great. Do a bit of research (we didn't).

## Veneto Day Trips

16	CHIOGGIA	Chioggia really is a not-to-be-missed crowd-free mini-Venice.
17	PO DELTA	Bring binoculars for the flamingos and be ready for a surprisingly ramshackle eel fishery setting.
18	LIDO DI SPINA	Lido Di Spina has the best sand and funky free-entry clubs.
19	COMACCHIO	Look out for the famously enormous bridges in another mini-Venice.

## Campsite checkout

20	CHECKOUT	Be warned this is a lengthy process. Head to reception early the day before to book a slot, pay as much as you can at this point and make sure they know you want aircon for the last night.
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## Vineyards

21	PROSECCO ROAD	Prosecco Road is not an actual road name but a 60km stretch of vineyards. The walk up the hill at Conegliano is worth it and there is Pepsi cola at the top.
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## Venice arrival

22	PETROL	Locate a petrol station on the map before you start your journey to return your hire car.
23	FERRY TICKETS	Consider a 72-hour boat pass if visiting the islands.
24	WATER TAXI	Splash out in every sense with a glamorous private water taxi if travelling in a group.
25	MAPS	Google maps is better at finding where you are than a real map, but be ready to get lost anyway in the maze of backstreets that make up Venice.

## Venice Activities

26	BASILICA MUSEUM	The rooftop walk at the Basilica museum is magnificent and only 5E. You can practically touch the Doge's Palace.
27	ROMAN HORSES	Check out the world travelling Roman horses hiding inside the Basilica museum.
28	RIALTO BRIDGE	Stop for an Aperol at the foot of the Rialto bridge (and take a hat).
29	TOURIST RULES	Gen up on how easy it is to break a Venice tourist rule. Then try not to. (No sitting and snacking.)
30	THE LIDO	The Lido beach is not that great but for hot children it is a winner. Arrive early for parasol and chair hire. Look out for the party carts.
31	BURANO	An absolute highlight is the pretty house photo shoot, a 50 minute boat ride away on the island of Burano. Go early to avoid crowds and bring a portable phone charger (or 2).

32	MURANO	Watch glass blowing and turn ogling the crazily over-the-top Murano glass art into a game on the island bearing its name.
33	SHOPS	Venice is great for real and window shopping - antiques, glass and masks (both fabulous and grotesque).
34	"THE SPAR"	Do not miss the fabulous Venetian take on the corner shop. Frescoes with your biscuits.
35	GONDOLA	Go for the 2E gondola taxi across the Grand Canal (near the Rialto Bridge).
36	GHETTO	Walk back in time through the original Ghetto.
37	CITY WALKS	Strolling the city in the midday heat you are saved by the shade cast by the narrow lanes, and the abundance of stop-off cafe options. Follow the city walls at your peril.
38	VENICE LIFE	Play spot how many ways the city has adapted to its watery location – from emergency services to dust carts.
39	GRAND CANAL	Catch a ferry down the Grand Canal.
<b>Return flight</b>		
40	FLIGHT RULES	Don't forget to research the flight rules for returning to your own country in Covid.

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