

VENICE



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Pension Accademia Villa Maravegie

STAR Classification: 
Fondamenta Bollani 1058, Dorsoduro, Venice, Italy



Located a short stroll from the Accademia vaporetto stop, in the quiet Dorsoduro neighborhood, a 20-minute walk from St. Mark's Square, this remains one of the best budget hotels in Venice, a rare find that boasts a long list of loyal repeat guests.

Harbored in a modest 17th-century villa at the confluence of a small canal with the Grand Canal, this property offers not one but two gracious gardens, and the dead-end location enhances the tranquility and keeps the roaming masses at bay.

With only 29 rooms, this hotel has the most generous space-to-guest ratio in Venice, and although it could probably double its rates and still fill its rooms, prices remain stationary.

A labyrinth of streets leads guests to the hotel's front gate. Beyond are lovely perennial gardens set with handsome wrought-iron furniture, as well as a private gondola dock.

Early spring through fall, the villa's yard becomes one of the largest private gardens in Venice, full of deck chairs and flowers. With its fountain, brightly planted flowerbeds and ample seating, this leafy refuge is a Lilliputian version of Peggy Guggenheim's nearby

sculpture garden.

The homey, traditional Venetian interiors combine modern art from the owner's collection with traditional appointments and the building's distinguished architecture, burnished beams, marble columns and the original checkered marble floors.

Two lounges provide respite from the maze of streets just out the front door. One dispenses drinks from an honor bar, and the second features an ornately carved hearth that glows in the winter. There is no restaurant, but many authentic trattorias are nearby. Guests gather every morning for breakfast in a long, paneled hall lit with a Murano chandelier.



Be aware that there is no elevator and that the staff accommodates special requests only when reservations are made (at the time of booking), not upon arrival. The individually decorated accommodations vary from older traditional rooms to more recently

updated units, all with silky jewel-tone club chairs in sitting areas.

The former rely more on a mix of period appointments, antiques, fun floral fabrics, and not-so-period 1940s-1960s fittings. Overall, they are all charming, clean and generally spacious. Note: The owners oversee the hotel, and they take service and maintenance standards seriously.



Guests can expect marble, wood or terrazzo floors, plaster or fabric-padded walls, and huge armoires or closets. Air-conditioning, radiators, TVs and minibars are common fittings, and the small baths provide hair dryers and little packets of soap and shampoo.

As at all budget hotels, tubs are few. For a not-too-expensive superior room with a canal view, try 42.

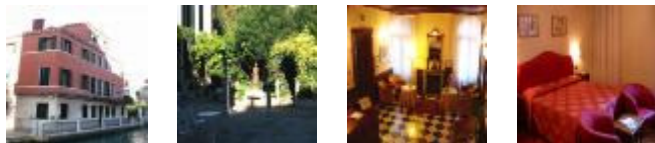
Room service is not offered. No pets are permitted.

The delightful English-speaking staff knows Venice well and loves to share secrets. Anyone wanting the best romance-to-dollar value in Venice will find it

here.

The biggest drawback: This place is almost impossible to book on short notice (which is anything less than a few months). The hotel closes for two weeks in January.

Images



Hotel Profile

Contact Information

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General Hotel Information

Check in Time: 2:00 PM

Check out Time: 12:00 PM

Number of Floors: 2

Total Number of Rooms: 29

Location

Location: In City

Nearest Airports:

- Marco Polo- 20 km, 35 min drive

Restaurants On-Site

Dining: 1 Bar On Site

Amenities & Facilities

Room Amenities

Amenities are in All rooms unless noted otherwise

- Air Conditioning (some)
- Daily Maid Service
- Rooms for Non-smokers
- Telephone

Hotel Facilities

General Services

- Concierge Services
- Currency Exchange
- Laundry/ Dry Cleaning Service
- Multi-lingual Staff
- Room Service

Business Services

- Fax

Security

- Smoke Alarm in Rooms

Technology

- In Room Wireless Internet Access

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