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Panorama of Basilica of Santa Maria della Salute (taken from Flickr blog)

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“Buongiorno” from Venice with Mrs. McLean

By, Yegor Cherabaiev

Imagine yourself gliding along the Grand Canal, surrounded by the sounds of water, while the enchanting aroma of Italian cuisine floats through the air. In this article, we embark on a double journey—one that explores the most important Italian phrases and the most fascinating places of Venice—with our lovely Italian teacher: Mrs. McLean.

Mrs. McLean loves Italian cuisine, valuing its simplicity and authenticity. The Italian language, similar to music, holds a special place in her heart. Italian humor, a practical and beloved aspect of her upbringing, shows her love for Italy. “And to me, it's just the best; it's funny,” Mrs. McLean chuckles.

In Venice, Mrs. McLean mentions must-see places like Piazza San Marco, Ponte di Rialto, Palazzo Ducale, and the historically rooted Biennale Arsenale. The resilient Teatro La Fenice, decorated with beautiful architectural design, echoes with exciting music. She encourages students to seek exciting experiences in Venice, avoiding tourist zones, and discovering hidden places where they can observe the unique daily life of Venetians. “Find a nice little place that is your own place in Venice that you will always remember,” she advises.



Panorama of Venice's boats (taken from Flickr blog)

Mrs. McLean provides essential Italian phrases for navigating Venice. "Buongiorno" means "good morning," use "grazie" for "thank you," and if you want to ask "how much does it cost?" say "quanto costa?" A funny note suggests ordering a coffee using "un caffè" instead of just "a latte", as it may cause confusion when the waiters bring you a regular glass of milk. Finally, as a playful addition, Mrs. McLean offers us the Italian word "andiamo," to say "let's go."

We are both excited to hear about your planned excursion in Venice as we wrap up our talk. Mrs. McLean and I appreciate you sharing this time with us, and we look forward to hearing what stories you will discover in Venice. Safe travels and arrivederci!

All about Venice with AIS-Salzburg

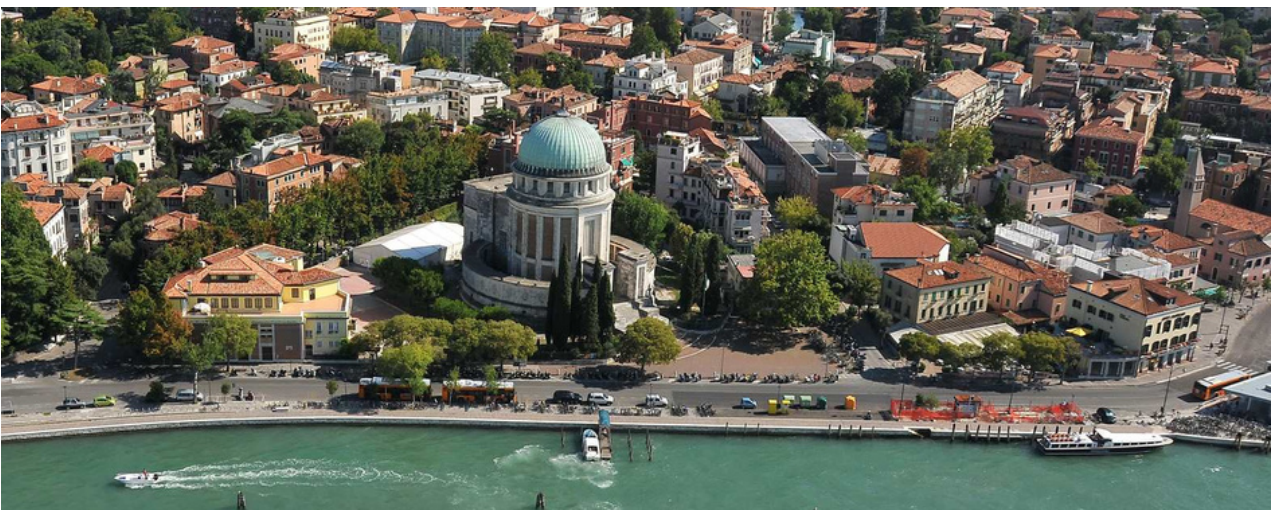
By, Jennet Batyrova

Youth: a time of discoveries, ambitions, and, of course, new experiences. We are looking forward to finding new adventures in the forthcoming excursion with AIS Salzburg. Don't you think new experiences become more valuable when we can analyze and understand them? In order to do so, we have to be informed and have some knowledge about the places that we will explore. So, let's delve into our trip program and learn more about the beautiful city of Venice.

Mr. Fox, one of the most informed people on all aspects of the plans for Venice, has helped us clarify some of the common aspects of our journey. Keep reading for answers to your most pressing questions about the trip.

Q. How will we get to Venice and how long will the journey take?

A. Our journey to Venice will start in the early morning, on a private coach and 2 school vans. The path will not be short, approximately 7-8 hours. However, we will have breaks. For example, we are going to stop in the gorgeous Italian city, Udine, for lunch. After that, we are continuing to drive to Venice. Our final point is an island near Venice, called Lido.



Lido di Venezia in northern Italy is well known for its beaches (taken from "Wikimedia commons")

Q. Which places will we visit and how much free time will we have?

A. The excursion will actually be quite busy. With so many things to see and do in Venice, student's free time will actually be limited. There will be two activities in a day, in the morning and in the evening. Before the excursion, students will be able to request what they want to do more and what places they want to visit. We are going to see both the most famous places and also places that may interest people who have already been in Venice. Some of them are: Doge's palace, Mark's Basilica, Biennale Architettura, Murano island and lots of museums.



Doge's Palace, built in 1340 (taken from "Tripadvisor")

Q. Will we have specific rules during excursion?

A. The rules during the excursion will be the same as those in school. However, there will be a slight difference for younger students who will need to remain with the staff at all times. Additionally, students should not venture out alone, they should always be with somebody.

Q. What advice do you have for our students to act as good tourists?

A. Look and try to observe as much as you can. And do not forget about other people's experiences. If you're being loud, pushing your friends, or littering, it can affect someone else's experience. During your free time, explore beyond the tourist areas and venture into the side streets to experience the authentic, everyday life of the city

We extend our gratitude to Mr. Fox for taking the time to provide us with this helpful interview. We hope you've found answers to your questions about the excursion, and wish you a safe journey filled with excitement!

Your Venice Packing List

By, *Joshua Fatzinger*

Have you ever heard of the term "Less is more?" A good packing list goes a long way in a trip like ours to Venice, from weight to storage to even the amount of suitcases you bring!

We need to start with basics, so get a week's worth of good clothes, good walking shoes, basic toiletries, entertainment, a reusable water bottle, and some money. All of which you can store in one small suitcase!



A messy suitcase (via Canva Resources)

You should try to keep all of your stuff organized to keep space for anything extra. This can be vital for when you are moving your luggage everywhere as it ensures that you do not misplace anything. You can make more space by folding your clothes and keeping bags of different objects for more organization, and therefore more storage. Messy bags can lead you to think you have something when you do not. Instead, you could have left it on a bus or in a van. Marija Bodroža, an AIS-S student that attended the Paris excursion last year, said that the things that are left behind the most are toiletries and a phone charger, two things that are practically required on any vacation.

Space-saving steps like these are also necessary if you are planning on buying any souvenirs. Packing those in the right way will help you pack your gifts, memories or even desk ornaments without any damage to your new items. Packing souvenirs is like packing glass, as most souvenirs are fragile. Your best strategy is to wrap your more expensive souvenirs with hoodies or just any clothes you have if you cannot buy any bubble wrap and tape.

By carefully packing and planning what you want to bring in advance, you can ensure your nice, leisurely excursion to Venice, Italy. Have a nice trip!

Intro to staff

Below you will find information about the journalism staff. Read further to learn more about our authors!



Name: Joshua Fatzinger

Grade at AIS-S: 9th

Hobbies: I like to fly planes, build with legos, play computer games and design.

Previous experience with Journalism: Interviewed an F-35 Pilot, set up by myself for a slideshow.

I joined the Journalism elective this year because journalism has always been interesting to me, and I have never gotten the chance to join anything like a program like this.

Name: Yegor Cherabaiev

Grade at AIS-S: 11

Hobbies: My hobbies are songwriting, composing and producing music, photography, web and graphic design, and riding a bike.

Previous experience with Journalism: I actually have a little website where I write articles about reviewing new albums and singles, it was meant for my friends and family, but then a lot of people signed up for it. And also, songwriting is my passion, so I really like to write something.

I joined the Journalism elective this year because I want to continue writing new things and I really want to try improving my writing skills each time! "The more you learn, the more you realize how much you don't know."
– Albert Einstein.



Name: Vladyslav Martynchuk

Grade at AIS-S: 10

Hobbies: I really like playing football as my favorite team sport. Additionally, I am into reading books of different genres. Sometimes I spend my free time playing table tennis, because I'm not bad at it.

Previous experience with Journalism: Earlier, in my previous school I wrote articles as my English homework about different celebrities and basically popular people.

I joined the Journalism elective this year because my father also studied journalism and I really wanted to try this elective out, it's one of the best electives among other choices.

Name: Jennet Batyrova

Grade at AIS-S: 11

Hobbies: To be honest, my usual life at our school is pretty busy because of all the schoolwork that we have to catch up on. But I still try to find some time for my hobbies, such as reading or drawing.

Previous experience with Journalism: All my experience in journalism has been as a reader. I have never written before, but I have always been interested in the power and beauty that words can have.

I joined the Journalism elective this year because I believe that journalism is one of the most important social institutions that can profoundly impact our world, both on a global and individual scale, so I have wanted to delve into it deeper.



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