

## SPLENDID VENICE – STARHOTELS COLLEZIONE

All the magic of Venice



One of La Serenissima's best-kept secrets, the **Splendid Venice – Starhotels Collezione** is an elegant and charming home away from home, overlooking the Venice canals, in the true heart of the city. The main points of interest for culture and art, such as St. Mark's Square and Rialto, are just around the corner and easily accessible by foot or with a short gondola ride.

The hotel is quiet and peaceful, despite being located on the Mercerie, the ancient alleyways that connect St. Mark's Square and Rialto, for centuries the epicenter of local trade, and today lined with boutiques and traditional stores. A true retreat in the center of Venice, a place where memory, passion, and beauty combine to create an unforgettable experience. Those who choose to stay at Splendid Venice will find an intimate atmosphere, with spaces designed expressly for conversation, relaxation, and the contemplation of La Serenissima's incomparable beauty, from the hotel's rooftop terrace (the *Altana*), with a magnificent view of Venice bell towers and its most secluded corners.

The hotel offers a menu of bespoke services, for a truly enjoyable stay: “**Les Clefs d’Or**” concierge and butler service, 24/7 room service, and private docking.



## **An ancient vocation**

The earliest documentation dates back to the 16th century, at the height of the Republic of Venice, when the original structure of the hotel was known as the *Locanda Cappello Nero* (Black Hat Inn), which stood in the area between Calle della Regina and Rio dei Barattieri. Subsequent expansions and transfers of ownership transformed it into its present configuration, which consists of two adjoining buildings, internally connected.

Acquired by Starhotels in 1985 and renovated in 2008, it underwent a soft restyling in 2017. The spirit of the ancient inn nevertheless remains and can be felt in the warm and attentive hospitality of the staff and in the coziness of the common spaces, starting with the lobby, which instead of a large open space retains the intimate and intricate atmosphere of Eastern Mediterranean tradition – all wrapped in a sensual and contemporary decor that uses the finest Venetian materials as a respectful nod to the city’s long and illustrious history.

## **The discreet charm of the Byzantine: poetry of light and color**

For centuries Venice has been the place where major East and West influences converged, resulting in a unique layering of artistic and cultural traits.

Upon arriving via gondola, motorboat or water taxi at the private “water door” on the Rio dei Barattieri, visitors are immediately intrigued by the natural light filtering in through the Campiello, the ample exterior courtyard typical of Arab architecture, around which all common spaces revolve - the bar, the library, the media room, the lobby and the restaurant - and over which many of the rooms enjoy the view. The Campiello hosts the restaurant’s dehors, a patio with a completely retractable glass roof, an ingenious feat of engineering, and a fireplace that makes it available all year round.



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Not only the architecture but also the interior décor exerts all the Byzantine influence fascination. Designer Andrea Auletta has combined silver with earth tones and wisteria, alternating them with lacquer black and amethyst to create a mood at once inviting and mysterious. Velvet, silk, and leather grace the furnishings, while the floors are in Venetian terrazzo or teak. The vermilion shades on the lamps by Jacques Garcia are an especially distinctive touch. The overall lighting design is driven by the pursuit of a soothing, all-encompassing atmosphere, with particular attention to sustainability.



### **The *altana*: open-air theater**

Like the Teatro la Fenice, whose profile can be glimpsed from the hotel terrace, the Splendid Venice entertains its guests with a uniquely Venetian game of constantly shifting stage sets. The succession of rooms and alcoves on the ground floor gives way to unexpected views, cropped by the rooms and hallways of the upper floors, culminating in the altana Solana, a delightful system of decks and terraces typical of Venice: with nearly 200 square meters, distributed over multiple levels, this is the largest such structure of any hotel in the city. Once the refuge of ladies who wished to enjoy the sun, breeze and beauty of their city in private, today this system of terraces is open to guests throughout the day, especially at cocktail hour, with a classic Spritz or Bellini or the house signature “Laguna” cocktail, when Venice offers her most enchanting views, and the campanile of St. Mark seems so close that you could touch it.

The **altana “Solana”** roof terrace is open every day from 6:00 pm to 10:30 pm.



## **The Venice of the Venetians**

A stay at the Splendid Venice wouldn't be complete without exploring the authentic soul of the city: its program of artistic, musical, and social events allows guests to experience the city like true locals and discover the real Venice that lies behind all the clichés and throngs of tourists, making this 4-star hotel the perfect choice for discerning travelers.

Many guests have already enjoyed “Gondolier for a Day”, an exclusive opportunity offered by Società dei Canottieri Francesco Querini, a guild of professional gondoliers, to take a one-hour lesson and learn some of the secrets of this jealously guarded maritime art. The Splendid Venice is built as much on art and music as on bricks and mortar: special package deals are developed for the Biennale and the “White Party” evenings have become one of the highlights of the season and are invariably sold out. There is a “Jazz on the Roof” concert calendar, as well as fashion nights, elegant parties for Carnival, the “Redentore” fireworks festival, and New Year's Eve. Every evening at sunset, guests and locals alike gather for a cocktail at the American Bar on the rooftop terrace, casting a carefree gaze over wonderful Venice, drinking to its unrivaled romance and beauty.

## **Rooms & Suites**

165 rooms, including 12 Suites and 7 Junior Suites (some with balconies and views of St. Mark) stylishly furnished down to the smallest detail. Here guests can relax in luxurious comfort or recharge before going back out to explore the most beautiful city of the world.

The architect Andrea Auletta has decorated all the rooms with precious wallpapers with damask motifs in silver, lilac, and earth tones to pay homage to the Venetian textile tradition, whose patterns are echoed in the silhouettes of the headboards. The armchairs are embellished with 18<sup>th</sup>-century designs, in turn reflected in exquisite silver mirrors, and in the ceiling's wooden beams. The suites also feature custom cabinetry and sofa beds designed by Auletta, as well as chairs and lamps by important interior designers like Jacques Garcia, India Jane and Zonca. The bathrooms, at once elegant, functional and fully accessorized, are in marble.



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### **Presidential Suite**

As befits the name, the Presidential Suite, with its double private terrace and exclusive view on St. Mark's Campanile and Venice's skyline, offers an even more unforgettably luxurious experience. Exquisitely furnished with an eye toward maximizing the comfort and distinctive style for which Splendid Venice is known, it consists of two bedrooms, each with a double closet, two sitting rooms with bookshelves, two bathrooms with separate shower and tubs, and a full selection of luxury toiletries.



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### **Splendid Heritage Suites**

Located in a typical Venetian-style building attached to the hotel, which was originally a textile shop, the 12 Splendid Heritage Suites are a tribute to the Serenissima's textile tradition. The rich pleated fabrics of the curtains, the elegant velvet for the armchairs of the living area, and the headboards with a sinuous silhouette are surrounded by inlaid wall mirrors embellished with glass rosettes and masterpieces of the ancient glassmaking tradition of Murano. The rooms are available in two color options: Peacock blue and chalk white both embellished with gold details to emphasize the brightness of the interiors.

These historic 40sqm suites reflect the desire for absolute privacy and can be combined for maximum comfort, in a warm and relaxing atmosphere. Among the exclusive services that the suites offer are: private in-room check-in, prestigious Acqua di Parma bathroom amenities, and a welcome gift with sparkling wine.



## Grand Suites

The Grand Suites, a combination of two Splendid Heritage Suites for a total of 90smq, offer maximum comfort, surrounded by rich pleated fabrics, elegant velvet and masterpieces of the ancient glassmaking tradition of Murano. Among the exclusive services that the suites offer are: private in-room check-in, prestigious Acqua di Parma bathroom amenities and welcome gift.





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### **Junior Suites**

The Junior Suites, some of which with a canal view, are designed to instill a sense of well-being and quality time. The spacious living area is made more comfortable by the hotel's passion for well-crafted hospitality, like a personal espresso machine, while the large bathroom in Italian marble features a selection of luxury toiletries to accompany the morning ritual after a restful sleep in a soft double or queen-size bed.

### **Family Room**

Spacious and comfortable, the Family Room is a cozy refuge for those who travel in style and demand the finest hospitality not only for themselves, but also for their children. With Starhotels's "V.I.K. Very Important Kids" service, the youngest guests (under 16 years) will receive their own welcome kit featuring amenities, surprises and tips. For babies and toddlers, our hotels can provide cribs, cots, changing tables, strollers, bathtub trays, bottle warmer, highchairs and more amenities, upon request.

## A taste of the “Laguna”: Le Maschere Restaurant

At **Le Maschere**, the hotel restaurant, the flavors of Venetian cuisine are celebrated without forgetting the classic dishes of the rest of Italy.

Massimo Livan, a celebrated Venetian chef with a wealth of experience in some of the most prestigious restaurants in town, is now at the helm of the restaurant and his enthusiastic team of talented young chefs from the city, offers genuine flavors adding innovation and originality. His extreme attention to the choice of the ingredients enriches the guests’ food experience. Whether for an informal lunch before venturing to the Biennale or to the boutiques of the new Fondaco dei Tedeschi, or for a leisurely dinner after an *aperitivo* at the rooftop bar, Le Maschere is one of the most interesting restaurants in town, favored by locals and tourists alike.

The exclusive and intimate “Sala degli Specchi” is ideal for hosting private events. Consummately professional waiters, to whom many guests rightly choose to entrust their menu selections, move with choreographed precision beneath the inscrutable gazes of the Venetian carnival masks reflected in the polished bronze sculptures that decorate the dining rooms.

Those who dine instead on the elegant patio in the **Campiello** can enjoy the natural light that filters through the retractable glass roof and the glow of the lamps that highlight the architectural details of the courtyard.



**Le Maschere** restaurant is open every day from 7:00 to 10:30 am for breakfast, from noon to 2:30 pm for lunch, and from 7:00 to 10:30 pm for dinner.



## **Le Maschere Bar**

With its arched windows overlooking the canal and its soothing atmosphere, the **Le Maschere** bar is the ideal place to stop throughout the day for a fine espresso or an afternoon tea with pastries or to kick off the aperitivo hour with a glass of classic Venetian Spritz and fragrant Bellini.

Precious Murano glass chandeliers, velvet, silk and leather furnishings, and stunning mirrors reflecting the vermilion-tinged light of Jacques Garcia's lamps make this the perfect spot for celebrations, romantic nightcaps or quiet moments of contemplation.

**Le Maschere** bar is open every day from 11:00 am to midnight.

## **Meetings and events**

Ideally located in the city center, embed with history and charm, the Splendid Venice is the perfect location for special events, weddings or business meetings.

In addition to Le Maschere restaurant, an elegant private room can accommodate up to 35 people and is particularly suited for the most exclusive meetings, while the altana Solana roof terrace, with its breathtaking views of the city, can serve as a beautiful backdrop for the most sophisticated cocktail parties at sunset or under a sky full of stars.

A dedicated, highly skilled Manager is in charge of overseeing each event and will work alongside our guests and clients to ensure the best experience possible and a fully satisfactory turnout.

## **Awards and Recognitions**

Splendid Venice has been selected one of the best hotels in Venice in the **Readers' Choice Awards** by **Condé Nast Traveller** in 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2018. In 2023, at the European Hotel Awards, the hotel has been awarded as Iconic Luxury Hotel of the Year.

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