

# Cycling Route Venice lagoon Islands. Lido di Venezia, Malamocco, Pellestrina.

This is an easy excursion I which allows you to live an unforgettable experience thanks to the magic combination of sea and lagoon. The route goes through a fascinating environment where small villages alternate with precious nature spots. Venice shines in the background plunged into the light and the lagoon water reflection.



During the Byzantine period the islands of Lido (3) and Pellestrina were part of a long path across the "barene" connecting Altino to Ravenna, known as "The seven seas route". The islands were fundamental for Venice as as a strategic military defence testified by the fortifications scattered around the territory. The also reachable from the island of Sant'Erasmo "Route information"). From Lido di Venezia S. Nicolò (1) you head towards the northern end

of the island with the homonymous ex Benedectine Monastery.

The church, founded in the mid 11th century, has a seventeenth-century architecture and houses a magnificent wooden choir loft, carved in 1635. Right from this corner of the lagoon pirate-hunting expeditions left in the Sensa" celebrations still recall the symbolic marriage ceremony between

Venice and the waters. Nearby, it is possible to walk along and admire the monumental old Jewish Cemetery. The trip continues along the coastline facing the lagoon and then through the avenue "Gran Viale Santa Maria Elisabetta from which the main urban axes of the built-up area diverge. You quickly reach the "Lungomare Marconi": the most prestigious palaces of the and the unique Moorish palace of the Grand Hotel Excelsior, overlook this promenade Once you are past the centre you cycle up the

cycle and footpath running close to the "Murazzi", barriers set to protect the island from the tides. When crowded, it is advisable "calli" and "campielli", where it is possible to



have a taste of the typical Venetian atmosphere. Leaving the little centre behind, you reach the natural oasis of Alberoni: from this point you catch the vaporetto to Pellestrina. You get off in Santa Maria del Mare and keep going towards San Pietro in Volta, a little fishing port where the 18th century church of St. Peter rises surrounded by low fishing houses and vegetable gardens. Cycling southwards you first come across the village of Portosecco, where you might happen to see ladies making lace, and then **Pellestrina** (4), a picturesque settlement of 16th and 17th century houses. The most experts can venture into the southern end of the island, through an unprotected trail along the lagoon perimeter, and visit the ancient fort and Malamocco (2), among opposite direction, paying attention to the ferry



## Route Information

Lenght: 40 km round trip.

### Start and finish point:

from Venezia Tronchetto, reachable by bicycle or car from Mestre, by a regular ferry boat service; from Chioggia: www.giteinlaguna.com Surface: secondary roads and cycle pat Sunscreen recommended on sunny days.

## Info bike

**Bicycle hire and repair** *Lido di Venezia - Information:* www.turismovenezia.it

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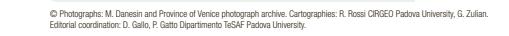
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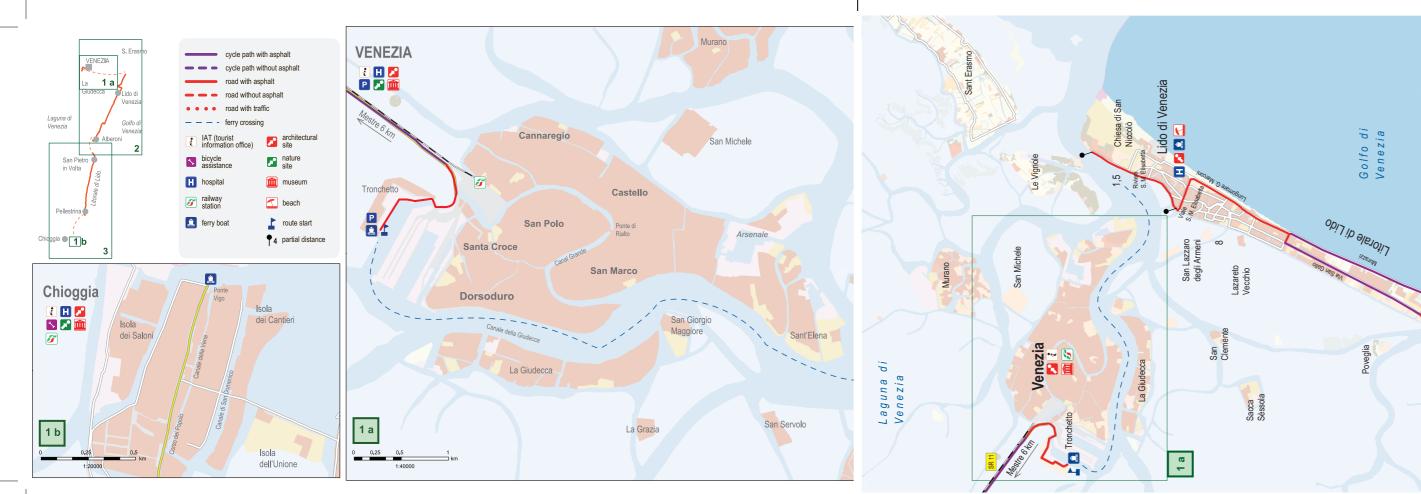


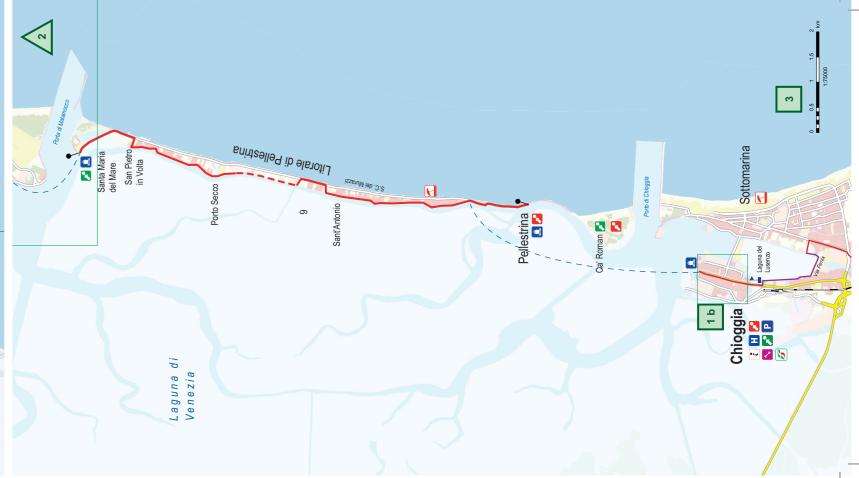
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