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3-Day Venice Food Itinerary

From our guide **Top 10 Best Places to Eat in Venice**. Print it or save it to your phone.



Venice is compact, but the lanes are slow to walk, so group your meals by district. Use the vaporetto only to save time between areas.

Day 1: Rialto and San Polo cicchetti

Start at the Rialto market to see the ingredients. Late morning, have a few cicchetti and a glass of wine at Cantina Do Mori, then walk to All'Arco for a second round. Spend the afternoon exploring San Polo on foot. In the evening, book Antiche Carampane or Trattoria alla Madonna for a seafood dinner, both within a short walk of the Rialto.

Day 2: Dorsoduro and Castello

Begin with coffee and a pastry at Pasticceria Tonolo, then walk through Dorsoduro to Cantine del Vino già Schiavi for a light lunch by the canal. Spend the afternoon at the Zattere waterfront or the galleries. For dinner, choose between Estro Vino e Cucina in Dorsoduro, or take the vaporetto towards Castello for Osteria alle Testiere. Book either well in advance.

Day 3: Cannaregio and a splurge

Spend the morning in Cannaregio and the Jewish Ghetto, then make Al Timon your early-evening aperitivo stop. Reserve Local for dinner if you want a tasting menu and have booked ahead. If not, return to a favourite bacaro for a final round of cicchetti. Allow time to walk back along the canals.

The 10 places at a glance

1. Cantina Do Mori

How to get there: Walk from the Rialto Bridge into San Polo, or take the vaporetto (water bus) to Rialto Mercato and follow the lanes behind the market.
How long to spend: 30 to 45 minutes for a glass and a few cicchetti.
Best time to go: Late morning or early evening, when the counter is fully stocked. Opening days and hours change, so check before you go.
Tip: Eat standing at the counter, and keep the visit short so others can squeeze in.
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2. All'Arco

How to get there: Walk from the Rialto Bridge through the market area, or take the vaporetto to Rialto Mercato.
How long to spend: 30 to 45 minutes.
Best time to go: Late morning, when the market ingredients are freshest. Check opening days before you go, as listings vary.
Tip: Ask which cicchetti arrived that day, then pick three and share them.
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3. Cantine del Vino già Schiavi

How to get there: Walk about ten minutes from the Accademia vaporetto stop, or from Ca' Rezzonico, towards the San Trovaso boatyard.
How long to spend: 30 to 60 minutes.
Best time to go: Late morning or early evening. Sources list it as closed on Sundays, so check before you go.
Tip: Take your plate outside to the canal for the best view of the gondola boatyard.
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4. Osteria alle Testiere

How to get there: Walk from San Marco or Rialto towards Castello, near Campo Santa Maria Formosa. A map app helps in the maze of lanes.
How long to spend: About two hours for dinner or a long lunch.
Best time to go: Book ahead for dinner, and check opening days, since listings differ.
Tip: Tell the restaurant about allergies when you book, not when you sit down.
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5. Antiche Carampane

How to get there: Walk from the Rialto Bridge into San Polo, or take the vaporetto to San Silvestro and follow the signs.
How long to spend: About two hours.
Best time to go: Dinner is the main event, with a booking made several days ahead.
Tip: Contact the restaurant directly and double check the phone number before calling.
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6. Trattoria alla Madonna

How to get there: Walk from the Rialto Bridge into San Polo, or take the vaporetto to Rialto Mercato.
How long to spend: About 90 minutes.
Best time to go: Lunch, when the dining room is busy but easier to book. Check opening days before you go.
Tip: Ask for the fish of the day and share a starter such as sarde in saor.
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7. Estro Vino e Cucina

How to get there: Walk from the Accademia or Ca' Rezzonico vaporetto stops into Dorsoduro, using a map app for the final streets.
How long to spend: About two hours.
Best time to go: Dinner, with a booking. Check current hours and closing days.
Tip: Ask for wine pairings by the glass so you can taste several without buying bottles.
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8. Local

How to get there: Walk from Piazza San Marco or Rialto towards Castello and the Greek quarter, or take the vaporetto to San Zaccaria.
How long to spend: About three hours.
Best time to go: Dinner on a day when you have no other plans. Book well ahead.
Tip: Tell the restaurant about dietary needs when you book, and check the current Michelin status.
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9. Pasticceria Tonolo

How to get there: Walk from the Ca' Rezzonico vaporetto stop or from the Frari area towards Calle San Pantalon.
How long to spend: 20 to 30 minutes.
Best time to go: Morning. Several listings say it is closed on Mondays, so check before you go.
Tip: Try the focaccia veneziana, and ask what is in season if you visit near Carnival.
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10. Al Timon

How to get there: Walk from the Ferrovia (train station) along the Cannaregio canal, or take the vaporetto to Guglie and walk a few minutes.
How long to spend: About an hour.
Best time to go: Early evening for aperitivo. Check opening days before you go.
Tip: Arrive a little early to claim a canalside spot before the evening crowd.
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Getting around Venice

Most of the places in this guide are within a short walk of each other, but the lanes are narrow and bridges have steps. Use a map app, and expect a ten-minute walk to take longer than it looks on the screen. The vaporetto (water bus) runs along the Grand Canal and around the city, and you can buy tickets through Venezia Unica. Check the current fares and pass options there, as prices change. Wear comfortable shoes, travel light and avoid pulling a large suitcase over bridges.

Opening times, prices and transport change often, so check with each venue or operator before you go. For the full guide, photos and FAQs, see https://toptravelinsider.com/top-10-best-places-to-eat-in-venice/.