



## 1- Check your entry

Click [here](#) to check your registration. Have a look at the square reported by your name, if the light is **green** no problem, if it is yellow or **red** click on it and read the missing documents. Do not get to Venice without having all documents in order.



## 2 – Book your Hotel!

Are you still looking for the right accommodation for your Venicemarathon experience? Do not worry! Together with [Albatravel](#) we have studied special packages for you and your travel mates, [visit our website](#) and find out more about the special packages.



## 3 – Your Official Photos!

Download the Pica APP from [Apple Store](#) or [Google Play](#).... after the finish line you could view your race photos!

Keep smiling! The Marathon Foto photographers will get shots of you during your race. Look for them along the race course and when you see them smile 😊.

After the race open the app, type your PICA CODE and have a look at your photos.



## 4 - Enter the enchanting Villa Pisani

**Villa Pisani opens its doors to the Venicemarathon! Sport, culture and tourism finally combine together!**

On the days before your race plan a tour at [Villa Pisani](#). It is the undisputed "Queen of all Venetian Villas" which gave in the past hospitality to kings and imperators. As a participant you have the entrance free of charge! Show the bib number or the confirmation letter and visit the most famous villa of the Brenta Riviera. Your family and/or friends will get a discount.

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## 5 – Join us at the Marathon Party

Venicemarathon organizes the exclusive **Marathon Party** on the day before the race at [NH Laguna Palace Hotel](#) - headquarters of the Marathon - where the elite runners will have dinner with you all and the experts will deeply explain you the race course and its peculiarities. The exclusive party with the champions of the marathon distance!! [Book it now!](#)



## 6 – Support the Charity Program

Thanks to the [Charity Program](#) **Venicemarathon** combines its events with a **charitable purpose supporting different projects**. This year **it has involved the marathon runners** as well. Some of you have already decided to run and **raise funds for a good cause thanks to Rete del Dono**; if you haven't done it yet but you would like to do so, have a look at the [associations](#) of the Charity Program and help their fundraisers.

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## 7 – Come and get your Bib number and Race bag pick up

One week before the race we will email you the confirmation letter. It is the only document accepted to get the bib number and the chip attached.

**IMPORTANT NOTE!!! The chip is disposable so you DON'T NEED to give it back after the race.**

It is a digital letter, so **DO NOT PRINT IT!** Just show it to the staff from your smart phone or tablet.

The bib number pick up is at **Exposport Venicemarathon Village** at San Giuliano Park in Mestre – **Porta Blu (Blue entrance)** at the following times:

- **Friday 26 October 10:00am -8:00pm**
- **Saturday 27 October 9:00am - 8:00pm**

When coming to Venice remember to bring the confirmation letter, an identity document and the necessary documents reported in the letter.

**Note! If you don't have all the necessary documents you won't take part in the race.**

If you are unable to come personally to get the bib number, you can nominate someone to collect your bib number for you. Remember that the person you nominate must have: a proxy signed by you, authorizing that person – by name – to collect your number; the confirmation letter and all of

the necessary documents reported in it.

After getting the bib number, remember to get the race bag and the technical t-shirt by [Karhu](#).



## **8 – Get to San Giuliano Park**

**BY TRAM:** from Venice take the tram line T1 and get off at San Giuliano stop; from Mestre Train station take the line T2, change at Mestre Centro – Piazzale Cialdini and from here take the line T1 to Venice and get off San Giuliano stop. Trams run every ten minutes. Click [here](#) for further information.

**BY CAR:** from Trieste or Treviso: when you arrive in Mestre take the exit Terraglio, continue towards Venice for 6 kilometers and San Giuliano Park will be on your left, look for Porta Blu.

From Milan or Bologna when at the toll gate in Mestre, go straight on for about 8 Km, take the exit Terraglio, continue towards Venice for 6 kilometers and San Giuliano Park will be on your left, look for Porta Blu. There will be 2 free car parks: Porta Rossa and Porta Gialla

**BY TRAIN:** from Venezia-Mestre train station take the tram or the **orange ACTV bus no. 9 or 15**.

## **9 - Visit Exposport – Venicemarathon Village**

EXPOSPOINT

It is the Headquarters of Venicemarathon and everything will take place there. Exposport is the media and welcome center for journalists, athletes and staff, the meeting point for Family Runs. Here you can find everything from socks to the latest running products and our volunteers will be ready to give you assistance in anything you may need, besides you can even meet the current champions but also the past ones.

**Important note!** At [Exposport](#) – Venicemarathon Village many events will take place: presentation of the latest running products; books about running; the **VM Charity Program** explanation, the tips of the [San Benedetto Pacing Team](#) to race Huawei Venicemarathon with the smile on your lips!

## **10 - Move the clock hands**

### **PAY ATTENTION to the hour!!!!**

**In the night between Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 October there will be a change from daylight saving time to standard time... Remember to move the clock back one hour!**



## **11 – Visit Doge `s Palace and the Civic Museums - MUVE**

Showing your bib number or your confirmation letter you will also have a reduction in order to visit the Palazzo Ducale, from Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> hours for the Venice Marathon!!! (Ticket office closes at 22).

With reduced ticketing you will have access from October 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> at the Civic Museums and also to the permanent collections: Palazzo Ducale, the Venetian Museum (including Marciana Library and Archaeological Museum), Ca' Rezzonico - Museum of Eighteenth Century Venetian, Palazzo Mocenigo Museum, Casa di Carlo Goldoni, Ca' Pesaro International Gallery of Modern Art, Natural History Museum, Museum of Glass in Murano, Burano Lace Museum.



## 12 – Check the list!

Before leaving home or the hotel check if nothing is missing

- bib-number and pins to fix it at the t-shirt.  
Remember that the bib number is the document that identify you during your race, it must be visible to get all service;
- right clothes for the race (suitable for the weather condition!);
- few clothes to get changed after the race to be inserted in the personal kit bag that you will hand out to the volunteers.



## 13 – Get to the start!

You can get to the start line in San Giuliano Park using buses provided by the organization for only registered athletes. The shuttles, free for all athletes, will depart from

- **Mestre - Piazzale Favretti**, Railway Station area between 7:00am and 7:20am;
- **Venezia Tronchetto** dalle **6:50** alle **7:10**;

If you prefer to use personal means to get to the start keep in mind that the morning of the race, the streets will be partially closed and traffic for the starting area could be intense, so, leave your house/hotel in advance!!



## 14 - Car Park

A parking will be available in Via Forte Marghera in front of the Forte Marghera.

Venicemarathon in cooperation with [Interparking](#) will give the possibility of parking your car at a special discounted rate directly in Venice. Inside the race packet you will find the coupon to show when paying to get the discount.



## 15 – Toilets

At the Start there will be many toilets for all participants, please respect.  
In the start area you will find some tents as changing area.



## 16 – Kit bags for your personal belongings

Athletes will be allowed to use the kit bags provided by the organization ONLY (they will be distributed with the bibs).

**Note! Other types of bags will not be accepted.**

When ready put your kit bag on to the appropriate baggage truck in the start area, it is easy to find the right one (divided from A to F), just lookout for number reported on your bib and on your kit bag adhesive numbered sticker. For practical reasons, all bags will have to be handed in to the volunteers by **7:50am, if you leave your bag later or not to the staff in the trucks you won't find it at the finish line!! In these cases the organization won't be responsible for your bag!** A special adhesive numbered sticker (also given out by the organization) must be fixed to the front of the Kit bag. If you prefer, deliver your bag on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October from 9:00am to 6:00pm.



## 17 – Warm up

Make your pre-start warm up with [Virgin Active!](#) There will be a dedicated staff, ready to entertain you!!



## 18 – Ready... Steady... Go!

The start will be given at **8:30am** approximately from San Giuliano Park – Porta blu. There will be three different waves: one at 8:30am for the competitive race and two for the fun run at 8:35am and 8:40am.



## 19 – Race Course

**Attention: the distance of the race is approximately 11km.**

After the start from the San Giuliano Park – Porta Blu (Blue Entrance) – close to the Exsport Venicemarathon Village – the course takes athletes to Venice through the four-km-long Liberty Bridge.

Marathon runners enter the renewed harbor area of Venice and then next to the Giudecca Canal to Punta della Dogana. From here, they will cross the Gran Canal on a pontoon bridge, especially built for the race.

Passing through St. Mark's Sq. and by the Doge's Palace, the marathon route gets to the finish line located in Riva Sette Martiri, in a scenic position facing the lagoon. The race course is basically flat and fast. There are just a few difficulties, represented by 3-4 short slopes (100 meters or so). Be careful to the tramway rails from Marghera to Venice! In the final part of the marathon route (last 3 kilometers), runners will face 14 little bridges over Venice canals. Wooden ramps are put in place to prevent athletes from running on steps and to allow wheelchairs to participate in the race. The race course is asphalted except for the track in Venice, where there are no cobblestones on the course but large rectangular stone slabs.



## 20 – Run with the San Benedetto Pacing Team

Among participants there will be special groups of runners which will help you to finish the race within your fixed time. These are the [San Benedetto Pacers](#), they will be identified by colored balloons. These are the times at athletes' disposal: **40'00"**, **45'00"**, **50'00"**, **55'00"**, **1h00"**. When visiting Exsport Venicemarathon Village stop at their stand, you can meet up many pacers and maybe the one who will help you to record your personal best time could be right there.



## 21 – Timing

Due to the timing chip Timing Data Service placed on your bib number it will be noted on your race time. **Remember not to remove the chip from the pectoral otherwise you will not be classified. CAUTION!!!!** The chip is disposable, so **YOU DO NOT NEED TO** give it back after the race.



## 22 – In case of withdrawal from the race

Should you need to withdraw from the race do not panic; there are several sweep buses, ambulances and medical motorbikes that follow the race and which will assist you; in case of need they will take you to the gathering points for withdrawn runners to the start or in Tronchetto area. Withdrawn athletes will be further taken to Venezia Tronchetto where will board a ferry to get to the finish area, retrieve their kit bag and meet up with family and friends.



## 23 – Complete the race within the time limit

The time limit is set at **1h45'**. After this time the organization will no longer be able to guarantee the total closing of the race course.



## 24 – Home straight

**CAUTION!!** Please do not let your kids go inside the race course as it could be dangerous for their safety!!!



## 25 – The finish line

Congratulations you've crossed the finish line!

After the finish line you will find the technical area with all the post-race services.



## 26 – Get your medal

After crossing the finish line get your commemorative medal!! If you don't reach the finish line you won't get one!



### **27 – Collect your kit bags and your Personal Belongings**

At the finish line you can get your kit bag that you left few hours before at the finish line, to get it check the numbers outside the tents and show your bib numbers to the staff.



### **28 – Final refreshment**

A final refreshment is provided to all participants, inside the Biennale Gardens with products by [Zuegg](#), [Palmisano](#), [San Benedetto](#) and [Coldiretti](#). After getting the kit bag and getting changed we kindly invite you to exit the finish area and go and cheer on the other participants crossing the finish line.



### **29 – Family reunion**

The finish area is closed to public and the entrance is allowed only to athletes. You could meet your family who are in Venice and support you just after the restricted area.



### **30 – Go back to the Mainland!**

To go back to the mainland from the finish line there are free services for athletes.

- Motorboats from Venezia Giardini to Venezia Tronchetto will be at athletes' disposal from 9:30am to 11:00am to go back to Mestre Central Station, Forte Marghera Parking and San Giuliano Park.

To guarantee a good service and avoid overcrowding, travel mates who wish to use the ferries provided by the organization for participants, can buy tickets at the info point of Exposport for 3€ or directly to the boarding for the cost of 5€ and if tickets are still available.



### **31 – Ranking and race certificate**

After the marathon you can get the official time by Garmin and your race certificate on our website: [www.huaweivenicemarathon.it](http://www.huaweivenicemarathon.it). You will get an email and a text with the scored time.