



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 PICA 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 emperors. 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 Brenta Riviera. Your family and/or friends will get a discount.

In addition, on the race-day morning the park of the Villa will be open to participants. What marvellous scenery to warm up and get ready for the marathon!

Remember that Villa Pisani is an artistic and cultural heritage, respect the area and **DO NOT make it dirty and USE THE CHEMICAL TOILET!!** Here are the [rules](#) of the Villa.



5 – Join us at the Marathon Party

Venicemarathon organizes the exclusive **Marathon Party** on the day before the race at **Hotel NH Laguna Palace** headquarters of the Marathon - where the elite runners will have dinner with you all and the experts will deeply explain you the racecourse 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 have not 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 haven't got 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 long sleeved running top by [UYN](#).



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 3 car parks: two of them (the one at the Porta Rossa and the one at the Porta Blu) are free of charge, while the one at Porta Gialla is not.

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 – Visit the 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 26th up to 29th hours for the Venice Marathon!!! (Ticket office closes at 22).

With reduced ticketing you will have access from October 26th up to 29th 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.

11- 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!



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 services and fill in the back side of it with all emergency information;
- 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 – Park your car in Venice

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.



14 – Get to the start!!

There will be a free shuttle service to reach the start line in Stra, reserved to participants only. The organization strongly advises all participants to use said service because the start area is difficult to access by personal means of transportation.

Shuttles will leave from:

- **Venezia Tronchetto** (fruit and vegetables market area) from **7:00am** to **7:20am** (last bus);
- **Venezia Mestre** (railway station) from **7:10am** to **7:30am** (last bus).

Athletes will be asked to show their bib number to board the bus. Should you go to the start by your own car, remember that the area could be busy and difficult to park your car, try to be there early.

To arrive to the Mestre train station, use the trains of Trenitalia with a [50% of discount](#).



15 – Toilets

At the Start there will be many toilets for all participants, please respect Villa Pisani a great ancient mansion which welcomes us! Don't wee on the walls or in the gardens of the Villa, you must use the toilets! 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, just lookout for the truck number (from 1 to 6) 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 **8:55am**. A special adhesive numbered sticker (also given out by the organization) must be fixed to the front of the Kit bag on the area indicated. Bags handed in late will be taken to Venezia Tronchetto (fruit and vegetables market area), where they can be picked up on the way back from the finish area.



17 – Warm up!

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18 – Enter your corral

Your corral can be identified by the color of your bib number; you can enter the corral between **9.00am** and **9:15am**. Respect the corral you have been assigned to. **Note: Latecomers will start the race at the back of the group!**



19 – Ready... Steady... Go!

The start will be given at **9:20am** approximately. Hand bikers' race will start a few minutes in advance.



20 – Run with the Garmin 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: **3h00' - 3h10' - 3h20' - 3h30' - 3h40' - 3h50' - 4h00' - 4h15' - 4h30' - 5h00' - 6h00'**.

Follow the right balloons!!



21 – Get your Energy back!

Along the race course there will be 8 refreshment stations at km: 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40. At every station there will be [San Benedetto](#) Water and starting from the 20th km station fruit by [Coldiretti](#), [Palmisano](#) biscuits produced with runners in mind and [ProAction](#) sports drink.

Remember to drink abundantly, especially if the day is quite hot and to eat properly during the race.



22 - Freshen up!

On the race course there are 7 sponging stations at km: 7.5, 12.5, 17.5, 22.5, 27.5, 32.5 and 37.5. At each station there will be special water basins in which to soak in the sponges included in the race bag. Remember to take them with you and do not throw sponges on the course you will need them during the race as there won't be any others but at the start.



23 – Do not leave rubbish around!

Important note: while running throw sponges and bottles in the recycle bins placed on the course!!!! Not doing it could cause disqualification!



24 – Timing

The Timing Data Service chip is attached to the bib number. Timing stations are located at km: 5, 10, 15, half marathon (21.097 km), 25, 30, 35, 40 and finish line. You will be timed the net time which is the real time you take to complete the 42.195 km. Don't remove the chip or you won't be timed!

Your friends and family can follow your running on the website: www.venicemarathon.it. **NOTE!! The timing chip is disposable this year, so you DO NOT NEED TO give it back after the race.**



25 – Race course

The start is located in Stra (a small country town about 25 km west of Venice), at the beginning of "Riviera del Brenta". The first part of the route snakes in a beautiful landscape rich in vegetation and in marvelous Venetian villas facing on the waters of the river Brenta.

The marathon goes through the centre of Marghera and Mestre, where you can see the new cultural center M9, then runs for more than 2 kilometers inside San Giuliano's Park and gets to Venice via the Ponte della Libertà (Freedom Bridge: a flat and straight bridge long about 4 kilometers). The race proceeds in the renewed harbor area of Venice and reaches the city centre for the last kilometers, which are simply unique and unforgettable. Marathoners run next to the Giudecca Canal to Punta della Dogana, where they cross the Grand Canal on a floating bridge, especially built for the race. Passing through St. Mark's Sq., by the Campanile and by the Doge's Palace, the marathon route gets to the finish line located in Riva Sette Martiri. The race course is flat and fast except for three short parts where it is a bit uphill. Be very careful, in Mestre-Venice there will be in some point the tram rails. In the last three kilometers you will have to cross 14 bridges which are covered with woodramps in order to allow handbikers and wheelchairs to take part in the race as well. It is almost all asphalted except for a short track in Venice where you run on big rectangular stone slabs.



26 – 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. They will be located in Venezia Marghera (km 23.5 approx.) and San Giuliano Park (km 29.5 approx.). In addition the **BLS-RUN-TEAM** runners will run with you, they are part of a special group of runners ready to step in in case of reanimation or immediate defibrillation need. 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.



27 – Listen to good music

MP3 readers, Ipods, etc....are not allowed... but do not worry! Venicemarathon will place 19 music groups to entertain both spectators and runners. In this way the difficult moment that a runner can face could be washed away with a smile.



28 – Complete the race within the time limit

The maximum time to pass at the half marathon mark (Km. 21.097) is 2h45'.

The maximum time to pass at the 30th Km mark is 3h50'.

The maximum time to finish the marathon is 6h00'.

After these times the Organizing Committee cannot guarantee the complete closing of the race course.



29 – Home straight

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



30 – 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.



31 – 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!



32 – 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.



33 – Relief for your muscles

Come to our massage area, our physiotherapists will help ease your sore muscles.



34 – Do you want to have a shower?

You can also find the **showers** at the Palasport dell'Arsenale, about 500 meters from the finish line. Follow the indications to find it or ask for it to the volunteers they will be there just to help you.



35 – Final refreshment

A rich refreshment will be at participants' disposal in the Giardini della Biennale with products by [Zuegg](#), [Palmisano](#), [San Benedetto](#), [Bertoncello](#) e [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.



36 – 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.



37 – 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 at 12:40pm. Bus shuttle service will take you afterwards from Venezia Tronchetto to the railway station in Mestre or to the start area in Stra.



38 – Ranking and race certificate

After the marathon you can get the official time and your race certificate on our website: www.venicemarathon.it. You will get an email and a text with the scored time.