

# Insider Guide to a Car Free Adriatic Holiday



The two main airports that serve the Adriatic region are Treviso (TSF), predominantly served by Ryanair and Venice Marco Polo (VCE), served by the majority of all other airlines. If you decide to take a car free holiday in the Adriatic, travelling from either of these airports to any Eurocamp parcs is relatively straight forward and inexpensive using local public transport. Once you are there, visiting Venice and other local towns and attractions is also straight forward.



## By Taxi

The simplest and easiest way for you to reach your parc is by taxi. Eurocamp can arrange a taxi transfer from either airport, direct to the parc reception. Call us on 0844 499 1 499 for more details.

## By Bus and Waterbus

### Parcs in Punta Sabbioni/ Cavallino area

The following parcs are all in the Punta Sabbioni/ Cavallino area and can all be reached using buses and waterbuses from either airport.

- Sant Angelo
- Garden Paradiso
- Union Lido
- Cavallino
- Mediterraneo
- Ca Savio
- Marina Di Venezia

## From Marco Polo Airport (VCE)

**Taking the bus from Venice Marco Polo:** To take a bus to your parc, you will need to make two journeys, with an easy interchange at Lido di Jesolo. The first stage is from the airport to the town of Lido di Jesolo. The local bus operator is ATVO and they run from outside the airport approximately every 45 minutes between 5.30 to around 00.00. The journey takes around 40 minutes to Lido Di Jesolo and will cost around €5 per person. Under 4's get a discount, however luggage carries a small supplement.

Once you have arrived at Lido di Jesolo, change buses onto the Cavallino-Punta Sabbioni service to commence the second part of your journey (operates Jun/Jul/Aug only). Depending on which parc you are holidaying on, the second leg of your journey will range from 15 minutes to 30 minutes and will cost approximately €2 per person (dependent on your stop). The bus will travel down the Via Fausta (this is the main road which connects all the parcs in the Cavallino/Punta Sabbioni area) so use the map below to help you decide which stop to get off at. Alternatively, just ask your driver for the nearest stop. Upon leaving the bus you will have a 5 to 15 minute walk to your parc.

## Taking the waterbus from Venice

**Marco Polo:** To take a waterbus to your parc, you will need take a waterbus from the airport into Venice, connect to a second service to Punta Sabbioni and then catch a bus from Punta Sabbioni to your parc. Whilst this transfer can be scenic, it is much more expensive than a bus, and can be difficult with children and luggage in tow.

The first waterbus from the airport to Venice is frequent and departs from just outside the arrivals hall. You can change at many locations throughout Venice, where there are regular ferry services to Punta Sabbioni. Overall, the journey from the airport to Punta Sabbioni will take approximately 60 minutes and cost €15-20 per person.



Upon arrival at Punta Sabbioni, catch one of the regular bus services towards Lido di Jesolo. Depending on which parc you are holidaying on, the second leg of your journey will range from 15 minutes to 30 minutes and will cost approximately €2 per person (dependent on your stop). The bus will travel down the Via Fausta (this is the main road which connects all the parcs in the Cavallino/Punta Sabbioni area) so use the map above to help you decide which stop to get off at. Alternatively, just ask your driver for the nearest stop. Upon leaving the bus you will have a 5 to 15 minute walk to your parc.

Whichever method you choose, tickets can be purchased from the Public Transport Office just to the left as you exit the arrivals lounge at Venice Marco Polo airport. The staff at the Public Transport Office are very helpful and multilingual, however, most of the bus drivers will only speak Italian.

## From Treviso Airport (TSF)

**Taking the bus from Venice Treviso:** To take a bus to your parc, you will need to make two bus journeys, with an easy interchange at Lido di Jesolo (preferred) or Mestre. The first stage is from the airport to the town of Lido di Jesolo and is timed to meet with most flights. The journey takes around 40 – 60 minutes to Lido Di Jesolo and will cost around €5 per person. Under 4's get a discount, however luggage carries a small supplement. In the absence of a service to Lido di Jesolo, you can take a bus to the Mestre Bus station, where you can change for a service to Lido di Jesolo.

Once you have arrived at Lido di Jesolo, change buses onto the Cavallino-Punta Sabbioni service to commence the last part of your journey (operates Jun/Jul/Aug only). Depending on which parc you are holidaying on, the second leg of your journey will range from 15 minutes to 30 minutes and will cost approximately €2 per person (dependent on your stop). The bus will travel down the Via Fausta (this is the main road which connects all the parcs in the Cavallino/Punta Sabbioni area) so use the map above to help you decide which stop to get off at. Alternatively, just ask your driver for the nearest stop. Upon leaving the bus you will have a 5 to 15 minute walk to your parc.

**Taking the waterbus from Venice Treviso:** There are no waterbus services from this airport.

### **If you are staying at Waikiki Parc**

Travelling to Waikiki parc by public transport is only feasible by bus and is almost identical to the journeys detailed above. At the airport, catch the service to Lido di Jesolo where you then change to the take the number 2 service to Cortellazzo. This service runs every 20 minutes and costs €1. Camping Waikiki is situated 1km before Cortellazzo on right hand side of road. Ask the driver as you board the bus for the right stop.

### **If you are staying at Pra Delle Torri Parc**

Travelling to Pra Delle Torri from both airports is only feasible by bus, but is relatively easy. There are direct buses after most flights stopping very close to the parc. In the absence of a direct service, simply catch a bus from the airport to San Dona Di Piave (if arriving at Venice Marco Polo) or Mestre (if arriving at Venice Treviso) from where you can catch a service to Pra Delle Torri. From Treviso it will cost around €8 to parc and will take around 80 minutes. From Marco Polo it will cost around €4 and will also take around 100 minutes.

## **Transfer Travel Tip's**

If you have children and/or lots of luggage, the easiest and cheapest transfer is by bus, changing at Lido di Jesolo.

When you enter the bus, make sure you validate your ticket by using the machine next to the driver. Simply insert your ticket, where it will be stamped, then remove your ticket and keep it with you.

The most regular bus services, with the widest choice of options are from Venice Marco Polo Airport.

## **Language Tip's**

### **Greetings and general phrases**

Sir .....	- Signore
Madame .....	- Signora
Miss .....	- Signorina
I am sorry .....	- Mi dispiace
Excuse me .....	- Scusi / Scusa (informal)
Thank you .....	- Grazie mille
You are welcome .....	- Prego
Maybe .....	- Forse
Just a second .....	- Un momento
Yes .....	- Si
No .....	- No
I would like .....	- (Io)vorrei
Good morning .....	- Buon giorno
Good evening .....	- Buona sera
Goodnight .....	- Buona notte
Hello .....	- Salve / Ciao
Goodbye .....	- Arrivederci
Goodbye (informal).....	- Ciao
Do you speak English?.....	- Parla inglese?
I do not speak Italian .....	- Non parlo italiano.

I speak a little Italian .....	- Parlo un poco d'italiano / Parlo poco l'italiano
Do you understand? .....	- Lei capisce?
I understand.....	- Capisco / Va bene.
I don't understand. ....	- Non capisco.
What did you say? .....	- Che cosa ha detto?
Can you repeat it, please?.....	- Potrebbe ripetere per favore?
Please speak slowly! .....	- Per piacere parli lentamente.

## Numbers

One .....	- Uno
Two .....	- Due
Three .....	- Tre
Four .....	- Quattro
Five .....	- Cinque
Six .....	- Sei
Seven .....	- Sette
Eight .....	- Otto
Nine .....	- Nove
Ten.....	- Dieci
Eleven .....	- Undici
Twelve .....	- Dodici
Thirteen .....	- Tredici
Fourteen .....	- Quattordici
Fifteen .....	- Quindici
Sixteen .....	- Sedici
Seventeen .....	- Diciassette
Eighteen .....	- Dicotto
Nineteen .....	- Diciannove
Twenty .....	- Venti
Thirty .....	- Trenta
Forty .....	- Quaranta
Fifty .....	- Cinquanta
Sixty .....	- Sessanta
Seventy .....	- Settanta
Eighty .....	- Ottanta
Ninety .....	- Novanta
Hundred .....	- Cento

## Bus Driver Questions

Where is the bus stop? .....	- Dov'è la fermata dell'autobus?
Do you have a map showing the bustops? ....	- Ha una piantina che indica le fermate dell'autobus?
When does the bus arrive? .....	- A che ora arriva l'autobus?
At what time does the bus leave? .....	- A che ora parte l'autobus?
What time is it? .....	- Che ore sono / che ora è?
One-way ticket / Round-trip ticket .....	- Un biglietto solo andata / andata e ritorno
Which number? / Which seat? .....	- Quale numero? / Quale posto?
Where can I buy a token / a ticket? .....	- Dove posso comprare un gettone / un biglietto?
Which bus do I have to take to go to... ? .....	- Quale autobus devo prendere per andare a... ?
Can you tell me how many stops there are? ..	- Può dirmi quante fermate ci sono?
In what direction do I have to go?.....	- In quale direzione devo andare?
Please tell me when we get there? .....	- Può farmi sapere quando siamo arrivati(e)?
Do I have to change buses?.....	- Devo cambiare autobus?

## Other Travel Questions

Where is/ I am lost. ....	- Dov'è / Mi sono perso
Where is the tourist Information Office? .....	- Dov'è L'Ufficio Turistico?
Do you know where it is? .....	- Sa dove si trova?
Continue straight then turn to the right. ....	- Continui dritto poi giri a destra.
Continue straight then turn to the left. ....	- Continui dritto poi giri a sinistra
The first street on the right.....	- La prima strada a destra.
The first street on the left. ....	- La prima strada a sinistra.
Let's go to the end of the street. ....	- Andiamo alla fine della strada.
The main square is straight ahead. ....	- La piazza principale è avanti dritto.
How can I get a map? .....	- Come posso ottenere una piantina?
The cathedral is around the corner. ....	- La cattedrale è dietro l'angolo.
Entrance / Exit .....	- Ingresso / Uscita
Taxi! Are you free? How much is the fare? ....	- Taxi! È libero? Quanto costa?
Could you please call me a taxi?.....	- Per favore, mi potrebbe chiamare un taxi?
What is the fare, please?.....	- La tariffa, per favore?
I need help. ....	- Ho bisogno d'aiuto.
I want to go to... ..	- Voglio andare a ...
Pull / Push .....	- Tirare / Spingere
Please take me to this address. ....	- Mi potrebbe portare a questo indirizzo, per favore.
Is it far from here? .....	- È lontano da qui?
I am looking for... ..	- Sto cercando...
Do I go straight? .....	- Devo andare tutto dritto?
Yes, go straight ahead! .....	- Sì, sempre dritto!
We are lost. ....	- Non sappiamo dove ci troviamo
I am in a hurry.....	- Ho fretta.
Stop here at the corner. ....	- Potrebbe fermare qui all' angolo.
Turn to the left / right. ....	- Giri a sinistra / destra .
The first street on the right. ....	- La prima strada a destra.



## Day to Day Attractions

### Visiting Venice

Visiting Venice from any of the Adriatic parcs, except Pra Delle Torri is simple and straightforward and with a little bit of planning will save you a lot of time, money and take away the hassle of driving and parking. Travelling from Pra Delle Torri takes a little more planning and takes a little longer, but is still relatively straight forward. Details for this parc are a little further below. At either your main parc reception or information point on parc you can purchase 'all in' tickets for around €20 per person which includes return travel to Venice. This ticket is valid for a bus from your parc to Punta Sabbioni and the ferry into the city itself. The bus and ferry timetables are linked to minimise waiting, however, it is worth noting that the last ferry back from Venice just before midnight doesn't have a bus connection at Punta Sabbioni.

For just a few more euro, you should include the waterbus option in your ticket. This allows you to hop on and off waterbuses in and around Venice all day and after just a few uses, pays for itself.

From Pra Delle Torri you have a couple of options, the first one being similar to the ferry service detailed above but departing from Porto Santa Margherita instead. This option also costs approximately €20 but only sails once a day. Another option and possibly the easiest, is to use the parcs very own Venice trips, prices from €20 per person.



### Getting around Venice

Once you have arrived in Venice, the best way to see this exhilarating city is on foot. A map is a must, as it is very easy to wander off of the main thoroughfares, however, many say that wandering off of the usual 'tourist trails' will reward you with more authentic café's, shops and restaurants, and lower prices. Should you get lost, on almost every street you will see an arrow pointing you towards two of Venice's main attractions; The Rialto bridge or St Marks Square.

If you have children with you, take advantage of the regular waterbus services that head up and down the Grand Canal. They are frequent, relatively fast and children will love the experience of sailing through this great city.

The best time to visit Venice is in the evening when a lot of the 'day trippers' have headed back to their hotels.



## The Other Islands- Murano, Burano and Torcello

Venice is just one of many islands, with several others close by worthy of a visit. Murano, Burano and Torcello are the most famous and easily reachable from Venice by waterbus or from Treporti, close to Ca Savio village. Most parcs run guided tours to these islands so it's best to check with your couriers before your trip.

### Murano

Murano is an island town to the north of Venice. It's not as large or as important as its neighbour, but it does still have a Grand Canal, some elegant palazzi and a couple of fine churches. Murano is most famous for its glassmaking factories, and tourists throng the main canalsides, which are lined with shops and showrooms. Glass is still Murano's trade, although it's as much a tourist attraction as a centre of industry. You'll see glass everywhere you turn and it's a good place to buy your gifts. Although the canalsides get crowded, there are so many shops that you can generally manage to browse in peace. To reach Murano, simply catch a ferry from Punta Sabbioni into Venice and change to a service to Murano.



### Burano

Burano is a pretty island in the northern part of the Venetian lagoon. Famous for its lace-making and for its brightly-coloured fishermen's houses, the island is a photographer's paradise. A trip to Burano makes a great excursion or daytrip from your campsite where you can also combine your day with visits to the abandoned island of Torcello and its quiet neighbour Mazzorbo. To reach Burano, simply catch a ferry from Punta Sabbioni into Venice and change to a service to Burano. You may be required to make an additional change at Murano.



## Torcello

Torcello is the most intriguing and the most atmospheric of the islands in the Venetian lagoon. Choked with mud flats and marshes, this silent island was once a busy and important town. To reach Torcello, simply catch a ferry from Punta Sabbioni into Venice and change to a service to Torcello. You will likely be required to make an additional change at Murano.

## Mazzorbo

Mazzorbo is one of the quieter inhabited islands of the Venetian lagoon. It's a peaceful little backwater, joined to its more famous neighbour Burano by a long footbridge.

## Verona

Verona is one of Italy's most beautiful cities with its endless parks, beautiful riverside setting, a stunning coliseum, cathedrals, churches, high quality shopping and of course, Romeo and Juliet's balcony. A day trip to Verona requires a little planning in advance, but can easily be done from any of the Adriatic campsites via bus and then train.

Using the local bus service, you need to get to Mestre Rail Station (will normally require a change of buses in Lido di Jesolo). Alternatively, you can take a taxi. From here, simply catch the train from Venice Mestre to Verona Porto Nuovo. Trains are approximately every hour, and take about an hour.

If you prefer to take the scenic, but more expensive route, simply head into Venice itself on the ferry (as described in the 'Visiting Venice' section) and head to Venice St.Lucia. This is the main rail station in Venice and where train services to Verona and beyond originate. Just after the train leaves Venice St.Lucia, it will call into Venice Mestre, as above.

There are normally three types of trains in Italy. The fastest are the 'Eurostar' services, which only call at the main cities and towns. These typically cost 30 to 50% more than other trains; however, you will reach your destination much faster and in more comfort. Seats on Eurostar trains are guaranteed and each train will normally have a café on board. There are several 'Eurostar' services from Venice St.Lucia (within Venice) and Venice Mestre (mainland) towards Verona, Milan and beyond. 'Intercity' services are still relatively fast, but are generally older trains and are somewhere between 'Eurostar' and 'Regional' services. Regional services will stop at every station on the line, but are a very cheap option if you have the time. If you have internet access, visit [www.trenitalia.com](http://www.trenitalia.com) for more information, schedules and prices.

In Italy, all tickets must be bought before you board the train. This can be done at the ticket office at both Venice St.Lucia and Venice Mestre. Tickets are not 'validated' until you insert your ticket into the yellow machines by each platform. Passengers must 'validate' their ticket before boarding the train. Failure to do so incurs heavy fines. To validate, simply insert your ticket into the machine until you hear a click. The click is the machine stamping today's date onto the ticket and therefore 'validating' your ticket for travel today. If you are unsure, simply ask a fellow traveller for help. Italian rail travellers do this all the time and will be very familiar with this process.



## Trieste

A beautiful coastal city, with fantastic shopping, stunning views across the Gulf of Trieste and the Adriatic Sea and right next to the Slovenian border. A day trip to Trieste requires a little planning in advance, but can easily be done from any of the Adriatic campsites via bus and then train.

Using the local bus service, you need to get to Mestre Rail Station (will normally require a change of buses in Lido di Jesolo). Alternatively, you can take a taxi. From here, simply catch the train from Venice Mestre to Trieste. Trains are approximately every hour or two, depending on the time of day, and the journey takes about an hour to an hour and a half..

If you prefer to take the scenic, but more expensive route, simply head into Venice itself on the ferry (as described in the 'Visiting Venice' section) and head to Venice St.Lucia. This is the main rail station in Venice and where train services to Trieste and beyond originate. Just after the train leaves Venice St.Lucia, it will call into Venice Mestre, as above. The railway station in Trieste is in the city centre.

## Aqualandia

This large waterpark offers something for everyone, with animation shows, bungee jumping and several high quality water rides, all for just €25 per day. There are bus services direct to the park, just ask at reception for details. Tip – as Saturday's tend to be the day when most customers either arrive or depart the Adriatic region, this means that Aqualandia tends to be at its quietest.

## Aquarium Reptilarium

Situated in Lido Di Jesolo not far from Aqualandia it is a large exhibition which is great for all ages. It costs around €10 with an extra Shark Expo for €4. Simply catch the bus to Lido di Jesolo.



### Lido Di Jesolo

Sometimes better known as 'Venice Beach' this delightful area consists of a long strip of shops, bars, restaurants and ice cream parlours running parallel to the beach. From any parc, simply jump on the bus and be there in less than 30 minutes, perfect for a day or evening out offering good food and night life. Whereas Venice never sleeps, Lidi di Jesolo still adhere's to the traditional Italian Siesta, so many shops close between 12.30 to 16.30, however, they remain open late into the evening.

## Treviso

Treviso is a delightful city with it's canals and side streets and is very easy to reach. Comparable to Venice, but without the crowds, it is easily reached by bus from your parc to Lido Di Jesolo bus station and then a change on to a service to Treviso. Services are regular throughout the day.



## Cavallino Market

This market is held in Cavallino village on a Tuesday morning and Friday evening. It's quite a large market and can be accessed easily by bike, walking or catching a bus from all parcs in the Punta Sabbioni area. At night there is a fun fair next to it which is great for the kids. For Waikiki customers there is a small market in Cortellazzo on a Thursday morning and for Pra Delle Torri campers there is a market on in Caorle on a Saturday morning.



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## Hint - Hiring Bicycles

All of the parcs in the Adriatic region offer bicycle hire. If you are planning on hiring child bikes or seats, try to book as soon as you arrive on parc as stock can be limited at certain times of the year. Alternatively, take a look at the bike shop in Ca Savio village which also offers hire.

The Adriatic region is very flat and perfect for cycling around. Cycling to Lido di Jesolo or around the lagoon itself is some of the more popular routes. The Via Fausta, which is the main road in the area, linking all of the parcs, has a dedicated cycle lane, so you can avoid and often travel faster than the other traffic.



## Hint - Busy Days

Saturday and Sunday's are notoriously busy in this area due to a high changeover of customers on all parcs in the area. The geography of the peninsula means that there is only one road in and out of the area, and on these days it can take double the time to complete even the shortest of journeys.



Also, Italy has several bank holidays and like everywhere on the continent, everyone heads to the coast. On Italian bank holidays, the roads in and around Lido di Jesolo can become jammed.

## Hint - Restaurants and Bars

Not having a car shouldn't limit where you can eat and drink in the Adriatic region. All of the parcs have their own restaurants and bars with some having more than one. In the surrounding area there are also plenty of restaurants and pizzerias but for the largest choice you need to head into Lido Di Jesolo. Here you will find everything from traditional family run Pizzerias to tasty Indian restaurants not to mention the countless bars.

## Hint - Emergencies

In the unlikely event you need to visit a hospital, dentist or any other medical facility that doesn't require an ambulance, our couriers will gladly assist you in booking a taxi so you can get there as quick as possible. The majority of the parcs have a fully trained doctor on parc to deal with minor issues during your stay, otherwise there is a tourist doctors practise within 30 minutes of every parc.

