

Bike and Boat Venice to Mantova arranged by Macsadventure.com



We met the specially designed canal boat, the Ave Maria, at Guidecca Island almost opposite St. Mark's Square in Venice. On board were bikes ready sized for 32 people. Accommodation on the boat was very good and each cabin had an en-suite shower room.

Some passengers had settled on electric bikes which they all thought marvellous. All bikes were clean and well maintained. There were 2 guides who spoke English and were very helpful and knowledgeable about the places we visited. The rides varied from 30km to 55km with lots of rest stops and time to eat our picnics which we had made at breakfast time. If anyone wanted, they could cycle by themselves using maps provided by the guides. The terrain was flat as we cycled mostly on canal paths which were in good condition and occasionally we cycled through towns which mainly had cycle paths.

We were there in mid-April and the weather was bright and sunny everyday. The boat had 2 trained chefs, a captain, an engineer and of course the guides. The food was of a very high quality and there was plenty of it. The ages of the cyclists on our trip were 7 years old to maybe mid 70s. Everyone was catered for and there was no pressure to 'keep up'. The whole group gelled well and everyone was friendly with several nationalities represented.

This was a wonderful 7 day holiday and to be highly recommended.

Jean and David Peacock