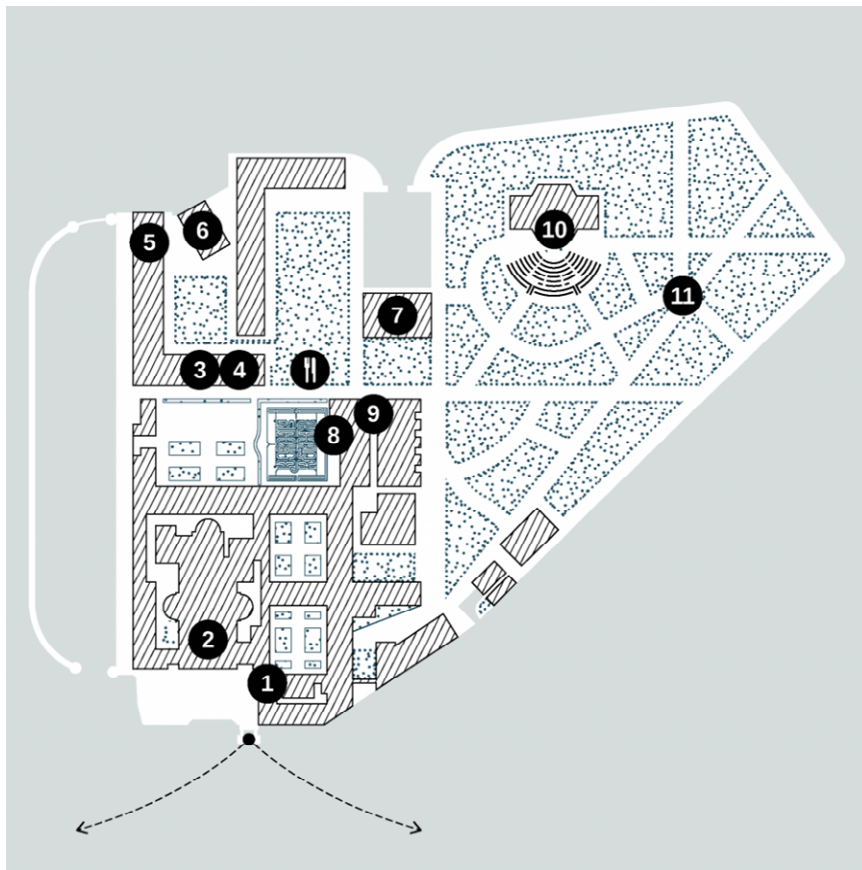


Information for participants:

Plan of the Island San Giorgio Maggiore, only accessible by boat (vaporetto)



Please note, this map is inverted, with the bottom being actually north, where the vaporetto number 2 arrives and departs.

1. The monumental complex
 2. The Abbey of San Giorgio Maggiore e Campanile
 3. Le Stanze del Vetro
 4. ARCHiVe
 5. Le Sale del Convitto
 6. The Auditorium "Lo Squero"
 7. Piscina Gandini
 8. Borges Labyrinth and Room
 9. Branca Center Residence (rooms)
 10. Teatro Verde
 11. Foundation Grounds
- The Café San Giorgio is marked with the knife and fork in the centre of the island

Please find the detailed overview of the island via this link:

<https://www.cini.it/en/come-arrivare>

When you arrive, please proceed to the main gate to the right of the vaporetto stop. At the gate you will receive information to proceed to The Branca Center Residence to check-in to your room. **If you are arriving outside of the 12 – 14:00 check-in, please advise, the centre needs to know when you are arriving in order to prepare your reception.**

Food: Attached please find a menu plan for the Café San Giorgio Thursday evening, Saturday evening and Saturday lunch. **Please mark your choices and return to me**, in this way the restaurant can prepare the required food for us in advance and we minimize food waste. Don't worry, if you decide on the evening that you really *would* like a dessert, I am sure that that can be arranged!

On Friday for lunch, we have a menu offering of Risotto with Scampi and radish, with a choice of dessert, wine, water and coffee for €30. It is difficult to find a 'quick' lunch for a large group and picnicking is strictly forbidden. I was fortunate to find a restaurant that could accommodate all of us. For those of you that cannot eat Scampi, I requested a variation with vegetables, **please let me know if you would prefer this.**

Friday excursion: We recommend purchasing a museum pass for €35 if you want to continue on and visit more museums than just the Museo del Vetro and the Ca' Rezzonico, the pass can be purchased on-line and printed out at home and allows the holder 6 months to visit 9 of the civic museums (Fortuny + Clock Tower are excluded). This will be faster and more convenient as well as being cheaper if one wants to visit the Doge's Palace – single ticket costs €25 (recommended!). Members of the ICOM/ICDAD have free entry to most of the civic museums, please bring your membership card with you.

Please see: <https://muve.vivaticket.it/eng/opr/museiCivici/event/museum-pass/129096>

On Friday evening, there is no group dinner planned. There are numerous restaurants in Venice and the evenings are often quieter than the daytime as many tourists make only a day trip. Please note that ALL Venetian restaurants levy a "Venice Tax" so do not be surprised when you see this on your bill, this is standard procedure. If you are uncomfortable dining alone, please pair up with a colleague. The Café San Giorgio is also open on Friday evening if you desire a quiet evening, please reserve so that they know you are coming.

A water taxi is necessary in addition to the public transport vaporetto ticket as the vaporettos cannot transport all of us at the same time. This would have meant large delays in our program when people are not able to travel together. Anyone not staying on the island can meet us at the given addresses and join in there.

Tickets are available for the vaporettos at many stations, such as the Tronchetto (car park), Ferrovia (train station), Piazzale Roma (bus station) Airport, and the San Zaccaria stop vis-à-vis from San Giorgio. Please purchase your return ticket in advance. Various options are available, such as a 3-day ticket if you wish to make more trips across the lagoon.

Download the actv App for easy booking : <http://actv.avmspa.it/en/content/avm-venezia-official-app-how-use-0>

Finances: in order to save time and make things easier for the restaurants, I will be collecting money for the lunches - €30 + 18 = €48.--. If you have not paid your membership fees to date, I will also be collecting those in cash. The Water Taxi from San Maggiore to Murano, Murano to Venice will also cost approx. €25.— p.p. Please bring the cash with you, it is likely that there will be no cash machine on the island. Dinner at the Café San Giorgio can be paid individually.

Breakfast will not be provided by the Branca Centre, there is coffee and tea in the rooms and a vending machine in the common area. Light & Glass will provide some simple fruit and cereals on Saturday and Sunday mornings (Friday we have no time!). This will be available in the common room of the Centre. As there are no shops and only one restaurant on the island, if you require anything special, please bring it with you.

Please remember, we will be on or near the water at all times, even if the weather is fair, there can be a fresh breeze. Please bring a windbreaker or other suitable jacket for the trip on Friday.

An interesting new short film explaining some of the history of Venice:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GNrE6MQNeZQ>

If you have any problems, please call Christina underway at: +41 79 289 3770, text or preferably via What's App or Messenger (they are free!)

Thanking you in advance for your quick responses regarding your menu choices etc.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you in Venice!

Christina Perrin