

## **Dear Venice 2019 students (and enquiry list)**

Welcome to those of you who are enrolled in this year's Biennale tour, and to those of you on our enquiry list.

How exciting to be able to plan our trip to Venice for 2019. The trip is already taking bookings and Michael Mark and I are enjoying preparing busy, challenging and enjoyable days full of art for you.

The tour cost covers your tuition, Biennale Pass, (which is a permanent pass until the end of the biennale) art materials and all museum entries.

The tour cost does not cover accommodation, flights and meals:

**Accommodation:** Regarding accommodation we suggest staying somewhere near to or in easy access to the Arsenale Gates in the Castello district. We meet most mornings at these gates, which are marked clearly on all Venice maps and are a tourist attraction because of the wonderful sculptures of lions guarding them. Castello and the area around the Biennale including Via Garibaldi and the Giardini is a quiet residential district. Venice is relatively easy to travel around wherever you stay; the nearest Vaporetto stop to our meeting place is Arsenale.

To find accommodation students have used the following sites previously:

<https://www.airbnb.com.au>

<http://www.vrbo.com/vacation-rentals/europe/italy>

<http://www.rentalitaly.com/en/>

<http://www.booking.com.au>

Your travel agents will probably know of many other reputable rental sites. If you share an apartment the costs can be kept quite reasonable and the Castello area is less expensive (and quieter) than the main tourist areas. We are happy to help to share names of students who would like to share accommodation.

**Flights:** Airlines that fly directly to Venice via the UAE are Emirates, Etihad and Qatar. Generally the earlier you book the less expensive the tickets. Prices are approximately \$1,800 return on the shortest flights but vary both up and down depending on carriers, times etc.

**Tour Dates:** August 28 –September 8<sup>th</sup> 2019

The group will meet on the morning of the 28<sup>th</sup> at 10am. The trip will conclude on the night of the 8<sup>th</sup> with a group dinner. We strongly recommend arriving at least a day early to recover, relax and be ready to start our adventure.