



# BAUER PALLADIO

GIUDECCA  
VENICE  
VENETO

*A magical and peaceful retreat on the Island of Giudecca, Il Palladio enjoys the luxury of 3 acres of century-old gardens.*



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Oozing in charm and character, great service and totally relaxing, Il Palladio is the perfect Venetian destination away from the hustle and bustle.

Designed by Andrea Palladio, the most famous architect of the Italian Renaissance, Bauer Palladio Hotel and Spa is an absolute heaven of luxury and tranquility. Here, guests can escape from the hectic life of Venice and enjoy the peace and elegance of this 16th century converted convent. With its large private garden, cloisters, fantastic SPA, superb dining and warm yet sophisticated accommodation, Il Palladio is a real treat.

Renowned for their exceptional hospitality in Venice since first opening in 1880, the Bauer hotels to this day maintain the tradition of excellent family management. Inheriting her grandfather's eye for real estate and indulging in her own passion of revitalizing and blending ancient art with contemporary style, Francesca Bortolotto Possati planned and implemented a careful restoration of a 16th century convent designed by famed Renaissance architect, Andrea Palladio. Standing abandoned for over 100 years, this piece of Venetian history was brought back to life and re-opened in the autumn of 2006. The Bauer Palladio Hotel & Spa is a relaxing retreat cleverly combining the ancient structure with the wellness culture of today in a blend of large gardens, cool tones and modern luxury with Venetian flair.

Each of the spacious bedrooms and suites had been individually styled and decorated with superb taste and flair in keeping, at the same time, with a property steeped in history. All are beautifully detailed with the finest paint decoration and tapestries, while still maintaining its original identity. 'There is great pleasure in living in an ancient building with both a religious and secular history in the romantic city of Venice,' says Bortolotto Possati. Many rooms have beautiful lagoon views or enchanting garden views, some featuring small balconies.



Dining at Il Palladio is superb with the possibility of delightful 'alfresco' breakfasts in the courtyard and relaxed candlelit dinners in the magical and atmospheric L'Ulivo Restaurant. Its menu focuses on light and savoury dishes made with organic ingredients, all of which strictly follow the "carbon neutral" principle – fresh seafood from local markets, the freshest, ripest seasonal fruit used in the delicious homemade cakes, and a selection of wines from the nearby Friuli region. After a long day exploring the streets and alleys of Venice, what could

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be more appealing than relaxing in the gardens at Il Palladio with an aperitivo and then a chilled dinner in L'Ulivo Restaurant – perfect!

One of the striking features of Il Palladio is the garden where guests can totally immerse themselves in nature and the most glorious array of vegetation...highly sought after in Venice! Four gardens have been re-arranged and partially restored behind the sixteenth century Zitelle complex on the island of Giudecca, where there were vineyards and orchards until the beginning of the twentieth century, laid out in obedience to the canons for the area. Historic documentation, from De Barbari onwards, describes the nature of these places, bounded by brick walls and communicating with each other through little doors leading into long, narrow plots lying in a north to south direction to get as much sun as possible and create the best micro-climate for vegetation that, in many cases, is of a Mediterranean type, still to be seen, for example, in the olive tree growing in the Palladio garden. The historic walls live in harmony with the cypresses, figs, laurel and bamboo, with, at the foot of all of these, the teucrium, fejiõe sellowiana, myrtles, buddleias, daisies and phillyrea, juniper and sweet-smelling pittosporum, irises and roses.

The SPA is a real treat in store for anyone who chooses to stay at Il Palladio! It's the first of its kind in Venice and it is amazing! No other hotel in the city has a spa on this scale. Set over two floors, it has eight rooms, each dedicated to a special treatment, from facials to the Vitalis Bath, which offers detoxifying baths using products such as Dead Sea minerals and muds. After their treatment, guests can relax in the sauna or the spacious lounge area which has three huge windows overlooking St Mark's Square.

With its elegant yet intimate ambience, luxurious and stunning interiors, attentive and friendly staff and dining to die for, Il Palladio cannot be too highly recommended.



## Information

### Service:

- Courtesy shuttle service from Palladio to Bauer Palazzo, Daily housekeeping, Childcare services, Pet friendly, Laundry & Dry cleaning available daily, Water taxi

### Accommodation:

#### Main building:

- 37 rooms and 13 Suites

#### Conventino & Domus:

- This separate building surrounded by the most amazing white hydrangea garden, has 21 rooms, 6 Junior Suites and 2 Suites mostly appointed with colonial style decorations.

### General:

- Palladio SPA
- Fitness centre
- L'Ulivo Restaurant
- Bar Al Chiostro
- Gardens of Wonder

### Local Interest & Activities:

- Venice & the Laguna!

### Airport:

- Venice Marco Polo by private water taxi in approx. 40mins

