

Venice to Athens – Empires of the Mediterranean – "No-Trip" Report

The Trip That Wasn't

April 1 – 19, 2020

Summary of What Wasn't

- Why? For years we will probably all remember exactly why our 2020 trips were canceled.
 Coronavirus aka COVID-19 will live in infamy.
- Not all is lost: We have rebooked for March 28, 2021 the exact same trip.
- Now all we have to do is last that long.
- More importantly, but in jeopardy, is our April 29 Big Birthday Bash for Tom's 85th to the Chateaux of the Loire. France is in such close down that there aren't even planes so currently no decision to be made. Its being made for us. We will go if any possibility.

Itinerary that Isn't

Wed Apr 1

5:30pm Depart Newark EWR UA#30

Thu Apr 2

7:35am Arrive Munich MUC for plane change – long layover

11:55am Depart Munich MUC via Lufthansa operated by Air Dolomiti LH#9456

12:55pm Arrive Venice

Transport? https://community.ricksteves.com/travel-forum/transportation/cheapest-way-to-get-from-venice-airport-to-hotel-danieli

Hotel Hotel Danieli, a Luxury Collection Hotel – 4 nights

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Conf#92071417 in Dandolo Room of Palazzo Dandolo

Hotel Danieli history: http://www.historichotelsthenandnow.com/danielivenice.html

Hotel Danieli: https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hotel_Danieli

Mon Apr 6 - Day 1 of Cruise - Venice, Italy

Embarkation Viking Ship – Ship Viking Sea in PS1 Penthouse Jr. Suite #8001 (same) Ship Features - Your Viking ship is thoughtfully designed for cultural immersion. You'll dine on dishes infused with regional flavors. Attend cultural lectures in our state-of-the-art Theater. Soothe your soul with Nordic-inspired spa treatments. And marvel at magnificent views in spacious public spaces of

Scandinavian design. It's all complemented by the exemplary service of our dedicated Swiss-trained staff, giving you an unparalleled seaborne experience. We look forward to welcoming you aboard.

Description: Empires of the Mediterranean – 10-day, 9-night cruise, 8 guided tours included covering 5 countries. Plus 4-day Athens extension

See videos at: https://www.vikingcruises.com/oceans/cruise-destinations/eastern-mediterranean/empires-mediterranean/index.html#noscroll

Visit ancient ruins & iconic cities - Ten days. Nine magnificent destinations. One epic journey. Cruise the Adriatic and Aegean, taking in all the riches of this fabled region. On an exploration bookended by iconic Venice and Athens, discover the ancient ruins of Olympia and the Acropolis. Explore the medieval warrens of Zadar, Dubrovnik and Kotor. Delight in the beauty of Corfu. And for the first time,

Viking takes you to Koper for an in-depth exploration of picturesque Slovenia.

4-Day Extension - Discover Greece's most spectacular sights on the Peloponnese peninsula, with Athens as your base. Explore the remarkably preserved cities of Mycenae and Epidaurus. Visit Delphi, home of the oracle consulted by the leaders of ancient Greece, and marvel at the iconic sites of an ancient capital.

Boarding time?

Destination Information - One of history's most powerful empires, the Venetian Republic ruled Adriatic waves for a



millennium. During the 8th century as the Roman Empire began its decline, many Europeans fled to Venice. Merchants put their skills to use and the city-state was soon thriving in trade with Europe, Africa and Asia. Its subsequent power, and its eventual navy, allowed it to conquer lands along the Adriatic. Wealthy merchants soon held sway over the finances of Europe, but their dominance was cut short when new trade routes to the Americas and the East Indies were discovered. With less power and fewer riches, Venice fell to the Ottomans, Austrians and French throughout the 18th century and was unified with Italy in the 19th.

6:45pm An Evening at the Opera - \$139 Per Person for 3 ½ hours to 10:15pm— NOT booked MODERATE - After Dark - Privileged Access - Snack included

Sample one of Venice's most renowned musical traditions during this special evening outing. Your guide will accompany you on a leisurely cruise along the Giudecca Canal and the Grand Canal, passing St. Mark's Square and Doge's Palace. On arrival in the historic Cannaregio District, follow your guide on a 40-minute walking tour across bridges and steps to the Palazzo Zeno. This 16th-century palace is home to the Zeno family and is not typically open to the general public, but Viking has reserved it for a private performance. You will enjoy refreshments in the lavish surroundings, then be treated to an intimate concert performed by the talented singers of Ai Musicanti, a renowned local opera company. Enjoy a selection of arias, classical music and famous Italian melodies. Smart casual dress will befit the style and ambience of this evening's venue.

11:00pm Depart Port

Tue Apr 7 – Day 2 of Cruise - Koper, Slovenia

8:00am Port Arrival

Destination Information - Gateway to the unspoiled Istrian region of Slovenia, Koper boasts a rich architectural legacy that dates back to its days as a capital city under the mighty Venetian Republic. Even today, the Italian influence is strong; as this historic city is near the Italian border, Slovene and Italian are equally likely to be heard here. In Tito Square, the 15th-century Venetian-Gothic Praetorian Palace stands as evidence of the city's once great power, with its crenellated facade and the elegant Loggia. The 12th-century Cathedral of the Assumption is home to a bell cast in 1333, one of the country's oldest. A climb up its tower is rewarded with splendid views of the city and the Gulf of Trieste.

9:15am Old Koper Walking Tour – Included – 2 ½ hours to 11:45am - booked for 2 MODERATE - Sightseeing

Uncover the rich architectural legacy of Slovenia's only port city, once Capodistria, the grand capital of Istria. Greeks, Romans, Byzantines and Venetians all left an imprint on this former Venetian Republic stronghold. Meet your guide and head to Tito Square, where you can admire the 15th-century Venetian-Gothic Praetorian Palace. Its crenellated roof and exterior stair paint a graceful picture, and its Bocca del Leone, or Lion's Mouth, carved into the building's side tells a fascinating story about how the local citizenry were kept honest. Opposite the square, the Loggia is another architectural treasure, home today to an art gallery. Admire the 12th-century Cathedral of the Assumption with its tower that houses a bell cast in 1333, one of Slovenia's oldest. View the monument honoring the Battle of Lepanto of 1571, a naval conflict.

12:30pm Slovenian Countryside & Farm for 3 ½ hours to 4pm - \$89 Per Person – booked for Diana only - MODERATE - Meal included - Shopping and Free Time - Sightseeing Discover the heart of Slovenia's Istrian region as you explore the countryside around Koper and visit a local farm. Meet your guide for a panoramic drive past unspoiled beauty, sweeping farmland and picturesque villages of traditional stone houses. Stop in the charming village of Hrastovlje, nestled in a scenic valley. Here, you will visit the stone-built Romanesque Church of the Holy Trinity, home to the late-medieval "Danse Macabre" fresco, among the best-preserved in Slovenia. This stunning work depicts villagers from all walks of life being led by skeletons. After time to admire the interior, continue to a nearby farm that serves the village. Pause here to relax among the pristine setting and see the animals. During your stay, you can taste dry cut meats with wine, all produced on the farm. Later, return to your ship via a scenic route that skirts the coastal hills and villages.

6:00pm Depart Port

7:00pm Dinner at Manfredi's Italian Restaurant

Wed Apr 8 – Day 3 of Cruise - Zadar, Croatia

8:00am Port Arrival

Destination Information - Once an island separated from the mainland by a deep moat, Zadar boasts one of the region's richest histories. For over a millennium, it was the capital of independent Dalmatia and so held great sway with Rome, Venice and other empires. Its impressive city walls attest to its might, and the bold Romanesque architecture of its three churches embody its religious influence. A maze of cobblestone streets winds through its magnificent Old Town, a remarkable repository of redroofed, medieval stone houses. At the Riva, the picturesque seafront promenade, acoustic tubes

embedded beneath large marble steps sing the song of the city with every lashing wave and burst of wind, an apt soundtrack for Croatia's oldest coastal settlement.

8:45am Picturesque Zadar Hinterland $-3\frac{1}{2}$ hours to 12:15pm - \$79 Per Person - booked for 2 EASY - Shopping and Free Time - Sightseeing - Snack included

Travel into the heart of Croatia's countryside to two of its most scenic corners. Drive with your guide to the tiny village of Novigrad, hidden between the end of a long, steep bay and sloping hills. Its isolation has helped to preserve its original medieval architecture, providing a window into Europe of old. Enjoy a leisurely stroll through its narrow streets, passing the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary's Birth while the ramparts of its old hillside fortress watch over. After stopping to explore the Novigrad Homeland Museum, enjoy some free time. Later, continue to the rural Odžaković farmhouse in the village of Nadin. Surrounded by 360 acres of organic vineyards and crop fields, the farm provides a stunning picture of traditional stone architecture. An on-site museum features artifacts dating back to 1835. You will have the chance to taste some homemade products before returning to your ship.

1:00pm Walking Tour of Zadar – 2 hours - Included – booked for Diana DEMANDING - Active - Sightseeing

Discover the former capital of Dalmatia by foot, visiting two of its most revered churches. Meet your host at the pier and stroll into the magnificent Old Town. Narrow lanes and old red-roofed stone buildings lead you to the Cathedral of St. Anastasia, completed in the 13th century and Zadar's finest example of Romanesque architecture. Admire the rose window adorning its symmetrical facade and step inside to view St. Anastasia's stone sarcophagus. Continue to the Church of St. Donatus, built on Roman foundations in the 9th century. The most monumental church in the eastern Adriatic and Croatia's largest pre-Romanesque building, it is uniquely circular in its design. Next, visit the 16th-century St. Mary's Church with its Romanesque campanile from 1105. If you wish, you may spend some time browsing its Gold and Silver of Zadar exhibit on the upper floor of the convent before returning to your ship.

4:00pm Depart Port

7:00pm The Chef's Table – Lotus for 2nd time

Thu Apr 9 – Day 4 of Cruise – Dubrovnik, Croatia

8:00am Port Arrival

Destination Information - With its spectacular Adriatic setting, gleaming 12th-century medieval streets and incredibly preserved structures, Dubrovnik is a historic jewel. So stunning is its Old Town and its sun-kissed Mediterranean locale, George Bernard Shaw famously called it "paradise on Earth." It is all spectacularly surrounded by a towering medieval wall. The main point of entry, the Pile Gate, once employed a drawbridge to keep out invaders. Inside, the ancient city's Stradun, its main pedestrian thoroughfare lined with authentic stone houses, literally shines from the footfalls of centuries. The peaceful 14th-century Franciscan Monastery and Apothecary, housing the world's oldest working pharmacy and fine collection of Renaissance paintings, provide insight into the ages. This is a corner of Europe truly unlike any other.

9:15am Dubrovnik Walking Tour $-3 \frac{1}{2}$ hours to 12:45pm - Included - booked for 2 EASY - Shopping and Free Time - Sightseeing - UNESCO

See Dubrovnik, one of the world's most beautifully preserved medieval cities, on this rewarding walking excursion. George Bernard Shaw famously called it "paradise on earth." One way to appreciate his appraisal is from above, so you will join your local guide for a panoramic drive to an overlook, where magnificent views of the red-roofed stone city and azure coastline await. Witness the city's beauty up close when you enter the cobblestone Old Town on foot through the historic Pile

Gate. Follow the Stradun—the marbled main pedestrian way that gleams from centuries of footsteps—to the Dominican Monastery, where you can view a fine collection of Renaissance paintings. You will also pass the Sponza Palace, the Church of St. Blaise and the 15th-century Onofrio's Fountain. You will have free time to explore on your own before returning to your ship.

2:00pm Panoramic Dubrovnik Riviera & Cable Car – 3 ½ hours to 5:30pm - \$89 Per Person – booked for Diana - EASY - Shopping and Free Time - Sightseeing

Take a relaxing stroll in charming Cavtat, then enjoy breathtaking vistas of scenic Dubrovnik by cable car. With your guide, ride by motor coach to one of the most beautiful towns in the Dubrovnik area, Cavtat, originally a Greek settlement called Epidaurus; around 228 BC, it became a Roman colony. Stroll along the palm-lined promenade of this quaint little town set on Župa Bay, enclosed by two peninsulas and known for its historic buildings and lush vegetation. Continue by coach to the upper station of the Dubrovnik Cable Car—located approximately 1,500 feet above sea level—for spectacular views of the Old Town. At the upper station, you will find a café, a gift shop, restrooms and a spacious terrace with coin-operated telescopes. Return by cable car to the lower station, where you will board your coach and return to your ship.

7:00pm Dinner at Manfredi's Italian Restaurant

11:00pm Depart Port

Fri Apr 10 - Day 5 of Cruise - Kotor, Montenegro

7:00am Port Arrival

Destination Information - The 17-mile inlet that links the Adriatic Sea to the heart of Kotor, Montenegro is resplendent with spectacular views. Towering cliffs soar above the narrow Kotor ria—a submerged river canyon often called Europe's southernmost fjord. Nestled snugly between a limestone wall and a glimmering bay, Kotor is home to one of the Adriatic's best-preserved medieval Old Towns. The charms of this red-roofed city are endless, from the mismatched towers of its Romanesque cathedral to its narrow streets. Its stunning Venetian walls were built in 1420, remnants from Kotor's nearly 300 years as a province of the Venetian Republic. The compact Old Town of serene squares, moss-covered sculptures and Gothic palaces is ideal to explore on foot.

8:30am Highlights of Montenegro – 5 hours to 1:30pm - \$89 Per Person – booked for 2 MODERATE - Shopping and Free Time - Sightseeing

Experience the road between Kotor and Cetinje, which has been called one of the most beautiful in the world. With your local guide, ascend the slopes of Lovćen Mountain. Gaining more elevation, you will marvel at Lovćen National Park, part of the Dinara Alps, as the waters of the Adriatic and Kotor Bay sparkle below. Stop at Njeguši, a charming mountain village and birthplace of Petar II Petrović-Njegoš, one of Montenegro's most influential leaders of the 19th century. Here, you will sample some local specialties, including ham, cheese and wine. In Montenegro's former capital, Cetinje, visit King Nikola's Museum to learn how he introduced sweeping reforms to the country in the early 20th century. After passing through the summer resort of Budva, return to Kotor and enjoy a short walking tour and free time to explore on your own.

3:00pm Depart Port

Sat Apr 11 - Day 6 of Cruise - Corfu (Kérkyra), Greece

8:00am Port Arrival

Destination Information - The island of Corfu off the northwestern tip of Greece has a rich history shaped by conquerors and by royalty seeking tranquility. Corfu's Old Town and Fortress—fashioned

by the once powerful Venetian Republic—comprise a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Its narrow warrens lead to one of Europe's largest public squares and a lovely promenade once strictly reserved for aristocratic rambles. Everywhere, magnificent coastal views unfold and scenic byways lead to history-rich enclaves, from the archaeological site of Paleopolis and the stunning Vlacherna Monastery to a former Greek royal villa. With its legendary beauty, Corfu has also served as a stunning backdrop for fable and myth; Odysseus is said to have stepped ashore here during his epic voyage.

9:30am Panoramic Corfu & Old Town Walking Tour – 3 hours to 12:30pm – Included – booked for 2 - MODERATE - Shopping and Free Time - Sightseeing - UNESCO Take in highlights of Corfu on a relaxing drive and a short walking tour of Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. With a local guide, you will drive to Kanoni, a wonderful vantage point for photos of tiny Pontikonisi Island, or Mouse Island, and the Vlacherna Monastery. Pass the archaeological site of Paleopolis and the gates of the late Georgian Mon Repos Villa, once a residence of the Greek Royal Family and the birthplace of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. Past Garitsa Bay, you will reach Corfu's Old Town. Enjoy a guided stroll down the famous Esplanade, one of Europe's largest public squares; elegant Liston promenade, once reserved for aristocracy; the Old Fortress; Durrell Gardens; and the Palace of St. Michael and St. George, former residence of the British High Commissioner.

5:00pm Depart Port

7:00pm Dinner at Manfredi's Italian Restaurant

Sun Apr 12 - Day 7 of Cruise - Olympia (Katakolon), Greece

8:00am Port Arrival

Destination Information - A typical, quaint Greek port, seaside Katakolon is huddled around a pretty little harbor dotted with colorful fishing boats. Nearby, the fertile valleys of the western Peloponnese are a bounty of olive groves, vineyards and orchards and lead to the legendary city of Olympia, classical birthplace of the modern-day Olympic Games, in the shadow of Mt. Kronos. The well-kept ruins here transport visitors back to the days of the earliest athletes who competed for nothing less than the favor of the gods. The remains of temples with their massive columns, the Palaestra, or wrestling school, and the Gymnasium all evoke the glory of the Games, and the Olympia Archaeological Museum features statues that once overlooked the site.

9:30am Ancient Olympia & the Archaeological Museum – 4 hours to 1:30pm – Included – booked for 2 - MODERATE - Sightseeing

Step back in time to the first Olympic Games on an excursion to the magnificent setting in which they began in 776 BC. Drive with your guide into the breathtaking fertile valleys of the western Peloponnese, passing olive groves, vineyards and orchards. On a spectacular mountain plain in the shadow of Mt. Kronos, walk among the remains of the first Olympic park. See the Temple of Zeus, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World and once home to a gold-and-ivory statue of the Greek god. Admire the Temple of Hera and circular Philippeion temple. Marvel at the stadium, the largest of its day with a capacity of 45,000 spectators. Choose to visit the Olympia Archaeological Museum, featuring a remarkable collection including the stone head of Hera, ornaments from the Temple of Zeus and the famous statue of Hermes by Praxiteles, or explore Modern Olympia on your own before returning to your ship.

4:00pm Depart Port

7:30pm Dinner at The Chef's Table – Venice Carnival theme

Mon Apr 13 - Day 8 of Cruise - Santorini (Thíra), Greece

9:00am Port Arrival

Destination Information - Gleaming villages perched on black rock make Santorini one of the most visually arresting islands in the Aegean. Its whitewashed capital of Fira perches on a cliff 1,300 feet above the sea and we'll have spectacular views of this magnificent city on a hill from our anchorage in turquoise waters. Dating to the early Bronze Age, Fira's winding streets are a delight to explore and its charming cafés invite lingering respites in the Cyclades sun. Not to be upstaged, the island and its surrounding islets also offer opportunities to experience fully the natural volcanic splendor, from thermal spring soaks to caldera hikes. And despite the harsh volcanic soil, Santorini's viticulture is rich and thriving and boasts a 5,000-year history.

9:45am Summits & Countryside – 2 ½ hours to 12:15pm – Included – booked for 2 MODERATE - Shopping and Free Time - Sightseeing

Journey to Santorini's highest peak and explore two of its prettiest towns. From our anchorage, you will tender to the island's main port at Athinios. Meet your local guide here for a scenic drive to the cliffside town of Oia, where you will have time to explore independently. The Greek island village of dreams, with its whitewashed houses hugging the hills, azure-blue domes and triple bell towers, is a sight to behold. On a clear day, you may see spectacular views of the volcano of Palea and Nea Kameni and the island of Thírassia. Continue your tour to the island's capital, Thíra, where you can explore the shops and stop at a café on your own. Return to the tender pier at your leisure by boarding the scenic cable car using the ticket we have provided.

6:00pm Depart Port

Tue Apr 14 - Day 9 of Cruise - Athens (Piraeus), Greece

8:00am Port Arrival

Destination Information - Athens has been called the "birthplace of democracy." Its legacy looms large from atop Acropolis Hill, the pinnacle of ancient Greece. This open-air museum is an astonishing repository of once-mighty structures. From its colonnaded Parthenon—more than 2,600 years ago—revered Greek philosophers like Plato and Aristotle formulated new ideas of government and debated its role in civic life to captivated audiences. Remnants of spiritual life are also here in the several temples to Athena and Zeus. Athens offers plenty of culinary temples too. Its Plaka District, full of cafés and restaurants, is an inviting cluster of historic buildings on the slopes of Acropolis Hill, the ideal setting in which to enjoy traditional small plates of mezes and a sip of ouzo.

9:00am Panoramic Athens & Archaeological Museum – 4 hours to 1pm – Included – booked for 2 - MODERATE - Shopping and Free Time - Sightseeing

See the highlights of Athens by motor coach and visit the National Archaeological Museum. From the port of Piraeus, journey with your guide into ancient Athens. You will pass the small harbor of Zea, whose 5th-century BC dock still survives, and the elegant promenade at Mikrolimano. In the center of historic Athens, you will see the Hellenic Parliament and Syntagma (Constitution) Square, as well as the distinctively uniformed Presidential Guard, or "Evzones," at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Your scenic drive also includes views of Panathenaic Stadium and the Temple of Olympian Zeus. Following the panoramic tour, you will visit the National Archaeological Museum, one of the world's great museums. With more than 11,000 exhibits, it provides a panorama of Greek civilization from the beginnings of prehistory to Late Antiquity. If you would like, enjoy a coffee at one of the many local cafés during your free time.

5:00pm Sweeping Acropolis Vistas & Dinner in the Plaka – 4 ½ hours to 9:30pm - \$99 Per Person – booked for 2 - MODERATE - After Dark - Meal included Recommended

Embrace the seductions of Athens, seeing splendid city views, the romantic Plaka District and a lively dinner show. With your guide, drive into downtown Athens to the Temple of Zeus. At Royal Olympic Hotel, enjoy a cocktail reception with a glass of bellini or sparkling wine at Ioannis, the top floor lounge. From here, enjoy stunning panoramic views of the Acropolis perched on its limestone hill. You can also see the Temple of Olympian Zeus, Lekabettus Hill and the Kallimarmaro ("Beautiful Marble")—the Old Olympic Stadium, and the Hellenic Parliament. After your pre-dinner drink, enjoy a brief guided walk through the narrow pedestrian streets of the inviting Plaka District. For dinner, savor an authentic Greek meal with wine and ouzo and a cultural performance featuring live music and Greek dancers in traditional costumes.

Wed Apr 15 - Day 10 or Last Day of Cruise - Day 1 - Athens

Hotel Athens Hilton, Greece – 4 nights

Located in the heart of the historic metropolis, boasting impressive views of the nearby Acropolis and the city, this contemporary hotel is the perfect base for exploring the city's main attractions. Guest rooms are spacious and comfortably appointed, and the hotel offers four dining options and a spa. INCLUDED IN YOUR FULLY ESCORTED PROGRAM:

- 4 hotel nights in Athens
- 6 meals: 4 breakfasts (B) & 2 lunches (L)
- 3 guided tours: Mycenae & Epidaurus; Delphi; Acropolis & Plaka District
- Fully escorted by your Viking Tour Director
- All transfers

Discover Athens's main sights with your Viking Tour Director. Head to the Acropolis to view the Parthenon, one of the largest structures built in ancient Greece. Admire its stately Doric columns and majestic setting before continuing to the new Acropolis Museum, a repository of priceless artifacts. Enjoy a leisurely lunch on your own and a stroll around the Plaka District, a bustling area around the ruins of the city's ancient marketplace. Then, transfer to your hotel for your four-night stay.

Thu Apr 16 - Day 11 or Day 2 of Extension - Mycenae & Epidaurus

Set out today to discover the Peloponnese peninsula, home of some of Greece's most breathtaking ruins. At Mycenae, a millennia-old military stronghold, pass through the Lion Gate to begin exploring this amazing site, including the foundations of King Agamemnon's palace and the Tomb of Agamemnon. Lunch is included. In Epidaurus, marvel at the massive ancient amphitheater. Locals still stage shows here and take advantage of its exceptional acoustics. (B, L)

Fri Apr 17 – Day 12 or Day 3 of Extension – Athens

Enjoy a free day to explore Athens on your own. A simple stroll reveals a vast range of architectural styles, from Greco-Roman to neoclassical. Behind the Hellenic Parliament, you can idle away the afternoon in the National Garden—38 acres of lush beauty in the heart of the city. This evening, you may sample the flavors and rhythms of Greece during a dinner outing if you wish. (B)

Sat Apr 18 - Day 13 or Day 4 of Extension - Delphi

Today, visit Delphi, where an ancient oracle once influenced the fate of emperors and empires. Here, you will discover one of the most important museums in Greece, the Archaeological Museum of Delphi. Surrounded by the splendid beauty of Mt. Parnassus, you will marvel at the Temple of Apollo, the circular Tholos and more. After time to explore this magnificent site, stop in the picturesque mountain town of Arachova for lunch, then return to your hotel and enjoy an evening at leisure. (B, L)

Sun Apr 19

6:05am Depart Athens via UA#9306 operated by Lufthansa

7:35am Arrive Munich MUC for plane change

9:30am Depart MUC via UA#31 12:35pm Arrive Newark EWR

Emergency Info

Packing Reminders

Links

Venice court fines top architect Calatrava in bridge dispute - BBC News https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-49357547

Where to Find the Best Hidden Spots in Venice -https://www.thediscoverer.com/blog/best-of-hidden-venice/

In Venice, a Struggle to Rescue Damaged Art and Architecture - Mosaics in St. Mark's Cathedral and 18th-century scores by Vivaldi are among works damaged by the historic flood. Read in The Wall Street Journal: https://apple.news/Akbs0cXcJT_619gJbyYA9Ww

Venice Considers Building a Glass Wall to Protect Against Floodwaters https://www.travelandleisure.com/travel-news/venice-glass-wall-st-marks-flooding-protection

Why cancel?

Venice on lock down - https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2020/03/07/coronavirus-live-updates/?outputType=amp

Italy Sets Mandatory Quarantine For 16 Million People In Region Including Milan, Venice - https://www.huffpost.com/entry/venice-milan-italy-quarantine-coronavirus_n_5e6421f3c5b6670e72f922ea

Italy Locks Down Much of the Country's North - https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/07/world/europe/coronavirus-italy.html

Munich flights to Venice canceled - https://www.archyde.com/coronavirus-thousands-of-flights-canceled-at-munich-airport-these-destinations-are-affected/