

# THE VENICE MANDOLIN FESTIVAL

## 30 APRIL - 3 MAY 2025

### CHECKLIST

#### **SHEET MUSIC & ACCESSORIES**

Bring your own music stand, or share one with your desk friend.

Bring a footstool. Bring all the sheet music and make sure you bring the right notes. Tape all your notes in order according to your program:

Or put the notes in a folder. You must not have loose notes on the music stand. They can fall to the floor during a concert and it's sad if that happens.

Bring extra strings and plectrum.

#### **CONCERT AND GALA CLOTHES**

In Italy, people usually play concerts in a black shirt and black trousers / black dress.

If you want more luxurious clothes, such as a white shirt, tie and suit or tuxedo / dinner-jacket, or gala dress, that's fine. But a black or white shirt and black trousers / pants are enough. For the gala concert, it's free attire, party-party, or 18th century costume. Come just the way you want.

#### **PRIVATE**

Do not forget your medications. It can be difficult to explain in an Italian pharmacy. If you need to go to a hospital, we will follow you there and help interpret from English or German to Italian. Personal belongings and passports / documents are important to bring on the trip. Be sure to have the necessary vaccinations, if required for entry into Italy. A small amount of cash can be good to have with you if you can not use your credit card exactly everywhere.

#### **TRAVELERS IN VENICE**

Check online what a vaporetto (boat bus) ticket costs, gondola, taxi boat, rental boat, canoe / kayak rental, etc. I myself, like the Venetians, walk everywhere in Venice. The city is not that big so the best way and fastest is usually on foot. If you are going to buy a ticket for the vaporetto (boat bus), there are tickets in a kiosk at Piazzale Roma, Ferrovia (Railway station), Rialto, San Zaccaria, Giardini and in most tobacco shops. You must buy a ticket and validate the ticket before boarding the vaporetto. If you happen to forget it, you must quickly tell the conductor (inspector) immediately when you board, otherwise you risk to pay a high fine. The ticket is also more expensive on board. There is a one-day ticket, a three-day ticket and a seven-day ticket. Search for vaporetto online.

#### **ICE CREAM, COFFEE, FOOD & DRINK**

Venice's best ice cream bar is Gelateria Nico at Zattere. The best patisseries are Cafè del Doge in Rialto, Calle del Cinque 609, 30 125 Venezia, Pasticceria Rizzardini and Pasticceria Tonolo, Calle S. Pantalon 3764, 30123 Venezia. My favorite restaurant is Trattoria alla Rivetta, Salizada S.Provolo 4625, 30122 Venezia. Here you have to order a table by phone +39 041 528 7302. Antica Osteria Pizzeria ai Tre Leoni is also good. If you want to have a glass of wine you should visit a bacarò and the best genuine is Cantina del Vino già Schiavi. Search the web for these.

## **FOOD SHOP & SQUARE SHOP / MARKET**

The fish market at Rialto Mercato is fantastic and there are also vegetables in the square-market. Coop has a good and large supermarket on Lista di Spagna, near Ca'doro and the address is Calle S. Felice, 3360, 30121 Venezia.

## **CONCERT PROGRAM**

Write to us and send in your concert program so we can enter it on our website and possibly print program sheets for the audience. Some orchestras have already submitted exact concert programs and may disregard this paragraph.

## **LIST OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE VENICE MANDOLIN FESTIVAL**

Write to us and send in a list of participants who will play in The Venice Mandolin Festival. We need to know names and instruments (mandolin 1, mandolin 2, mandola, mandocello, guitar, double bass or other instrument). We need to organize chairs, and more before rehearsals and concerts. Some orchestras and participants have already submitted exact lists and may disregard this paragraph.

## **PAYMENT OF PARTICIPATION FEE FOR THE ORCHESTRA**

Your orchestra must send a list of participants of all who come to The Venice Mandolin Festival, both the musicians and accompanying friends and family. State name, age, address, telephone number, e-mail address, worker, pensioner, student, instrument and any accompanying passive participant. Some orchestras and participants have already submitted exact lists and may disregard this paragraph.

## **INVOICE**

After you have sent in the information about participants, we will send you an invoice. The first payment of 10% of the participation fee must be paid no later than 15 January 2025. The remaining 90% of the participation fee must be paid no later than 15 March 2025. We will send you two separate invoices of 10% and 90% respectively.

The orchestras must collect all information about participants and accompanying persons and pay the amount for the entire group on one and the same invoice.

## **CANCELLATION FROM AN ORCHESTRA**

10% of the participation fee can not be refunded after 15 January 2025 in case of cancellation. 90% of the participation fee can not be refunded after 15 March 2025 in case of cancellation. In the case of illness or other serious private matters, an individual orchestra member may cancel later than 15 March 2025 and recover 90% of the participation fee upon presentation of a medical certificate or documents confirming the serious reasons for which the participant has resigned. In the case of a cancellation after 15 March 2025, the orchestra (name of orchestra) as a whole cannot receive a refund, due to the fact that we have to pre-order the entire event.

## **CANCELLATION PROTECTION / INSURANCE**

We recommend everyone to have insurance / cancellation protection. Bring an international health insurance card.

## **THE PRICE INCLUDES:**

Playing two concerts with your own orchestra in The Venice Mandolin Festival, in the historical part of Venice and at Lido di Venezia. All rehearsals. Administration and preparations. Marketing - posters – advertising. Rent of churches & locations. Rent of rehearsal hall. Gala concert & Carnival party with snacks and prosecco.

**PARTICIPATION FEE:**

Euro € 150 / person for adults

Euro € 100 / person for students

Euro € 50 / person for companions

**ACCOMMODATION & TRANSPORT:**

Accommodation, transport in Italy and flights to and from Italy, food & drinks are not included in the price, except the snacks & drinks at the party.

**CONFIRMATION**

Confirm that all orchestra members in your orchestra have read the checklist carefully and understood the terms of this letter. Send an email to [info@mandolin.academy](mailto:info@mandolin.academy) and write: All members of our orchestra (name of orchestra) have read and understood the terms of the checklist.

**WELCOME TO VENICE**

Looking forward very much to see you in Venice!

Best wishes

Lars Forslund