**Study Tour “Venice Lagoon – Off the Beaten Path”**

This study tour will give us an overview of the natural system that supports and has always been giving nutrition to Venice, of some part of its heritage and to the artificial system that is currently protecting the city from high tides.

We shall leave Venice (Riva degli Schiavoni-Cornoldi) by a [motorboat](https://www.veneziaturismo.net/motoscafi-gran-turismo) at 10.30 hrs. We shall reach the Arsenale of Venice, the premises of [Thetis](http://www.thetis.it/?lang=en), where we shall listen from Ing. [Hermes Redi](https://www.linkedin.com/in/hermes-redi-6307b042/?originalSubdomain=it), the Director General of [Consorzio Venezia Nuova](https://www.mosevenezia.eu/) in charge of the construction of the MOSE mobile barriers, how they function.

We shall embark again and during the navigation we shall see the artificial island of the MOSE (on board of the boat); the navigation lock (meant to allow ships in the port even if the barriers are raised, and the shelter harbour, with Ing. [Pierpaolo Campostrini](https://www.linkedin.com/in/pierpaolo-campostrini-75187024/?originalSubdomain=it), DG of [Corila](http://www.corila.it/en/).

We shall have a picnic lunch on board, while we are moored at [Lazzaretto Nuovo](https://lazzarettiveneziani.it/en/path-barene/nature-walk).

Afterwards we shall have a guided tour of the island which includes the historical-archaeological itinerary inside the walls (the museum exhibit inside the Tezon Grande and the open-air archaeological digs), as well as the nature walk *"*[*The Path of the Barene*](https://lazzarettiveneziani.it/en/path-barene)*".*

At 16.30 hrs, we shall leave from Lazzaretto back to the city and the motor boat will leave us at Riva degli Schiavoni-Cornoldi.

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**Programme Overview**

10:30 Departure by boat from Riva degli Schiavoni

11:00 Presentation of the MOSE system by Hermes Redi at Thetis premises in the Arsenale

12:30 Departure from Thetis and visit of the Mose works by Pierpaol Campostrini

13.30 Picnic lunch on board

14:00 Visit of Lazzaretto Nuovo with guides (2 groups)

16:30 Departure to Riva degli Schiavoni-Cornoldi

17:15/17:30 Arrival at Riva degli Schiavoni-Cornoldi – End of Tour

IMPORTANT NOTE: We ask delegates with an afternoon/early evening flight to leave the tour at 12.30 after the presentation of the MOSE system at Thetis.