

# Moonlit Venice

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This trip lived up to all my expectations. I have wanted to go to Venice ever since I discovered that my dad proposed to my mom there. I had obviously heard a lot about the place, read lots of books, and looked at hundreds of photographs. But nothing prepares you for the reality of it. It is so beautiful. Around every corner, there is another lovely building or picturesque square. The architecture is stunning. I managed to find a very good hotel not far from the famous Rialto Bridge. It's on a small central square, but was very quiet at night. (This was a relief, as I'm a very light sleeper and wake at the slightest sound – even with earplugs in!) I spent my days walking all over the city, soaking up the beauty of it all. In the evenings, I ate really good Italian food. Many of the cafés and restaurants are very expensive, but you can find cheaper places if you are prepared to walk a bit. One night, I set out to find the little square where my dad went down on one knee 55 years ago. In the moonlight, it looked so pretty and romantic. I understood why my dad had chosen that place. Venice is so special. If you have never been there I urge you to go – seeing is believing! I will be going again as soon as I can.

## Are these statements true or false?

- a** The author has wanted to go to Venice since her parents' wedding.
- b** She has done her homework on Venice.
- c** Her hotel was located in a very busy street.
- d** She couldn't sleep at night.
- e** She ate Italian food in the evenings.
- f** She found the restaurant where her dad proposed 55 years ago.