

## Exploring Venice virtually

It's been a turbulent time for Venice in recent times. This charming holiday hotspot<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ loved for its romantic gondolas, compelling culture and historical architecture attracted tourists in droves for<sup>2</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_. Overtourism took its toll stealing some of the local allure and the city was looking<sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ ways to trim the tourist numbers. This included<sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the opening of new "kebab" shops, making it harder for cruise ships to dock and even implemented a tourist tax.

Then nature made it happen. <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ mid-November 2019, the city saw its highest water levels since 1966, causing devastation. On December 23, Venice was<sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ by another water surge<sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ damaged landmarks and shops in the heart of the city.

Just as Venice began to recover her<sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and beauty COVID-19<sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ sure there was no one to enjoy the subdued allure of Marks Square, the sparkling, pristine but still canal waters, or the gorgeous architecture emerging from the water in stillness.

The good<sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ is that you can see it – virtually – and in all its glory with this sensational "I love you Venice" rolling cam. Seen like this you can get a<sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of why the city has for centuries been known as "La Serenissima", The Most Serene.

If you have around 20 minutes to<sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, you can join the sensational 360-degree tour of Venice courtesy of Technology entrepreneurs Geneeo.

There are whispers that the authorities in Venice are asking<sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ or not it wants tourists to return. Who can blame them?

Simone Venturni. Mayor of Venice said, "This will be an opportunity to move towards intelligent tourism". It's a difficult decision to<sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ when so many rely<sup>15</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ tourism for their livelihood. But for now, Venice belongs to the Venetians.

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