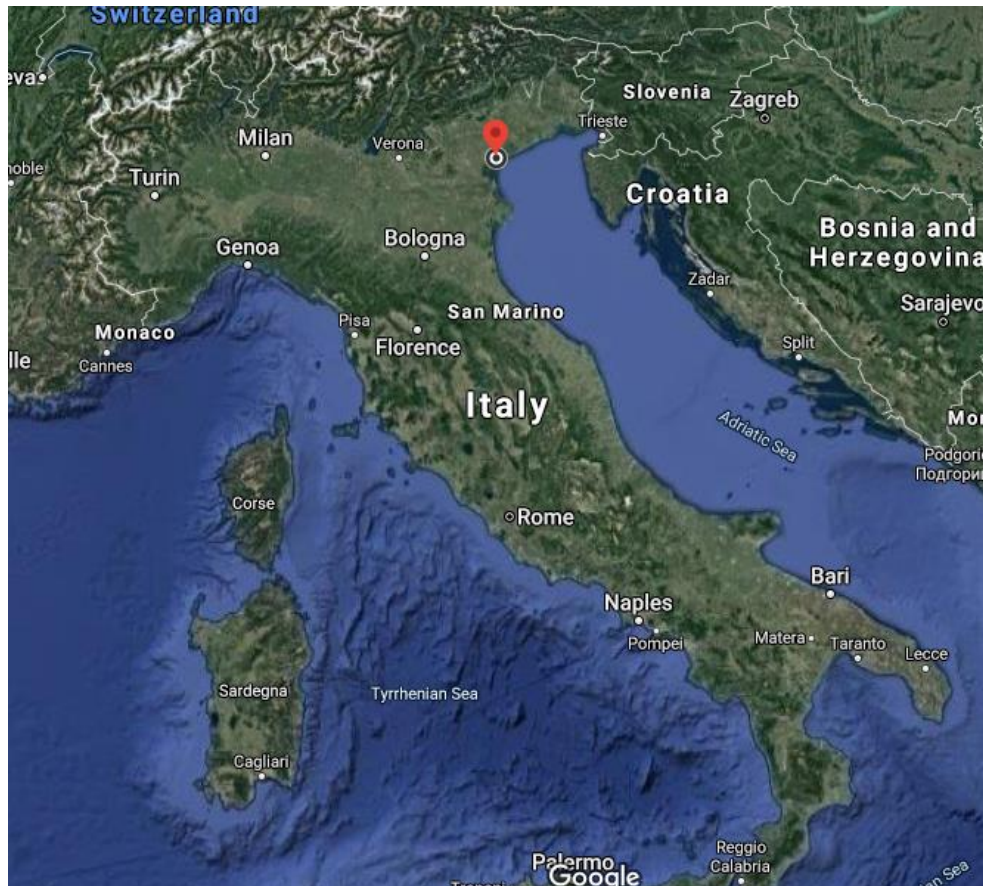


Name: Venice

Region located in: Veneto

Population: 350,000



Venice is a very unusual and beautiful city in the North East of Italy. It is a city on water, built up around canals. People travel around Venice by foot or by boat. No cars can be taken into Venice.

Venice is a tourist city and it is one of the world's most popular destinations. People from all over the world come to Venice to see the famous sights. such as the Rialto Bridge, Saint Mark's Square the Doge's Palace and the Bridge of Sighs. Venice also makes money from shipping goods around the world.

Venice was founded in the 5th Century AD by refugees from Northern Italy whose home was constantly being invaded by wars and raids. These refugees made their living by fishing and trading salt.

One of Italy's most famous festivals is Carnevale ('carnival' in English). This takes place throughout Italy in February. The most famous city to visit for Carnivale is Venice. Thousands of people visit each year to see the parade of Venetian masks and festivities.