

This family-run boutique B&B is only a hop from Dorsoduro, a great area for bars, food and the Peggy Guggenheim museum. It's also near Venice's historic centre. Near by, the Ponte dell'Accademia is a wonderful spot at dusk for a view up the Grand Canal. The rooms at Novocento are luxurious, sexy and opulent; if the sun shines there's a lovely private courtyard and garden where you can have breakfast, which is a treat of home-made cakes, great coffee and a sweet and savoury buffet.

Details B&B doubles are from €115 (novocento.biz); Calle del Dose da Ponte, San Marco

In the east of the city is Castello, the "local's Venice", where this great-value, elegant B&B is located. It has a roof terrace with great views of the rio dell'Osmarin below; all the well-sized rooms have views of the canal and across the rooftops to the belltower of St Mark's. Breakfast is included, with the usual hams, cheeses and delicious home-made cakes.

Details B&B doubles are from €100

This is possibly the best pizzeria in Venice – the gorgonzola, radicchio and Italian sausage and calzone were superb.

Details Pizzas are about €13, half a litre of great house white is €7 (murowenezia.com); Sestiere San Polo, San Polo

Brilliantly kitsch, this has a seascape mural on the wall and noisy locals propping up the bar – always a good sign. The spaghetti vongole is fantastic; or try the locally caught sea bass. The seasonal salads and vegetables are grown near by on Sant'Erasmo island.

Details Two courses are about €25 (no website, 00 39 041 715 736); Fondamenta della Sensa, Cannaregio

In Dorsoduro, a mix of Venetians of all ages can be found in the bacari (bars), grazing on cicchetti, which are bar snacks costing €1-€2 each. Four or five cicchetti would typically replace an evening meal – they could be crostini



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opped with creamy gorgonzola, fig and roasted walnuts or arancini balls. They are eaten standing up, washed down with an aperol spritz (€2.50). Linger outside, perched beside the canal, overlooking the city's oldest (17th-century) working gondola yard. Along the street is Cantine del vino gia schiavi, a high-end wine shop that, come evening, is packed with elegant Italian men and women eating bargain €1.50 cicchetti and drinking €2 glasses of delicious wine.

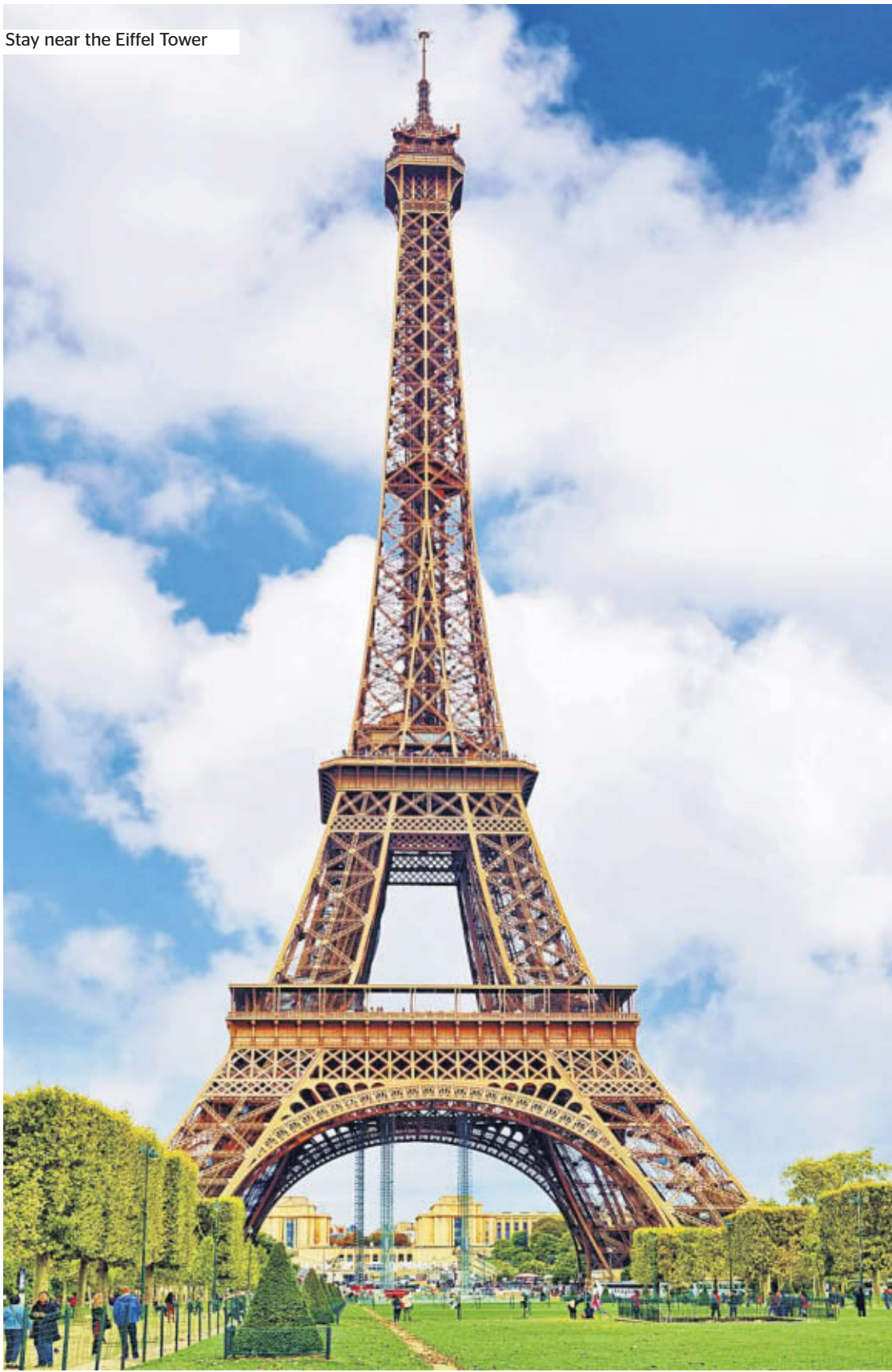
Details Cicchetti are from €1, wine is from €1.20 a glass (no website, 00 39 335 600 7513)

A traditional Venetian trattoria, with a wood-paneled interior and wonderfully welcoming staff. The primi are outstanding and well-sized (try the tagliatelle with garlic, fresh mushrooms and porcini), the secondi (steamed spider crabs, Venetian-style liver with polenta) are also great whether you opt for meat or seafood (but are a little pricier than the primi); the tiramisù is worth saving space for.

Details Primi are €12, three courses cost €35 (dabeplit; 00 39 041 528 5031); closed on Thursdays

La bottega, almost hidden on a quiet back street, is romantically lit, unpretentious and welcoming. Either eat cicchetti (hearty bar snacks) standing at the bar, or sit down for a constantly changing seafood menu. **Details** Three courses are €30-€35 (no website, 00 39 041 241 2747), closed on Wednesdays, reservations essential; Calle dell'Oca, Cannaregio

Buy a church pass (Chorus Venezia) for €12, which gives entry to 18 churches in Venice, including the jaw-dropping Basilica dei Frari and more intimate churches such as the Church of San Vidal (chorusvenezia.org).



Next to Saint Lazare train station, this new, well-run little hotel opens through automatic sliding doors that lead to a corridor decorated with candy-coloured striped wallpaper. The 39 reasonably sized rooms are over six floors, with a vibrant-but-tasteful colour scheme, wide beds, free wi-fi and electric blinds. Some rooms suit families because two can be booked with a private door entrance. Free afternoon coffee and tea are served in a pleasant lounge. Expect decent scrambled eggs and coffee at breakfast.

Details B&B doubles are from €100 (phileashotel.com); rue d'Amsterdam, 9th arrondissement

A few streets north of the Phileas, Hotel Villathéna is in a distinguished 19th-century building on a quiet side street. The reception opens on to a ruby-red and pink breakfast room and lounge, with modern art and a retro look. Beyond is a marvellous corkscrew staircase with a wrought-iron balustrade — and upstairs are 43 smart rooms with low-slung beds, little shower rooms and room service (delivered from a brasserie around the corner). Upgrade to a top-floor "executive" room (€50 extra) for more space, pictured below.

Details B&B doubles are from €100 (villathena.com); rue d'Athènes, 9th arrondissement

Striking pattern wallpaper, avant-garde modern art and French antique chairs painted silver with bold upholstery... Hotel Design Sorbonne, a short walk from the Jardin du Luxembourg, is chic and well positioned, with tempting room rates. The 38 arty rooms are reached along darkened corridors with black and white pictures of Paris in colourful frames adorning the walls. Breakfast is served in a bright and airy room by a courtyard.

Details B&B doubles are from €100 (hotelsorbonne.com); rue Victor Cousin, 5th arrondissement

Check Eurostar's website for its two-for-one deals for some sights such as the Musée d'Orsay, when you show your Eurostar ticket at the door.

About half-an-hour's stroll southwest of Île de la Cité, Hotel Mayet is a jolly hotel with street-art-style murals in the lobby and a little bar with wine for €4 a glass



An oasis of calm, the Johann is down a side street in edgy Kreuzberg. Cosy, quiet and very welcoming, its rooms are decorated in typical Berlin Altbauflair style and are minimalist but comfortable, with parquet floors, high ceilings and exposed brick walls; bathrooms have heated floors. There's a courtyard garden for summer breakfasts (all organic), as well as an elegant bar for a late-night tipple. It's within walking distance of several metro stops and you can hire bikes if you fancy a jaunt along the canal.

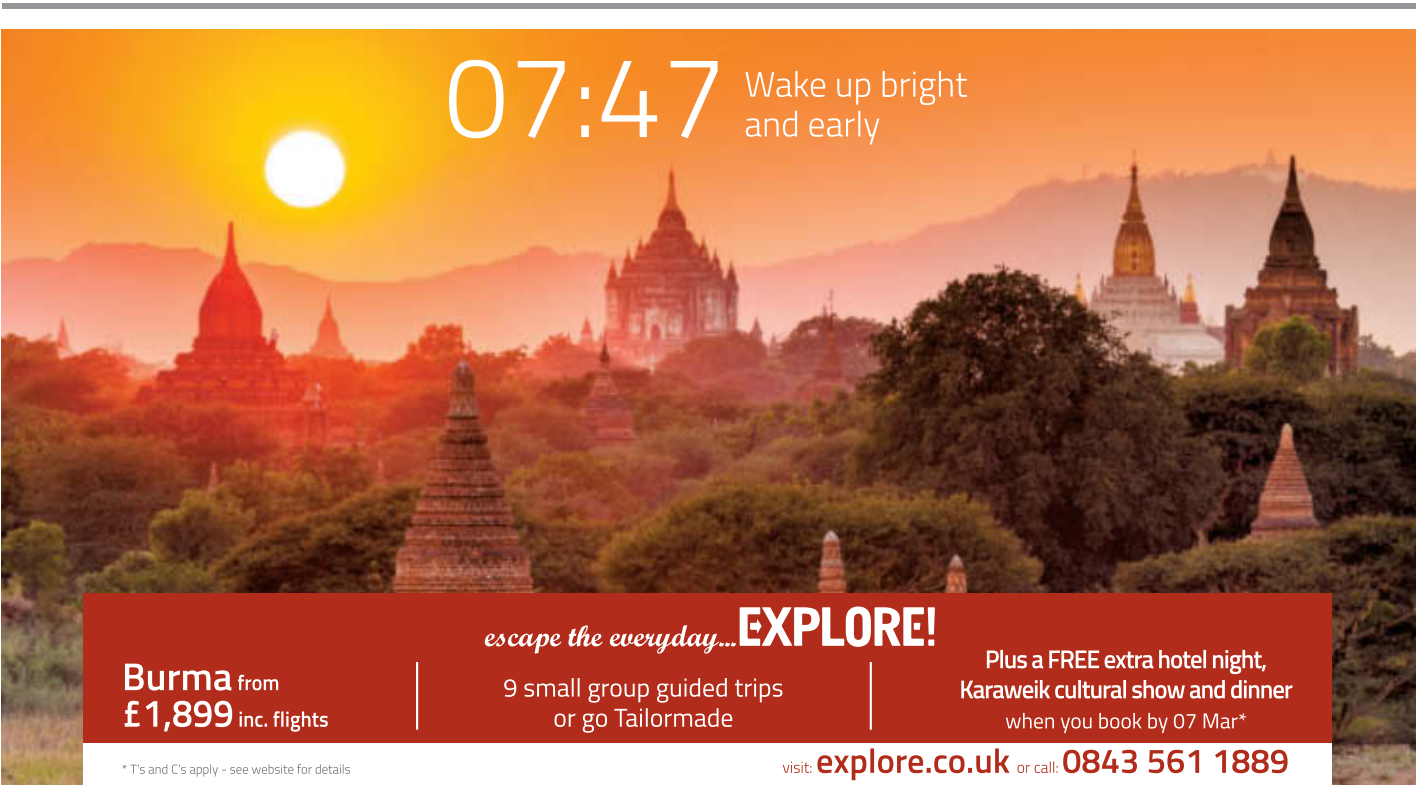
Details Doubles are from €84, breakfast €7.50 (hotel/johann-berlin.de); Johanniterstrasse, Kreuzberg

This apartment hotel, just off Leipzigerstrasse, is in a brilliant location, a short walk from Unter den Linden, the Brandenburg Gate and the smart shops on Friedrichstrasse. Even the smallest studio apartments, decorated in red and grey, are roomy, all have kitchenettes, there's a small indoor pool and gym, and while breakfast is not cheap, it's a great spread.

Details Studio doubles are from €87, breakfast €15 (tfhotel.com); Krausenstrasse, Mitte



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