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REFLECTIONS ON VENICE
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Reflections on Venice

Stories, Place, Atmosphere

“Reflections is where I gather what continues to fascinate me about Venice: hidden corners, art and architecture, books and music, history and mystery, the sparkle of light on water and the contrast between sunshine and shadows. The pleasure of lingering long enough to notice something like an arch or a doorway which might otherwise be missed.” Ruth from Reflections

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Exploring Venice through the art of slow travel.

We want **Reflections on Venice** to be a slow-travel sanctuary for those planning their visit, armchair travelers, and *Venice enthusiasts* who remember spending time in the city.

Reflections takes you beyond familiar landmarks with atmospheric walks, hidden histories, art, books, music, and occasional glimpses into Ruth's developing Venetian cozy mystery, set in Dorsoduro.



Exploring hidden corners

Paid subscribers are members of the Palazzo Library. You unlock the “Palazzo Library & Salon” articles and events.

- **We send members a different type of post every weekend.**
  - **Week 1:** article on a theme,
  - **Week 2:** a photo montage or video,
  - **Week 3:** fictional writing,
  - **Week 4:** article on a theme (or something ad hoc)
- **A weekend article**: dive into an article on forgotten history, architecture, or canal walks. Themes might include *The Secret Gardens of Giudecca*, *A Day in the Footsteps of Ezra Pound*, or *The History of the Courtesan Poets*.

- **A Slow Venice Video:** Some weeks a post might be a short silent video with music or the sounds of lapping canal water, distant church bells, or Venetian music.
- **Salon Soirées:** This is something we're hoping will be valued by members. As a paid subscriber you get access to a digital Salon event. It's a 45-to-90-minute recorded masterclass led by Ruth. There will be a presentation, downloadable resource sheets and a forum page. These salons explore Venice's hidden history, literature, art, and music, guiding you deep into the heart of the city.
- E-Learning makes the **Salon Soirées** sound a little formal , and it is simply an informal presentation with some linked resources on an aspect of Venice. It might be about Mary Shelley and her journals, the first settlers on Torcello, a new simpler way we've discovered to get to Pellestrina and exploring that island. You can watch the Salon Soirée at any time, and as Google Classroom has a forum page so there should be fellow *Venezianisti* to chat with.
- Soirées are **at least 3 times a year** via Google Classroom. We're open to suggestions for topics too!
- **Audio Posts:** recordings of some posts for listening on quiet walks or commutes.
- **Archive Access:** A subscription unlocks past articles and resources.
- **A Club Booklist:** Suggestions for novels, and books about Venice.
- **Behind-the-Scenes:** An insight into our lives, stories from our road trips through the Mont Blanc tunnel and stays in Dorsoduro.
- AND finally involvement in the writing and development of **Ruth's cozy mystery (*Sestiere of Shadows*)**. It is important to us that fiction and literature has a place in Reflections.

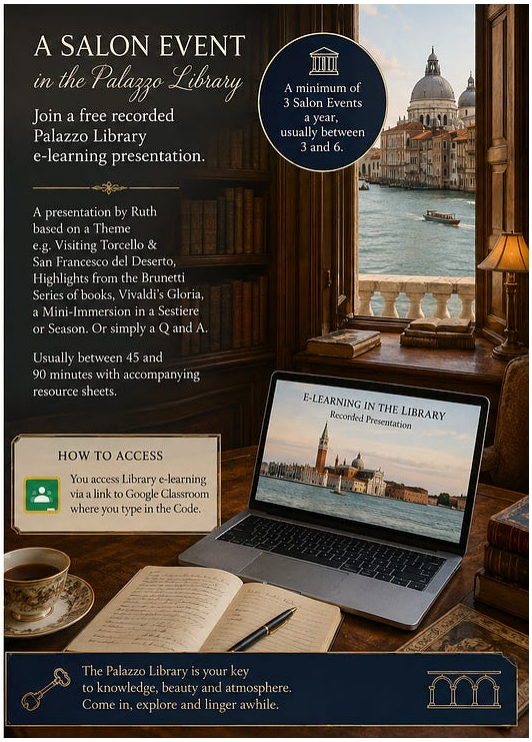
- Each month there will be an article written from the perspective of a character in the cozy novel, or someone from history (a courtesan at the time of the bubonic plague, the wife of a Doge spring to mind). Or it might be a passage from a book about Venice (and Donna Leon's series will no doubt feature here).

We hope you might become a Palazzo Library member. If this isn't for you at this time then stay and enjoy the Piazza free tier.

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