



The shopping of the senses

With *Shopping at the Market* you will be engulfed by the magic atmosphere of the *Rialto Market* where we will discover local and *foreign* products by walking through the rowdy and engaging booths. Guided by local expert advisers and through smells, colors, tastes and creativity, you will have the opportunity to personally choose which foods to buy, which specialties to cook and taste, and which wines to pair with particular dishes.

Duration: 1 or 2 hours

Our tour through the *fruit and vegetable* stands will begin in the Campiello (square surrounded by small buildings) overlooking Canal Grande, where there is an overwhelming **view** of color and the **sounds** of daily offers will catch your ear.

Strolling through herbs, aromas, fresh and dried fruit, and seasonal vegetables we will arrive directly under the covered area of the *fish* stands. Here the **view** will be your first ally to see and distinguish the different varieties: from the wild to the farmed fish and from the local to the exotic species. Once you have made your selection, professionals will be on hand and will use their expertise to clean and prepare your fish.



After the fresh fish stands we will be surrounded by the exciting **smells** of a delicatessen that offers excellent recipes and prepared dishes based on fish.

Don't worry, there is something for everyone: just around the corner, meat lovers will be lead once again by their nose through the perfumes of roasted chickens, cold cuts and meats of any kind, ready to be served and sold. Similarly, for

the *cheese* enthusiasts, excellent shops will be able to stimulate their appetite with dairy specialties coming from all around the country.

Continuing on, we will advance a bit through the Calli (narrow streets) and will



buy an essential product for our meal: *bread*. A shop will offer us a rich selection of different kinds of bread made with various types of flour that will satisfy any preference.

At this point we are nearing the end: in the last stage of our tour we will visit one of the most antique Drogheries (grocery store) of Venice, where all the sense will be lost. Herbs, spices of any kind, high quality products and especially a grand wine cantina will welcome us for our last bit of shopping.

It is now time to enter the kitchen and at this point the **feeling** and the **taste** will have already claimed their space... A typical Venetian sample of food and wine called "*un'ombra ed un*

cicheto" will provide us the necessary energy to begin preparing our creations.

