

**Cruise Lines International Association
Statement on Cruise Ships in Venice
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CLIA cruise lines welcome the statements by the Mayor of Venice demanding an urgent solution that would allow larger cruise vessels to access the Venice cruise terminal (Marittima) via an alternative route that avoids the Giudecca Canal. CLIA cruise lines recognise the Mayor's views are supported by many locally in the Veneto Region and also in the National Government.

CLIA cruise lines have been actively engaged in discussions for a considerable time about using the Vittoria Emanuele Canal as the preferred alternative solution. We have been cooperative in simulations and studies that supported the Comitatore recommendation. CLIA urges all parties in Venice to reach a conclusion to start the preparation work to prepare the Vittoria Emanuele Canal so we can begin to reroute the larger ships.

"The cruise industry has worked diligently with the Mayor of Venice, the Veneto Region, the Port Authority and many others to find viable solutions to allow larger cruise ships to access the Marittima berths without transiting the Giudecca Canal. We are in agreement with the solution developed by Comitatore in 2017 to utilize the Vittorio Emanuele Canal as the best and most prudent means to move larger cruise ships away from the Giudecca," said Adam Goldstein, Chairman of Cruise Lines International Association. "CLIA cruise line members welcome and will support the urgent implementation of this solution."