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The Venice Biennale Unveiled: Exploring International Contemporary Art with Riva Blumenfeld

November 11 – 17, 2024 Venice, Italy



Travel with Art Center educator, curator, and art historian Riva Blumenfeld and Art Center Executive Director Allison Valchuis for "The Venice Biennale Unveiled: Exploring International Contemporary Art!" Experience an immersive journey into the contemporary art world and the splendors of Venice. Join us as we explore the most significant exhibitions of the Biennale and the city's premiere art collections, with each day offering curated experiences of Venice's visual and historical delights.

Since 1895, the Venice Biennale has been the benchmark for international contemporary art shows, often referred to as the "Olympics of Art." Countries worldwide select their finest

contemporary artists to exhibit their work in front of a global art audience. The Biennale centers around the Giardini,

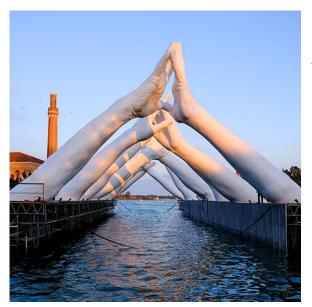
housing over 30 permanent national pavilions, and the Arsenal, boasting more than 164,000 square feet of exhibition space.

The 2024 Venice Biennale features an exciting array of international contemporary artists at the Giardini, including Jeffrey Gibson, the first solo Indigenous artist to represent the United States. His vibrant artworks seamlessly blend Western modernism with Native American craftsmanship. Other artists featured in the international pavilions include John Akomfrah for Great Britain, Julien Creuzet for France, and Archie Moore for Australia, all contributing to the celebration of diverse voices in contemporary art.



Jeffrey Gibson, "PEOPLE LIKE US," 2019

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Lorenzo Quinn, "Building Bridges" 2019

Curated by Adriano Pedrosa, the Arsenale's main exhibition, "Foreigners Everywhere," celebrates artists enriched by global journeys, emphasizing diversity in race, gender, and nationality. It spotlights foreign, immigrant, diasporic, and refugee artists, bridging the Global South and North. In the Arsenale, both new and old works in "Nucleo Contemporaneo" and "Nucleo Storico" broaden the modernism narrative beyond Euroamerica, offering a fresh global perspective on diverse contemporary art voices.

To complement your Biennale experience, we'll take a guided tour of the Peggy Guggenheim Collection to explore the roots of contemporary art in Venice. You'll also gain insight into Venice's traditional and historical artisan culture, witnessing how contemporary artists embrace these traditions.

Riva Blumenfeld, with 40 years of experience as a gallery director/owner, art advisor for collectors, and arts educator at NYC's top museums, will guide you through this diverse range of international exhibitions. She'll help you unpack the artists' visions and processes, offering a curated look at the best Venice has to offer.

Additionally, you'll meet local experts who will provide an inside look into the city's renowned contemporary art scene and storied tradition of artisanal trades.

Highlights of this tour include:

- Two full days at the official Venice Biennale, including private guided tours of the Giardini and Arsenale with art expert Riva Blumenfeld.
- A private tour of the Peggy Guggenheim Collection in Peggy Guggenheim's former palazzo.
- A behind-the-scenes tour of Berengo
 Foundation and Glasstress studios and exhibition space, where artisans trained in the centuries-old tradition of Murano glass-making collaborate with contemporary artists like Vik Muniz, Sarah Sze, and Ai Weiwei.
- A visit to traditional craft studios, museums, and hidden corners of Venice, providing insight into the city's artisans.



Master glassblower at work at Glasstress Studios

We are thrilled to collaborate with our friends at La RosaWorks to bring you this exclusive experience. Your tour includes six nights at a four-star hotel, daily breakfast, welcome and farewell dinners, private group airport transfers to our hotel pier, and unlimited use of the vaporetti service. After fulfilling days of touring with our group, you'll have plenty of leisure time to explore Venice's stunning architecture, tempting shops, and delicious restaurants. For art enthusiasts seeking more, we'll provide a curated list of recommended exhibitions, museums, and churches to visit.

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Tour Details

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Fees:

- Single occupancy: \$9,150
- Double occupancy (per person): \$7950

Note: If you choose the Double Occupancy option, please keep in mind that we do not provide roommate matching services. You must list the name of the person you plan to share the room with, and they must also submit their own application indicating the same roommate preference.

The fee for the trip includes the following:

- 6 nights accommodations at a 4-star hotel located on the picturesque Grand Canal
- Daily breakfast, 1 lunch, 2 dinners
- Private English-speaking guides and tour facilitators
- Roundtrip private group airport transfers via water taxi directly to/from hotel pier and to select group excursions
- Tourist Travel Card (ACTV) good for one-week of unlimited use of vaporetti (Venice's water bus system)
- Admission to the Biennale, Arsenale, and Giardini pavilions, for two full days
- Daily private group tours to museums, collections, artist studios, and historical sites with admission fees included

Cost of trip does not include

- Air transportation to Venice Marco Polo airport
- Local hotel tax (€2-3 daily)
- Remaining meals
- Trip Insurance (highly recommended)
- Anything else not listed above

Payment Schedule & Registration

A \$2,500 deposit is required by April 14, 2024 to reserve your place. The remaining balance of your trip fees are due by August 1, 2024. To register for this program, please visit 92Y.org/arttravel to complete an application and payment information. Please do not book any non-refundable transportation until the tour has been confirmed.

Tour Activity Level

You'll be on the go each day on this tour. The group will travel to sites via private and public boats, or we'll be walking where you should expect uneven surfaces, stairs, and inclines. Participants can expect to be standing or walking for 2 – 3 hours at a time while on excursions. All tour start and end times will be announced at the beginning of the trip. Participants are responsible for arriving to the meeting locations on time. Your tour will begin and end with the included airport transfers.

92NY Terms and Conditions

92NY does not represent, nor is 92NY the agent for, any transportation carriers, hotels, caterers and other suppliers of services connected with this tour. All service providers for the trip are independent contractors whose businesses are independent of 92NY; the provision by them of services on the trip does not make them a partner of, or create a joint venture with, 92NY. 92NY is therefore not responsible or liable for any injury, damage, loss, death, accident, delay or other irregularity during the trip caused by or a result of the actions or omissions, whether negligent or otherwise, of any service provider. Additionally, 92NY is not responsible for losses or expenses due to force majeure, including, without limitation, sickness, inclement weather, acts of God, strikes, wars, or other causes beyond the control of 92NY.

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The published itinerary of the trip may be changed if such change(s) are deemed necessary for the health, safety, or general welfare of the members or the trip. 92NY recommends that each participant purchase medical insurance and insurance with respect to loss or damage of luggage and/or for recoupment of the cost of transportation to and from the program in the event of any unforeseen events that require a change by the trip planners or a change of your plan to participate. Baggage and personal effects are the individual trip members' sole responsibility.

92NY reserves the right to decline participation of any person, and/or to remove any participant from the trip at any time, when such action is determined in the sole discretion of 92NY to be in the best interests of or necessary for the health, safety, or general welfare of the participants or of any individual participant. In the event of any changes of these terms or of the trip itinerary by 92NY, participant's sole compensation as damages shall be limited to the total program fee that participant paid for the trip.

Trip cancellation and baggage insurance is highly recommended. Above charges do not include cancellation charges imposed by the airlines for any connecting flights to/from your point of departure.

Health and Safety Protocols

All guests must agree to understand the following health and safety protocols while participating in this tour. These protocols may change as state and local regulations evolve. We will update you as any changes arise:

- Face coverings must be worn at all times in all situations where local regulations require the general public to do so. This includes times when you are traveling on the group transport, during demonstrations, lectures, tours, etc. Participants must also adhere to local business policies.
- All participants will be required to have received the COVID-19 vaccine fully before participation. You must have completed your last dose by October 27, 2024 and provide documentation.

Cancellation and Refund Policy:

This tour is subject to the following cancellation charges if you cancel for any reason:

If your notice is received:	You will receive:
More than 90 days before departure	50% of tour cost
90-60 days before departure	25% of tour cost
60 days or less before departure	No refund