Historic Venetian Bàcari

1. Osteria al Portego

Sestiere: Castello (Calle de la Malvasia, 6014)

Opening Hours: Monday 11:30 AM–10:00 PM

The History: Tucked away in a narrow alley on the border of Castello, this narrow rustic spot forces patrons to crowd around the counter or spill into the alleyway with plates in hand.

What to Order: A wide selection of seafood cicchetti, including sarde in saor (sweet-and-sour sardines with onions, raisins, and pine nuts) and marinated octopus salad.

2. Cantina Do Mori

Sestiere: San Polo (Calle Do Mori, 429)

Opening Hours: Monday 8:00 AM–7:30 PM

The History: Dating back to 1462, this is widely considered the oldest bàcaro in Venice. Legend says Casanova frequented it. Demijohns line the bar, and copper pots hang thickly from the dark wooden ceiling.

What to Order: The legendary "Francobollo" (postage stamp)—a tiny, square crustless sandwich filled with various cold cuts and spreads. Pair it with a robust local Veneto red wine.

3. All'Arco

Sestiere: San Polo (Calle Arco, 436)

Opening Hours: Monday 10:00 AM–2:30 PM

The History: A tiny, family-run powerhouse located just a stone's throw from the Rialto Fish Market. It captures the exact fast-paced, neighborhood market energy praised by Scibilia.

What to Order: Hot, freshly prepared crostini topped with creamed salt cod (baccalà mantecato) or warm lardo with rosemary.

4. Cantina Do Spade

Sestiere: San Polo (Calle del Scaleter, 859 / S. Polo 859)

Opening Hours: Monday 10:00 AM–3:00 PM and 6:00–10:00 PM

The History: Operating since 1415, this tavern blends a standing counter area with a small sit-down dining room. It represents the quintessential multi-format eatery described in the guide's glossary.

What to Order: House-made mozzarella in carrozza (fried cheese sandwiches with anchovies or ham) and deep-fried squid skewers.

5. Osteria Ai Promessi Sposi

Sestiere: Cannaregio (Calle dell'Oca, 4367)

Opening Hours: Monday 6:30–10:15 PM

The History: A traditional, low-key spot hidden in the winding backstreets of Cannaregio. It remains a fierce favorite for locals looking to escape the heavy crowds of nearby main thoroughfares.

What to Order: Grilled cuttlefish skewers, creamed cod on white polenta wedges, and local draft wine.

6. Osteria Alla Vedova (Ca' d'Oro)

Sestiere: Cannaregio (Ramo Ca' d'Oro, 3912)

Opening Hours: Monday 11:30 AM–2:30 PM and 6:30–10:30 PM

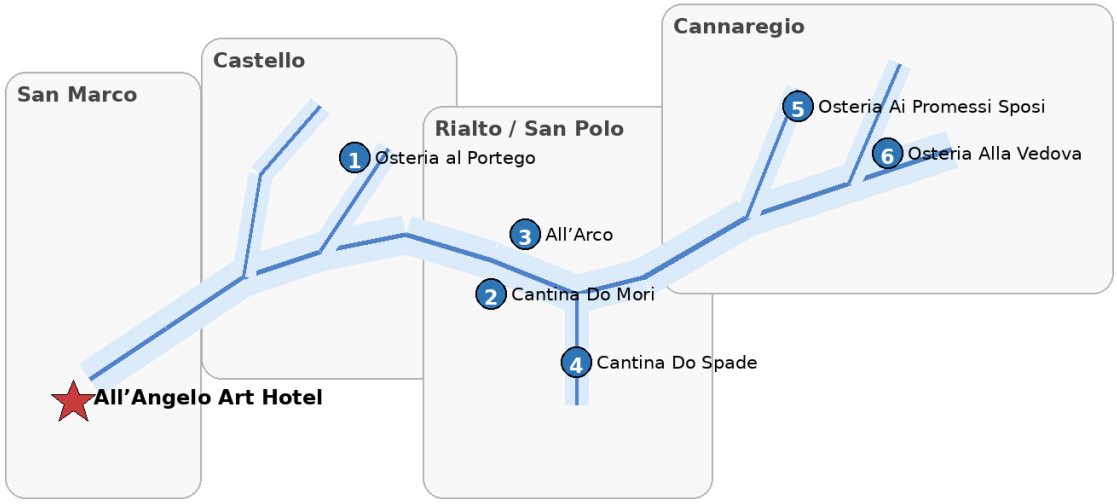
The History: Famous for its long marble counter, dark wood finishes, and historic brass accents. It is one of the most celebrated residential spots in the Cannaregio district.

What to Order: The absolute best polpette (deep-fried meat-and-potato balls) in Venice. Crispy on the outside, light and melt-in-your-mouth on the inside. Order an ombra of white Soave or Garganega.

Practical reminders: To eat cheaply like a local, order and enjoy your cicchetti standing at the counter; sitting at a table may incur a coperto. Ask for an "ombra" for a small glass of house wine, or a "spritz al Select" for the classic Venetian aperitivo.

Simplified Venice Orientation Map

Starting point: All'Angelo Art Hotel · Not to scale · Ordered for an easy bacari walk



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This sequence moves from the hotel toward Rialto and onward into Cannaregio, then returns easily toward San Marco by vaporetto or on foot.

Opening hours can change; verify locally if a specific stop is essential to your plans.