

Murano

Home of Venetian Glass

Murano is one of three islands in the Laguna Veneta. All are easy to reach via vaporetto.

Murano is famous for its glass factories; Burano is



known for its lace, and Torcello is the marshy birthplace of Venice.

These photos are of the approach to Murano. The vaporetto passes the glassblowing factories that line the canal.



These windows of Murano show the variety and creativity of Venetian glass.



Again, I regret not photographing some of the huge abstract pieces that commanded attention in some of the more elaborate shops. Looking at them, one would try to fathom how the abstract shapes & multitude of colors could be formed through the timeless techniques still practiced on that island.



Now, more sightseeing.

Warning!

Artsy-fartsy ahead.

Some of these pictures slide off the edge of documentary into the artsy realm.



Italy is a country of details. The most mundane element is not simple.

The ever-present flowers are a now-expected item; the carved supports are not.

Architectural elements that would be shabby and decrepit if seen in American cities only lend an air of gentility and serenity in Italy. We would not expect to see anything but this.

View from atop a bridge spanning a canal in Murano.



A 'slip' along the side of the canal.



Algae is recognized as a destructive element in Venice.



Next installment....heading back to Venice...boats.....and good-bye to Venice & off to Milan.