

Investing in Resilience: The Secret Life of a Lagoon Island

A guided exploration of the environmental and economic benefits of nature-based agriculture in the Venetian basin



DRAFT PROGRAMME

The event is organized into 4 small groups (11 participants each) to ensure a sustainable experience and minimize the impact on the fragile ecosystem of the Northern Lagoon.

Estimated Participants: 44.

Event Structure:

The experience includes a **10-minute scenic boat transfer** each way, followed by a **100-minute guided walking tour** on the Falconera Island.

Total experience duration: 2 hours.

Morning Session:

- **09:00 | Group 1:** Boat departure from Cavallino-Treporti (**10 min trip**).
- **09:30 | Group 2:** Boat departure from Cavallino-Treporti (**10 min trip**).

Afternoon Session:

- **16:00 | Group 3:** Boat departure from Cavallino-Treporti (**10 min trip**).
- **16:30 | Group 4:** Boat departure from Cavallino-Treporti (**10 min trip**).

On-Island Activities (100 minutes):

- **Welcome & Introduction (15 min):** Briefing on the island's history and nature-based farming.
- **Phase 1 (30 min - The Cultivated Island):** Guided walk through the resilient crops and traditional lagoon fields.
- **Phase 2 (40 min - The Wild Lagoon):** Exploration of the salt marshes (barene) and spontaneous flora.
- **Conclusion (15 min):** Final reflection on the "man-nature symbiosis" and boat return.

Registration & Logistics:

- **Mandatory Registration:** Participation is free, but booking is required via email at isolafalconera@gmail.com due to the limited boat capacity (11 seats per trip).
- **Preferred Time Slot:** To help us manage the limited boat capacity (11 seats per trip), please specify your preferred time slot in the email: **Morning (9:00 or 09:30) or Afternoon (16:00 or 16:30)**

- **Transport Contribution:** While **the educational tour is free** of charge, a **fixed contribution of 10,00 euro per person** is required. This fee covers the round-trip private boat shuttle service from Cavallino-Treporti to the island.
- **Meeting Point in Cavallino-Treporti:** Participants will meet at Piazza Santa Maria Elisabetta, 30013 Cavallino-Treporti (VE). The following GPS coordinates are: [45°29'03.6"N 12°33'02.2"E](#). This is the exact boarding point for the private shuttle service.
- **Recommendations:** As we will be exploring the natural lagoon environment, we highly recommend participants to wear **comfortable walking shoes** and bring **insect repellent**. Sustainable and natural repellents are preferred to respect the local ecosystem.
- **Weather Policy:** In the event of **inclement weather** (heavy rain, high winds, or unsafe lagoon conditions), the tour will be **postponed** to a later date. Registered participants will be notified via email at least **24 hours in advance**. We recommend checking your inbox before heading to the meeting point.