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Crystal Serenity Hosting for Virtuoso in Italy, October, 2006

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Some time ago I received an e-mail from Gene about Style and Shop, a personal shopping experience in Venice he was unfamiliar with. Well, Dennis and I were in Venice and arranged for a two hour sample tour with Cinzia Farsetta at styleandshop@tele2.it

Cinzia is a delightful shopping guide who know the unique little spots that are small boutique factories or very unusual places. At Venetia Stvdivm I found a little pale blue silk velvet purse, handpainted with gold flourishes and a silk tassle at the bottom...and we visited a jeweler who has researched all over the world to find antique Venetian beads from which to craft her necklaces. She only uses these unique beads...Lovely and impressive although he didn't have a very big inventory as those beads are scarce.

We visited a custom shoe "factory", little shop where the designers were crafting a shoe that resembled a real foot, and one for a tiny baby. Unique shoes of flesh leather, so one would think you were really barefooted when you wear these shoes. Amusing.

We visited a small "jumble shop" with bakalite necklaces and earrings from the 20's, antique costume jewelry and very unusual finds. Tempting.

We were advised to eat at Osteria Enoteca San Marco...a local place with good views.

I would recommend Cinzia for a few hours to clients who really just want unique shops and don't want to find them on their own. She can show you some hidden sites and gardens, too. We really enjoyed having an expert to accompany us and were pleased to meet her between the pillars at San Marco Square.

Feel free to contact Cinzia for further info or to send your clients to her. My best, Patty