



St. Mark's Square and much of the Grand Canal tourist areas are under water. It's the worst flooding in more than 50 years. If you have schedules to visit Venice, check closely with your travel agent and continuing online and news developments.

While city officials say climate change is a cause of the flooding, business owners blame political corruption. There have been many delays in creating a barrier protection system, which may have prevented the streets to become flooded. The continuing disaster could cost hundreds of millions of dollars in damage, repairs and lost tourist spending.