

92NY ART CENTER

The Venice Biennale Unveiled: Exploring International Contemporary Art with Riva Blumenfeld

November 9 – 15, 2026

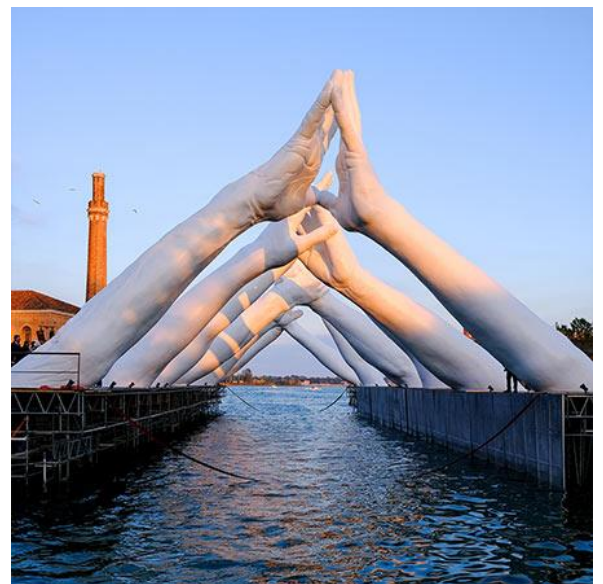
Venice, Italy



Travel with Art Center educator, curator, and art advisor Riva Blumenfeld and Art Center Executive Director Allison Valchuis for **"The Venice Biennale Unveiled: Exploring International Contemporary Art"** — now in its third edition due to popular demand! Experience an immersive journey into the contemporary art world and the splendors of Venice. Join us as we explore the most significant exhibitions of the Biennale and the city's premiere art collections, with each day offering curated experiences of Venice's visual and historical delights.

Since 1895, the Venice Biennale has been the benchmark for international contemporary art shows, often referred to as the "Olympics of Art." Countries from across the globe select their finest artists to exhibit work at the Biennale's national pavilions, presenting a dynamic cross-section of contemporary art on a global stage. The official exhibitions are centered in two venues: the Giardini, home to over 30 permanent national pavilions, and the sprawling Arsenale, with more than 160,000 square feet of exhibition space.

The 2026 Venice Biennale will be curated by the late visionary curator **Koyo Kouoh**, whose posthumous exhibition, *In Minor Keys*, explores intimacy, nuance, and the quieter emotional registers of contemporary life. Her concept embraces global perspectives and centers artists whose practices emphasize connection over spectacle, challenging dominant narratives and honoring the resilience of diasporic, marginalized, and underrepresented voices. With Venice transformed by the art world during the Biennale's final weeks, the city becomes a rich, layered canvas where museums, galleries, foundations, and historic palazzi all take part in the conversation.



Lorenzo Quinn, "Building Bridges" 2019

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The Winter Garden Room at Museo Fortuny

To complement your Biennale experience, we'll take a guided tour of the **Peggy Guggenheim Collection**, housed in her former palazzo on the Grand Canal, to explore the roots of modernism and contemporary abstraction. We'll also visit the **Museo Fortuny** for a special private visit. This remarkable museum, set in the former home and atelier of artist and designer Mariano Fortuny, blends contemporary and historic work in one of the city's most atmospheric settings.

Your experience will also include a private behind-the-scenes tour of the **Berengo Foundation** and **Glasstress** studios and gallery on Murano, where traditional glass artisans collaborate with contemporary artists like Vik Muniz, Sarah Sze, and Ai Weiwei.

Throughout the trip, Riva Blumenfeld will help you navigate the Biennale's dazzling range of exhibitions. With her 40+ years of experience as a gallerist, collector advisor, and museum educator, she'll help you unpack key works, contextualize what you're seeing, and identify must-see pavilions and exhibitions across the city. Her guidance ensures you make the most of your time in this extraordinary cultural moment.

Highlights of this tour include:

- Two full days at the official Venice Biennale, including private guided tours of the Giardini and Arsenale with art expert Riva Blumenfeld
- A private visit to the Peggy Guggenheim Collection in Peggy's former Grand Canal palazzo
- Behind-the-scenes tour of the Berengo Foundation and Glasstress studios and gallery on Murano Island
- Private access to Museo Fortuny, one of Venice's most beloved and atmospheric museums
- Curated exhibition recommendations to explore during your free time
- Four-star accommodations with daily breakfast, welcome and farewell dinners



Master glassblower at work at Glasstress Studios

We are thrilled to collaborate again with La RosaWorks to bring you this exclusive experience. Your tour includes six nights at a four-star hotel, daily breakfast, welcome and farewell dinners, private group airport transfers to our hotel pier, and unlimited vaporetto access. After inspiring days filled with art and exploration, you'll have plenty of free time to enjoy Venice's vibrant neighborhoods, world-class restaurants, and breathtaking architecture.

Fall is a magical time in Venice. The air is cooler, the light is golden, and the city feels both energized and contemplative as the Biennale reaches its crescendo.

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Tour Details

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Fees:

- Single occupancy: \$9,950
- Double occupancy (per person): \$7950
Note: If you choose the Double Occupancy option, please keep in mind that we do not provide roommate matching services. You must list the name of the person you plan to share the room with, and they must also submit their own application indicating the same roommate preference.

The fee for the trip includes the following:

- 6 nights accommodations at a 4-star hotel
- Daily breakfast, 1 lunch, 2 dinners
- Private English-speaking guides and tour facilitators
- Roundtrip private group airport transfers via water taxi directly to/from hotel pier and to select group excursions
- Tourist Travel Card (ACTV) good for one-week of unlimited use of vaporetti (Venice's water bus system)
- Admission to the Biennale, Arsenale, and Giardini pavilions, for two full days
- Daily private group tours to museums, collections, artist studios, and historical sites with admission fees included

Cost of trip **does not** include

- Air transportation to Venice Marco Polo airport
- Local hotel tax (€2-3 daily)
- Remaining meals
- Trip Insurance (highly recommended)
- Anything else not listed above

Payment Schedule & Registration

A \$2,500 deposit is required by January 21, 2026 to reserve your place. The remaining balance of your trip fees are due by June 5, 2026. To register for this program, please visit 92Y.org/arttravel to complete an application and payment information. Please do not book any non-refundable transportation until the tour has been confirmed.

Tour Activity Level

You'll be on the go each day on this tour. The group will travel to sites via private and public boats, or we'll be walking where you should expect uneven surfaces, stairs, and inclines. Participants can expect to be standing or walking for 2 – 3 hours at a time while on excursions. All tour start and end times will be announced at the beginning of the trip. Participants are responsible for arriving to the meeting locations on time. Your tour will begin and end with the included airport transfers.

92NY Terms and Conditions

92NY does not represent, nor is 92NY the agent for, any transportation carriers, hotels, caterers and other suppliers of services connected with this tour. All service providers for the trip are independent contractors whose businesses are independent of 92NY; the provision by them of services on the trip does not make them a partner of, or create a joint venture with, 92NY. 92NY is therefore not responsible or liable for any injury, damage, loss, death, accident, delay or other irregularity during the trip caused by or a result of the actions or omissions, whether negligent or otherwise, of any service provider. Additionally, 92NY is not responsible for losses or expenses due to force majeure, including, without limitation, sickness, inclement weather, acts of God, strikes, wars, governmental acts, terrorist acts, or other causes beyond the control of 92NY.

The trip may be canceled or rescheduled, or the published itinerary of the trip may be changed for reasons including, but not limited to, (i) if such change(s) are deemed necessary for the health, safety, or general welfare of the members or the trip, (ii) due to insufficient demand, (iii) due to the unavailability or closure of certain sights, (iv) due to a force majeure event, or (v) at the discretion of 92NY. 92NY strongly recommends that each participant purchase medical insurance, trip cancellation insurance and insurance with respect to loss or damage of luggage and/or for recoupment of the cost of transportation to and from the program in the event of any unforeseen events that require a change by the trip planners or a change of your plan to participate. Baggage and personal effects are the individual trip members' sole responsibility.

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92NY Terms and Conditions Cont.

92NY reserves the right to decline participation of any person, and/or to remove any participant from the trip at any time, when such action is determined in the sole discretion of 92NY to be in the best interests of or necessary for the health, safety, or general welfare of the participants or of any individual participant. In the event of a cancellation by us prior to departure, we will try to reschedule the trip, but there is no guarantee of availability and a rescheduling may not be possible if the cancellation is due to a force majeure event. In the event of any changes of these terms or of a trip cancellation by 92NY for reasons excluding force majeure, our only responsibility is to refund you the amounts already paid by you for the reservation.

Above charges do not include cancellation charges imposed by the airlines for any connecting flights to/from your point of departure.

Cancellation and Refund Policy:

This tour is subject to the following cancellation charges if you cancel for any reason:

If your notice is received:	Cancellation Fee:
90 – 61 days before departure	25% of total tour cost
60 – 46 days before departure	50% of total tour cost
45 – 0 days before departure	100% of total tour cost

Release & Waiver

The Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association is a New York Not-For-Profit Corporation whose mission is to provide exceptional, groundbreaking programs to present and promote the performing and visual arts; literature and culture; adult and children's education; talks on a huge range of topics; health and fitness; and Jewish life.

I/we agree, release, and/or represent and warrant:

- that I/we are each twenty-one years of age or older;
- that, to the best of my/our knowledge or as determined by my/our physician, I/we are each physically fit to attend and participate in the trip;

that I/we agree to abide by the Terms and Conditions ("trip");

- that I/we understand that this trip is for educational purposes;
- that I/we understand that there are certain inherent risks in the type of travel involved in this trip, including, but not limited to, risks associated with hiking, terrain, weather, accidents, and transportation;
- that we have read the itinerary of activities for the trip and hereby accept any risks related to participation in such activities; and
- that I/we do hereby release, forever discharge, agree to hold harmless, waive, and renounce, for and on behalf of himself/herself, his/her dependents, heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, any claims against The Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew Association, its officers, directors, trustees, employees, agents and representatives, including, without limitation, any claim based on negligence, for any injury, death, sickness, accident, delay, loss or damage to property or expenses of any kind whatsoever, resulting from or related to the participants' participation in the trip.

Health and Safety Protocols

All guests must agree to understand the following health and safety protocols while participating in this tour. These protocols may change as state and local regulations evolve. We will update you as any changes arise:

- All local health regulations must be adhered to, including, wearing face coverings at all times in all situations where local regulations require the general public to do so. This includes times when you are traveling on the group transport, during demonstrations, lectures, tours, etc. Participants must also adhere to local business policies.

Code of Conduct

During the trip, we ask that participants adhere to 92NY's Code of Conduct, which can be found at <https://www.92ny.org/about-us/policies>.