



# VENICE

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# Venice

The city of Venice is located in the Veneto region of Italy — one of the northernmost states. This ancient and historically important city was originally built on 100 small islands in the Adriatic Sea. Instead of roads, Venice relies on a series of waterways and canals.

But what surprises you about Venice, is its the fact that it is a city built entirely on water. For centuries the Venetians, slowly insisted on recovering even the smallest bit of land from the water.

Venetian buildings were built on a system of wooden poles buried in mud. First, long wooden poles were driven into the mud until they reached hard, firm ground. On these palings wooden planks were laid, layered crosswise to obtain a more stable structure, distributing weight evenly on all the poles.

On this base a brick or marble structure was built. They were real pile dwellings. Some buildings had instability problems and are still visibly crooked today.



# Cruising into Venice



# St. Marks Plaza and the Doges Palace















# The city of canals









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# A River Cruise boat











# The Island of Burano







**The leaning tower of  
Burano**







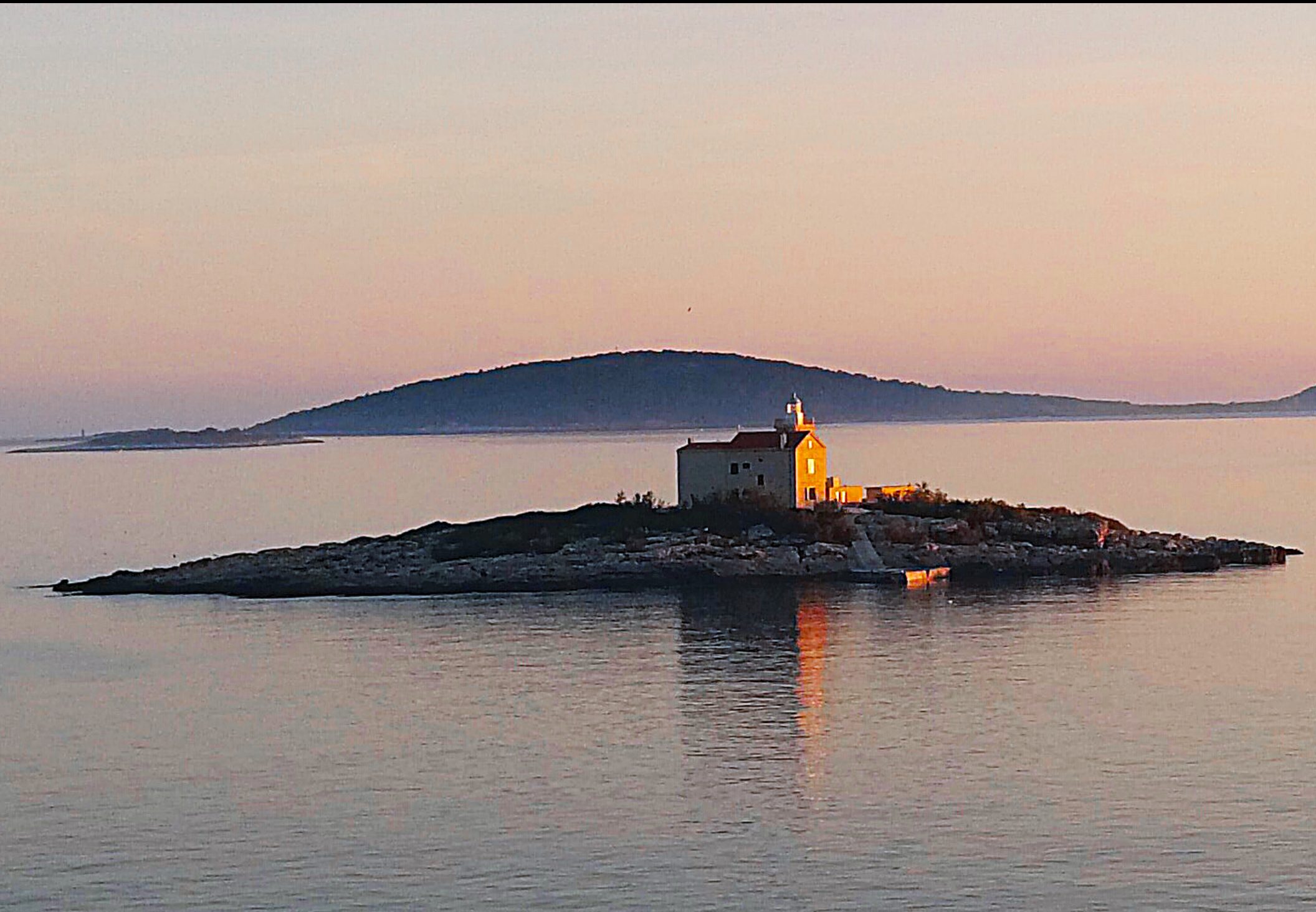








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