

THE ROYAL GARDENS OF ST MARK'S SQUARE IN VENICE



RESTORATION PROJECT
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Venice Gardens Foundation Onlus is dedicated to the restoration of the Royal Gardens of St Mark's in the city of Venice and to preserving, maintaining and managing them, for a renewable period of 19 years, by virtue of the Act of Concession of the Agenzia del Demanio of the Italian State, which was signed also by the City of Venice, on 23 December 2014, with the approval of the Soprintendenza dei Beni Architettonici e Paesaggistici.

The Royal Gardens cover an area of about 6375 square meters and are surrounded by water, bordered by the Rio della Zecca, onto which the Royal Palace-Procuratie Nuove and the historic Biblioteca Marciana give, and by the Bacino di San Marco.

With its architectural and botanical elements, the operation respects the stratification of history, revealing the original design of the garden.

With the restoration of the nineteenth-century pergola, which is now in a state of ruin, and of Lorenzo Santi's neoclassical pavilion, and with the new conservatory and the demolition of the derelict buildings and voluminous bunker, the Royal Gardens will once again be directly connected to St Mark's Square by the restored drawbridge.

... And dreams can conjure up pictures of a garden of abundance and coolness, luxuriant and bountiful... For the most part it will not be a flower garden, except for the old wisterias and little clumps of hydrangeas, but rather a riot of leaves and boughs, of different greens, transparencies and half-light. Leaves of all kinds, slender and filiform, supple and broad, bright, coriaceous or fluffy and opaque: it will be a luxuriant, verdant garden at every time of the year... (Paolo Pejrone - Garden architect)