Respecting Venice: useful advice for the good tourist.

For the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development, Venice City Council has launched an awareness campaign called #Enjoy Respect Venezia.

Agata, whose objectives include a defence of the concept of sustainable tourism, supports this campaign and contributes to its promotion through its own channels of communication.

Venice is a magical, fragile city which must be protected and respected.

#Enjoy Respect Venezia sets out for those planning to visit the city what is not permitted and 12 rules of "good practice" to follow to make the most of your visit.

At Agata, we add a thirteenth rule: as soon as you book an apartment in the city, check on the City Council site to see if the accommodation you have chosen really does exist and whether it is authorised.

There is a map which includes all the authorised apartments, B&Bs and hotels.

Each one has a different coloured dot and, if you click on it, it opens a page with all the information you need so that you can begin planning your holiday in Venice, confident that there will be no unpleasant surprises.

As well as enabling you directly to access this very useful tool which has only recently been launched by the local authority to combat abuse and to protect tourists and approved operators, #Enjoy Respect Venezia provides

- useful advice on the best way to experience the city
- information about prohibited behaviour
- a map of refreshment areas and public toilets
- a tourist gazette to obtain an idea of the numbers of tourists in different parts of Venice
- suggested itineraries and routes establishing links between the different districts and the many permanent collections in museums.

#Enjoy!