

WINEGROWERS, ROWING MASTERS, AND NOBILES

WHAT DOES LIFE LOOK LIKE BEHIND THE SCENES of the Serenissima? While the number of visitors steadily increases, the number of inhabitants is falling dramatically. But away from the Piazza San Marco and the Rialto Bridge beats the true heart of the lagoon city, where the locals try to keep their traditions alive. Together with Venetian Luana Castelli, photographer Karl Johaentges has taken a stroll to a number of special sites, famous as well as unknown ones: to gondola docks, fishers' huts, the huge state archives, or the city's vegetable gardens. They create vivid portraits, interwoven with splendid views of Venice and fascinating details, providing new glimpses into the real life in the lagoon city.

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Luana Castelli
Karl Johaentges
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