

# Unusual means of transport. Gondola



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## GONDOLA -THE SYMBOL OF VENICE.

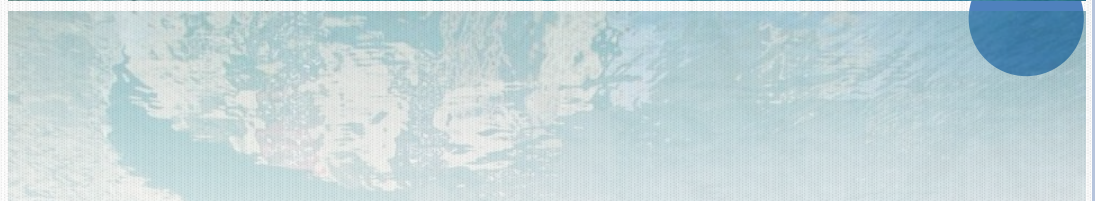
Gondola appeared in Venice in the seventh century.



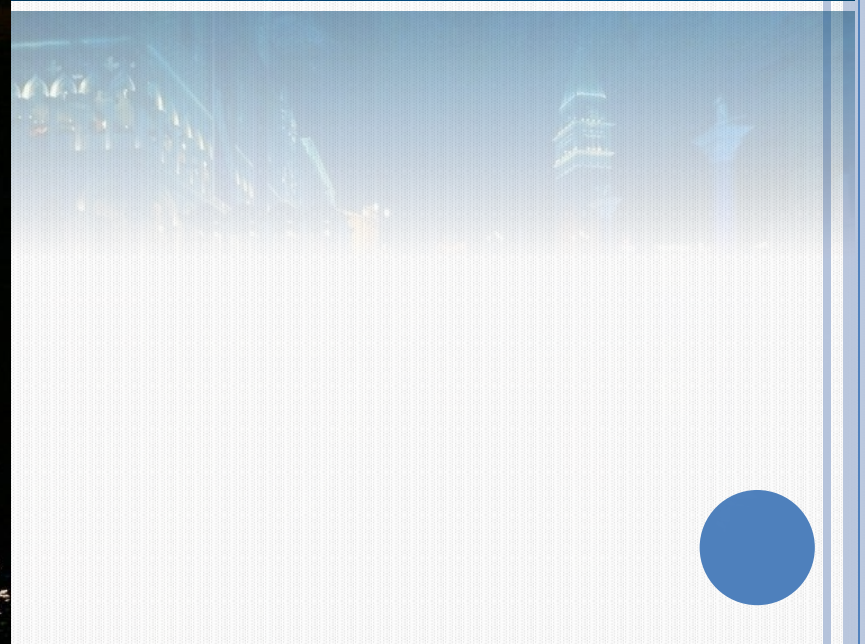
The cost of one gondola up to thirty thousand Euros, and the time of manufacture up to three years.



The gondola is a traditional, flat-bottomed Venetian rowing boat, well suited to the conditions of the Venetian lagoon.



Say the word 'gondola', and romantic moon-lit evenings spent lazily floating along any one of Venice's countless canals spring to mind. However, gondolas are far more than that.



Before the advent of motorised boats, gondolas, because of their manoeuvrability and speed, were used to transport both people and goods within the city and to the nearest islands. Originally used as a private means of transport for the wealthy, gondolas quickly became a sort of 'taxi' for people of all classes to get from one part of the city to another.



Every year on the first Sunday of September in Venice with its famous Regata Storica. Before the competition spend a parade of gondolas



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