

**LESI Winter Planning Meeting:  
Optional Tour for Sunday, February 23**

For those interested, we have organized a tourist activity for Sunday:

We have arranged group **tickets to the Opera at the Teatro Fenice in Venice** on Sunday evening. (2.5 hour show, tickets: € 265 -290/person)

*The show:* The opera is “Elisir d’Amore” by the Italian composer Gaetano Donizetti – a “bubbly romantic comedy about a spunky landowner, a hapless peasant, and the dubious love potion that may or may not bring them together.” Tickets include the Carnival Cocktail - a carnival party with DJ set which will take place after the opera. During the cocktail, artists and representatives from the theatre will also attend and a gift will be given to all guests.

*Travel to Venice:* The opera at Teatro La Fenice starts at 5:00 pm, so the plan is to arrive by 4:30pm. It takes 30 minutes by train to travel to *Venice’s* train station to Teatro La Fenice. We suggest taking the train from Padua’s train station at 2:54 pm arriving at the Venice’s train station at 3:20pm followed by a 10 minute walk from the stops of Vaporetto (= public boat) at San Marco or Rialto to Teatro La Fenice.

Since the Padua’s train station is only 15 minutes walking from Hotel Europa or 25 minutes walking distance from Hotel Toscanelli there is enough time to enjoy the visit of Padua in the morning (ending by 1pm) and then take the train (for example at 2:54 pm) to Venice without stress.

For more information on these optional events, please contact Federica at LES Italy at [media@lesitaly.org](mailto:media@lesitaly.org).