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## FIVE DOCK



Giorgio and Beatrice Favotto from Favotto Tours are taking people around Venice in September.

Picture: ADAM YIP

# Couple reveal Italian locals' top spots

WHEN you think of Venice, your mind is automatically transported to the Grand Canal, relaxing on a gondola as you watch the thousand-year-old history pass you by.

As a young boy, Five Dock local Giorgio Favotto clearly remembers growing up in his parents' city, getting lost among the magnificent palaces, museums and ancient architecture.

"It brings back lots of memories going there as a child. It's a very exciting and emotional experience," Mr Favotto said.

### TAKE A VENETIAN TOUR

■ A Five Dock couple have started a unique tour through Italy, away from the tourist attractions and into the backstreets of Italy. The first tour takes guests on a local experience through Venice. The next tour will uncover the hidden attractions of Calabria, the hometown of Mrs Favotto.  
 ■ For more information, visit [favottotours.com.au](http://favottotours.com.au)

But there's lots about the historical city that most tourists don't know, which is why Mr Favotto, together with his wife Beatrice, have started a lifelong dream of theirs: an Italian tour unlocking those hidden gems.

Mrs Favotto said that during the Venetian tour, guests will be taken on a journey through wineries, cheese factories and small towns which are tucked away and only known by the locals.

"In April we spent about two weeks there literally

knocking on the locals' doors asking where the best local cafes, restaurants and boutiques were," he said.

Mr Favotto said Venice has a lot to offer and wants guests to be able to immerse themselves fully in his culture. "I want to share a piece of my home, my parents' home. We want to be able to give people the opportunity to experience a European lifestyle," he said.

The tour will start in September for 10 days, followed by the next journey to the picturesque Calabria.