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Japanese tourists call police over rip-off restaurant bill – 24th January, 2018

## Level 0

Four tourists are angry. A restaurant in Venice charged them \$1,350 for steak. The tourists were students. They were ripped off (overcharged). Venice's mayor is contacting the restaurant. He promised to take action. He said if it is true, he will punish the restaurant. He said: "We are for justice - always."

Tourists often get overcharged. People in Venice are worried about this news. There have been similar cases of rip-off prices in Venice. Someone said the restaurant is giving Venice a bad name. The restaurant has a 1.5 (out of 5) rating on a travel website. This is terrible. The food is average and the service is bad.

## Level 1

Four Japanese tourists are angry because a restaurant in Venice charged them \$1,350 for a steak dinner. The four tourists say they were ripped off (overcharged) for their steak. They were students on a day trip to Venice. The police and Venice's mayor are contacting the restaurant. The mayor promised to take action. He said: "If this [shocking] episode is [true], we'll do all we can to punish those responsible. We are for justice - always."

Tourists often get overcharged. People in Venice are worried about this news. There have been many similar cases recently of rip-off prices in Venice. One person tweeted that the restaurant is harming the good name of Venice. The restaurant has a 1.5 (out of 5) rating on a travel website. Around 83 per cent of the site's visitors gave it a "Terrible" rating. One person complained about average food, bad service and "hidden fees" of almost \$60 in taxes and tips.

## Level 2

Four Japanese tourists are angry after a restaurant in Venice, Italy charged them \$1,350 for a steak dinner. The four tourists say they were ripped off (overcharged) for the meal. They were students on a day trip to Venice. They decided to have dinner at a restaurant near the world-famous St Mark's Square on Friday. The police and Venice's mayor are looking into this incident. The mayor promised to take action. He said: "If this disgraceful episode is confirmed, we'll do all we can to punish those responsible. We are for justice - always."

It is common for tourists to be overcharged. Venice residents are worried about what happened to the Japanese tourists. There have been many similar cases recently in Venice. Some residents tweeted: "Whoever puts the good name of Venice at risk harms all Venetians." The restaurant has a low 1.5 (out of 5) rating on the website TripAdvisor.com. Around 83 per cent of visitors gave it a "Terrible" rating. One person complained that: "The food was very average....They added almost €50 in taxes and a tip - these are the hidden fees....And the service wasn't that good. I feel scammed."

## Level 3

Four Japanese tourists are very angry after a restaurant in Venice, Italy charged them €1,100 (\$1,350) for a dinner of steak, fish and water. In fact, the four tourists say they were ripped off (overcharged) for their meal. The four diners are students and study in the city of Bologna. They were on a day trip to Venice and decided to have dinner at a restaurant near the world-famous St Mark's Square on Friday. As well as the police looking into this incident, the mayor of Venice has promised he would also take action. The mayor said: "If this disgraceful episode is confirmed, we'll do all we can to punish those responsible. We are for justice - always."

It is common for tourists to be overcharged anywhere in the world. Tourism groups in Venice are worried about the Japanese tourists saying they were ripped off. This is because there have been many similar cases recently of rip-off prices in Venice. One tourism group tweeted: "Whoever puts the good name of Venice at risk harms all Venetians." The restaurant has a very low 1.5 (out of 5) rating on the website TripAdvisor.com. A huge 83 per cent of visitors gave it a "Terrible" rating. One TripAdvisor user complained that: "The food was very average....They added almost €50 in taxes and a tip - these are the hidden fees that they don't tell you about. And the service wasn't that good. I feel scammed."