

**All that glitters is not gold.**



**Sometimes it's glass.....  
Murano glass!**

Since the beginning of time, glass has always charmed man, who attributed some magic and supernatural powers to this transparent material. In fact, in legends, the future could be predicted by magicians using a crystal sphere. Glass is synonymous with beauty.

On the Venetian island of Murano, you can witness first-hand a legend that began more than one thousand years ago. Here, the furnace structures have remained unaltered over time and new technology is seen only in small details. Master glass-blowers have maintained their tradition—their “battono” (beat)—using the same glass-blowing pipes and instruments forged in the machine shops on the island hundreds of years ago.

Historians suggest that glass-making was concentrated on the island of Murano because of the risk of fire from the furnaces in the more heavily populated areas of Venice. However, it is also highly likely that the industry was easier to control and to influence when it was concentrated in one particular place.

To truly appreciate the artistry and skill involved in making Murano glass—the beautiful vases, bowls, lighting fixtures, and jewelry,

like the objects below—[click here](#) to watch a short video of a highly-skilled glassblower making a small glass horse, the Ferrari logo.



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