



Detail, map of Venice (1 inch = 200 feet). Source: *Atlante di Venezia*, 1989.

the beginning and end of movement. Crossing a square gave me a sense both of balance and of anticipation of the next stretch of narrow alleys to be traversed before the next bridge and the next square.

The walk in Venice measures 1,060 feet, or approximately 350 meters. It takes four minutes to walk this distance—a very short time considering the many different physical spaces encountered. In Venice, buildings, squares, alleys, canals, and bridges are all crowded together in a very small area. To explore

the scale of Venice relative to the scale of other cities, I have overlaid the length of the walk in Venice on maps of other cities. The fourteen city maps that follow are all drawn to the same scale, one inch equals 200 feet, which is also the scale of the map accompanying the pictorial sequences. The fourteen city maps were selected to represent a wide range of urban scales. Some cities are finely scaled, like Kyoto or Barcelona. Others are large in scale, like Washington, D.C. Some cities have streets following regular grids; in other cities streets follow irregular patterns. The