



The penetration of Arabic culture in Venice is attested in the many Arabic imports in the Venetian dialect.

‘Arsenal’ – Venetian ‘arsenal’ – Arabic *dār al-ṣinā‘ah* (دار الصناعة, ‘house of manufacture, factory’)

‘Artichoke’ – Venetian ‘articioco’ – Arabic *al-kharshūf* (الخرشوف)

‘Marzipan’ – Venetian ‘marzapan’ – Arabic *maṯṯabān* (موثبان), the porcelain container in which marzipan was transported, or the city Mataban in the Bay of Bengal where it was produced

‘Sequin’ – Venetian ‘zechin’ – Arabic *sikkah* (سك), meaning ‘die’