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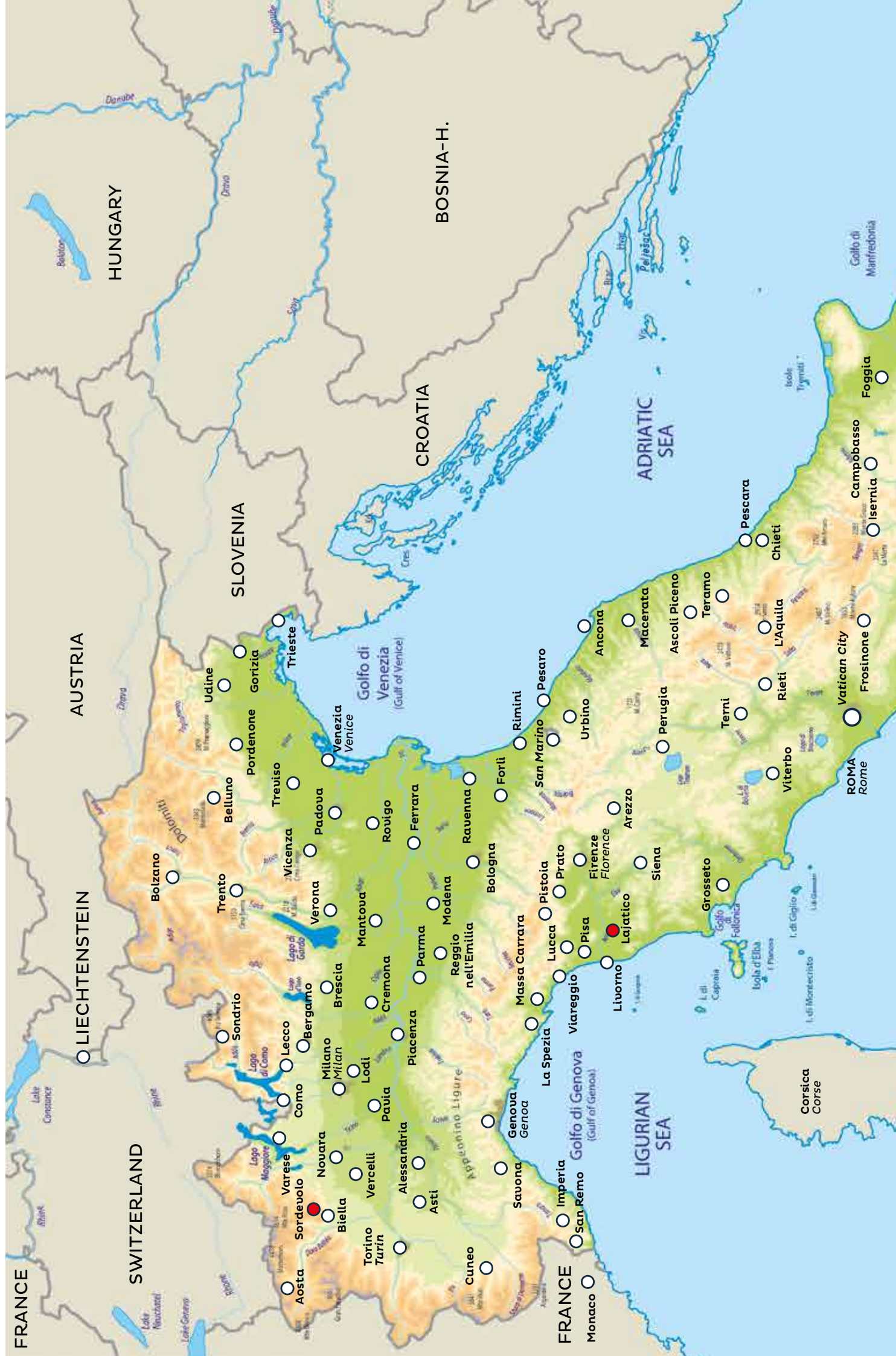
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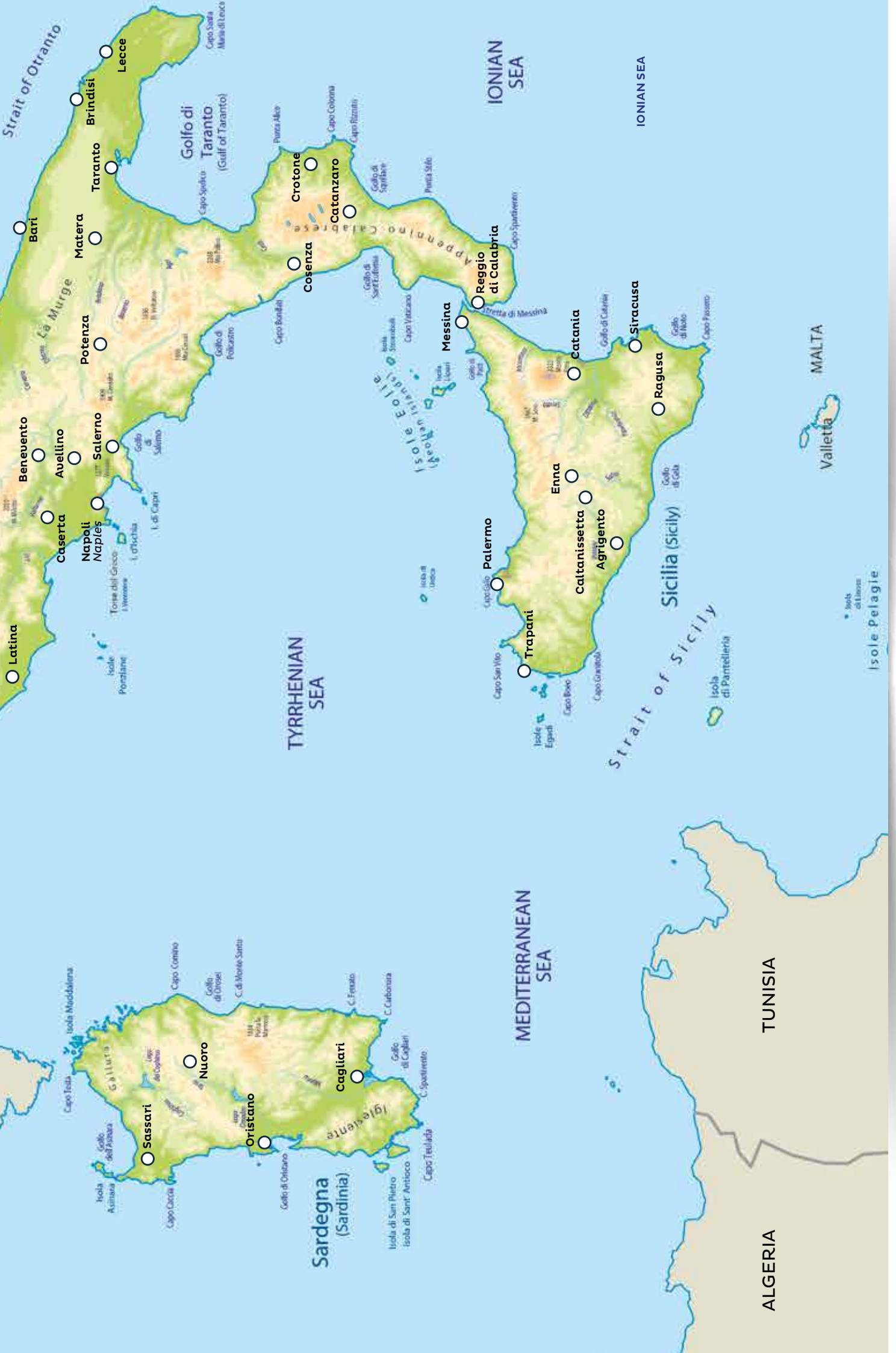
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GARDENS TOUR LAKE GARDA

CONTACT US FOR YOUR TAILOR-MADE TOUR QUOTE

4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS

DAY 1: Arrival and accommodation in a 3* hotels on Lake Garda: Welcome drink, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 2: VERONA

After breakfast departure by coach with our tour escort to Verona and guided tour of the town, including the enchanting garden "Giardino Giusti", whose eldest part dates back to the second half of the 15th century. Over the years, the garden has undergone several transformations, until the last restoration in 1930. Now the garden is rich with flowerbeds, statues, staircases and artificial caves. Along a slope you arrive at the Belvedere, a panoramic point where you can enjoy one of the most beautiful views of the city and of the garden itself. In the afternoon proceed to Valeggio sul Mincio, visit of the little medieval village Borghetto by the river Mincio, famous for its Visconteo Bridge. Later visit the botanic "Parco Giardino Sigurtà", the „Temple of Nature", a park of 600.000 mq with an overwhelming vegetation, aquatic plants which grow in the many lakes and ponds. Then back to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 3: SIRMIONE AND GARDONE

After breakfast departure by coach for our escorted tour to Sirmione where together with the large ancient Roman ruins "Cattulus' Caves", there are also famous hot water springs that have been known for their healing properties since ancient times. Later proceed to Salò, with its picturesque promenade and the elegant buildings and then on to Gardone. The resort's pretty lakeside promenade is lined with smart cafés and artistic trattorias offering a gracious charm of a bygone era. Freetime for lunch, then visit the Hruska Botanical Gardens a collection of flora from all over the world with plants from Africa and South America interspersed with species from Asia, Europe and Australia. Edelweiss amidst orchid meadows; tree ferns several metres high next to pomegranate wonders. Streams and waterfalls. Since 1988 this park belongs to the artist André Heller,

who has been inspired by its beauty. The tour goes on to Maderno, from where the ferry leaves for Torri del Benaco. On the journey home, stop at a wine-cellar in order to taste the famous Bardolino wine. Dinner in hotel with a typical pasta-menu (drinks included). Overnight stay.

DAY 4:

After breakfast, departure.



Gardens tour Lake Garda - (4 days/3 nights)

THE ITINERARY AS DESCRIBED INCLUDES:

- 3 nights, bed and breakfast in a 3* hotel on Lake Garda
- 1 welcome drink
- 2 dinners in Hotel, drinks excluded
- 1 pasta-dinner in Hotel drinks included (¼ lt wine and ½ lt water per person)
- 1 entrance in the Giardino Giusti
- 1 entrance in the Parco Giardino Sigurtà
- 1 entrance in the Hruska Botanical Garden
- 1 trip by ferry Maderno-Torri del Benaco (bus + passengers)
- 1 wine-tasting with snack in the Bardolino area
- Tour escort as per program

THE ITINERARY AS DESCRIBED DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Single supplement on request
- Europlan luxury coach as per program on request
- Tourist tax where applicable

All itineraries can be modified to suit your requirements.



LAKE GARDA, VERONA AND VENICE

CONTACT US FOR YOUR TAILOR-MADE TOUR QUOTE

4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS

DAY 1: Arrival and accommodation in a 3* hotel in the northern part of the Lake. Welcome drink, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 2: LAKE GARDA AND VERONA

After breakfast departure by bus with our guide for a panoramic tour of Lake Garda. One can reach picturesque towns and villages through uncontaminated vegetation, amidst olive groves and vineyards, and enjoy breathtaking views against the lake's deep blue background. Stop in Malcesine to visit the famous Scaligero Castle then, passing by Garda and Bardolino, we get to Sirmione, visit the Romanesque church of S. Pietro in Mavino, the renowned Grotte di Catullo (caves) and the picturesque castle. We proceed to Verona, the city of Romeo and Juliet with a guided tour. Piazza Bra accommodates the largest Roman amphitheatre after the Coliseum in Rome. The Arena dates back to the 1st Century A.D. and is still in use for the famous opera season in the summer. Cutting through the historic centre one reaches Piazza Erbe, which is situated over the old Roman Forum, still retaining some of the historic outline. We go on to Piazza dei Signori surrounded by historic buildings, linked to one another by porticoes and arches and to the Arche Scaligere. To finish a tour of the Basilica of St. Zeno, the patron saint of Verona, considered one of the Romanesque works of art in Italy. Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 3: VENICE

After breakfast departure by bus for Venice. From the Tronchetto parking take the private boat transfer to Piazza San Marco and have a guided tour of the historic centre: Piazza San Marco with the Doge's Palace and the Basilica, the Rialto Bridge and the Bridge of Sighs. At the end of the tour free time to explore the bridges over the lagoon, the characteristic narrow Venetian streets, the shops, the old bars, the typical canals and scenic spots. Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 4:

After breakfast, departure.

5 Lake Garda, Verona and Venice - (4 days/3 nights)

THE ITINERARY AS DESCRIBED INCLUDES:

- 3/2 nights, bed and breakfast in a 3* hotel in northern part of Lake Garda
- welcome drink
- 3/2 dinners at the hotel according to selected option
- private boat transfer Tronchetto/Piazza S. Marco/Tronchetto
- tour escort/ guide as per program

THE ITINERARY AS DESCRIBED DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Single supplement on request
- Europlan luxury coach as per program on request
- Tourist tax where applicable

All itineraries can be modified to suit your requirements.

3 DAYS / 2 NIGHTS

DAY 1: Arrival and accommodation in a 3* hotel in the northern part of the Lake. Welcome drink, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 2: LAKE GARDA AND VERONA

After breakfast departure by bus with our guide for a panoramic tour of Lake Garda. One can reach picturesque towns and villages through uncontaminated vegetation, amidst olive groves and vineyards, and enjoy breathtaking views against the lake's deep blue background. Stop in Malcesine to visit the famous Scaligero Castle then, passing by Garda and Bardolino, we get to Sirmione, visit the Romanesque church of S. Pietro in Mavino, the renowned Grotte di Catullo (caves) and the picturesque castle. We proceed to Verona, the city of Romeo and Juliet with a guided tour. Piazza Bra accommodates the largest Roman amphitheatre after the Coliseum in Rome. The Arena dates back to the 1st Century A.D. and is still employed for the famous opera season in the summer. Cutting through the historic centre one reaches Piazza Erbe, which is situated over the old Roman Forum, still maintaining some of the historic outline. We go on to Piazza dei Signori surrounded by historic buildings, linked to one another by porticoes and arches and to the Arche Scaligere. To finish a tour of the Basilica of St. Zeno, the patron saint of Verona, considered one of the Romanesque works of art in Italy. Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 3:

After breakfast departure by bus to a characteristic winery for wine tasting with snacks, then departure.





VENETO

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Veneto is the most visited region in Italy, cities like Venice and Verona, natural wonders like the Dolomites and lake Garda and long and beautiful beaches make it the perfect location for holidays. With this tour we want to add to the classic activities some "off the beaten tracks" excursion... as there is always something new to explore.

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

DAY 1: Arrival at your Hotel in the Vicenza/Padua region, welcome drink, dinner and overnight at your hotel.

DAY 2: VICENZA (approx. 50 km)

After breakfast departure for a full day excursion to Vicenza. Guided tour of the town including a walk along Corso Palladio - the most beautiful street of the town - to admire the wonderful buildings dating from the Gothic and Renaissance periods and, of course, from the time of the famous architect Andrea Palladio - the most important example being the Teatro Olimpico. Proceed to Monte Berico and visit the famous Venetian villas Valmarana Ai Nani, also well-known for its frescos of Tiepolo, and of the villa "La Rotonda" one of the masterpieces of Palladio. Then back to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay. Return to the Hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 3: PADUA (approx. 90 km)

In the morning departure by coach with our tour escort to Padua, one of the most famous art cities of Italy. Guided tour of the town including a walk to the University (founded in 1222), to the Herb Market Square and to the Basilica of St. Antonio. Padua is the birthplace of the cocktail "Spritz", a stop in one of the many bars for a Spritz with some snacks is a must. In the afternoon time at leisure in this beautiful town. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 4: VENICE (approx. 150 km)

A tour of this region is not complete without Venice. From the Tronchetto parking take the private boat transfer to Piazza San Marco and have a guided tour of the historic centre: Piazza San Marco with the Doge's Palace and the Basilica, the Rialto Bridge and the Bridge of Sighs. At the end of the tour free time to explore the bridges over the lagoon, the characteristic narrow Venetian streets, the shops, the old bars, the typical canals and scenic spots. Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 5: MAROSTICA, BASSANO, FELTRE (approx. 180 km)

A journey into the countryside, visiting three of the most enchanting towns of the region. Our first stop is in Marostica famous for its "human chess" game. While this only takes place once every 2 years, the chess board is visible all year round in the main square, from which you can look up to the Castello Superiore. While this is mostly a ruin now, it is still an attractive base for walks. The town centre and the Castello Inferiore are also worth seeing. We then move on to Bassano del Grappa, home of Grappa, the Italian spirit which Italians love as an after-dinner drink. Of course, we'll have a stop at the local Grappa Museum. We'll also cross the Ponte degli Alpini, a traditional Palladian bridge with a long history. We then head to Feltre, located at the feet

of the Dolomites. After a short walk in the medieval city center we will visit a local brewery "Pedavena" which since 150 years produces one of the best Italian beers made with local grown barley and hops and with spring water. A refreshing beer is of course included before heading back to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 6: TREVISO AND PROSECCO (approx. 200 km)

The "Marca Trevisana" is an area rich in history, art and natural beauty. The first stop on our day trip is Treviso, a lively old town with picturesque views and a vibrant city life. Heart of the city and meeting place in Treviso is Piazza dei Signori, dotted with historic buildings like the Palazzo dei Trecento and Loggia Dei Cavalieri. We then proceed to the Cathedral, a nice example of Romanesque architecture that houses famous masterpieces such as frescoes by Pordenone and the altarpiece with the Annunciation by Titian and the Isola della Pescheria: a quaint river island, placed in the centre of Treviso and lapped by the River Cagnan Grando, which houses the city fish market. In the afternoon we proceed to the wine region of Prosecco, where a visit of a winery with a tasting of this famous sparkling wine is a must. Return to the Hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 7: VERONA AND SOAVE (approx. 150 km)

After breakfast departure by bus to Verona and meeting with our guide for a tour of the city of Romeo and Juliet. After a brief bus tour, visit Piazza Bra where there is the famous Roman Arena, the biggest Roman amphitheatre after the Coliseum in Rome. A walk in the centre with our guide will take us to Piazza delle Erbe and then to Piazza dei Signori, to discover the numerous monuments, towers and churches of one of the most beautiful cities in Italy. Free time for shopping subsequently transfer to Soave to explore the medieval village and the walls of the picturesque Scaligero Castle. The village gives name to an important wine region, famous for its white wines: we will enjoy the wines of this region in combination with a traditional dinner in an agriturismo. Return to hotel and overnight stay.

DAY 8: It's time to say "Arrivederci".





THE HIDDEN GEMS OF NORTHERN ITALY

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With this tour we want to go off the touristic beaten tracks and make you visit some of the Italian excellences in many fields: from music to cars, from gastronomy to art...

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

DAY 1: Arrival at your Hotel in the Parma/Reggio Emilia region, welcome drink, dinner and overnight at your hotel.

DAY 2: PARMA AND BUSSETO (approx. 80 km)

This day is perfect for opera music lovers, as we are in the birthplace of the composer Giuseppe Verdi. The day starts with Parma, a guided tour will show you the beautiful cathedral with its beautiful Correggio paintings, the Baptistery of Antelami, a real masterpiece of the medieval sculpture and the Pilotta Palace, once residence of the Farnese family, that ruled over Parma for 5 centuries. In the afternoon we move to Busseto, the birthplace of Giuseppe Verdi: we will first go to the "Rocca," once the castle of the Pallavicino family, to visit the Verdi Theatre, and then to Museo Casa Barezzi to visit the amazing salons where Verdi often held concerts. We will also visit Villa Verdi, the house where Giuseppe Verdi lived for 50 years just outside Busseto. Return to the Hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 3: MODENA (approx. 100 km)

In the morning departure by coach with our tour escort to Modena: the Cathedral with the Ghirlandina bell tower are part of the Unesco heritage as masterpieces of the Romanesque art. The Cathedral is also called the Bible made of Stone for its decorations both outside and inside. Modena is known all over the world for its Ferrari cars. A visit of the Museo Ferrari in the neighbouring village of Maranello is a must: vintage cars and formula 1 cars along with the history of this brand are on display. Then another excellence of this town is balsamic vinegar (Aceto balsamico tradizionale di Modena). A visit of a Vinegar Plant (acetaria) will explain how this product is made and especially... how real balsamico tastes! Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 4: FONTANELATO AND TORRECHIARA (approx. 100 km)

Departure for Fontanellato, recognised as one of the most beautiful Italian small towns. You will walk through the medieval streets to drink in the fascination of its perfectly intact historical centre. There will be a guided tour of the fortress, erected in XIV century by Sanvitale family. The castle features the small and fabulous room frescoed by Parmigianino. Then you will visit Torrechiara castle, an elegant and evocative castle of XV century. From the terrace the magnificent view embraces vineyards which cover the gentle Parma hills. These hills are famous for the production of 2 Italian excellences: Parma ham and Parmigiano cheese. A visit of a ham and of a cheese factory will reveal how they are made... and how they taste. Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 5: BOLOGNA (approx. 180 km)

Today we head to the main town of Emilia Romagna, Bologna: the town is known worldwide as "La Dotta" (because it was home to the

first university in Europe founded in 1088), "La Grassa" (thanks to reputedly the best cuisine in Italy), and "La Turrita" (for the presence of 24 towers of the 100 built in the city around the XII century). Our tour will show you Piazza Maggiore with its main buildings: the City Hall, the Podestà Palace, the Neptune's Fountain, the King Enzo's Palace, and the Basilica of Saint Petronio, one of the biggest churches in the world. The tour continues the Archiginnasio, the first seat of the University of Bologna. Walk through the historical Mercato di Mezzo (Food Market) up to Santo Stefano, with its porticos and beautiful palaces and the Santo Stefano 7 Churches Complex and the Two Leaning Towers of Asinelli and Garisenda. Time at leisure in the afternoon before heading back to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 6: CREMONA (approx. 200 km)

After breakfast departure by coach with our tour escort to Cremona and guided tour of the town. Later, visit of the Museo dei Violini, where you can see some Stradivari and Amati violins, explore five centuries of the complex process of violin making and listen to a short violin concert. During the visit we will stop in a local confectionery to taste the famous local nougat. Return to the Hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 7: CINQUE TERRE (approx. 250 km)

After breakfast departure for a full day excursion to the Cinque Terre. We reach the city of La Spezia by coach, then proceed with the train into the Cinque Terre. We first visit Vernazza, a small and charming fishing village. Vernazza's historic wealth is reflected in the elegant style of its houses and streets, from the castle. We then proceed by train to Monterosso, the biggest village of the Cinque Terre. The old town is delightful with its "caruggi" (narrow alleys), you can lose yourself in a glass of "Sciaccetrà" (sweet local wine) in a cellar or simply walk or take a stroll up to the Convent of the Capuchin Friars where you can admire a beautiful panorama. A ferry will take you to the enchanting seaside town of Portovenere, famous for its tall pastel-colored houses and evocative views from the ruins of Doria Castle, where you will have free time to explore, before taking a second ferry to La Spezia. Return to the Hotel for a farewell dinner with local specialities and overnight.

DAY 8: It's time to say "Arrivederci".





PIEDMONT

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Nestled in the north-western part of Italy, Piedmont is surrounded by the Alps – actually, the word means “at the foot of the mountains”. It is a unique region in Italy because of the coexistence of gentle slopes, small glacial lakes, industrial cities, intensely cropped plains, and endless vineyards. Thanks to its geographic position, Piedmont has always been a sort of link between north-western Europe and the rest of Italy.

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

DAY 1: Arrival at your Hotel in the Acqui Terme/Monferrato region, welcome drink, dinner and overnight at your hotel.

DAY 2: MONFERRATO AND ASTI (approx. 100 km)

Practically untouched by mass tourism, Monferrato is a unique region whose countryside is accented with soft, rolling hills, rich-soiled plains, divided by rivers and forests, set before the majestic backdrop of the Alps – the first Vineyard landscape to enter the Unesco heritage list with Langhe and Roero. On our way to Asti we will visit this area and of course have a taste of its wines. Asti is a gem of Piedmont. Lesser known than other Italian cities, Asti has a century-long history and features a city-centre rich in medieval towers and noble palaces once owned by powerful banker families recognized for their power all over Europe. This journey back in time begins with the Romans, who founded the ancient Hasta, later an independent medieval town. A walking tour will show you the beautiful well preserved city center of this town. Return to the Hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 3: TURIN (approx. 250 km)

Today we will head to the Venaria Reale, famous as the Palace of the Royal House of Savoy and surrounded by magnificent gardens. We will then go to the Stupinigi Hunting Residence, an elegant architectural masterpiece. Later, we head back to Turin, a majestic city that leaves nothing wanting: the Cathedral, obelisks, grand squares and boulevards, the Castle, and the Piazza San Carlo are all waiting for you! We will have free time to climb the awe-inspiring Mole Antonelliana or visit the renowned Egyptian Museum. We will also have a proper break at one of the city's historic cafés to enjoy Bicerin, a local hot drink in Turin. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 4: ALBA AND THE CASTLE OF BAROLO (approx. 150 km)

After breakfast, our day will begin by travelling to Alba, heart of the Langhe, at the center of a landscape of rolling hills and lush vineyards. We will have free time to explore this small village known as “the city of 100 Towers.” We will then move to La Morra and Barolo and visit a traditional wine cellar where our taste buds will rejoice tasting some classic wines and local products. Return to the Hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 5: GENOA (approx. 150 km)

A large sea port, an architectural wonder, a fascinating city of art...

this is Genoa. With its great artistic heritage, Genoa's medieval center, the largest in Europe, is an intricate maze of alleys called “Caruggi”. You will discover with our guide the noble past of the city and strolling around, you will marvel at remains of medieval buildings, XVI century frescoed Palaces and beautiful churches overlooking picturesque squares. There will be time at leisure in the afternoon for shopping or to simply enjoy a traditional focaccia. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 6: PAVIA (approx. 240 km)

After breakfast departure to the Certosa of Pavia. Here you will have the opportunity to visit to Certosa di Pavia (also known as Royal Palace). The monastery has 615 years of history and is a real masterpiece of the Lombard Renaissance. You can appreciate many artists by visiting the monument thanks to Cistercian monks. Continue to Pavia where you will discover the hidden treasures of the historic center of the city such as Visconteo Castle, the historic courtyards of the University of Pavia, one of the oldest and most important in Italy; Piazza della Vittoria, the Duomo and the church of San Michele, stage of the coronations of kings in the Middle Ages, where you will take suggestive photographs on the Ponte Coperto on the Ticino River. At the end of this beautiful day return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 7: MILAN (approx. 260 km)

After breakfast, departure by bus for Milan, Capital of Lombardy, for a guided tour of the city. The tour includes: the famed “Duomo”, one of the largest churches in the world, the sophisticated La Scala Theatre and the imposing Sforzesco Castle. Afternoon free. Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 8: It's time to say “Arrivederci”.





VALLE D'AOSTA AND LAKE MAGGIORE

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Valle d'Aosta is the smallest Italian region, surrounded by the highest peaks of the Alps such as Mont Blanc and Cervino. It features the small Roman town of Aosta and some very interesting medieval castles. We combine this tour with the one on Lake Maggiore, one of the most beautiful Italian lakes for an unforgettable holiday.

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

DAY 1: Arrival at your Hotel in the Aosta region, welcome drink, dinner and overnight at your hotel.

DAY 2: AOSTA AND FENIS (approx. 500 km)

Practically untouched by mass tourism, and among Alpine peaks that rise like marble cathedrals lies the regional capital Aosta, a once-important Roman settlement that retains a charming historic centre. Wherever you look, traces of the past hint at the ancient splendour of Augusta Praetoria, the city founded by the Romans, of which today we can still admire the magnificent Arch dedicated to the Emperor Augustus, the monumental Porta Pretoria gate, the Theatre and the cryptoportico. We will see the monumental complex of Sant'Orso with its cloister and the gothic Cathedral. In the afternoon we will move to Fenis to see one of the castles of Valle d'Aosta, famous for its architecture and its many towers and battlemented walls.

Return to the Hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 3: COURMAYEUR (approx. 70 km)

After breakfast optional excursion to Courmayeur, the oldest alpine spa town located right at the foot of the Europe's highest peak, Mont Blanc. We will take the first section of the Mont Blanc cable car to reach the alpine botanical garden at the altitude of more than 2000 metres. The garden takes its name from a very rare plant which grows in the rocky pastures: the Saussurea alpina. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 4: TURIN + LAKE MAGGIORE (approx. 250 km)

Today we will head to the Venaria Reale, famous as the Palace of the Royal House of Savoy and surrounded by magnificent gardens. We will then go to the Stupinigi Hunting Residence, an elegant architectural masterpiece. Later, we head back to Turin, a majestic city: the Cathedral, obelisks, grand squares and boulevards, the Castle, and the Piazza San Carlo are all waiting for you! We will have free time to climb the awe-inspiring Mole Antonelliana or visit the renowned Egyptian Museum. We will also have a proper break at one of the city's historic cafés to enjoy Bicerin, a local hot drink in Turin. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 5: LAKE MAGGIORE (approx. 20 km)

In the morning departure to Stresa, the pearl of Lake Maggiore. Its panoramic and architectural beauty and mild climate make it a popular tourist destination. We will venture off by boat to the stupendous Borromean Islands, which form the backdrop to the marvelous landscape of the lake. Isola Pescatori is a charming island

with quaint houses lining the cobbled lanes and fishing boats bobbing around gently in the harbour. The island features many restaurants where you can try the local fish specialities. Isola Bella is the most famous of the Borromean Islands: once a small village, the island was transformed from the Borromeo family and is now famous for the baroque Palazzo and its gardens. Isola Madre, the biggest of the Borromean Islands completes the tour with its botanical gardens. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 6: LAKES TOUR (approx. 200 km)

After breakfast departure by bus with our guide to tour the three lakes: Lake Lugano, Lake Como and Lake Maggiore. From Lake Maggiore we will reach Switzerland for a brief tour of the small town of Ascona. From Locarno we will reach Lake Lugano, which belongs in part to Switzerland and in part to Italy. We will stop to visit the city of Lugano and subsequently will arrive at the Swiss Miniature Village. We will proceed across the bridge dividing Chiasso to reach Como, the administrative capital and heart of the silk industry and have a tour of the city to admire its sights: the Cathedral, the historic Town hall, the Tower of Porta Vittoria and the Basilica of San Capoforo dating back to the XII century. Back on the motorway we will go to the southern most tip of Lake Maggiore and to Arona with a splendid view of the Angera Castle on the opposite shore of the lake. Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 7: LAKES TOUR (approx. 180 km)

After breakfast, departure by bus for Milan, Capital of Lombardy, for a guided tour of the city. The tour includes: the famed "Duomo", one of the largest churches in the world, the sophisticated La Scala Theatre and the imposing Sforzesco Castle. Free afternoon. Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

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FRIULI, LAND OF CONTRASTS

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The great variety of landscapes matches the rich and variegated cultural heritage that was determined by a complex history and by the confluence of different civilizations in this territory. For this reason, Friuli Venezia Giulia looks like a small universe with many different traditions: it is the “land of contrasts”.

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

DAY 1: Arrival at your Hotel in the Trieste region, welcome drink, dinner and overnight at your hotel.

DAY 2: TRIESTE AND THE CASTLE OF MIRAMARE (approx. 20 km)
Trieste is the capital of the Friuli region and has with a rich historical and cultural background that played a strong role for the economy of the Hapsburg Empire and later Austro-Hungarian monarchy. A walking tour will show you the beautiful Catholic and Orthodox churches and one of the most beautiful synagogues in Middle Europe, built in a Syrian style. You'll see palaces of remarkable architectural value in Neo-Classical style and Italy's largest square overlooking the sea, Piazza Unità d'Italia and the ruins of the Roman Theater. At the end of walking tour, we'll take some time to enjoy a real Italian cappuccino in one of the many historical Cafes, as Trieste is known as the homeland of coffee culture. After discovering the heart of the city, we'll continue just few kilometres away, to the castle of Miramare. Miramare castle was a romantic residence of Maximilian from Hapsburg and his wife Charlotte from Belgium. Surrounded by a wonderful park with rare botanical species, the castle is a wonderful example of a noble residence of the mid-seventeenth century. Return to the Hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 3: SPILIMBERGO AND SAN DANIELE (approx. 200 km)
After breakfast departure by coach with our escorted tour to Spilimbergo. Short walking tour of the town, visit of the historical center, that rises around the city walls and the cathedral, built in the Friulian Gothic style, but the highlight of the visit is the local mosaic school, that preserves this antique Roman, Byzantine and Venetian art. It is possible to see the students coming from all over the world work, assembling tiny stones obtained in the close by river Tagliamento. We leave Spilimbergo to San Daniele, known all over the world for its ham. The visit of a ham production factory with a tasting is a must. Back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 4: ACQUILEIA AND GRADO (approx. 130 km)
After breakfast, our day will begin by travelling to Aquileia, an Ancient Roman town that dates back to 181 BC, once one of the biggest cities of the Roman Empire. Your guide will show you all the star sights of this riverside settlement, the highlight of which has to be the cathedral with its Crypta. Built in a Romanesque style, it's an unmissable landmark that comes wallpapered and carpeted with beautifully-preserved mosaics. You'll also see open-air Roman ruins, believed to be the largest Roman city to be fully excavated. We then proceed to the popular holiday resort of Grado to take a boat for a trip in the lagoon to the Island of Barbana. Barbana is a small island in the Grado Lagoon, and it used to be, in fact, connected to the rest of island of Grado until

several centuries ago. The reputation of the island was boosted by force of the Marian sanctuary located on it, a place featuring a surprisingly active religious life. Indeed, the famed Perdon de Barbana gathers a large crowd of pilgrims every first Sunday of July. Return to Grado, then back to the Hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 5: MUGGIA AND TRIESTE

 (approx. 30 km)

The fishing village of Muggia, 5km south of Trieste, is the only Italian settlement on the historic Istrian peninsula. Slovenia is just 4km south and Croatia (the peninsula's main occupant) a score more. With its 14th-century castle and semi-ruined walls, the port has a Venetian feel and its steep hills make for lovely views back towards Trieste. In the afternoon we will take a ferry back to Trieste where there will be time at leisure. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 6: SLOVENIA AND LIPICA

 (approx. 100 km)

After breakfast we will head to Slovenia: in the morning you'll explore an amazing network of underground caves on board an electric train, and in the afternoon you'll witness an astonishing performance by purebred Lipizzaner horses, trained specifically for Vienna's world famous Spanish school of riding. The Postojna caves are indeed one of the top tourist attractions in Slovenia: 5.3 kilometres of cave are open to visitors, the longest publicly accessible depth of any cave system in the world. To cover this distance you will be able to take advantage of an electric train that smoothly takes you from stalagmite to stalactite. Look out for a curious creature called the olm, a blind amphibian that has adapted to living in pitch darkness and has made the caves its home. In the afternoon the tour proceeds to Lipica. This is the home of the elegant Lipizzaner horse, the pure white breed that is used in Vienna's Spanish school of riding. Watch a display of these remarkable and graceful animals being put through their paces. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 7: UDINE

 (approx. 170 km)

After breakfast, departure to Udine, a town with squares of Venetian charme and ancient buildings: from Piazza Libertà, often considered as “the most beautiful Venetian square on the mainland”, to Piazza Matteotti which, all surrounded by porticos, seems to be an open-air lounge; here you can observe the ancient and colourful historical buildings which impart the spirit of Udine. We then proceed to Cividale. This city has been in the past the capital of the Longobards kingdom, with its temple, a sign of Lombard art, its historical centre with its medieval houses and the famous Ponte del Diavolo (Satans Bridge), on the Natisone river. On the way back to your hotel the road brings you into the Collio wine producing area: an end-of-tour tasting with Collio wines and snacks will conclude the excursion. Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay..

DAY 8: It's time to say “Arrivederci”.



THE GREEN HEART OF ITALY

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On this delightful Umbria and Tuscany tour you will discover the heart of Italy, these regions feature many medieval hill towns and evocative landscapes and world famous wines like Chianti and Brunello di Montalcino...

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

DAY 1: Arrival at your Hotel in the Lake Trasimeno/Perugia area, welcome drink, dinner and overnight at your hotel.

DAY 2: PERUGIA AND ASSISI (approx. 80 km)

After breakfast we depart to discover Perugia and with our guide we visit this picturesque ancient city located on top of a hill, from which one can enjoy a beautiful panoramic view. The many streets running up- and downhill make Perugia the pearl of central Italy. We will follow them until we arrive at the fulcrum of the city, the Fontana Maggiore fountain. At the end of the visit we continue to Assisi, the city of St. Francis, patron saint of Italy. Our guide will accompany us to the Rocca Maggiore and the Basilica of the Saint with its famous paintings by Giotto and Cimabue. We will visit the many churches where Francis preached peace and serenity, which still today characterize this medieval town. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 3: AREZZO (approx. 120 km)

After breakfast we depart to discover Arezzo, an ancient city which gave birth to many famous characters of Italian literature. We will freely visit the fabulous Piazza Grande, the Duomo, the Roman amphitheater, the Tower, and the Town Palace before continuing on our trip toward Cortona, a small charming town in the Valdichiana, in the province of Arezzo in southern Tuscany. The city, enclosed by stone walls dating back to Etruscan and Roman times, sits on the top of a hill about 600 meters (about 1968 feet) above sea level. The Santa Maria Sanctuary and the Grifalco Fortress are worth a visit. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 4: SAN GIMIGNANO AND SIENA (approx. 250 km)

We continue the visit of our tour and after breakfast head toward San Gimignano; walking along the streets of San Gimignano is like taking a dive into the middle of medieval times. Streets, piazzas, palaces, simple houses, churches make the town charming and unforgettable. Its famous towers dominate the valley from the top of the hill. We then continue to Monteriggioni, a small jewel immersed in the hills of Siena, which appears suddenly like a crown placed on the summit of the hill. It's a medieval town born within a ring of walls which is still intact, distinguished by fourteen towers, which surround the unique piazza. To conclude, we reach Siena, one of the most beautiful cities of Tuscany. Rising up from the top of three hills, the city is crossed by broad boulevards and narrow alleys which lead to its heart: Piazza del Campo with the Torre del Mangia tower and the Duomo. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 5: FLORENCE (approx. 250 km)

After breakfast we will go to the "cradle of Renaissance": Florence.

Our local guide will introduce us to the many delights of this city: the Duomo, with its iconic red-tiled dome and the beautiful Ponte Vecchio, that is home to 43 jewellers' shops, Piazza della Signoria with its Palazzo, also known as Palazzo Vecchio and the Basilica of Santa Croce. In the afternoon time at leisure to discover the city before returning to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 6: SPELLO AND BEVAGNA (approx. 180 km)

In the morning departure to Spello, a beautiful town ensconced among beautiful olive groves, which climbs uphill until reaching the towers, up through small streets and alleyways beautified by multicolored flowers. Next stop is Bevagna, one of the few plains towns of Umbria... a rest for the legs! Crossing the historic center to arrive at the splendid Piazza Silvestri gives the sensation of entering a film. We then reach Spoleto and with our guide we visit this splendid city, nestled among green trees and beautified by the majestic Duomo and monumental castle. The entire historic area is focused on the ups and downs of small pedestrian streets. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 7: MONTEPULCIANO (approx. 240 km)

A day amid art, culture, wine and delicious food. The tour begins with Montepulciano with its well preserved Renaissance buildings with the ancient tradition of its wine, Nobile di Montepulciano, true symbol of the city. Then the tour proceeds to Pienza, a perfect combination of architectural beauty and harmony. Most of the lanes offer breathtaking panoramic views of Val d'Orcia. Unique tastes, smells and flavours support this natural and artistic heritage. Pienza's most renowned tradition is in fact the typical Pecorino cheese that you can try in one of the many local shops. The tour ends the visit of Montalcino where you will visit the typical village and its fortress. With the visit to You will taste it in a local winery where you will taste a sampling of wines like Brunello di Montalcino are produced... Return to the hotel for a farewell dinner and overnight.

DAY 8: It's time to say "Arrivederci".





SAN MARINO AND ROMAGNA

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Of Earth's 196 independent countries, San Marino is the fifth smallest and – arguably – the most curious. A sole survivor of Italy's once powerful city-state network, this landlocked micronation clung on long after the more powerful kingdoms of Genoa and Venice folded. And still it clings, secure in its status as the world's oldest surviving sovereign state and its oldest republic (since AD 301). The neighbouring region Romagna is very popular beach destination, but features some of the most beautiful and best preserved medieval towns in Italy.

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

DAY 1: Arrival at your Hotel in the Rimini region, welcome drink, dinner and overnight at your hotel.

DAY 2: SAN MARINO (approx. 50 km)

After breakfast departure to San Marino to discover the oldest republic of the world. The medieval streets, walls and towers are certainly captivating! Climb up to the Castello della Cesta, the highest and mightiest of San Marino's three fortresses, and delight in the incredible coastal panorama that unfolds beneath you. Visit the Palazzo Pubblico, with its richly decorated façade and creep around a 13th century prison deep underground in the Montale tower. San Marino is also considered an heaven from philately lovers: San Marino's stamps and coins are a rare prey! Return to the Hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 3: SANT'ARCANGELO DI ROMAGNA, SAN LEO

(approx. 100 km)

Santarcangelo di Romagna, just 15 minutes away from Rimini, is a pretty beautiful small town, full of history, culture and nice restaurants and bars. The town is still dominated by the picturesque medieval fortified village atop of Mt. Giove. The walled town, with its impressive fortress – the Rocca Malatestiana and the old clocktower, are the landmarks of the city, but the town's origins date back to Roman times. Sant'Arcangelo is considered to be the birthplace of the "Piadina Romagnola" a flatbread served with local cold cuts and cheese. We will stop in a local restaurant to give a try! We then proceed to San Leo; the town, with its spectacular fortress perched on top of the ancient Mons Feretrius mountain, is a former capital of the Italian kingdom (from 961-963), and home to centuries of art, history, and culture. We will visit the Fortress and the Cathedral before heading back to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 4: URBINO, FANO AND GRADARA (approx. 250 km)

Departure to Urbino. The town was an important centre of culture in the Renaissance age and the capital of the state of Montefeltro. Nowadays Urbino is still an important cultural town for its university. The tour will show you the Ducal Palace, a superb building in the classical style which hosts the Marches National Gallery with some of the most important works of art of the region and the Raffaello Sanzio birthplace, now a little museum dedicated to one of the best-known painters in the world. We then proceed to Fano where the Arch of Augustus, the town walls and the underground Basilica of Vitruvius evoke the memorable Roman period. We will leave some time at leisure to try the local fish soup in one of the many restaurants... On

the way back stop in the medieval village of Gradara, considered one of the nicest Italian "borghi" and visit of the castle where Paolo and Francesca's tragedy took place. Dinner and overnight at the Hotel.

DAY 5: BOLOGNA (approx. 240 km)

"La Dotta" (because it was home to the first university in Europe founded in 1088), "La Grassa" (thanks to reputedly the best cuisine in Italy), and "La Turrata" (for the presence of 24 towers of the 100 built in the city around the XII century). Our tour will show you Piazza Maggiore with its main buildings: the City Hall, the Podestà Palace, the Neptune's Fountain, the King Enzo's Palace, and the Basilica of Saint Petronio, one of the biggest churches in the world. The tour continues the Archiginnasio, the first seat of the University of Bologna. Walk through the historical Mercato di Mezzo (Food Market) up to Santo Stefano, with its porticos and beautiful palaces and the Santo Stefano 7 Churches Complex and the Two Leaning Towers of Asinelli and Garisenda. Time at leisure in the afternoon before heading back to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 6: RAVENNA (approx. 150 km)

Once the capital of Rome's Western Empire, Ravenna's early importance as a centre of Byzantine art and culture still shines through today. The city attracts visitors with its innumerable mosaics, on display throughout the religious buildings and museums in its historic centre where you will visit the 5th century Mausoleum of Galla Placidia and Neonian Baptistery, the splendid 6th century Byzantine churches of San Vitale and Sant'Apollinare Nuovo. On the way back stop just outside Ravenna to complete the "mosaics tour" with Sant'Apollinare in Classe. Return to the Hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 7: RIMINI (approx. 20 km)

Rimini is considered to be just a popular beach resort, but the city center of Rimini has a very interesting city center. A walking tour will show you the Ponte di Augusto, built by the Romans, the "Tempio Malatestiano", Piazza Cavour and Piazza dei Martiri. Time at leisure to continue discovering the medieval town by yourself. Return to the Hotel for a farewell dinner with local specialities and overnight.

DAY 8: It's time to say "Arrivederci".





CINQUE TERRE AND TUSCANY

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Although the Cinque Terre are not in Tuscany they are easily reached from the main Tuscan tourist destinations and have become extremely popular among tourists. The villages are dotted along eleven miles of rocky coastline with terraced hillsides and vineyards sloping steeply down to the sea. Centuries old footpaths and mule tracks wind about 500 to 1,000 feet above the sea, leading through olive groves and vineyards, orchards and chestnut woods. The tour then features some of the most important tourist destinations in Tuscany and in Liguria such as Pisa, Florence and Portofino.

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

DAY 1: Arrival at your Hotel in the Pisa/Versilia region, welcome drink, dinner and overnight at your hotel.

DAY 2: LA SPEZIA AND CINQUE TERRE (approx. 175 km)

After breakfast departure for a full day excursion to the Cinque Terre. We reach the city of La Spezia by coach, then proceed with the train into the Cinque Terre. We first visit Vernazza, a small and charming fishing village. Vernazza's historic wealth is reflected in the elegant style of its houses and streets, from the castle. We then proceed by train to Monterosso, the biggest village of the Cinque terre. The old town is delightful with its "caruggi" (narrow alleys), you can lose yourself in a glass of "Schiacchetra" (sweet local wine) in a cellar or simply walk or take a stroll up to the Convent of the Capuchin Friars where you can admire a beautiful panorama. A ferry will take you to the enchanting seaside town of Portovenere, famous for its tall pastel-colored houses and evocative views from the ruins of Doria Castle, where you will have free time to explore, before taking a second ferry to La Spezia. Return to the Hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 3: LUCCA AND PISA (approx. 80 km)

In the morning we head for Lucca. This beautiful medieval town is surrounded by a powerful ring of walls. Most of the attractions in Lucca today show its ancient history: from the trace of the Roman amphitheater that can be seen in the shape of the Piazza dell'Anfiteatro to the archaeological remains under the 12th century church of Saints Giovanni and Reparata (the first city cathedral, located just around the corner from the present-day cathedral of San Martino), to the various towers from the 12th to 16th centuries including the famous torre Guinigi. We then proceed to Pisa, famous all over the world for its leaning tower, the cathedral and the baptistry. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 4: LERICI AND CARRARA (approx. 130 km)

Today we will start by visiting Lerici, besides the amazing, fairy-tale landscape that inspired artists, writers and poets, buildings of exemplary beauty remain, such as the castle located on the highest point of the bay, and the walls that surround the ancient city centre. This region is considered to be the birthplace of pesto, a sauce made of basil and pine nuts, so a tasting of "trofie al pesto" is a must. We then head to Carrara, famous for its white marble: the ancient Romans built Rome even with this marble; sculptures from artists such as Donatello, Michelangelo and Bernini made with this white marble

are shown in the most important museums all over the world and this marble is still very popular among architects and interior designers. We will visit a marble quarry and then discover another use of this marble: the production of the Lardo di Colonnata: a high-quality lard, spiced and put to mature in marble tanks. Of course a tasting will complete this experience. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 5: FLORENCE (approx. 200 km)

After breakfast we will go to the "cradle of Renaissance": Florence. Our local guide will introduce us to the many delights of this city: the Duomo, with its iconic red-tiled dome and the beautiful Ponte Vecchio, that is home to 43 jewellers' shops, Piazza della Signoria with its Palazzo, also known as Palazzo Vecchio and the Basilica of Santa Croce. In the afternoon time at leisure to discover the city before returning to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 6: VOLTERRA AND BOLGHERI (approx. 230 km)

In the morning we'll reach Volterra, a jewel that dominates the Val di Cecina down to the sea. Volterra was a cradle to Etruscan, Roman, medieval and Renaissance civilisation and culture. Its history spans three thousand years, and filled the city with artistic and monumental heritage: among them the beautiful Piazza dei Priori with the city hall, the gates and the great walls dating from the thirteenth century, the ruins of the Roman theatre and the Fortress built by the Medici, with its high tower, the "Rocca del Mastio". We then proceed to Bolgheri, an enchanting medieval village, which comes into view at the end of a beautiful Cypress Lane. The Lane, nearly 5 kilometers long, is comprised of over two thousand cypresses, each hundreds of years old. The vineyards of the Bolgheri's hills that dominate the Maremma valley have been cultivated for centuries and produce some of the most award-winning wines in the world. The visit of a winery with a wine tasting will complete this beautiful day before returning to the hotel.

DAY 7: RAPALLO AND PORTOFINO (approx. 240 km)

Today's excursion will take you to the Tigullio region. Our first stop is in Rapallo. This village will surprise you with its 16th-century castle built as a defense against the Saracen raids. It is connected to the land by a single-span Roman bridge over which, according to the legend, Hannibal crossed during his invasion of Italy. We then proceed to the elegant resort of Santa Margherita where you can stroll along the seaside promenade and explore the charming shops and cafe. Then Portofino awaits us! We will reach this corner of Paradise by boat; a handful of colorful houses at the end of a deep inlet. Return to the hotel for a farewell dinner and overnight.

DAY 8: It's time to say "Arrivederci".



CAMPANIA AND CALABRIA TOUR

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8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

DAY 1: Arrival at your Hotel in the Sorrento region, welcome drink, dinner and overnight at your hotel.

DAY 2: CAPRI

Breakfast in hotel. The holiday starts with an unmissable trip to the evocative Island of Capri. Sail across the Bay of Naples for the start of an memorable day. First you will visit the fabulous villa of Dr. Axel Munthe, a Swedish doctor whose bestselling book "Story of S. Michele" tells of his time in Capri. His villa was built with remains of Roman ruins, there is a beautiful shady garden with terrace offering splendid views of the island. Then, we go down to the elegant town of Capri. The main square, Piazza Umberto I has a little white church and several open-air cafes where you can sit and watch the beauty around. Admire the colourful gardens of Augustus overlooking the famed Faraglioni Rocks and Marina Piccola where Gracie Fields used to live. There is free time to admire the elegant boutiques, stroll along the cobbled streets or simply relax on the beach. Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight.

DAY 3: CAMPANIA - CALABRIA (approx. 450 km)

Breakfast and departure to Calabria via Pompeii. Today, Pompeii holds an intense fascination. After the eruption of the Volcano Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD, Pompeii lay buried and forgotten for a hundred years. The town on top in the list of the World Heritage Sites. The excavations begun in the 18th Century and are still being carried out today. Our guide will take you through some of the ancient streets of Pompeii where you can see Baths, Forums and Villas built in 80 BC. Marvel at the fabulously preserved Frescos which adorned the walls and floors of the Villas. You do not have to be fond of history, to be impressed by this site, where the Mount Vesuvius dominates the Bay of Naples. After the visit the journey continues to Calabria. Along the road to Calabria, stop in Battipaglia and tasting of the famous Mozzarella di Bufala. Arrival in Calabria and accommodation in hotel****. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 4: TROPEA, PIZZO AND CAPO VATICANO (approx. 100 km)

Breakfast and departure for a beautiful excursion. Tropea, Pizzo and Capo Vaticano are the most precious jewels of the Tyrrhenian coast of Calabria. Tropea is the pearl of the Tyrrhenian Sea and is one of the most popular tourist destinations. Its name was mentioned for the first time by Pliny The Elder in the first century A.D. In the centre it is possible to admire the Santa Maria dell'Isola Monastery from a terrace on the sheer cliff top. Originally this church was a Basilian system of the 11th century and it still belongs to the Abbey of Montecassino. The cathedral, which was built in Norman times, is among the oldest buildings of the historical centre. In the course of the centuries it was rebuilt many times and today it is mostly in the baroque style. Inside this church there are precious artistic works, like the picture by Lippo Benivieni, "Our Lady of Romania", who is one of the patron saints of Tropea. Pizzo Calabro is one of the most beautiful and famous fishing village and it is characterized by narrow streets and small squares.

Here you will visit the small church of Piedigrotta excavated in the tuff stone and above the sea. Then you will go to visit the Aragonese Castle, where Joachim Murat was shot. At the end of this trip you will stop off to taste the famous Tartufo ice cream and have some time for the shopping. Back to the hotel with a stop in Capo Vaticano. The promontory of Capo Vaticano, which is made of white granite, dominates the coast and beautiful sandy beaches. It offers many views over the Aeolian Islands and the Straits of Messina. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 5: SCILLA AND REGGIO CALABRIA (approx. 230 km)

Breakfast and departure to Scilla, the characteristic little town in the enchanting scenery of the Costa Viola. Here you will visit the old fishing village which is known as Chianalea. The second stop is Ruffo Castle and St. Rocco's church. Then, you will go to Reggio Calabria, an elegant city in Liberty style, which belongs to the Italian Art Nouveau period. You will visit the National Archeological Museum which holds the richest collection of Magna Grecia finds and the Bronzes of Riace. Then you will take a walk on the seafront promenade which was defined by G. D'Annunzio as "The most beautiful kilometre in Italy" and then you will visit the Roman Baths, the Greek walls and the cathedral. Free time for shopping. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 6: ZUNGRI (approx. 40 km)

Breakfast and departure to Zungri to visit the Calabrian countryside. Zungri is a town situated about 571 metres above sea level on the north slope of the plateau of Poro. It is an interesting agricultural centre. Its historical centre is characterized by simple architectures and it represents a social model of peasant life. Here we will visit a small family farm, which produces small quantity of onion, nduja (typical salami from Calabria), wine, cheese and vegetables. Typical products tasting with the possibility to buy them. After visiting the hospitable farm you will see of the Caves of Zungri and the "Church of Our Lady of the Snow". Dinner and overnight.

DAY 7: ALTOMONTE, CIVITA, NAPLES (approx. 425 km)

Breakfast and departure to Campania. Along the road stop in Altomonte and Civita to discover a fascinating area of ancient Calabria that dates back to the days of the Albanian peoples still living in the area. Arrival in Altomonte, a typical Calabrian small town with numerous steep stairs and winding streets. Above the town, the Gothic church of Santa Maria della Consolazione. Finally, we reach Civita, and visit the ethnic museum "Arbëreshë" with his Albanian costumes. Visit to the Basilica of Santa Maria Assunta which was built in 1650. Stop for lunch in a typical restaurant in the little center of Civita and tasting unforgettable flavors (optional ca. 20 €). Arrival in Napoli, accommodation in hotel****. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 8: It's time to say "Arrivederci".



CALABRIA TOUR

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8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

DAY 1: Arrival at your Hotel in the Tropea/Capo Vaticano region, welcome drink, dinner and overnight at your hotel.

DAY 2: TROPEA AND CAPO VATICANO (approx. 45 km)

Breakfast in Hotel. Departure to Tropea. Sightseeing of Tropea, the ancient Roman city of "Tropis". Visit to the Norman cathedral (XII century) where the holy Madonna of Romania is held, a byzantine landmark of the XII century which enjoys an immense admiration by the Tropean people. Visit to the historical centre with its panoramic balconies and its typical backstreets. Visit to the church of Saint Mary of the isle and bathing areas. Continue along the coast of capo Vaticano. After a series of stunning landscapes to reach the famous lighthouse, you may see one of the most beautiful views in Calabria. You may admire the cliffs and bays of Capo Vaticano with the sights of the Aeolian Islands. At the end of unforgettable hours, you may visit a specialty shop with typical Calabrian products and have the opportunity to taste local products. Dinner and overnight at the Hotel.

DAY 3: SERRA SAN BRUNO AND PIZZO (approx. 100 km)

After breakfast departure to Serra San Bruno. Brief stop to admire the lake of Angitola, a wetland with international natural value with the existence of many different water birds. In Serra San Bruno, an attractive village between woods where we shall visit the Museum of the Certosa of San Bruno and the churches nearby. In the afternoon arrival in Pizzo. Pizzo Calabro, one of the most beautiful and famous fishing villages with a historical center, characterized for the narrow Streets and small squares. Here you will visit the small church of Piedigrotta that has been built inside a cave and it is located on the beach, among the sea. Then you will have a break to taste the famous Tartufo ice cream, which is famous all over the world. Dinner and overnight in Hotel.

DAY 4: AEOLIAN ISLANDS

The beautiful mini cruise takes you to the Aeolian Islands, reachable only by sea. The islands offer images of incomparable beauty as caves, picturesque bays and cliffs, where nature has created unique and wonderful shapes. The Aeolian Islands are among the most beautiful islands of the Mediterranean sea. Visiting these islands is certainly a cultural and spiritual enrichment and guarantees you an unforgettable experience. The mini cruise has the following stops: Stromboli, the mystical Fire-slide, which consists of a 900 m high volcano, this is one of the four active volcanoes in Italy. On the island there are two villages: Stromboli, which is the largest and the small fishing village of Ginostra. The island is particularly rich in beaches of thin, black lava sand, ideal for swimming and relaxing. Lipari, the enterprising, preserved despite the numerous boutiques, cafes and souvenir shops. The unique nested houses settled on a massive rock. Also, here offers a breathtaking view the massive castle and the cathedral. Lipari is a very pretty and lively town with narrow and winding streets and old houses. In Lipari you will find a beautiful nature and a developed infrastructure. It is very nice urban life, which is also revered by the

international jet set admire here. In Vulcano, the island of sulfur, one can admire the high slopes and a great panorama. This makes Vulcano a place you must visit absolutely. The sulfur smell that attracts on the island, is very striking. It is produced by the numerous fumarole the island. The sulfur mud, which are produced on the island are highly curative. Dinner and overnight stay in Hotel.

DAY 5: SCILLA AND REGGIO CALABRIA (approx. 230 km)

After breakfast departure to Scilla through the fascinating landscape of the "Costa Viola" (Violet coast). Arrival and visit of Chianalea, an old fishing village, to Ruffo Castle and the Church of San Rocco. In the afternoon we continue to Reggio Calabria. Visit the Archaeological Museum, which houses the largest collection and exhibition of ancient Greece and the two bronze statues of Riace. Furthermore, we take a walk on the promenade which was baptized by Gabriele D'Annunzio and called the most beautiful kilometer in Italy. Next visit to the Roman Baths, the Greek Walls and the cathedral. Return to the hotel. Dinner and overnight in Hotel.

DAY 6: THE HINTERLAND OF CALABRIA: ZUNGRI AND TASTING (approx. 40 km)

After breakfast departure to Zungri. We will let you know the Calabrian countryside Departure to Zungri, a municipality situated about 571 metres from sea level on the north slope of the plateau of Poro. Zungri is one of the most interesting of the agricultural centre of this area. Its historical centre is characterized by simple architectures and it represents a social model of peasant life, which is developed in the time, but it still keeps some aspects of poor building. Here we will visit a small family farm, which produces small quantity of onion, nduja (typical salami from Calabria), wine, cheese and vegetables. Typical products tasting with the possibility to buy them. After visiting the hospitable farm you will see of the Caves of Zungri and the Church of Our Lady of the snow. Dinner and Overnight in Hotel.

DAY 7: GERACE AND LOCRI (approx. 200 km)

Departure to Gerace and Locri. Visit of Gerace, the city of "Hundred Churches". The visit to this medieval town allows us admire some of the oldest churches of the region, including a cathedral built in the Roman style; it is the largest cathedral in Italy. The city is a touristic and cultural center. The historic city center is located between Corso Vittorio Emanuele and Corso Matteotti. Here are the typical bourgeois 19th century buildings and the churches of Santa Caterina, San Biagio, Santa Maria of Mastro and of the Addolorata. However, this city also offers a large, valuable archaeological area, which is about 3 km away from the city. There are the remains of the ancient Greeks, such as temples, theaters, boundary walls and the "Antiquarium" museum where various finds from ancient Greek and Roman times are presented. Dinner and overnight in Hotel.

DAY 8: It's time to say "Arrivederci".

APULIA

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This travel itinerary is a good way to explore Apulia, in the south of Italy, which includes the heel of Italy's 'boot', known as the Salento. You'll eat well and admire both the landscape of the region and its history, evident in the lovely Puglian-Romanesque cathedrals, pretty historic town centres, like the lively baroque city of Lecce and imposing castles. One of the most famous sights of Puglia is the trullo, a simple conical-roofed dwelling which is a feature of the area around Alberobello. The trip also crosses into the neighbouring region, Basilicata, to visit Matera, renowned for its cave-dwelling districts.

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

DAY 1: Arrival at your Hotel in the Alberobello area, welcome drink, dinner and overnight at your hotel.

DAY 2: ALBEROBELLO AND GROTTA DI CASTELLANA (approx. 80 km)

After breakfast departure to the caves of Castellana, the largest karst in Italy, the Castellana Caves are much appreciated for their vast crystalline concretions, their striking dimensions, and the spectacular scale of their natural tunnels. We then proceed to Alberobello, a UNESCO world heritage town consisting of trulli structures clustered together. In Alberobello you will visit interesting sights such as the Trullo Maggiore (Major Trullo), the Trullo Siamese (Siamese Trullo) and the alleys leading to S. Antonio Church. Return to the Hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 3: MATERA (approx. 140 km)

The Sassi was long considered a slum, the residents of its crumbling houses diseased and impoverished, but the UNESCO Heritage Site designation sparked regeneration. The tour begins with an overview of the Sasso Caveoso and Sasso Barisano districts, both 9,000-year-old neighborhoods of Matera known for their cave dwellings, dug into the rock the city was built on. These habitats date back to the Paleolithic age and are among the first human settlements in Italy. Walk through this underground world, see the ancient water systems. We then move to the Park of the Rupestrine Churches of Matera. Over 150 rupestrine (cave) churches can be found here – some are a simple cave dwelling with one altar, while others are more complex, such as the Crypt of the Original Sin where you can see a magnificent set of frescoes showcasing scenes from the Old and New Testaments, dating back to the 9th century. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 4: LECCE AND OTRANTO (approx. 320 km)

After breakfast with our guide we visit Lecce, full of rich artistic and architectural heritage, where the bizarre and rich Baroque style dominates. Each corner of Lecce offers amazing views: the cathedral, the amphitheatre, the old City Gates and the Basilica of Santa Croce, a jewel of Baroque art. Later we proceed to Otranto, also known as the "Gateway to the East", with its bastions, its dense network of narrow streets, the castle and the cathedral. Its historical and artistic beauty will remain in your heart forever! On the journey back to our hotel, we stop in a typical winery in Salento to

taste the excellent wines of Puglia. We then return to the hotel for dinner and overnight accommodation.

DAY 5: CASTEL DEL MONTE (approx. 250 km)

After breakfast we head towards Castel Del Monte, Andria in Puglia where we visit this little treasure trove of history and culture, built on a rocky spur. The castle still stands isolated on a promontory of unspoiled countryside and retains its dramatic magnificence. At a farmhouse in the area we enjoy a tasty snack with typical products of Puglia before heading back to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 6: TARANTO, BRINDISI, OSTUNI (approx. 190 km)

After breakfast we go to Brindisi, a maritime city of many different aspects. With our guide we visit the Norman Cathedral, the Roman column and Piazza della Vittoria. To end the day we head to Ostuni, known as the White City, which enchants all... Its characteristic whitewashed houses are built on a hill and unfold in a maze of narrow streets. The day has come to an end and we return to our hotel for dinner and overnight accommodation.

DAY 7: TRANI, BARLETTA AND CANOSA (approx. 240 km)

In the morning departure to Canosa di Puglia, where there is time to see the important archaeological sites. The journey continues towards Barletta, with its narrow intersecting streets in the historic centre that encompass the main monuments: the Colossus of Bronze and the Cathedral. In the evening we proceed to our hotel for dinner and overnight accommodation. We then continue to Trani, where the harbour, full of colourful boats, overlooks the cathedral and the castle, the two jewels of the town. Return to the Hotel for a farewell dinner with local specialities and overnight..

DAY 8: It's time to say "Arrivederci".





SARDINIA

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Sardinia is rather a big island that captivates with its wild hinterland. Here coastal drives thrill, prehistory puzzles and four million sheep rule the roads.

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

DAY 1: Arrival at your Hotel in the Olbia/Arzachena region, welcome drink, dinner and overnight at your hotel.

DAY 2: COSTA SMERALDA (approx. 50 km)

After breakfast, departure in the early afternoon and visit the Costa Smeralda. The enchanting coast line was discovered by the Ismaelite prince Aga Khan during the 60ies and is among the most known holiday destinations. Porto Cervo is the most important tourist centre of the area. A walk through the famous "Piazzetta" there are lots of shops of the most international designers. We proceed to Arzachena in order to visit the giants' grave Coddu Vecchju, which was built on different periods between the 1800 and 1300 a.c. The giants' graves are collective funerary monuments, that testify the religious feeling and the sardinian's relationship with the world of dead in the nuragic age. The hills of this region are well known for the production of Vermentino wine, an excellent white wine. On the way back to the hotel stop in a winery for a tasting of this delicious wine. Dinner and overnight at your Hotel.

DAY 3: MADDALENA AND CAPRERA (approx. 50 km)

After breakfast departure with our coach to Palau, where we will take a ferry to La Maddalena Island. The beauty of the sea of this part of Sardinia is compared to the Caribbean. From the Maddalena Island, after a brief panoramic tour, we will move to Caprera to discover the historical and archaeological relics of an Italian well-known hero, Giuseppe Garibaldi, guarded in the Home Museum of Giuseppe Garibaldi. We will return then to the center of La Maddalena town, for a sightseeing tour of the quaint fishing village and of the beautiful white beaches nearby. On the way back to the hotel stop in the most scenic spot in Palau to admire the whole Archipelago of Maddalena. Dinner and overnight at your hotel.

DAY 4: NUORO – ORGOSOLO (approx. 50 km)

After breakfast departure to Nuoro, the heart of Sardinia. We will stop at the Museum Sardinian Popular traditions. The museum features 8000 finds dating back to the end of the nineteenth century and the first fifty years of the twentieth century. We continue our tour into the interior of the area to the town of Orgosolo, symbol of the Barbagia culture and famous for its wall-paintings (murales) on houses and buildings. These murales display the expression of the political discontent of the local people started in the end of the 60's. In Orgosolo we will have a stop for our lunch with the shepherds. In the middle of old oak trees a traditional, rustic lunch will be served: Carasau bread, Sardinian sausage, olives, cheese, roasted lamb and pork on the spit together with the typical home-made red wine, the Cannonau, then the typical Sardinian cookies. We will proceed to the region of Alghero for dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 5: ALGHERO AND NEPTUNE'S CAVES

Alghero is an attractive city overlooking the sea at the place where the

Sardinian and Catalan people united: with a walking tour you'll discover the old town with the tower of Porta Terra, the Old Town's walls with a view of the XVI Century towers, the cathedral dedicated to the Virgin Mary and the church of Saint Francis with its annexed cloister. During the visit you will be able to admire the historic buildings of Alghero's ancient families, in particular those facing Piazza Civica a short boat trip will then take you to tie Neptune's cave: inside the cave, carved out by water for millions of years, there is the beautiful La Marmora lake; all around the lake, you will see numerous columns of stalactites and stalagmites that can reach a height varying from 10 to 15 mt. We return to Alghero then back to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 6: BOSA AND BARUMINI (approx. 200 km)

The day starts with the visit of Bosa, one of Sardinia's most attractive towns with its pastel houses stacked on a steep hillside, tapering up to a stark, grey castle. We then proceed to Barumini, located in the center of the island and featuring the Nuraghe Su Nuraxi, Sardinia's sole World Heritage Site and the island's most visited nuraghe. The focal point is the 1500 BC tower, which originally stood on its own but was later incorporated into a fortified compound. Many of the settlement's buildings were erected in the Iron Age, and it's these that constitute the beehive of circular interlocking buildings that tumble down the hillside. After the visit of this complex we proceed to an hotel in the area of Barumini for dinner and overnight.

DAY 7: CAGLIARI AND NORA (approx. 200 km)

After breakfast departure Cagliari, also called "Casteddu" from the local people. Admire the monumental Bastion of San Remy, built by the Spanish between 1897 and 1903, the Elephant Tower, the second highest medieval tower of Cagliari, characterized by a small elephant sculpture that symbolizes the impregnability of the city, the Royal Palace, and Porta Cristina. Enjoy the stunning views of the gulf of Cagliari from the highest point of Cagliari, the Tower of San Pancrazio. We will then proceed to the imposing Phoenician, Punic and Roman city of Nora. There you will discover the Roman theater, the popular living quarters, the baths and the Temple of Aesculapius. On the way back to the hotel, stop in an agriturismo of the area for a traditional dinner. Return to hotel and overnight stay.

DAY 8: It's time to say "Arrivederci".





CROATIA

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The istrian Peninsula offers hidden delights, historic towns and scenic shores of this wonderful country that deserve to be visite.

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

DAY 1: Arrival at your Hotel in Rabac, welcome drink, dinner and overnight at your hotel.

DAY 2: OPATIJA AND RIJEKA (approx. 150 km)

Just a short way along the coast, also nestled on the banks of the Adriatic Sea, is the lovely resort of Opatija, one of the most popular tourist destinations on the istrian Adriatic coast and it is known as the "Pearl of the Adriatic". Opatija has a number of attractions that are worth visiting, such as the Benedictine Abbey of Saint James (Opatija Sv. Jakova). We will then go proceed to Rijeka where a walking tour will show you the main promenade Korzo with the City tower, we will then see the ruins of Tarsatica and of the roman gate. Then the tour proceeds trough the old part of the city to visit Cathedral of st. Victus and the church of Saint Mary of the Assumption. Return to the Hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 3: ROVINJ AND POREC (approx. 170 km)

The day starts with Rovinj, considered one of the most beautiful Istrian towns. Build on an island, the houses are squeezed one to another to the very edge by the sea, with the wonderful church of St. Euphemia on the very top of the island in which you can still see the sarcophagus from the early 4th century. We will later leave for Porec, an ancient own with the Decumanus street and the Euphrasian Basilica from the 6th century that represents the real example of Byzantine art with its well-known mosaics. Back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 4: PULA AND MOTOVUN (approx. 180 km)

After breakfast we will leave for Pula, one of the oldest Istrian towns whose history goes back for 2000 years. You will take a walk through the town to see the Arena, the Triumphal arch of Sergi family and temple of Augustus Your day trip continues to Motovun, one of the most beautiful medieval hilltop towns in the Istrian hinterland. Motovun and the surrounding area are famous for its wines, so a wine tasting before heading back to the hotel is a must! We will then return to the Hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 5: TRIESTE (approx. 210 km)

Trieste is the capital of the Friuli region and has with a rich historical and cultural background that played a strong role for the economy of the Hapsburg Empire and later Austro-Hungarian monarchy. A walking tour will show you the beautiful Catholic and Orthodox churches and one of the most beautiful synagogues in Middle Europe, built in a Syrian style. You'll see palaces of remarkable architectural value in Neo-Classical style and Italy's largest square overlooking the sea, Piazza Unità d'Italia and the ruins of the Roman Theater. At the end of walking tour, we'll take some time to enjoy a real Italian cappuccino in one of the many historical Cafes, as Trieste

is known as the homeland of coffee culture. After discovering the heart of the city, we'll continue just few kilometres away, to the castle of Miramare.

Miramare castle was a romantic residence of Maximilian from Hapsburg and his wife Charlotte from Belgium. Surrounded by a wonderful park with rare botanical species, the castle is a wonderful example of a noble residence of the mid-seventeenth century. Return to the Hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 6: POSTOJNA AND LIPICA (approx. 270 km)

After breakfast we will head to Slovenia: in the morning you'll explore an amazing network of underground caves on board an electric train, and in the afternoon you'll witness an astonishing performance by purebred Lipizzaner horses, trained specifically for Vienna's world famous Spanish school of riding. The Postojna caves are indeed one of the top tourist attractions in Slovenia: 5.3 kilometres of cave are open to visitors, the longest publicly accessible depth of any cave system in the world. To cover this distance you will be able to take advantage of an electric train that smoothly takes you from stalagmite to stalactite. Look out for a curious creature called the olm, a blind amphibian that has adapted to living in pitch darkness and has made the caves its home. In the afternoon the tour proceeds to Lipica. This is the home of the elegant Lipizzaner horse, the pure white breed that is used in Vienna's Spanish school of riding. Watch a display of these remarkable and graceful animals being put through their paces. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 7: DAY AT LEISURE

As you are in a very popular sea resort, why not a day at leisure... If you think about doing another excursion we could suggest an boat excursion to Cres or simply a walk to the nearby town of Labin. dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 8: It's time to say goodbye.





ROME THE ETERNAL CITY

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The eternal city, the city of emperors and gladiators, the city of the popes, the wonders of its baroque fountains and buildings... everything has been written and told about the capital of Italy: Admire the iconic sights of Rome, one of the most beautiful cities in the world.

5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS

DAY 1: Arrival at Rome airport, transfer to your Hotel in Rome area, dinner and overnight.

DAY 2: ROME

Our tour begins with the discovery of the wonders of the Eternal City. Walking through its streets is like travelling back in time, between the ancient Roman ruins, monuments, marvellous squares, fountains, gardens and villas as well as temples and churches of all ages - each one revealing stunning paintings, statues and altars.

With our guide we visit Rome both by coach and on foot, and have free time available to admire this amazing city: the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, Piazza Navona, the Trevi Fountain, and the National Monument "Altare Della Patria".... all waiting to be discovered! At the end of this memorable day we return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 3: ROME

After breakfast we return to the historical centre of Rome to further explore the capital. The Vatican City, the heart of Catholic Christianity, awaits us beyond the Tiber River. With our guide we admire the magnificent and extremely vast Vatican Museums, which represent one of the largest and most interesting museum complexes in the world, with the incomparable Sistine Chapel famous for Michelangelo's Last Judgement. Free time for sightseeing of Rome until we return to our hotel for dinner and overnight accommodation.

DAY 4: ROME, TIVOLI (approx. 80 km)

In the morning we leave Rome to continue towards Tivoli and its villas.

With our guide we visit the baroque Villa d'Este, a masterpiece of the Italian garden, with its impressive concentration of fountains, nymphs, grottoes, water games. We then continue to the Imperial Villa Adriana, the most important and complex villa that remains from the Roman era. Return to Rome for an unforgettable dinner in a typical restaurant in Rome. Return to your hotel for overnight.

DAY 5: It's time to say "Arrivederci".





THE ITALIAN LAKES

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With this tour we will discover the Italian lake region: from Lake Maggiore to Lake Garda passing through Lake Lugano and Lake Como. The tour features 2 wonderful excursions onto iconic trains such as Bernina Express and Centovalli and many other gems off the beaten tracks.

10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS

DAY 1: Arrival at your Hotel on Lake Maggiore. You will be welcomed with a drink before dinner and overnight.

DAY 2: LAKE MAGGIORE

In the morning we will venture off by boat to the stupendous Borromean Islands, which form the backdrop to the marvelous landscape of the lake. Isola Pescatori is a charming island with quaint houses lining the cobbled lanes and fishing boats bobbing around gently in the harbour. The island features many restaurants where you can try the local fish specialities. Isola Bella is the most famous of the Borromean Islands: once a small village, the island was transformed from the Borromeo family and is now famous for the baroque Palazzo and its gardens. Isola Madre, the biggest of the Borromean Islands completes the tour with its botanical gardens. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 3: CENTOVALLI TOUR

The scenic train route runs through the Centovalli (meaning "100 valleys" in Italian) and runs between Italy and Switzerland through rocky gorges, quaint stone villages, and many waterfalls. Upon arriving in Locarno, on the Swiss shores of Lake Maggiore, you'll enjoy some time at leisure before returning by boat to your hotel on Lake Maggiore.

DAY 4: THREE LAKES TOUR

After breakfast departure by bus with our guide to tour the three lakes: Lake Lugano, Lake Como and Lake Maggiore.

From Lake Maggiore we reach Switzerland for a brief tour of the small town of Ascona.

From there we reach Lake Lugano, which belongs in part to Switzerland and in part to Italy.

Stop to visit the city of Lugano and time at leisure in the city center. Proceed across the bridge dividing Chiasso to reach Como, the administrative capital and heart of the silk industry.

Tour of the city to admire its sights: the Cathedral, the historic Town hall, the Tower of Porta Vittoria and the Basilica of San Capoforo dating back to the XII century. Arrival at your hotel in the Lake Como region dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 5: LAKE COMO

In the morning departure to Lenno. A boat will take you to Villa del Balbianello; the elegant residence lies on a rocky peninsula was built at the end of the eighteenth century by Cardinal Durini.

This elegant, romantic 18th century mansion and its magnificent garden have hosted writers, scholars and travelers and has also been used as a set for the James Bond movie Casino Royale.

We then proceed by boat to another gem of Lake Como, Villa Carlotta with its magnificent botanical gardens.

Proceed to Bellagio, one of the most iconic villages on Lake Como where you will have time at leisure for a drink or to visit the beautiful Villa Melzi.

Return by boat to Cadenabbia from where the bus will take you to your Hotel for dinner and overnight.



Centovalli Express



Bernina Express Train

DAY 6: BERNINA EXPRESS TRAIN

After breakfast transfer to Tirano. From here you'll embark a panoramic train for a journey to St. Moritz on the famous Bernina Express Train linking the Valtellina in Italy with the Poschiavo Valley and the Engadin.

En route, you'll enjoy incredible sights of majestic mountains as the train rides over the Brusio spiral viaduct, over Alp Grum and onto the Bernina Pass. Before reaching your final destination of St. Moritz, you will enjoy stunning views of Lake Bianco and of Morteratsch Glacier. Enjoy some time at leisure in St. Moritz before returning to your Hotel.

DAY 7: FRANCIACORTA WINE REGION AND LAKE GARDA

In the morning departure to Lake Garda. En route we will stop in the Franciacorta wine region, between Bergamo and Brescia. This region is famous for the production of sparkling wine which rivals with the french champagne. We will stop at a winery for a wine tasting and a lunch before reaching your hotel on lake Garda.

DAY 8: LAKE GARDA

After breakfast departure to Sirmione, situated on the narrow peninsula in the southern waters of the Lake Garda - the largest Italian lake.

The narrow streets and pretty piazzas make strolling through the town a pleasure and there is free time to explore the 13th century castle and the Grotte di Catullo - ruins of a Roman villa situated at the end of the peninsula. We then proceed by boat to Garda, the little village giving its name to the lake for a walk along the picturesque "lungolago".

We then proceed onto Malcesine, located at the foot of Monte Baldo this village has a very well preserved medieval district built around the iconic Castello Scaligero. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 9: VERONA AND VALPOLICELLA

After breakfast coach tour with our tour escort to Verona, city of eternal love immortalized by Shakespeare with his tale of "Romeo and Juliet": panoramic ride to the hills surrounding the city.

Visit to the Arena, the ancient Roman amphitheater; the Basilika of St. Zeno; the Herb Market Square; and the Scaliger family tombs. Time at leisure to explore the city before heading in the afternoon to the Valpolicella wine region: here are produced some of Italy's finest wines such as Valpolicella and Amarone.

A wine tasting is a must before heading back to your hotel for a farewell dinner and overnight.

DAY 10: It's time to say "Arrivederci".



Lake Maggiore



CITIES AND SIGHTS OF ITALY

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12 DAYS - 11 NIGHTS

DAY 1: MILAN, GARDA, VERONA (approx. 175 km)

Benvenuti a Milano! We begin our discovery of Milan with a guided tour including a visit to the incredible Duomo, the largest Gothic cathedral in the world.

The highlight of our day in Milan is the visit to see Leonardo da Vinci's celebrated wall painting "The Last Supper".

Next, we board the coach for Sirmione, situated on the narrow peninsula in the southern waters of the Lake Garda - the largest Italian lake. The narrow streets and pretty piazzas make strolling through the town a pleasure and there is free time to explore the 13th century castle and the Grotte di Catullo - ruins of a Roman villa situated at the end of the peninsula.

We then head inland for tasting of the famous Lugana white wine. We proceed to our hotel in the Verona area for dinner and overnight accommodation.

DAY 2: VERONA, PADOVA, BRENTA, VENICE (approx. 135 km)

Origin and the setting for Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet". The tour includes the legendary Juliet's balcony and Piazza Bra, location of Arena, the largest Roman amphitheatre after the Colosseum in Rome. The Arena dates back to the 1st century A.D. and is still in use for the world famous opera festival held during the summer. The charming narrow streets and picturesque piazzas make the city a pleasure to explore.

Next, we proceed to Padova for a guided tour of the town including a walk to the University, the Herb Market Square and the Basilica of St. Antonio. Later, we visit the Villa Pisani - one the most famous

Palladian villas of the Riviera del Brenta. We travel to the Venice area to our hotel for dinner and 2 nights accommodation.

DAY 3: VENICE

Today we enjoy the fabulous city of Venice! Our guide will introduce us to the wonderful atmosphere of this unique, floating city of shimmering waterways, elaborate bridges and great palaces: St. Mark's square with its splendid cathedral and the Doge's Palace, the Rialto Bridge and the Bridge of Sighs.

At the end of the tour free time to explore the bridges over the lagoon, the characteristic narrow Venetian streets, the shops, the old bars, the typical canals and scenic spots.

Return to hotel, dinner and overnight accommodation.

DAY 4: VENICE, FERRARA, RAVENNA, MONTECATINI

(approx. 390 km)

After breakfast, we proceed to the city of Ferrara where we discover the broad streets and impressive palaces. The town is still surrounded by more than 9 km of ancient walls which preserve the imposing Castello Estense, the most iconic building of the town. Next, we continue on to Ravenna, where you can discover the Byzantine city, with its precious mosaics at your own pace. Later we continue towards the thermal city of Montecatini Terme to our hotel for dinner and 2 nights accommodation.

DAY 5: MONTECATINI, FLORENCE, MONTECATINI

(approx. 100 km)

We spend the entire day exploring Florence - the city known as the





Venezia

"cradle of Renaissance". Our local guide will introduce us to the many delights of this city: the Duomo, with its iconic red-tiled dome and the beautiful Ponte Vecchio - home to 43 jewellers' shops - Piazza della Signoria with its palace, also known as Palazzo Vecchio, and the Basilica of Santa Croce.

Free time at leisure to explore Florence and its many treasures such as the world famous Uffizi Gallery. Back to the hotel in Montecatini for dinner and overnight accommodation.

DAY 6: MONTECATINI, LUCCA, PISA, SAN GIMIGNANO, SIENA
(approx. 170 km)

After breakfast we leave for Lucca - a place of true beauty. Majestic city walls encircle a Roman and Medieval centre with an ancient arena, over time transformed into the oval Piazza dell'Anfiteatro. Tiny churches and narrow streets make add to Lucca's charm.

Next, we proceed to Pisa to discover with our guide the famous Piazza dei Miracoli with its well-known symbol - the leaning tower. We continue on to San Gimignano, a fabulous little medieval village famous for its towers, which dominate the wonderful Tuscany countryside.

At the end of this unforgettable day we travel to the Siena area for dinner and overnight accommodation.

DAY 7: SIENA, MONTEPULCIANO, PERUGIA
(approx. 130 km)

Today, we visit the marvellous city of Siena. Surrounded by olive groves and Chianti vineyards, Siena is one of the most beautiful cities in Tuscany.

Built on three hills, the city is crossed with wide boulevards and



Montecatini



Verona



Pisa



San Gimignano

narrow streets that lead to the historical centre of the city. Here we find the Piazza del Campo with its Torre del Mangia – famous for the annual Palio horse races, and the cathedral of Siena. Our journey continues to Montepulciano, a characteristic medieval village. We make a stop to taste some of the most-renowned Tuscan wines. Our trip takes us on to Perugia – a charming old city perched on top of a hill with beautiful panoramic views. We tour its winding streets to arrive at the heart of the city with its Fontana Maggiore. We proceed to our hotel in the Perugia area for dinner and overnight accommodation.

DAY 8: PERUGIA, ASSISI, TODI, ORVIETO, ROME

(approx. 245 km)

After breakfast, we venture to Assisi: the town of Saint Francis, patron saint of Italy. Accompanied by our guide we visit the Rocca Maggiore and to the Basilica of Saint Francis, with its famous paintings by Giotto and Cimabue.

We see some of the numerous churches where Francis preached peace and serenity, and which still characterize this medieval town. We then head to Todi, the medieval town of the poet Jacopone da Todi, located on a hill along the shores of the Tiber River.

We visit its walls and its historic Piazza del Popolo. Our trip then continues in discovery of Orvieto, built on a cliff of compressed volcanic ash, overlooking the valley. With our city guide we take a cable car up to the historical centre – location of St. Patrick's Well and spectacular world-famous Gothic cathedral. The day ends when we arrive at our Rome-area hotel for dinner and 2 nights accommodation.

DAY 9: ROME

Today, the Eternal City will astonish us! Walking through its streets is like travelling back in time, between the ancient Roman ruins, monuments, marvellous squares, fountains, gardens and villas as well as temples and churches of all ages – each one revealing stunning paintings, statues and altars.

With our guide we visit Rome both by coach and on foot, and have free time available to admire this amazing city: the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, Piazza Navona, the Trevi Fountain, and the National Monument "Altare Della Patria"... all waiting to be discovered! Don't miss Vatican City across the Tiber: the heart of Catholicism. At the end of this memorable day we go to our hotel for dinner and overnight accommodation.



Roma - Fori Imperiali

DAY 10: ROME, NAPLES, POMPEI, SORRENTO

(approx. 275 km)

After breakfast, we venture to Naples, the city of many faces, colours, flavours and traditions. With our guide we visit the historic Vomero, the narrow streets of the popular Spanish Quarter and breathe in the dreamlike atmosphere of San Gregorio Armeno and the romantic charm of Mergellina.

It is all Napoli and all of it will fascinate and captivate you! We then head to Pompeii for a guided visit of this site rendered immortal by the catastrophic eruption of Mount Vesuvius.

The excavations are the only archeological site that can show us daily life in a Roman town. At the end of the day, we proceed to our hotel in Sorrento area for dinner and 2 nights accommodation.

DAY 11: SORRENTO AND SURROUNDINGS

A day of relaxation and leisure at your hotel or the opportunity to explore the local sights: stroll through the quaint streets of the pretty clifftop town of Sorrento, take a boat to glamorous Capri, with its suggestive corners, its history, its cuisine and its hospitable people; take the coastal drive to Amalfi and Positano, the beautiful pearls of the Amalfi Coast famous for the breath-taking views of the sea. In the evening dinner and overnight stay in your hotel in the Sorrento area.

DAY 12: END OF TOUR

Check out from hotel after breakfast. Arrivederci!

Cities and Sights of Italy - (12 days/11 nights)

THE ITINERARY AS DESCRIBED INCLUDES:

- 2 hours guided tour of Milan
- Entrance to view Leonardo DaVinci's Last Supper
- Wine cellar visit with Lugana Doc wine tasting
- 2 hours guided tour of Verona
- Entrance to Villa Pisani on the Riviera del Brenta
- Transfer by private boat from Tronchetto to San Marco and return
- 2 hours guided tour of Venice
- 2 hours guided tour of Florence
- 2 hours guided tour of Pisa
- 2 hours guided tour of Siena
- Wine cellar visit with wine tasting and light lunch in Montepulciano area
- 2 hours guided tour of Assisi
- 2 hours guided tour of Orvieto
- 2 hours guided tour of Rome
- 2 hours guided tour of Naples
- Entrance to Pompeii excavations and guided tour
- Services of a Tour Escort for the whole duration of the tour
- Coach as scheduled
- 11 nights with half-board (breakfast and dinner) in 3 or 4 star hotels as per programme (1 night in Verona area; 2 nights in Venice area; 2 nights in Montecatini Terme area; 1 night in Siena area; 1 night in Perugia area; 2 nights in Rome area; 2 nights in Sorrento area)

THE ITINERARY AS DESCRIBED DOES NOT INCLUDE:

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- Entrances to parks, monuments and museums (unless otherwise specified in the section "The price includes")
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- Porter services
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Sorrento

WARMTH OF CLASSICAL SOUTHERN ITALY

CONTACT US FOR YOUR TAILOR-MADE TOUR QUOTE

12 DAYS - 11 NIGHTS

DAY 1: ANCIENT ROME

Our tour begins with the discovery of the wonders of the Eternal City. Walking through its streets is like travelling back in time, between the ancient Roman ruins, monuments, marvellous squares, fountains, gardens and villas as well as temples and churches of all ages - each one revealing stunning paintings, statues and altars. With our guide we visit Rome both by coach and on foot, and have free time to admire this amazing city: the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, Piazza Navona, the Trevi Fountain, and the National Monument "Altare Della Patria" are waiting to be discovered!

At the end of this memorable day we go to our hotel near Rome for dinner and 2 nights' accommodation.

DAY 2: ROME AND THE VATICAN CITY

After breakfast we return to the historical centre of Rome to further explore the capital. The Vatican City, the heart of Catholic Christianity, awaits us beyond the Tiber River.

With our guide we admire the magnificent and extremely vast Vatican Museums, which represent one of the largest and most interesting museum complexes in the world, with the incomparable Sistine Chapel famous for Michelangelo's Last Judgement. Free time for sightseeing in Rome until we return to our hotel for dinner and overnight accommodation.

DAY 3: ROME, TIVOLI, MONTECASSINO, CASERTA

(approx. 250 km)

After breakfast we leave Rome to continue towards Tivoli and its



villas. With our guide we visit the baroque Villa d'Este, a masterpiece of the Italian gardens, with its impressive concentration of fountains, nymphs, grottoes, water games. We then continue to the Imperial Villa Adriana, the most important and complex villa that remains from the Roman era.

We then continue to Montecassino and visit the Abbey, beautifully raised from the ruins of four destructions- the last of which took place during the Second World War. Finally, we head to our hotel in Caserta area for dinner and overnight accommodation.

DAY 4: CASERTA, NAPLES, POMPEI, SORRENTO

(approx. 90 km)

After breakfast, our next destination is the Royal Palace in Caserta - an historical residence that once belonged to the Royal House of Bourbon - with its vast park with gardens, fountains, waterfalls and sculptures.

Our journey continues towards Sorrento and its hillsides, where we sample the delights of genuine typical products from the Campania region: pizza, mozzarella cheese and limoncello! Sorrento, a charming little town famed for its hospitality, will enchant you with its narrow streets and its quaint historical centre. We proceed to our hotel in Sorrento area for dinner and 2 nights' accommodation.

DAY 5: SORRENTO AND THE SURROUNDING AREA

A day of relaxation and leisure at your hotel or the opportunity to explore the local sights: stroll through the quaint streets of the pretty clifftop town of Sorrento, take a boat to glamorous Capri, with its suggestive corners, its history, its cuisine and its hospitable people; take the coastal drive to Amalfi and Positano, the beautiful pearls of the Amalfi Coast famous for the breathtaking views of the sea. In the evening dinner and overnight accommodation in our hotel in the Sorrento area.

DAY 6: POMPEI, NAPLES, PALERMO

(overnight on the ferry)

After breakfast we leave for Pompeii for a guided visit of this site rendered immortal by the catastrophic eruption of Mount Vesuvius. The excavations are the only archaeological site that can show us daily life in a Roman town.

We continue to Naples, the city of many faces, colours, flavours and traditions. With our guide we visit the historic Vomero, the narrow streets of the popular Spanish Quarter and breathe in the dreamlike atmosphere of San Gregorio Armeno and the romantic charm of Mergellina. It is all Napoli and all of it will fascinate and captivate you! Free time before boarding the ferry for overnight sailing from Naples to Palermo in Sicily. Please note dinner and breakfast are not included on the ferry.

DAY 7: PALERMO, MONREALE, MONTE PELLEGRINO, MONDELLO, PALERMO

(approx. 50 km)

We begin with a half-day guided tour of Palermo - capital of Sicily - starting from the old part of the city with the Royal Palace, the



Roma

Palatina Chapel and the cathedral. After we visit the town of Monreale famous for its cathedral and cloister decorated with Byzantine mosaics including the depiction of Christ Pantocrator. In the afternoon optional excursion to Monte Pellegrino described by Goethe as the most beautiful promontory in the world with its spectacular views of the city, surrounding mountains and sea. After a visit to the sanctuary of Saint Rosalia - the patron saint of the city - we make a stop at the small fishing village Mondello with its marvellous beach, where you will have free time. Dinner and 2 nights' accommodation in our hotel Palermo area.

DAY 8: PALERMO, ERICE, TRAPANI, SELINUNTE, PALERMO (approx. 340 km)

After breakfast we travel to Erice, the medieval hilltop town of Monte San Giuliano. Time to admire the Norman castle and the cathedral and to make a stop at a bakery shop to taste the typical almond pastry of Erice.

We continue on to Trapani, the ancient Drepanum, with its historical centre situated on the headland pointing out to the sea. In the afternoon we visit the archaeological park of Selinunte with its acropolis and ruins of ancient Greek temples. We return to our hotel in Palermo for dinner and overnight accommodation.

DAY 9: PALERMO, AGRIGENTO, PIAZZA ARMERINA, TAORMINA (approx. 370 km)

Following breakfast we head to Agrigento for a morning visit and guided tour of the Valley of Temples. Here we can admire the Temple of Juno, the Temple of Concordia - one of the best preserved Doric temples in the ancient Greek world - the Temple of Hercules and the Temple of Castor and Pollux.

We continue on to the town of Piazza Armerina where we have a short break for a tasting of typical Sicilian food such as olive paté, olives, marmalades and wine followed by a guided tour of the Villa Romana del Casale - famous for a beautiful collection of late-Roman mosaics.

After time to see the city and its cathedral we continue to Taormina to our hotel for dinner and 3 nights' accommodation.

DAY 10: TAORMINA, ETNA, TAORMINA (approx. 130 km)

After breakfast we take a morning excursion to Mt. Etna, the highest peak of Sicily and the most active volcano in Europe. The area surrounding the volcano constitutes the "Park of Etna", one of the largest protected areas in Italy.

The great variety of vegetation and landscapes that we encounter en route to Silvestri Craters" (about 1.900 mt) is amazing. From here on you have the option to continue the excursion by jeep.

We visit a local honey producer to taste quality honey and have the opportunity to try local wine. In the afternoon we return to Taormina, situated on a rocky plateau of the steeply sloping Monte Tauro which dominates the Ionian coast from Capo Sant'Andrea to Capo Taormina.

Opportunity to visit the Greek-Roman theatre, the 2nd largest

classical theatre in Sicily. We return to our hotel in Taormina area for dinner and accommodation.

DAY 11: TAORMINA, NOTO, SIRACUSA, TAORMINA (approx. 300 km)

After breakfast we begin our full day excursion with the first stop in Noto known as the Baroque capital of Sicily.

On to Syracuse, one of the most interesting archaeological sites of the island where we have a guided tour at the Archeological Park, the Roman amphitheatre, the Greek theatre, the Ear of Dionysus, the Cave of the Cordari and the Island of Ortigia - the most ancient part of the city with its stunning cathedral. We return to our hotel in Taormina area for dinner and accommodation.

DAY 12: TAORMINA

Check out after breakfast. Arrivederci!

Warmth of classical Southern Italy - (12 days/11 nights)

THE ITINERARY AS DESCRIBED INCLUDES:

- 2 hours guided tour of Ancient Rome
- 2 hours guided tour of Baroque Rome
- Entrance to the Vatican Museums with guided tour
- Entrance to Villa d'Este and Villa Adriana in Tivoli with a guided tour
- Entrance to the Abbey of Montecassino
- Entrance to the Royal Palace in Caserta
- Light lunch with typical product tasting in Sorrento (mozzarella, pizza, limoncello)
- Entrance to the excavations of Pompeii with a guided tour
- 2 hours guided tour of Naples
- Ferry crossing Napoli - Palermo (taken at night)
- 2 hours guided tour of Palermo
- Guided visit of the archaeological site of Selinunte
- Guided tour of the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento
- Sicilian specialties tasting (olives, olive paste, jams and wine)
- Guided tour of the Villa Romana del Casale in Piazza Armerina
- Guided tour of the archaeological park in Siracusa
- Services of a Tour Escort for the whole duration of the tour
- Coach as scheduled
- 10 nights with half-board (breakfast and dinner) in 3 or 4 star hotel as per program (2 nights in Rome area, 1 night in Caserta area, 2 nights in Sorrento area, 2 nights in Palermo area, and 3 nights in Taormina area) and 1 night on accommodation only basis on the ferry crossing

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TASTE OF NORTHERN ITALY

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8 DAYS - 7 NIGHTS

DAY 1: MILAN, LAKE MAGGIORE, TURIN

(approx. 230 km)

Welcome to Milan! Our tour begins in Milan with a guided visit taking us on exploration of the city of fashion and Expo.

We visit the incredible Milan Cathedral, the largest Gothic cathedral in the world, and the Sforza Castle. We then continue towards Stresa, the pearl of Lake Maggiore.

Its panoramic and architectural beauty and mild climate make it a popular tourist destination.

We venture off by boat to the stupendous Borromean Islands, which form the backdrop to the marvelous landscape of the lake. At the end of the day, we head back to our Turin-area hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 2: TURIN

(approx. 50 km)

After breakfast, along with our guide, we head to the Venaria Reale, famous as the Palace of the Royal House of Savoy and surrounded by magnificent gardens. We then go to the Stupinigi Hunting Residence, an elegant architectural masterpiece.

Later, we head back to Turin, a majestic city: the Cathedral, obelisks, grand squares and boulevards, the Castle, and the Piazza San Carlo are all waiting for you! We have free time to climb the awe-inspiring Mole Antonelliana or visit the renowned Egyptian Museum.

We also have a proper break at one of the city's historic cafés to enjoy Bicerin, a local hot drink in Turin. Transfer to hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 3: TURIN, ALBA, LANGHE, PORTOFINO, RIVIERA LEVANTE

(approx. 250 km)

After breakfast, our day begins by travelling to Alba, heart of the Langhe, at the center of a landscape of rolling hills and lush vineyards. We have free time to explore this small village known as "the city of 100 Towers." We then go visit a traditional wine cellar where our taste buds will rejoice tasting some classic wines and local products. Portofino awaits us! After Rapallo, we reach this corner of Paradise by boat; a handful of colorful houses at the end of a deep inlet. Transfer to hotel in Riviera di Levante area for dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 4: RIVIERA LEVANTE, CINQUE TERRE, PARMA

(approx. 200 km)

We head off with our guide from La Spezia to visit to Cinque Terre, the five delightful villages that cling to sheer cliffs, surrounded by green hills; a natural kingdom of wild scents trapped in time. The journey takes place both by train and by boat. At the end of the unforgettable day, we go to a hotel in the Parma area for dinner and overnight stay..

DAY 5: PARMA, MARANELLO, VERONA

(approx. 190 km)

Today is dedicated to learning about wine and food. After breakfast, we leave for Parma where a local guide leads us on the discovery of this small and elegant city, rich in noble monuments and precious works of art. You cannot miss the Piazza del Duomo and the grandiose Parco Ducale. Parma is also noted for its local products:



Portofino



Milano

Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, which we taste in a traditional cheese factory, and Parma ham, which we sample in a local prosciutto factory. Then we are off to Maranello and the Ferrari Museum, followed by a visit to a vinegar cellar to discover the secrets of traditional Balsamic Vinegar of Modena. Towards the evening, we head to our Verona-area for dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 6: VERONA, LAKE GARDA, VERONA, MESTRE

(approx. 200 km)

After breakfast our coach takes us to Sirmione situated on the narrow peninsula in the southern waters of the lake Garda, the largest Italian lake. The narrow streets and pretty piazzas make strolling through the town a pleasure and we have free time to explore the 13th century castle and the Grotte di Catullo, a ruined Roman villa situated at the end of the peninsula. We then head inland to experience the olive tasting of the famous olive oil of the lake Garda. Later we go back to Verona. Together with our guide we visit this charming city of Roman origin and the setting for Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet". The visit includes the legendary Juliet's balcony and Piazza Bra, which accommodates the largest Roman amphitheatre after the Coliseum in Rome. The Arena dates back to the 1st century A.D. and is still in use for the famous opera season in the summer. The charming narrow streets and picturesque piazzas make the city a pleasure to explore. Next, we proceed to an hotel in the Venice area for dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 7: VENICE

Today we enjoy the fabulous city of Venice! Our guide will introduce us to the wonderful atmosphere of this unique, floating city of

shimmering waterways, elaborate bridges and great palaces: St. Mark's square with its splendid cathedral and the Doge's Palace, the Rialto Bridge and the Bridge of Sighs. At the end of the tour, free time to explore the bridges over the lagoon, the characteristic narrow Venetian streets, the shops, the old bars, the typical canals and scenic spots. Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 8: VENICE, FLORENCE

(approx. 255 km)

After breakfast we go to the "cradle of Renaissance": Florence. Our local guide introduces us to the many delights of this city: the Duomo, with its iconic red-tiled dome and the beautiful Ponte Vecchio, that is home to 43 jewellers' shops, Piazza della Signoria with its Palazzo, also known as Palazzo Vecchio and the Basilica of Santa Croce. It's time to say "Arrivederci"!

For those who wish to further explore Italy this tour can be combined with our tour "Hidden Treasures of Central Italy".

Taste of northern Italy - (8 days/7 nights)

THE ITINERARY AS DESCRIBED INCLUDES:

- 2-hour guided tour of Milan
- Private boat excursion: Stresa – Isola Pescatori – Isola Bella – Stresa
- Entrance to Borromeo Palace on Isola Bella
- Full-day tour guide for Venaria Reale, Stupinigi Palace and Turin
- Entrance to Venaria Reale
- Entrance to Stupinigi Palace
- Tasting and light lunch in the Langhe
- Boat to Rapallo – Portofino and return
- Excursion to Cinque Terre through to La Spezia by train and boat
- 2-hour guided tour of Parma
- Visit to cheese factory and Parmesan cheese tasting
- Visit to prosciutto factory and prosciutto tasting
- Entrance to Ferrari Museum in Maranello
- Visit to vinegar cellar with balsamic vinegar tasting
- Visit to oil mill with olive oil tasting
- 2-hour guided tour of Verona
- Transfer by private boat to Tronchetto – San Marco and return
- 2-hour guided tour of Venice
- 2-hour guided tour of Florence
- Full-time tour operator throughout the duration of the tour
- Bus as programmed
- Overnight stays in half board (breakfast and dinner) in 3 or 4 star hotels as programmed (2 nights in the Turin area; 1 night in the Riviera di Levante area; 1 night in the Parma area; 1 night in the Verona area; 2 nights in Venice area).

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Firenze



HIDDEN TREASURES OF CENTRAL ITALY

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8 DAYS - 7 NIGHTS

DAY 1: FLORENCE, MONTECATINI

(approx. 50 km)

Benvenuti a Firenze, the "cradle of Renaissance", where we spend the first day. Our local guide introduces us to the many delights of this city: the Duomo, with its iconic red-tiled dome and the beautiful Ponte Vecchio, that is home to 43 jewellers' shops, Piazza della Signoria with its Palazzo, also known as Palazzo Vecchio and the Basilica of Santa Croce. Free time at leisure to explore Florence and the 1.700 masterpieces in the world-wide famous Uffizi Gallery. At the end of this day we go to our hotel in Montecatini area for dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 2: MONTECATINI, VINCI, PISA, LUCCA, MONTECATINI

(approx. 130 km)

The day is dedicated to the discovery of marvelous Tuscany. After breakfast, we leave for Vinci, the town where Leonardo was born. It is located in the center of a lush countryside which gives it a unique and highly striking appearance. The church of Santa Croce preserves the baptismal font where Leonardo was baptized. The Leonardo museum is located within the castle. Next, we proceed to Pisa where our guide leads us to discover the famous Piazza dei Miracoli with its well-known symbol: the leaning tower. We will then leave for Lucca, a place of true beauty. Majestic city walls encircle a Roman and Medieval center with an ancient arena, now transformed in a semicircular square Piazza dell'Anfiteatro. Tiny churches and narrow streets make Lucca a real beauty. At the end of this unforgettable day we get to the hotel in Montecatini for dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 3: MONTECATINI, SAN GIMIGNANO, MONTERIGGIONI, SIENA, AREZZO

(approx. 240 km)

We continue the visit of our Tuscany and after breakfast head toward San Gimignano; walking along the streets of San Gimignano is like taking a dive into medieval times. Streets, piazzas, palaces, simple houses, churches make the town charming and unforgettable. Its famous towers dominate the valley from the top of the hill. We then continue to Monteriggioni, a small jewel immersed in the hills of Siena, which appears suddenly like a crown placed on the summit of the hill. It is a medieval town born within a ring of walls which is still intact, distinguished by fourteen towers, which surround the unique piazza. To conclude, we reach Siena, one of the most beautiful cities of Tuscany. Built on the top of three hills, the city is crossed by broad boulevards and narrow alleys which lead to its heart: Piazza del Campo with the Torre del Mangia tower and the Duomo. At the end, we will return to our hotel in the Arezzo area for dinner and the overnight stay.

DAY 4: AREZZO, ASSISI, PERUGIA

(approx. 130 km)

After breakfast we depart to discover Arezzo, an ancient city which gave birth to many famous characters of Italian literature. We freely visit the fabulous Piazza Grande, the Duomo, the Roman amphitheater, the Tower, and the Town Palace before continuing on our trip toward Assisi, the city of St. Francis, patron saint of Italy. Our guide accompanies us to the Rocca Maggiore and the Basilica of the Saint with its famous paintings by Giotto and Cimabue. We visit the many churches where Francis preached peace and serenity, which





Bolsena

characterizes this medieval town still today. In the evening, we reach our hotel in the Perugia area for dinner and the overnight stay.

DAY 5: PERUGIA, SPELLO, BEVAGNA, SPOLETO

(approx. 75 km)

After breakfast we depart to discover Perugia and with our guide we visit this picturesque ancient city located on top of a hill, from which one can enjoy a beautiful panoramic view. The many streets running up- and downhill make Perugia the pearl of central Italy. We will follow them until we arrive at the fulcrum of the city, the Fontana Maggiore fountain. At the end of the visit we continue toward Spello, a beautiful town ensconced among beautiful olive groves, which climbs uphill until reaching the towers, up through small streets and alleyways beautified by multicolored flowers. Next stop is Bevagna, one of the few flat towns of Umbria... a rest for the legs! Crossing the historic center to arrive at the splendid Piazza Silvestri gives the sensation of entering a film. At the end of the day, we head for our hotel in the Spoleto area for dinner and the overnight stay.

DAY 6: SPOLETO, TODI, BOLSENA

(approx. 95 km)

After breakfast we reach Spoleto and with our guide we visit this splendid city, nestled among green trees and beautified by the majestic Duomo and monumental castle. The entire historic area is focused on the ups and downs of small pedestrian streets. Afterwards, we leave for Todi, the medieval city of the poet Jacopone da Todi. The town is located on a hill that dominates the valley of the Tiber river. We visit this concentration of beauty among which the walls and the historic Piazza del Popolo, the People's Square. Last but not least, we arrive at Bolsena for dinner and the overnight stay.

DAY 7: BOLSENA, CIVITA DI BAGNOREGIO, ORVIETO, VITERBO, ROME

(approx. 180 km)

After breakfast, we leave for Civita di Bagnoregio, an ancient town abandoned by its inhabitants but not by tourists who are fascinated by this fairytale - like place, connected to the rest of the world by a long bridge. It is called "the city that dies" because of the slow collapse of the tufa stone walls. We continue with the discovery of the beauties of Orvieto, which rises up on a tufa cliff that dominates the valley. A cablecar takes us to the Well of Saint Patrick, where our itinerary begins with our local guide, reaching the spectacular gothic Cathedral which is famous throughout the world. Now Viterbo awaits us, the medieval city of ancient origins historically known as the City of Popes for having been the seat of the papacy in the past. With our guide we visit the Palace of the Popes, the Duomo of San Lorenzo and some of the many churches in the city. The day ends with the arrival at the hotel in the Rome area for dinner and the overnight stay.

DAY 8: ROME

Today, the Eternal City will surprise us! Walking through its streets is like traveling backwards in time among ancient Roman ruins, monuments, marvelous piazzas, fountains, gardens, villas, and churches of

all historic periods where each time one discovers amazing paintings, statues and altars. We visit Rome with our guide in the morning both in a bus and by foot, and we have free time available to admire this incredible city: the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, Piazza Navona, the Trevi Fountain, the altar of the Country await us! Our tour ends here. In the afternoon you can visit the Vatican City across the Tiber, the heart of Catholic Christianity. The time has come to say goodbye with a warm ARRIVEDERCI!

For those who wish to further explore Italy this tour can be combined with our tours "Colours of South-Western Italy" or "Flavours of South-Eastern Italy".



Arezzo

Hidden treasures of central Italy - (8 days/7 nights)

THE ITINERARY AS DESCRIBED INCLUDES:

- 2 hour guided tour of Florence
- Entrance to the Leonardo da Vinci Museum in Vinci
- 2 hour guided tour of Pisa
- Full day in San Gimignano, Monteriggioni and Siena
- 2 hour guided tour of Assisi
- 2 hour guided tour of Perugia
- 2 hour guided tour of Spoleto
- 2 hour guided tour of Orvieto
- 2 hour guided tour of Viterbo
- Guided tour of Rome
- Accompaniment for the whole duration of the trip
- Bus according to the program
- Overnight stays with half pension plans (breakfast and dinner) in 3 or 4 star hotels according to the schedule (2 nights in the Montecatini Terme area; 1 night in the Arezzo area; 1 night in the Perugia area; 1 night in the Spoleto area; 1 night in the Lago di Bolsena area; 1 night in the Rome area)

THE ITINERARY AS DESCRIBED DOES NOT INCLUDE:

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- Drinks with meals
- Entrances to parks, monuments and museums (unless otherwise specified in the section "The price includes")
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- Porter services
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FLAVOURS OF SOUTH-EASTERN ITALY

CONTACT US FOR YOUR TAILOR-MADE TOUR QUOTE

8 DAYS - 7 NIGHTS

DAY 1: ANCIENT ROME

Our tour begins with the discovery of the wonders of the Eternal City. Walking through its streets is like travelling back in time, between the ancient Roman ruins, monuments, marvellous squares, fountains, gardens and villas as well as temples and churches of all ages - each one revealing stunning paintings, statues and altars. With our guide we visit Rome both by coach and on foot, and have free time available to admire this amazing city: the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, Piazza Navona, the Trevi Fountain, and the National Monument "Altare Della Patria".... all waiting to be discovered! At the end of this memorable day we go to a hotel near Rome for dinner and overnight accommodation.

DAY 2: ROME, THE VATICAN CITY, TIVOLI AND PESCARA

(approx. 210 km)

After breakfast we return to the historical centre of Rome to further explore the capital. The Vatican City, the heart of Catholic Christianity, awaits us beyond the Tiber River. With our guide we admire the magnificent and extremely vast Vatican Museums, which represent one of the largest and most interesting museum complexes in the world, with the incomparable Sistine Chapel famous for Michelangelo's Last Judgement.

We then leave Rome to continue towards Tivoli and its villas. With our guide we visit the baroque Villa d'Este, a masterpiece of the Italian garden, with its impressive concentration of fountains, nymphs, grottoes, water games. We then continue to the Imperial Villa Adriana, the most important and complex villa that remains from

the Roman era. Next we proceed to our hotel in Pescara area for dinner and overnight accommodation.

DAY 3: PESCARA, CASTEL DEL MONTE, TRANI

(approx. 290 km)

After breakfast we head towards Castel Del Monte, Andria in Puglia where we visit this little treasure trove of history and culture, built on a rocky spur. The castle still stands isolated on a promontory of unspoilt countryside and retains its dramatic magnificence.

At a farmhouse in the area we enjoy a tasty snack with typical products of Puglia. We then continue to Trani, where the harbour, full of colourful boats, overlooks the cathedral and the castle, the two jewels of the town. We then proceed to our hotel for dinner and the 4 nights' accommodation.

DAY 4: MATERA, ALBEROBELLO, LOCOROTONDO

(approx. 195 km)

After breakfast our guide awaits us in Matera. Falling in love with this town is very easy! It is impossible not to remain enchanted by its famous "Sassi" full of history, its famous small but equally beautiful rock churches, the huge square in the centre - revealing an archaeological site - and Belvedere, overlooking the ancient village houses and caves... We find a magical atmosphere not only in Matera, but also in Alberobello, towards which we continue our journey. Walking through the streets of this town, which is overlooked by the beautiful and unique trulli, is like being catapulted into another world of timeless charm.

The last stop of our day, but not the least important, is the village of Locorotondo, so named for its characteristic round shape, on the





Otranto

summit of a hill. The charm of its streets and the old town with its whitewashed houses will delight us. At the end of this unforgettable day we return to the hotel for dinner and overnight accommodation.

DAY 5: TARANTO, BRINDISI, OSTUNI

(approx. 190 km)

After breakfast we go to Taranto, also known as the city of the two seas (Mar Grande and Mar Piccolo) where an iron swing bridge connects the old town to the new town - an important harbour with the reflection of two castles in its waters.

We continue to Brindisi, a maritime city with many different aspects. With our guide we visit the Norman Cathedral, the Roman column and Piazza della Vittoria.

To end the day we head to Ostuni, known as the White City, which enchants all ... Its characteristic whitewashed houses are built on a hill and unfold in a maze of narrow streets.

The day has come to an end and we return to our hotel for dinner and overnight accommodation.

DAY 6: LECCE, OTRANTO

(approx. 310 km)

After breakfast with our guide we visit Lecce, full of rich artistic and architectural heritage, where the bizarre and rich Baroque style dominates. Each corner of Lecce offers amazing views: the cathedral, the amphitheatre, the old City Gates and the Basilica of Santa Croce, a jewel of Baroque art. Later we proceed to Otranto, also known as the "Gateway to the East", with its bastions, its dense network of narrow streets, the castle and the cathedral.

Its historical and artistic beauty will remain in your heart forever! On the journey back to our hotel, we stop in a typical winery in Salento to taste the excellent wines of Puglia.

We then return to the hotel for dinner and overnight accommodation.

DAY 7: CASTELLANA GROTTA, CANOSA DI PUGLIA, BARI

(approx. 250 km)

Today we visit the fascinating Castellana Caves - an extraordinary natural spectacle in the karstic underground. We walk through the picturesque scenery formed by stalactites, stalagmites, fossils, canyons and caves until we reach the wonderful White Cave.

Later we continue towards Canosa di Puglia, where there is time to see the important archaeological sites.

The journey continues towards Barletta, with its narrow intersecting streets in the historic centre that encompass the main monuments: the Colossus of Bronze and the Cathedral. In the evening we proceed to our hotel for dinner and overnight accommodation.

DAY 8: BARI

(approx. 90 km)

It is the last day of our tour, culminating with a visit to Bari - rich in Arabic and Norman tradition and culture.

The city is made memorable by the scents that permeate the Old Town, its beautiful promenade and the impressive basilica.

We leave you with a warm ARRIVEDERCI!



Castel del Monte

Flavours of south-eastern Italy - (8 days/7 nights)

THE ITINERARY AS DESCRIBED INCLUDES:

- 2 hours guided tour of Rome
- Entrance to the Vatican Museums with a guided tour
- Entrance to Villa d'Este and Villa Adriana in Tivoli with guided tour
- Farmhouse visit and light lunch with tasting of typical products
- 2 hours guided tour of Matera
- 2 hours guided tour of Lecce
- Winery visit with wine tasting in Manduria
- Entrance to the Caves of Castellana with guided tour
- 2 hours guided tour of Bari
- Services of a Tour Escort for the whole duration of the tour
- Coach as scheduled
- 7 nights with half-board (breakfast and dinner) in 3 or 4 star hotels as per programme (1 night Rome area, 1 night Pescara area, 4 nights Castellana Marina/Cisternino area, and 1 night Barletta/Trani area)

THE ITINERARY AS DESCRIBED DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Tourist tax where due
- Drinks with meals
- Entrances to parks, monuments and museums (unless otherwise specified in the section "The price includes")
- Transfer on arrival and departure
- Porter services
- Tips, extras and personal expenses
- Anything else not included in section "The itinerary as described includes".

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COLOURS OF SOUTH-WESTERN ITALY

CONTACT US FOR YOUR TAILOR-MADE TOUR QUOTE

8 DAYS - 7 NIGHTS

DAY 1: ROME

Our tour begins with the discovery of the wonders of the Eternal City. Walking through its streets is like travelling back in time, between the ancient Roman ruins, monuments, marvellous squares, fountains, gardens and villas as well as temples and churches of all ages - each one revealing stunning paintings, statues and altars. With our guide we visit Rome both by bus and on foot, and have free time available to admire this amazing city: the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, Piazza Navona, the Trevi Fountain, and the National Monument "Altare Della Patria"... all waiting to be discovered! At the end of this memorable day we go to a hotel near Rome for dinner and overnight accommodation.

DAY 2: ROME, MONTECASSINO, CASERTA

(approx. 250 km)

After breakfast we return to the historical centre of Rome to further explore the capital.

The Vatican City, the heart of Catholic Christianity, awaits us beyond the Tiber River. With our guide we admire the magnificent and extremely vast Vatican Museums, which represent one of the largest and most interesting museum complexes in the world, with the incomparable Sistine Chapel famous for Michelangelo's Last Judgement. Next, we leave for Montecassino and visit the Abbey, beautifully raised from the ruins of four destructions- the last of which took place during the Second World War.

After, we proceed to our hotel in Caserta area for dinner and overnight accommodation.

DAY 3: CASERTA, NAPLES, SORRENTO

(approx. 450 km)

Following breakfast, our next destination is the Royal Palace in Caserta - an historical residence that once belonged to the Royal House of Bourbon - with its vast park with gardens, fountains, waterfalls and sculptures. Our journey continues towards Naples, a city of many faces, colours, flavours and traditions. With our guide we visit the historic Vomero, the narrow streets of the popular Spanish Quarter and breathe in the dreamlike atmosphere of San Gregorio Armeno and the romantic charm of Mergellina. It is all Napoli and all of it will fascinate and captivate you! At the end of the day we proceed to our hotel in Sorrento area for dinner and overnight accommodation.

DAY 4: SORRENTO AND THE SURROUNDING AREA

(approx. 195 km)

A day of relaxation and leisure at your hotel or the opportunity to explore the local sights: stroll through the quaint streets of the pretty clifftop town of Sorrento, take a boat to the glamorous Capri, with its suggestive corners, its history, its cuisine and its hospitable people; take the coastal drive to Amalfi and Positano, the beautiful pearls of the Amalfi Coast famous for the breath-taking views of the sea; or explore Pompeii, a place made immortal by a catastrophic volcanic eruption, excavated to reveal everyday life in an ancient Roman town. In the evening dinner and overnight stay in your hotel in the Sorrento area.

DAY 5: SORRENTO, PAESTUM, CIVITA, PIZZO CALABRO

(approx. 50 km)

Today we leave Sorrento and proceed towards Calabria. Our first stop





Taormina

is a guided tour of Paestum – an important archaeological site of ancient Greek heritage. We can admire the well preserved city walls and the majestic temples in Doric style. Then we stop for a walk in Civita, quiet village overlooking the Ionian Sea. The city is also called “The Land of the Devil’s Bridge. Its landscapes are defined among the most beautiful of the Calabria. In the late afternoon we arrive at the hotel in Pizzo Calabro for dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 6: PIZZO CALABRO, TROPEA, PIZZO CALABRO
(approx. 60 km)

After a well-earned rest, today our guide accompanies us to visit Pizzo and Tropea. Pizzo Calabro, a beautiful village perched on the coast on a promontory, in addition to being a major fishing centre is a popular tourist resort known for its beautiful coastline and its mild climate. Strolling along its picturesque historic centre we have the opportunity to taste the famous truffle of Pizzo, traditional ice cream from the local artisan bakery Tropea is the pearl of the “Coast of the Gods,” the earthly paradise where the famous braids of red onions and chillies excel. From the cliffs overlooking the sea we can enjoy a unique spectacle. We then return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 7: PIZZO CALABRO, SCILLA, REGGIO CALABRIA, GIARDINI NAXOS, TAORMINA
(approx. 190 km)

After breakfast, our guide accompanies us to Scilla, a beautiful town situated on a promontory that overlooks the Straits of Messina, a fishing village, known for its castle. The next destination is Reggio Calabria, which preserves the charm of antiquity with its Aragonese castle, the Greek walls, the Roman thermal baths and the museum

that contains the majestic Riace Bronzes. With the ferry we reach Messina, located on the extreme north-east point of Sicily and from there we go to the Giardini Naxos, the first Greek colony in Sicily, cradle of ancient Mediterranean civilizations. We proceed to our hotel in Taormina the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 8: TAORMINA
(approx. 90 km)

Our journey has come to an end. After breakfast, with our guide we visit Taormina, the beautiful city that releases art, culture, architecture and history from every corner. The visit to the Greek-roman theatre is definitely worth it! The time has now come to say goodbye with a nice ARRIVEDERCI!



Montecassino



Tropea

Colours of south-western Italy - (8 days/7 nights)

THE ITINERARY AS DESCRIBED INCLUDES:

- 2 hours of guided tour of Rome
- Entrance to the Vatican Museum with a guided tour
- Entrance to the Abbey of Montecassino
- Entrance to the Royal Palace in Caserta
- 2 hours of guided tour of Naples
- Entrance to the archaeological park of Paestum with a guided tour
- Full day guide for Pizzo and Tropea
- Full day guide for Scylla and Reggio Calabria
- Ferry from Villa San Giovanni to Messina
- Guided tour of Taormina
- Accompaniment for the whole duration
- Bus as scheduled
- Nights with half-board (breakfast and dinner) in a 3 or 4 star hotel as per program (1 night in Rome, 1 night in Caserta, 2 nights in Sorrento, 2 nights in Tropea, 1 night in Taormina)

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SICILIAN SUNSHINE

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8 DAYS - 7 NIGHTS

DAY 1: TAORMINA AREA

Self-organised arrival by yourself at the hotel in Taormina area in the afternoon. The clients will find an information brochure at the hotel reception. Dinner and overnight in the hotel.

DAY 2: TAORMINA MARE, CASTELBUONO, CEFALÙ, PALERMO

(approx. 300 km)

Breakfast in Hotel. Briefing with the tourguide and departure to Castelbuono, a medieval town famous for its castle, from which it derives its name. Around the castle the city grew up in the 14th century. Here you admire, walking on the streets, the medieval castle and the church of Matrice Vecchia. Continuation to Cefalù to visit this lovely medieval town and its famous cathedral Arabo-Normanno, one of the most beautiful churches in Sicily, built by Ruggero II, the first King of Sicily. Continuation to Palermo. Arrival at the hotel in the afternoon. Dinner and overnight. For the clients that start the tour on Sunday from Palermo: free arrival at hotel, dinner and overnight.

DAY 3: PALERMO, MONREALE, OPTIONAL: MONTE PELLEGRINO, MONDELLO

(approx. 50 km)

After breakfast in hotel half-day guided tour of Palermo, capital of Sicily. We start the visit from the old part of the city with the Royal Palace, the Palatina Chapel and the Cathedral. Afterwards you visit Monreale famous for its Cathedral with Byzantine mosaics figurating Christ Pantocrator and its Cloister. In the afternoon optional excursion to Monte Pellegrino with its spectacular views of the city, its

surrounding mountains and the ocean and the sanctuary of Saint Rosalia, the patron of the city. Goethe once described Monte Pellegrino as the most beautiful promontory in the world. Continuation to the small fishing village Mondello with its marvellous beach, where you have 1 hour freetime. Dinner and overnight in hotel at Palermo.

DAY 4: ERICE, TRAPANI, SELINUNTE, AGRIGENTO

(approx. 340 km)

Breakfast in Hotel. Visit of Erice, the medieval town on the summit of Monte San Giuliano. Here we can admire the Norman Castle and the cathedral. Stop at a bakery shop to taste the typical almond pastry of Erice. Continuation to Trapani, the ancient Drepanum, with its medieval district situated on the headland pointing out to the sea. In the afternoon visit of the archaeological park of Selinunte that contains the ruins of the temples and the Greek Acropolis. On to Agrigento. Overnight.

DAY 5: AGRIGENTO, PIAZZA ARMERINA, TAORMINA BEACH

(approx. 370 km)

Breakfast in hotel. In the morning visit of Agrigento and guided tour of the Valley of Temples, where you can admire the Temple of Juno, the Temple of Concordia, one of the best preserved doric temples in the whole greek world, the Temple of Hercules and the Temple of Castor and Pollux. Continuation to Piazza Armerina in the afternoon including a short break to have a tasting of typical Sicilian food like olive paté, olives, marmelades and wine. Hereafter you have a guided tour of the Villa Romana del Casale, famous for the most beautiful collection of late-Roman mosaics and later on also the city with its Cathedral. Continuation to Taormina beach, where you arrive in the late afternoon. Dinner and overnight in your hotel in Taormina.



Piazza Armerina



Siracusa

DAY 6: TAORMINA BEACH, ETNA, TAORMINA

(approx. 130 km)

Half board in hotel. In the morning excursion to Mt. Etna, the highest peak of Sicily and the most active volcano in Europe. The territory surrounding the vulcan constitutes the "Park of Etna", one of the largest protected areas in Italy: you will be astonished about the great variety of vegetation and landscapes that we meet along the way before arriving at the "Silvestri Craters".

From here on you have the option to continue the excursion by jeep. Stop at a local beekeeper to taste quality honey and have a winetasting and to see how it produced.

In the afternoon visit of Taormina, situated on a rocky plateau on the slopes of the steeply dropping Monte Tauro, dominating the Ionian coast from Capo Sant'Andrea to Capo Taormina. Possibility, to visit the Greek-Roman theatre, the 2nd largest classical theatre in Sicily. Return in hotel. Overnight.

DAY 7: TAORMINA BEACH, NOTO, SIRACUSA

(approx. 300 km)

Half board in Hotel. Full day excursion. First stop in Noto to discover the beautiful baroque in Sicily. On to Syracuse, one of the most interesting archaeological sites of the island. Guided tour at the Archeological Park, the Roman Amphitheatre, the Greek Theatre, the Ear of Dionysus, the Cave of the Cordari, Island of Ortigia, the most ancient nucleus of the city with its stunning cathedral. Return in hotel in the late afternoon. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 8: TAORMINA BEACH

Breakfast at Hotel. End of our services.



Palermo



Mondello

Sicilian sunshine - (8 days/7 nights)

THE ITINERARY AS DESCRIBED INCLUDES:

- 2 hours guided tour of Palermo
- 2 hours guided tour of Selinunte
- 2 hours guided tour of Agrigento (Valle dei Templi)
- Guided tour of Villa Romana del Casale in Piazza Armerina (entrance fees not incl.)
- 2 hours guided of Siracusa
- Almond pastry tasting in Erice
- Tasting of typical local products near Agrigento
- Honey and wine tasting on Mt. Etna
- Services of a Tour Guide for the whole duration of the circuit
- Coach for the whole duration of the tour
- 7 nights with half-board (breakfast and dinner) in 3 or 4 star hotels as per program (3 nights in Palermo and 4 nights in Taormina)

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- Anything else not included in section "The price includes".
- Optional excursion to Mt. Pellegrino and Mondello (Euro 20,00)

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