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Who are we ?

Chrissima Tours is an Italian travel agency situated in Sorrento since 16
We are aware that a journey is the culmination of a dream often long desired! That's why we bring meticulous and careful care to the realization of your stay in Italy, so that you can fully enjoy the experience and cherish wonderful memories. For this reason, Chrissima Tours is not simply a travel agency, but your partner. Our experience and our desire to listen to your wishes ensure your unique trip is perfect, so that it corresponds to your expectations, taking account of your interests, your tastes and your budget.

Our services

- Tailor made programmes
- Cultural tours for art and history lovers
- Food and wine tours for "fine gourmets"
- Meetings and Business Events
- Individual stays for V.I.P.
- Summer camps and educational tours
- Transfers and excursions for groups and individuals
- Assistance services
- Tour escort – interpreters - authorized guide services
- Rental bus and car services
- Hiking and scenic walking programmes

We also provide

- Reservations: museums, theatres and events
- Cities' art circulation admittances, parking
- Guides and tour escorts for your tours
- Luxury villas and apartments
- Air tickets
- Train tickets
- Boat tickets and trips
- Assistance throughout your stay

Why are we different ?

- A French- and English-speaking team
- We guarantee a prompt reply
- We assign an individual personal assistant to take care of your needs all throughout your trip with constant personal attention, professionalism and enthusiasm
- Exceptional value for money
- We provide a personalized booklet with the relevant information necessary for your stay
- We provide 24/7 assistance throughout the whole stay

Our strength: being Italian. . .

Being Italian, the perfect knowledge of our country and our professional experience guarantee the quality of your stay. We consider all your wishes, and suggest the best in order to give you the very best experiences. In order to do this, we have designed itineraries from the most classic to the most original, for example: some food and wine tours, which give you the opportunity to taste the unique and incomparable flavours of our amazing country (and seafood specialties) some excursions through natural pathways, which allow you to experience an unspoiled landscape or characteristic and enchanting areas, where nature is still intact vintage car rides.
The list is not exhaustive, far from it, we have at heart the passion to customize your trip to suit your desires and your tastes. The final result will allow you to discover a unique, authentic Italy, with still unknown places, as well as a discovery of its culture, its "joie de vivre" and its cultural riches. In short, Italy and our team of specialists are waiting for you with open arms, do not hesitate ...



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Southern Italy

Campania
Calabria
Apulia

Sorrento (G.D.)

04 days / 03 nights

1st Day: Naples
Arrival at Naples airport, meet with our tour escort and transfer to Sorrento by private bus. Accommodation in a hotel situated in Sorrento or immediate surroundings. Welcome drink, dinner and overnight stay.

2nd Day: Amalfi / Sorrento
Breakfast at the hotel. Depart for half-day excursion to Amalfi with a local guide. The Amalfi coast is world famous for its spectacular scenic drive through small picturesque towns and villages such as Positano, Furore, and Conca dei Marini. We will stop at a viewing point along the way to take in the breathtaking view of Positano, splendid town characterised by its small white and pink houses, which gradually descend down to the sea. Continuing on, we arrive in Amalfi, one of the first republican cities in Italy, where we will visit the magnificent cathedral of S. Andrea and nearby the Chiostro del Paradiso (Paradise Cloister). Lunch and return to Sorrento. Sorrento is a romantic city, famous for its climate and its beautiful natural inlets and bays situated along its long coastline. You will enjoy this busy, quaint city, full of character with its historical city centre, its cobbled streets, its ornate balconies and narrow archways. Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

3rd Day: Pompeii / Naples
After breakfast departure from the hotel to Pompeii, an ancient city destroyed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 A.D. Together with a local guide we will learn about the history of this city. Passing through Porta Marina, one of the old city doors, we will walk among the ruins starting with the old Decumano Massimo, continuing on to the Forum square, viewing the temples and the basilicas. Lunch during the excursion. In the afternoon, the tour continues on to Naples. This city boasts of many fine buildings and monuments displaying the many styles attributed to each dynasty to have ruled here throughout the centuries. Located between the Vesuvius and the Phlegraean Fields, the main city of Italian Mezzogiorno (Southern Italy) is a place of profound contradictions. In this beautiful city there are great contrasts between the rich and the poor, between the modern world and the world of tradition and between majestic palaces and basic houses. Walk through the monumental centre, where you can admire, Plebiscito Square and Municipio Square, San Carlo Theatre, Royal Palace, Umberto Gallery and the Maschio Angioino, also called New Castle. Return to hotel. Dinner in a restaurant to taste a pizza, the symbol of Italy! Return to the hotel by bus for overnight stay.

4th Day: Sorrento / Naples
Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer by private bus to the airport. End of our services.

Naples

03 days / 02 nights

1st Day: Naples
Arrival at Naples international airport, where our tour escort will welcome and assist you for the transfer to the centre, then departure for a sightseeing tour of the city. We will visit Castel dell'Ovo (The 'Egg Castle'), Plebiscito Square with its beautiful church situated in front of the Royal Palace and surrounded by eight statues of the Kings of the Neapolitan Kingdom. Plebiscito Square is also the home of the National Library which contains an extraordinary collection of more than one million and half books and other volumes discovered in Herculaneum. We will then visit the Theatre of San Carlo, the second largest theatre in Italy, the Umberto Gallery and the New Castle. This last monument, provides a beautiful view of the Bay of Naples and today houses government offices. Accommodation in a 3 star hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

2nd Day: Bella Naples
After breakfast we will discover this beautiful city renowned throughout the world for its historical treasures and its active volcano of Mount Vesuvius. We will reach Piazza del Gesù, with its large baroque church, particularly known for its unusual façade of carved diamond-shaped stone. We will then visit the gothic style Convent of Santa Chiara, the church of Saint Domenico commissioned by King Carlo d'Angiò, famous for the splendid frescoes of Solimena. We will then visit the chapel of San Severo, with its many statues, among which is the very famous ' Veiled Christ' a sculptural masterpiece of the 18th century. Lunch in a typical restaurant to taste the famous Neapolitan pizza. In the afternoon we will visit the Archaeological Museum, (reservation and entrance fee not included) one of the most famous museums in the world, built at the end of the 18th century. This museum houses a large collection of artefacts from Greek-Roman civilization, from Farnesi, from the archeological excavations of Pompeii, Herculaneum and Stabia creating one of the most prestigious collections in the world. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

3rd Day: Departure
Depart from the hotel to continue our tour of Naples. Together with a local guide we will visit the Museum of Capodimonte, situated in the centre of the park and surrounded by the hill of Capodimonte. Here we can admire the royal collection of paintings by Masaccio, Botticelli, Bellini, Tiziano and Caravaggio, and a large collection of rare artefacts. This magnificent collection was inherited by Madre Elisabetta Farnese. Lunch and transfer to the airport. End of our services.

Ravello's Festival from April to October 2020 :
Possibility of a longer stay to enjoy the area and Classical Music Festival in Ravello **(ON REQUEST)**.

Campania Medieval Villages

05 days / 04 nights

1st Day: Naples / Caserta / Caserta Antica / Sant'Agata de' Goti

Arrival at Naples airport, meet with our tour guide at your disposal for the entire stay. Transfer to Caserta, the city named by the Bourbon Dynasty as ' The Versailles of Italy'. Visit the beautiful Reggia Vanvitelliana (entrance fee included), where we can admire magnificently decorated apartments and take a stroll in the marvellous gardens. The tour continues with a visit to the ancient medieval village of Caserta Antica (Casa Hirta) considered to be the 'Pompei' of the Middle Ages. Accomodation in a 3*sup hotel located in Sant'Agata dè Goti, a charming village, an enormous open-air museum with its stone-paved streets, stone-portaled palaces and monumental churches. Dinner in a restaurant nearby. Overnight stay.

2nd Day: Cerreto Sannita / Cusano Mutri

After breakfast at the hotel, departure by coach for a full day visit to the most famous village of the Benevento province. Arrival at Cerreto Sannita, situated on a hill between the streams Turio and Cappuccino, renowned throughout the world for its ceramics production. Cerreto boasts an original checkerboard urban structure. Visit some of the most impressive historical buildings, such as the cathedral, the Collegiale of San Martino, the church of Santa Maria di Costantinopoli and the Ceramics Museum of Cerreto. Free time for lunch. The tour continues to the medieval village of Cusano Mutri, set on a rocky spur at the foot of the mountain built around the Castle, where houses overlook the valley below, with narrow alleys and winding staircases. What a sublime feeling, to enter from the Porta di Mezzo, walking along the paved road, going up to the highest point of the town that looks onto the mountains covered with beech woods. After the visit, back to Sant'Agata de' Goti to visit a typical wine cellar with a wine tasting of some of the most famous local wines (Aglianico, Piedirosso, etc). Dinner in a restaurant at your hotel and an overnight stay.

3rd Day: Conca de' Marini/ Amalfi/Atrani

Breakfast at the hotel and departure to Conca de' Marini, a picturesque and charming fishing village. Its typical houses in Mediterranean style feature vaulted ceilings and white washed walls, balconies with beautiful flowers and a spectacular views over the sea. The terraces cultivated with lemons and tomatoes of the "piennolo", the tranquillity and the fresh sea breeze made Conca de' Marini the ideal "buen retiro" for lovers of discretion and quietness. Visit to the Monastery of St. Rosa from Lima, a peaceful place, a treasure for the taste built in XVII century. Here, according to tradition, the exquisite Sfogliatella Santa Rosa was made for the first time by nuns, a typical puff pastry filled with cream and pieces of fruit. Possible tasting of the famous "Sfogliatella Santa Rosa". Other important historical sites are the church of San Pancrazio, which enjoys an incomparable view on the Faraglioni of Capri, the chapel of Our Lady of the Snow, perched on the rocks near the beach, the Emerald Grotto (entrance fee not included), a karst cave discovered in 1932, which takes its name from the emerald colours in the water, produced by the sunlight filtered through a submarine entrance. After the visit we will continue to Amalfi, one of the first republican towns in Italy, where we visit the magnificent cathedral of S. Andrea (entrance fee included) built in Moorish architectural style and nearby, the "Chiosto del Paradiso" (Paradise Cloister). Free time for lunch. In the afternoon, we continue to Atrani. The beauty of the village lies in the choreography of the beach surrounding it and the intricate maze of houses, built practically on top of each other. A tour of the village must therefore begin with the church of San Salvatore, founded in 940. Standing on the slopes of the mountain is the collegiate church of Santa Maria Maddalena with its Baroque façade. Next to the church, visit the Masaniello's Cave, and its houses, where the popular revolutionary leader, was born. Return to the hotel, dinner in a restaurant and overnight stay.

4th Day: Castellabate

Breakfast at the hotel and departure towards Castellabate, village which still maintains the medieval urban structure. Its name is linked to the construction of the castle, which was started by Abbot Costabile Gentilcore in 1123. Stop and visit a typical local farm and taste the delicious buffalo mozzarella. In the afternoon, the tour continues to Roscigno Vecchia, founded as agro-pastoral settlement. The village, survived over the years thanks to the safe location in the hills, away from the major travel, commercial and military routes. The parish church of Roscigno Vecchia, dedicated to San Nicola was built in 1770. Since then it has undergone various interventions of consolidation.
We will visit the Museum of Civilization collecting testimonials of the life and work of local Roscigno inhabitants (entrance fee included). After the visit, the tour continues to Capaccio or surroundings, accommodation in a 3* hotel, dinner in a local restaurant nearby and overnight stay.

5th Day: Naples

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer by private coach to the airport. End of our services.



Sorrento Peninsula

06 days / 05 nights

1st Day: Sorrento
Arrival in Sorrento in the late afternoon. Accommodation in a 3 star hotel in the Sorrento region, welcome drink, dinner and overnight stay.

2nd Day: The Island of Capri
After breakfast, minibus transfer to the port, where we will meet our tour guide who will accompany us to the island of Capri. By minibus we will reach Anacapri. Here we will visit Villa San Michele. Time for lunch. In the afternoon, we will visit the famous Piazzetta, the Augustus Gardens where we will enjoy a beautiful view on the Faraglioni - the symbol of the island of Capri. Transfer to the port for the ferry back to Sorrento. Return by bus to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

3rd Day: Pompeii and Mount Vesuvius
After breakfast depart for Pompeii. Together with a local guide we will pass through Porta Marina, one of the old city doors, we will walk and admire the old Decumano Massimo, the Forum square and the basilicas. After lunch we will continue our tour with a visit to Mount Vesuvius. By bus we will reach the observatory and we will take a small hike up to reach the crater and enjoy a stunning view of the Bay of Naples. Back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

4th Day: Sorrento and the Amalfi Coast
After breakfast departure for Amalfi Coast. Short stop in Positano, an ancient fishing village, then in Amalfi, where you can visit the cathedral. Next we will visit Ravello, a small quiet town on the top of a hill, and observe the cathedral famous for its decorated bronze doors. Lunch in the village of Scala or nearby. In the afternoon free time to stroll around the narrow streets and maybe buy some souvenirs…In the late afternoon back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

5th Day: Naples and Sorrento
After breakfast departure for Naples. We will visit the Archaeological Museum, where we can admire artefacts from the excavations of Pompeii and Herculaneum. Lunch in a typical restaurant to taste a delicious Neapolitan pizza. In the afternoon a sightseeing tour of the city: Castle dell' Ovo (Egg Castle), Plebiscito Square and the church of San Francesco di Paola, the Royal Palace, the San Carlo Theatre, the New Castle, Piazza del Gesù and the Duomo - the city cathedral, where every year, the so called "miracle of Saint Gennaro', the protector of Naples, takes place. Back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

6th Day: Departure
After breakfast, departure for your country. End of our services.

Campania Tour

07 days / 06 nights

1st Day: Destination Caserta
Arrival in the evening in Caserta, southern Italy, a city just north of Naples, also known as ' The Land of Work'. Simple and renowned for its generosity, the Bourbon Dynasty gave this city the name of 'The Versailles of Italy' and it has been a favourite holiday destination for the Neapolitans since 1859. Accommodation in a hotel in Caserta or immediate surroundings, welcome drink, dinner and overnight stay.

2nd Day: Palazzo Reale and Ancient Caserta
After breakfast at the hotel, we will visit with our local guide, the beautiful Reggia Vanvitelliana - 'The Versailles of Campania', where we will view magnificently decorated apartments and spend some time in the majestic gardens. Lunch in a restaurant. In the afternoon, we continue our tour with a visit to the ancient medieval village of Caserta Antica (Casa Hirta), considered to be the 'Pompeii' of the Middle Ages. In the evening, return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

3rd Day: S. Angelo in Formis / Capua / S. Maria Capua Vetere
Breakfast at the hotel and departure for S. Angelo in Formis, where we will see a wonderful example of medieval art - the old Benedictine basilica which houses frescoes depicting scenes from the Old and New Testaments - one of the largest examples of Christian Art in the world. We will visit the historical centre of Capua, an ancient city, with its impressive monuments - the cathedral and the church of Annunziata. After lunch we will continue the excursion with a visit to the Provincial Campania Museum, considered as one of the most important archaeological museums in Italy. We will also visit S. Maria Capua Vetere, with its magnificent Amphitheatre (second only to the Colosseum) and the Mitreo, a place of culture, unique to Campania and dedicated to the god Mithra. Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

4th Day: Naples / Pompeii
After breakfast at the hotel, departure for Naples and an extraordinary panoramic sightseeing tour. We will see Castel dell'Ovo (Egg Castle), the wide Plebiscito Square, with its beautiful church of S. Francesco, situated in front of the Royal Palace and surrounded by eight statues of former kings of Naples. The tour will continue with a visit to the San Carlo Theatre, the second biggest theatre in Italy, the Galleria Umberto and the New Castle. This last monument, dating back to 12th century, provides a beautiful view of the Bay of Naples and today houses government offices. After lunch we will continue on to Pompeii, an ancient city

destroyed by the Vesuvian eruption in 79 A.D. We will explore the archaeological excavation which is the most visited 'open-air museum' in the world. Crossing Porta Marina, we will pass through the excavation where we will be plunged into the past, walking through the Decumano Massimo, The Forum square, the ruins of temples and basilicas. Back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

5th Day: Salerno / Paestum
After breakfast we will depart for Paestum and explore the Greek origins of this area. We will be greeted by three magnificent temples built in Doric style and we will visit a museum rich in artefacts which tells the story of these ancient lives. After lunch we will continue on to Salerno. The sightseeing tour of this pleasant city includes the cathedral, (dedicated to Saint Matteo), the stately Castle Arechi (external visit), the monumental complex of S. Sofia and culminates in a tour of the Municipal Theatre Giuseppe Verdi. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

6th Day: Benevento / S. Lorenzello
Breakfast at the hotel and departure for Benevento, a city with a rich history and where many monuments stand in remembrance of past glories. Walking through the historical centre, we will view the magnificent architecture of Rocca dei Rettori, the church of Santa Sofia and the majestic Arco Traiano. After lunch the tour will continue with a visit to the Museum of Sannio and we will continue on to S. Lorenzello, a medieval town famous for its pottery production. In the evening, return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

7th Day: Departure
After breakfast, departure and end of our services.



Cilento National Park

08 days / 07 nights

1st Day: Agropoli
Arrival at Naples airport, transfer by bus to the hotel by the National Park of Cilento and Vallo di Diano and Alburni. Guided tour of the town of Agropoli, near the national park overlooking the Tyrrhenian Sea at the southern end of the Gulf of Salerno and south of the plain viewing point of Sele. Visit the promontory, on which stands the castle and the museum of ceramics. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

2nd Day: Certosa di Padula/Teggiano
Breakfast. Departure for Padula. Visit the Certosa of San Lorenzo (entrance not included). The history of the building covers a period of about 450 years. The main part of the monastery is in baroque style and covers an area of 50,500 m² on which more than 320 rooms were built. The monastery has the biggest cloister in the world (about 12,000 m²). Lunch at restaurant. In the afternoon the tour continues to Teggiano, where you can visit the museum of traditions and customs of Vallo di Diano, the Castle of San Severino, the herb museum (entrance not included). Return to hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

3rd Day: Laurino/Roscigno
After breakfast, departure for a visit to the village of Laurino, which clings onto a rock formation overlooking the abyss. Laurino is one of the most populated villages, rich in fascinating history and the Calore Valley, where you can visit the Lombard castle, convent, the collegiate church. Lunch at restaurant. The afternoon continues onto Roscigno known as the Pompeii of the 20th century. Visit the village, which was abandoned after a landslide during the Second World War. Return to hotel for dinner and accommodation.

4th Day: Paestum/Castellabate
Breakfast at hotel, departure for Paestum and visit the Archaeological Park (the Temple of Neptune, the temple of Ceres, the basilica, the Forum and the amphitheatre, etc. - entrance not included) and the National Museum. Lunch in a restaurant. Then in the afternoon visit to Castellabate, stroll through the historic centre where "Welcome to the South", an Italian record braking movie was filmed. Visit the basilica. Departure to Santa Maria di Castellabate, visit the centre. Return to hotel for dinner and accommodation.

5th Day: Monte Gelbison/Vallo della Lucania
Breakfast. Depature for the trail that leads to Mount Gelbison. We start off with a walk at the foot of the mountain, the "Cross Rofrano". Here you can see a pyramid shape composed of stones with a wrought iron cross on top reflecting the devotion of pilgrims who during their ascent to the shrine, left a sign of their religion. You will visit the sanctuary founded by the Basilian monks in the 10th century and dedicated to Our Lady of the Assumption. After the visit, there is an opportunity to hear Mass and admire the splendid panorama with a 360° view. Lunch break and in the afternoon visit to Vallo della Lucania with the beautiful Female Arts Museum (entrance not included). Return to hotel for dinner and accommodation.

6th Day: Roccagloriosa/ Museo di Ortega
Breakfast at hotel and departure for Roccagloriosa. Guided tour of the archaeological site of Roccagloriosa, dating back to the 4th century BC. Visit the Antiquarium (entrance not included). The objects found in the tombs belong to the aristocratic Lucan family, passionate about Greek myths which were shown on vases placed on their graves. After lunch, the tour continues to Bosco with the International Museum of the artist Jose Ortega, known for pictorial realism but also an opponent of the government of Franco (Spain), forced into exile from 1960 to 1976. The museum has three exhibition floors, set up entirely with impressive works of papier-mâché (entrance not included). Return to hotel for dinner and accommodation.

7th Day: Elea-Velia/Santuario Monte Carmelo
Breakfast at hotel, meet your local guide for a visit to the archaeological park of Elea-Velia Ascea (entrance not included), which offers a breathtaking views of scenery and unique environment, thanks to its natural terrace overlooking the sea and the valleys of Alento and Fiumarella, making it a special place indeed. On the Acropolis you will be able to visit two exhibitions containing coins, vases, statues and artifacts telling the story dating back to 2500 years ago. The visit is characterised by a park spanning from the southern districts to reach Castelluccio (about 5 km walking distance). Castelluccio is the gateway to the north of the city Eleatica. Packed lunch. In the afternoon you can take a stroll in the small village of Catona on the slopes of Mount Carmelo, where you can enjoy a splendid view of the Gulf of Palinuro up Pioppi. Return to hotel for dinner and accommodation.

8th Day: Palinuro
Boat trip to the caves of Palinuro. Visit small bays and coves including the beautiful and picturesque Blue Grotto. Opportunity to swim at the beach Buondormire. On return, lunch and departure to Maratea, visit the small village of Lucania and the Christ statue (entrance not included). Transfer to Naples airport and end of our services.



Calabria Tour Classic

08 days / 07 nights

1st Day: Cosenza
Arrival of participants at Cosenza and transfer by private bus. Accommodation in a 4* hotel, welcome by your guide, who will give you all the necessary information concerning the itinerary and the program for the whole stay. Snack (light lunch). In the afternoon, guided tour of the Folklore Museum in Rende. Free time for personal discovery. Back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

2nd Day: Cosenza
Breakfast at the hotel. Guided tour of the art city of Cosenza, Palazzo Arnone, the historical centre, the Cathedral, where the funeral monument of Queen Isabella of Aragon is. Lunch in a typical restaurant. In the afternoon, guided tour of the Norman Castle. Late afternoon, back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

3rd Day: Santa Severina
Breakfast at the hotel. Departure to Santa Severina, which will be reached by crossing the plateau of Sila, where there is "the cleanest air in Europe" (CNR). Santa Severina with its castle, beautifully restored, the edicts and papal bulls, is a "book of stone" which recounts 1200 years of history. Lunch in a typical restaurant. In the afternoon, guided walk at Fallistro Bosco, a wood where grow the tallest pines of Europe. In the evening back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

4th Day: Scolacium / San Floro / Roccella Jonica
Breakfast at the hotel. Departure for Scolacium, for the guided tour of the Archaeological Park. Scolacium, which was the place of birth and life of Cassiodorus, in the reading of history, is the moment of transition between the Classical Greek world and the Middle Age. Continuation to San Floro, in a country house, to participate in an ethnic dining, featuring local specialties, with the presence of the cheese maker for fresh ricotta and the "farmer's wife", which teach you to make "maccaruni the house". All enriched by the music of a talented organ player. In the afternoon, visit the Silk Museum, exemplary testimony of what was one of the most important industries of the South. In the afternoon we will leave to Roccella Jonica. Accommodation in a 4* or 5* hotel. Dinner and overnight stay.

5th Day: Gerace / Casignana
Breakfast at the hotel. Departure to Gerace, a medieval town in the Aspromonte, included in the Club "The Most Beautiful Villages of Italy", the land of the Normans par excellence, rich in many historical records of the past dominated ethnic groups. Stop for lunch in a farmhouse. Tasting of local wines and typical dishes. In the afternoon, continuation to Casignana, to admire the beautiful complex and the extraordinary mosaics of the Villa Romana. In the evening back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

6th Day: Scilla / Reggio Calabria
After breakfast, departure to Scilla, the Homeric memory town. Before arriving in Scilla, we will stop at Mount Sant'Elia, to admire the landscape of the Straits of Messina. A point from which you can see three active volcanoes simultaneously, Stromboli, Vulcano and Etna. At Scilla, visit of Ruffo Castle and Chianalea, the fishing village also known as the "Venice of the South", a corner of Calabria, for its picturesque beauty, has bewitched poets and painters from all over the world. The lunch stop, is in a typical restaurant, located on the beach of the Sirens, with bellavista on Stretto and Ruffo Castle, based on the local specialties. In the afternoon, transfer to Reggio Calabria to go to admire the famous Bronzi di Riace, considered one of the 12 artistic wonders of the world. Return to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

7th Day: Stilo / Serra San Bruno
Breakfast at the hotel. Departure to Stilo, the ancient centre of Byzantine hermits and visit of Catholic, a small Byzantine church of Armenian and Georgian types (20th century). Continuation to Serra San Bruno and visit of the Museum of Certosa, founded at the end of the 11th century by Saint Bruno of Cologne. Lunch in a farm. In the evening back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

8th Day: Departure
Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the Lamezia Airport. End of our services.



Calabria flavours

04 days / 03 nights

1st Day: Lamezia Terme / Morano Calabro
Arrival at Lamezia Terme airport or at the train station in the morning and transfer by coach to Morano Calabro. Free time for lunch. Accommodation in a farmhouse. Meeting with your guide, who will give you all the relevant information concerning the program for the whole stay. Dinner and overnight stay.

2nd Day: Local Cooking class
After breakfast, local cooking lesson. First it will be taught how to prepare "frascatula", a kind of polenta with vegetables, typical dish of Morano. Then the pasta and seasonings, with fresh ingredients. Lunch. In the afternoon the cooking class will be devoted to preparation of preserves, tomato sauce, zucchini and eggplant in oil, etc. Dinner with music, overnight stay.

3rd Day: Morano Calabro
After just a coffee, transfer to a Masseria for a lesson on the processing of milk into dairy products. Then, we will have breakfast with fresh ricotta and cheese. After that, a comfortable nature walk, escorted by a local guide. At the end of the walk, a picnic in the shade of a green and century-old beech forest. In the afternoon guided tour of Morano, holder of the Orange Flag and included in the Club of the Most Beautiful Villages of Italy. Dinner and overnight stay.

4th Day: Departure
After breakfast, end of our services and departure to your country.



Basilicata

05 days / 04 nights

1st Day: Matera, The Stone City
Arrival at the airport of Bari and transfer towards Matera. In the afternoon guided excursion of the Stones and the Historical Centre: A typical tour through the Baroque and Neolithic Style architecture . Dinner in a characteristic local restaurant. Overnight stay at the hotel.

2nd Day: Matera's Bread Lab
Breakfast at the hotel . Walking tour, with guide, to join the bread laboratory in an old wood oven. Tasting on spot of traditional flavours that will be prepared. In the afternoon continuation to the Archaeological Park of the Rock Churches. A short tour to discover the treasures of the rock period, botanical and faunistic heritage. Nice walk along the hills . Transfer for dinner and overnight stay at the hotel .

3rd Day: Villages of Stone and Town of Montescaglioso
Breakfast at the hotel. Departure with private transfer to take part in a guided tour of the landscape of the Murgia, which has several caves dating back to the Paleolithic, Neolithic, the Bronze and Iron Ages. The landscapes also include farms, fencing features for so-called "jazzi" sheep, cisterns and wells. The nature of the Murgia Park is very varied with thousands of botanical species and beautiful locations also crossed by the Bradano River and Gravina and Jesce torrents, and hosts a hundred rare species. The fauna is also very large with foxes, hares, porcupines, wild boars and cats as well as birds of prey. In the afternoon visit of the city of Montescaglioso and its old former Abbey of Saint Michael Archangel. Transfer for dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

4th Day: Pietrapenta / Metaponto
Breakfast at the hotel. Meeting with the guide and transfer by private bus to take par6t to the cooking class laboratory (direction Montescaglioso). Enjoy a particular culinary culture of the countryside. Course duration 2-2.30 hours. Tasting of local prepared dishes. In the afternoon visit of the caves and one of the oldest biblical fresco. Visit of the small town of Metaponto and visit of the archaeological ruins, then excursion to Pietrapetrosa. Return to Matera for dinner and overnight stay.

Day 5th Day: Departure
Breakfast and transfer to Bari airport. End of our services.

Week-end in Lecce

04 days / 03 nights

1st Day: Brindisi / Lecce

Arrival at Brindisi airport, transfer by bus leaving for Lecce, beautiful baroque city, the main town of the Salento area and also called 'The Florence of the South' because of its spectacular architecture. Accommodation in a 3* sup. or 4* hotel (based on availability). Guided panoramic tour of the city, Piazza Oronzo, visit of the Cathedral (entry free of charge), the famous Roman Amphitheatre which in the past could seat 20,000 spectators! Completely carved into stone, it was brought to light in 1938 (free entry). Visit the Santa Croce Cathedral (free entry) in baroque style. Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

2nd Day: Lecce

Breakfast at the hotel. The day will be entirely dedicated to visiting the "leccesi" boutiques to discover the ancient crafts. Visit of a marionettes "Pupi" workshop production for cribs, visit of a typical laboratory of ceramics and laboratories where precious wood and stones get processed. Finally visit to a workshop where you can see the paper treatment "cartapesta", the first use of paper dates back to the XVII century, the technique has remained unchanged until today. We will also have the opportunity to learn the art of the production of fresh pasta with a cooking class and will follow lunch. Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

3rd Day: Otranto / Gallipoli

Breakfast at the hotel. Back on the way to Otranto, also known as the 'Oriental Door', from its typical oriental charm. The cathedral (free entry fee) is an architectural masterpiece, as well its famous Aragonese Castle, where recently further excavations unearthed a moat and a draw bridge. The baroque church of Saint Maria dei Martiri is another noteworthy attraction and is visited by pilgrims and tourists throughout the year. This cathedral is built on a large hill close to the monastery of the Minimum Friars. Lunch at typical restaurant of local fresh fish. We continue on to Gallipoli, guided visit of the city. Gallipoli extends on the Ionian Sea and is divided into two parts: the ancient and the historic center. The old town and the modern city compose the urban centre, which is located on an island connected to mainland by a bridge dated XVIII, 12 meters above sea level. Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

4th Day: Departure

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Brindisi airport. End of our services.



Apulia Tour

07 days / 06 nights

1st Day: Arrival in Italy
Arrival in the afternoon in the region of Orte, where we will stop for lunch. After lunch we will continue on to San Giovanni Rotondo, a town in the Garganic hills and a famous religious centre devoted to Padre Pio of Pietralcina, beatified in 1999 and site of thousands of annual pilgrimages. Accommodation in a hotel in San Giovanni or immediate locality. Dinner and overnight stay.

2nd Day: Vieste
After breakfast, meeting with your tour escort who will assist you for the entire stay in this beautiful region. Departure for the Woods of Umbria (brief stop). We will then continue on to Vieste, a famous beach situated on the tip of the Gargano Peninsula. Here we will visit the Romanesque cathedral and the majestic Castle dating from 14th century and explore the historical centre (outside view only). Lunch in a typical local restaurant. In the afternoon there is an optional boat trip to explore the impressive grottoes along the coastline. We continue on to S. Angelo hill, where we will visit the grotto of the apparition of Archangel Michael, (which occurred in the year 490) and finally we will tour the historic town centre. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

3rd Day: Trani / Bari
Breakfast at the hotel and departure for Trani, where we will visit the church of San Giacomo with its engraved portal and the cathedral, an impressive example of Romanesque architecture. Following this we will travel on to Castel del Monte and enjoy a tour of this impressive castle. Lunch on a farm and departure for Bari to explore its historical centre, with its basilica of San Nicola - a wonderful example of Romanesque-Pugliese architecture, its cathedral and its sumptuous Castle dating from 11th and 12th centuries (outside view only). We continue on to Alberobello. Accommodation in hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

4th Day: Castellana / Alberobello
After breakfast, departure for Castellana to visit the famous karstic caves, a large and impressive complex of underground caves and grottoes. Following this we will carry on to Alberobello for a sightseeing tour of the city. This characteristic rural town in the Murge area is celebrated for its many examples of Trulli (ancient stone structures). Lunch in a typical local restaurant. In the afternoon we have a choice of visiting Locorotondo, the excavation of Egnazia or the landscape of the Fasano region. Stop at a local winery for wine tasting. In the evening return to the hotel. Dinner and overnight stay.

5th Day: Lecce / Ostuni
After breakfast departure for Lecce, the main town of the Salento region. We will visit the baroque church of S. Croce, the historical centre, the cathedral and finally the Roman Amphitheatre. Lunch in a restaurant followed by a visit to Ostuni, renowned for its production of high quality white olives. Tour of the characteristic historical centre with its "Rifugi aragonesi" (Aragonese Castle) and return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

6th Day: Matera / Taranto
Breakfast at the hotel and departure for Matera in Basilicata. Matera maintains its natural beauty with assistance from UNESCO, the environmental association and is famous for its 'sassi' (stones). These are structures and dwellings divided into two old districts and partly dug into slabs of 'tufo rock'. Visit to the cathedral with its baroque interior, beside which stands the historical Museum of Sacral Arts. After lunch in a restaurant, we will continue on to Taranto, a beautiful town positioned between two seas. We will tour the National Museum with its many artefacts from the Magna Grecia period, The Pantaleo Palace, the Swing-Bridge and the marvellous cathedral. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

7th Day: Departure
After breakfast departure from the hotel. Lunch along the way. End of our services.



Possibility to book a return flight from your town.

The Islands



The Islands of the Neapolitan Bay - 07 days / 06 nights

1st Day: Arrival in Ischia
You will travel by boat from Naples to reach the island of Ischia. Once you have arrived, you will be transferred by a private minibus to a 4 star hotel. In the afternoon panoramic tour with the highlights of the island. In the evening return for dinner and overnight stay.

2nd Day: Ischia
After breakfast, you will be taken by private bus for a full day tour of the island. You will encounter the most spectacular sites on the island: Cartaromana, the Aragonese Castle and Sant'Angelo, a picturesque fishermen village. Here, you will have the opportunity to stroll its narrow streets lined by typical clothing and jewellery boutiques. In the evening, we will retreat back to the hotel for the night.

3rd Day: Procida
After breakfast, you will have a free day at your disposal or better, OPTIONAL excursion to Procida Island, the smallest island in Naples's Bay. You will visit San Michele Abbey, a former prison, Corricella port and many other interesting places on the island. We will return to Ischia in the evening, where dinner and an overnight stay will await you.

4th Day: Ischia Departure/ Capri
After a hotel breakfast, you will have the opportunity to do a wellness/beauty bath in Ischia's world renown thermal waters (OPTIONAL). After lunch transfer to the island of Capri by boat. Once we arrive on the island, we will take a private bus to a 4 star hotel. Once settled in, you will embark on a guided tour of the island. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

5th Day: Capri
After breakfast, you will have the choice between having a free day or a full day guided tour (OPTIONAL). If you choose to partake in the guided tour, we will go by bus to the Villa San Michele on Anacapri. After, we will return to Capri to view the legendary and fashionable Umberto I Square. Close to the square you can find the Augustus Gardens where you can look down upon the beautiful Faraglioni. After you will be transported back to the hotel for the evening.

6th Day: Capri
After breakfast, you will enjoy your last day on the "island of dreams" how you please. The decision will be up to you: relaxation, shopping, thermal baths, trekking… Return for dinner and overnight stay.

7th Day: Capri / Naples
After breakfast, transport from the hotel to the port, and by boat to the port of Naples where our services end.

Ischia Health and Wellbeing

08 days / 07 nights

1st Day: Naples/Ischia
Arrival at Naples airport. Transfer to the port by local bus. Boat trip to Ischia and upon arrival, transfer to the hotel. Accommodation, dinner and overnight stay.

2nd Day: Ischia
After breakfast, departure by bus for a scenic tour with a local guide. We continue our tour through the towns of Ischia Porto, Barano, Serra Fontana, Forio, Lacco Ameno and Casamicciola. Optional lunch. In the afternoon visit of a pottery factory. Return to the hotel. Dinner and overnight stay.

3rd Day: Ischia / Capri
Breakfast in the hotel. A visit to this area is not complete without an OPTIONAL excursion to Capri. On arrival at the port, departure by minibus for Anacapri and optional visit to the Villa San Michele. Then visit of Umberto I Square, the August Gardens and Marina Piccola. Lunch and free time. Return to the hotel in the late afternoon. As an alternative you can spend the day relaxing on the beaches or visit the thermal spas. Dinner and overnight stay in the hotel.

4th Day: Ischia
Breakfast in the hotel and free day, which can be spent at the thermal spas for luxurious and relaxing treatments. Dinner and overnight stay in the hotel.

5th Day: Ischia / Procida
Breakfast at the hotel. Free day. As an alternative, we can offer an OPTIONAL guided tour of Procida Island. Transfer to the port of Ischia and departure by boat to 'little' Procida, the smallest island in the gulf of Naples. Guided scenic tour by taxi of this quaint and little island. OPTIONAL lunch during the tour. Return to Ischia, dinner and overnight stay.

6th Day: Ischia
Breakfast at the hotel. Free day. As an alternative, we can provide an optional half day guided tour of Ischia. Departure by bus with a local guide to discover this beautiful island. We will visit the 'La Mortella' garden (entrance fee included).OPTIONAL lunch during the tour. Dinner and overnight stay.

7th Day: Ischia
Breakfast at the hotel. Free day totally dedicated to experiencing the wonderful thermal treatments available. Dinner and overnight stay.

8th Day: Departure
After breakfast transfer to the port of Ischia. Boat trip to Naples and then, by bus to the airport. End of our services.

Sicily Tour

08 days / 07 nights

1st Day: Genoa / Palermo
Arrival at the port of Genoa to board the Grandi Navi Veloci - a cruise ship that will take us all the way to Palermo. Dinner on board. Overnight accommodation in a two bed inside cabin.

2nd Day: Full day cruise to Palermo
A full day cruise to Palermo including breakfast and lunch on board. You can relax on the solarium bridge or use the swimming pool as well as many of the other luxuries available on the cruise ship. In the late afternoon arrival in Palermo where you will meet your tour escort who will assist you for the entire stay. Accommodation, dinner and overnight in hotel located in the city or immediate locality.

3rd Day: Selinunte/ Agrigento
After breakfast departure for Selinunte, where you will have a guided tour of the archaeological sites. Lunch. We will continue on through Sciacca and finally arrive in Agrigento. In Agrigento you will have a guided tour of the 'The Valley of the Temples', another fascinating archaeological site. In the evening, accommodation in a hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

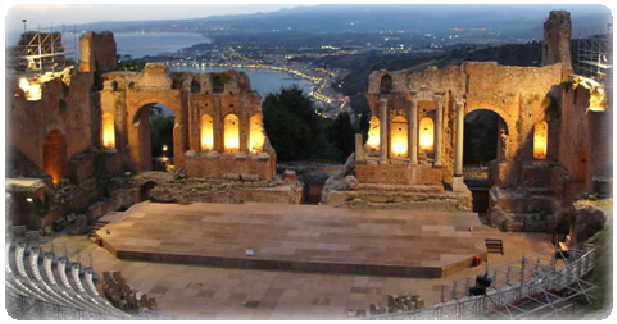
4th Day: Syracuse
After breakfast departure for an excursion to Syracuse, a beautiful city, Greek in origin and birthplace of the famous mathematic Archimedes. Lunch. In the afternoon, we will visit an archaeological site complete with Roman amphitheatre and the biggest Greek theatre in Sicily. We continue on with a visit to the ancient part of the town and the island of Ortega, where we can admire many palaces, baroque in style. In the evening we will continue on to Taormina. Dinner and overnight stay in a hotel in the nearby locality.

5th Day: Etna / Taormina
After breakfast depart for Mount Etna, the biggest and most famous volcano in Europe. We will drive up Mount Etna (1900 m). Those who wish to go even higher to view the crater can do so via cable car (2.500 m). For those who do not wish to travel by cable car, a jeep is also available. Lunch on the volcano. In the afternoon our tour will continue on to Taormina. Together with the tour guide you will see the main sites of this small medieval city such as Vittorio Emanuele Square, Corvara Palace, and the wonderful Greek theatre, which will take your breath away with its wonderful architecture. We will walk through Corso Umberto, the main road in the town passing the along the way. Back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

6th Day: Cefalù / Palermo
After breakfast depart for Palermo. Stop for lunch in Cefalù, a picturesque coastal village. We will then reach Palermo, the capital of Sicily. The tour guide will show us the treasures of this beautiful town: the cathedral, the church of Saint John, the Norman Palace and the Palatine Chapel. Check in at the hotel centrally located or nearby. Dinner and overnight stay.

7th Day: Palermo / Genoa
After breakfast the guided tour of the city will continue. We will visit the square in the historical city centre and the Norman cathedral of Monreale, a masterpiece that houses mosaics from the 12th century. Back to the hotel for lunch and free afternoon to stroll around Palermo on your own - the Archaeological Museum or the Regional Gallery of Sicily are particularly worthy of a visit. Dinner in a restaurant and return to Genoa by boat. Dinner and overnight accommodation in two bed inside cabin.

8th Day: Return to Genoa
Breakfast on board. Full day cruise to relax. Lunch on board. Arrival in Genoa, disembarkation procedures and end of our services.



Aeolian Islands

06 days / 05 nights

1st Day: Arrival at Palermo
After arriving at the Palermo airport, you will have the possibility of being escorted with one of our tour associates by private bus to the city centre. Here, you will have a break for lunch. In the afternoon, with a local guide, you will explore the city centre, specifically the cathedral of Monreale (entrance fee not included), which is considered one of the greatest monuments of Norman architecture and mosaic design. In the evening, you will be transferred back to your 4 star hotel located in Palermo.

2nd Day: Milazzo/Lipari
After breakfast and check-out at the hotel, departure for Milazzo by bus and continue on to Lipari by boat. Once you have reached your new accommodation in Lipari, you will be given enough time to settle in before having lunch. In the afternoon, your guide will show you Lipari, the main Island of the Aeolian Archipelago. As you will discover, the island is divided into 4 areas: Acquacalda, Canneto, Pianoconte e Quattropani, all reachable by one main road. One of the most important attractions on the island, besides the breathtaking landscape and beautiful beaches, is the Archaeological Museum (entrance included). The museum's astounding collection spans from the prehistorical age to modern time. In the evening, you will be returned to your hotel for dinner.

3rd Day: Lipari/Vulcano
After breakfast at the hotel, you will leave by boat for the volcanic island of Vulcano. Here, you will have the option of choosing one of the following 3 different day activities: climbing the volcano, enjoying a mud bath, or tanning on the beach (entrance fee not included). With a local guide you will explore this mysterious island, one that has remained uninhabited for many years because of its constant volcanic emissions. The port and the isthmus of Vulcancello are among the most striking and peculiar landscapes seen in the Mediterranean. At midday, we will break for lunch. In the afternoon, you will be given a panoramic tour of Lipari's Faraglioni and the Angel's grotto. Again in the evening, you will be returned to the hotel.

4th Day: Lipari/Salina
After breakfast at the hotel, we will travel by private boat for Salina, a small island famous for its caper production. With your guide, you will admire the panoramic bay of Pollara (made popular by its appearance in the movie, Il Postino). We will stop at Rinella, a fisherman's village. After, there will be a break for lunch. We will transfer to Stromboli in the afternoon , where dinner and an overnight stay in a 3 star accommodation will await you.

5th Day: Stromboli
After breakfast at the hotel, you will meet with a local guide for a tour of Stromboli. You will see the San Vincenzo Ferreri church, Ficogrande and other interesting sites before reaching the tour's pinnacle sight: the crater of the volcano. Lunch will be had in a restaurant in the island's centre followed by a free afternoon. In the evening, you will be returned to the hotel for dinner and an overnight stay.

6th Day: Stromboli/Milazzo
Following breakfast, you will depart by boat for Milazzo. You will have free time for lunch before your bus transfer to Palermo airport wherein our services end.

Optional 7th Day:
After breakfast at the hotel, you will be transferred by bus to Taormina. With a guide, you will explore this mediaeval town, beginning with the Vittorio Emanuele Palace and continuing on to Corsara Palace (entrance not included). After, you will visit the Greek Theatre where you can take in its stunning seaside view and finally, you will finish by the cathedral along Corso Umberto. In the evening, you will be returned to the hotel for dinner. The following day, after breakfast, you will be transferred to Palermo airport wherein our services end.



Sardinia Tour

09 days / 08 nights

1st Day: Genoa / Porto Torres
In the evening departure from Genoa on board the cruise boat 'Grandi Navi Veloci' which will take us all the way to the island of Sardinia - one of the most ancient and beautiful areas in Italy. Overnight accommodations in two bed inside cabin.

2nd Day: Porto Torres / Alghero
Arrival in Sardinia at Porto Torres where you will meet your tour escort who will assist you for the entire stay. You will then depart for Alghero - a beautiful city with medieval arches, Spanish bastions and narrow streets. As the town was once a favourite residence of the Aragonese family you will notice the Spanish influence not only in the architecture but also in the local dialect. Weather permitting we will visit the Neptune Grottoes, one of the geological wonders of Sardinia, reachable by boat only as the entrance is located under the cliff of Capo Caccia. Accommodation at a hotel located in the region of Alghero and lunch. In the afternoon visit to Palmavera with its historical town centre, church of San Francesco and Cathedral of S. Maria. Here you will also see a complex of 'Nuraghi' (large prehistoric stone towers, dating back to the stone age, and which can be found throughout the island). In the evening back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

3rd Day: Bosa / Oristano / Cagliari
Departure for the South. First stop will be Bosa, a charming city on the river Temo, with abandoned tanneries and colourful boats. We will first visit the cathedral and then we will take a pleasant walk along the river. Here we will see the old women of the town, dressed in black, creating beautiful embroidery, keeping an ancient craft very much alive. We will then depart for Pozzo di S. Cristina and Oristano. Stop for lunch then continue on to Cagliari. In the evening accommodation at a hotel located in the region, dinner and overnight stay.

4th Day: Cagliari / Nora
In the morning we will visit one of the oldest towns in Italy - Cagliari. Guided tour of the historical city centre characterized by narrow streets and old palaces. We will visit the historical bastions of the Castle, the Bonaria church, the towers of S. Pancrazio, the Savoia Castle and the Cathedral of Santa Maria. Stop for lunch. We then travel southwest to visit the city of Nora, founded by the Phoenicians and built on a hill with a wonderful view. Back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

5th Day: Muravera/ Arbatax/ Cala Gonone
After breakfast departure for the east coast of the island towards Muravera. We arrive in Arbatax, a town famous for its red porphyry rocks, which emerge from the sparkling blue water - ideal scenery for photographs! Lunch stop. In the afternoon the trip will continue on to Dorgali, taking one of the most scenic roads in Sardinia. We will stop at the Ispinigoli Grottoes before reaching the hotel located in Cala Gonone, a small port and vacation spot. Dinner and overnight stay.

6th Day: Nuoro / Orgosolo / Arzachena
After breakfast departure for Nuoro, a city located at the foot of Mount Ortobene almost in the centre of Sardinia, and a part of the island whose main industry is still sheep farming. We will visit the Museum of Popular Traditions with its beautiful collection of costumes. Our itinerary will continue with a visit to Orgosolo, a typical village on the slopes of Gennargentu, in the heart of Barbagia. This spot is famous for its houses decorated with murals and for its women's costumes, traditionally saffron in colour. After lunch in a typical restaurant, we will depart for the most famous coast of Sardinia - the Emerald Coast. We will travel past and enjoy the wonderful scenery of San Teodoro, the Golden Coast, and Olbia, one of the most important ports of the island and finally we will arrive in the region of Baia Sardinia. Accommodation, dinner and overnight stay at a hotel in the region.

7th Day: La Maddalena / Caprera
After breakfast departure for Palau, a small port where we will take a boat to reach the island of La Maddalena, one of the seven granite islands sculpted by the waves, and a real paradise for lovers of snorkelling. We will visit the island of Caprera and the museum dedicated to Giuseppe Garibaldi who lived on the island for 26 years until his death. Lunch in a typical restaurant on the island of La Maddalena. Free time to relax or stroll around this beautiful island on your own. In the late afternoon we will take the boat back to Palau to return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

8th Day: Santa Teresa / Porto Torres
After breakfast we will travel north along a road encountering breathtaking scenery of bays, beaches and blue waters - truly paradise on earth! We will pass Santa Teresa di Gallura, a pretty town just before Bonifacio, and stop in Castelsardo, an ancient village with picturesque roads that seems to be suspended between land and sea. Castelsardo is also very famous for its crafts. After lunch we will continue our trip, travelling towards Porto Torres where we will board our boat to return to Genoa. Dinner and overnight stay on board.

9th Day: Departure
Light breakfast on board and arrival in Genoa early in the morning and departure.

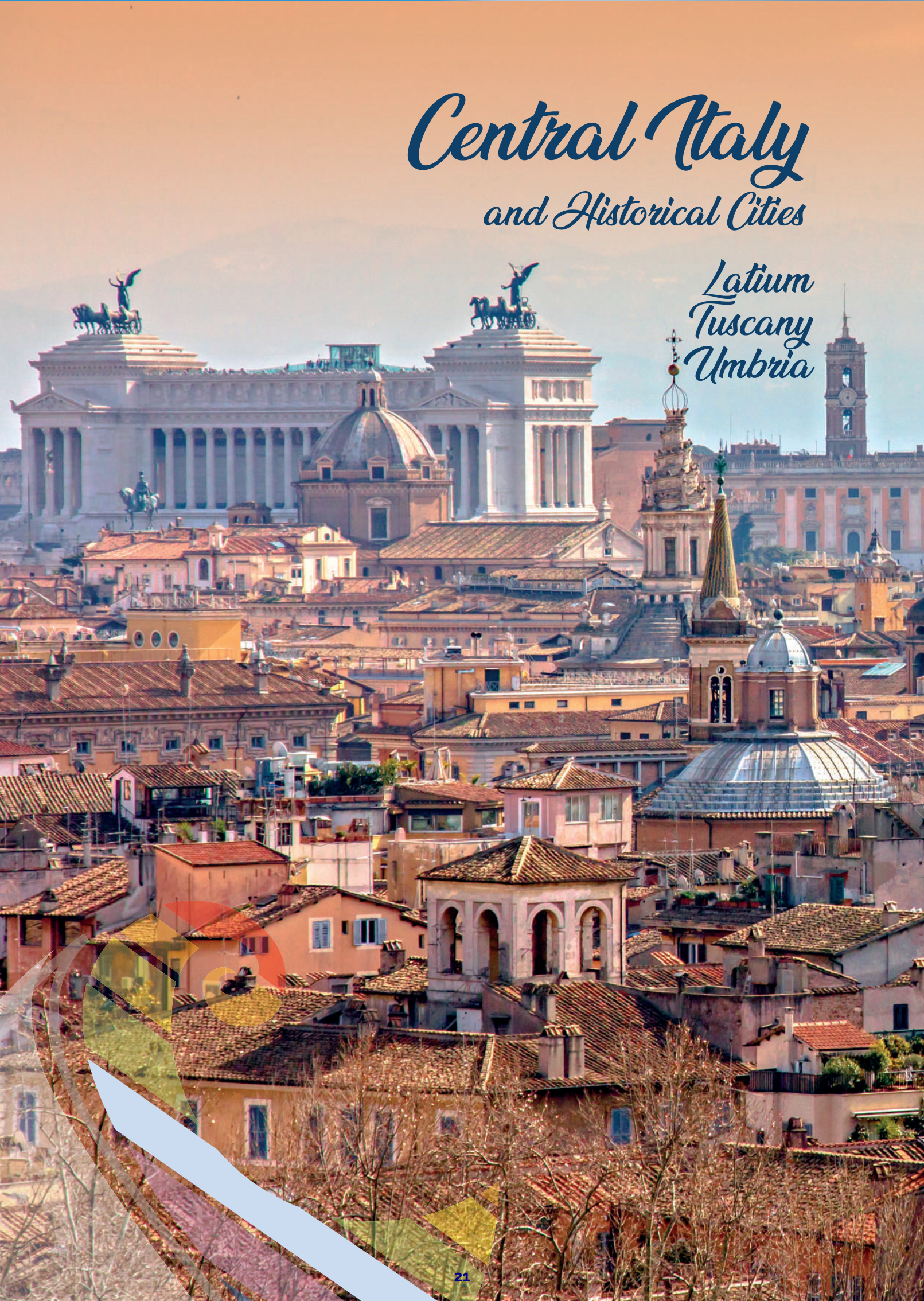


Possibility to book a return flight from your town.

Central Italy

and Historical Cities

Latium
Tuscany
Umbria



Week-end in Rome

03 days / 02 nights

1st Day: Arrival in Rome
Arrival at Rome International Airport in the morning. Our tour escort will welcome you and assist you for the transfer to the hotel. Transfer to a centrally located hotel for check in and lunch. In the afternoon visit to the ancient town of Rome. Among the sites you will see: the Roman Forum, The Campidoglio hills and last but not least, the monument considered to be the symbol of the Italian capital - the Colosseum, where emperors, in order to gain fame, offered the spectacle of mortal combats between gladiators and/or wild animals. Earphone at disposal 3 days. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

2nd Day: The Vatican and Christian Rome
Breakfast in the hotel. Early in the morning, we will leave by bus for a guided tour of the Vatican City. In the morning we will visit Saint Peter's Square, Saint Peter's basilica, (reservation and entrance fee not included) the Vatican Museums, the Sistine Chapel decorated with wonderful frescoes by Michelangelo or the Chambers painted by Raphael in 16th century. Lunch downtown and in the afternoon visit to Christian Rome. On the Appian Way we will explore the Catacombs, once inhabited by an ancient Christian community who have left visible signs of their way of life. We will continue our tour with a visit to basilicas such as San Giovanni in Laterano or San Paolo Outside the Walls. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

3rd Day: Rome and Departure
The entire morning will be dedicated to discover Baroque Rome (on foot). You will see the Spanish steps, People Square and the famous Trevi Fountain. Don't miss the chance to throw a coin into the fountain and make a wish! An optional itinerary includes a visit to Navona Square, one of the biggest squares in Rome, and the Pantheon, where a number of Italian kings are buried, as well as the Trevi Fountain. Lunch at the hotel and bus transfer to the airport. End of our services.

Caracalla's Thermes from July to August 2020: *Possibility for a longer stay to enjoy the italian Capital and Opera at the Caracalla's Thermes* ***(ON REQUEST)***

Week-end in Florence

03 days / 02 nights

1st Day: Arrival in Florence
Arrival at Florence airport, where our tour escort will assist you with the transfer to a hotel located in the centre or nearby. Check in and lunch. In the afternoon guided tour of the city to explore the treasures of this wonderful city of art. You will discover Santa Maria del Fiore Square with its cathedral, the Bell Tower, the Baptistery with its exquisitely decorated bronze doors and of course, 'Ponte Vecchio' (the Old Bridge) also called 'the Bridge of the Jewellery shops'. Santa Maria del Fiore Square is also connected to the famous Piazza delle Signorie (Signorie Square) considered to be the very heart of the city. Back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

2nd Day: Florence / Fiesole
After breakfast depart from the hotel by bus to continue our guided tour of Florence. In the morning we will visit the Uffizi Gallery (earphones, reservation and entrance fee not included). This palace, located between Piazza delle Signorie and the Arno river, was built by the architect Vasari and was used as administrative offices. Today it houses one of the finest collections of Italian art in general and Florentine art in particular. Here you can admire some of the most famous paintings from the Italian Renaissance such as: 'I'Annuciazione' (Annunciation) by Leonardo da Vinci, 'la Sacra Famiglia' (the Holy Family) by Michelangelo and 'la Primavera' (Allegory of Spring) by Botticelli, as well as works by Raphael, Tiziano and Caravaggio. Lunch and short journey to Fiesole - a small town directly above Florence where you will see archaeological sites from Roman and Etruscan times. We will then visit 14th century church of San Domenico, famous for its paintings by Fra Angelico among which is the famous 'Madonna with Angels'. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

3rd Day: Florence / Departure
After breakfast free morning to enjoy Florence on your own. Lunch at the hotel or in the centre. Bus transfer to the airport. End of our services.

Puccini Festival from July to Agoust 2020 : *Possibility for a longer stay in Florence and combined it with Opera programme* ***(ON REQUEST).***

Rome and Florence (G.D)

06 days / 05 nights

1st Day: Destination Rome
Arrival at the airport in Rome and transfer to the city centre for a tour of ancient Rome, also called the "Eternal City'. We will first visit a masterpiece of ancient architecture and symbol of the Eternal City - the Colosseum, where emperors, in the past, gained fame by offering spectacles of mortal combats between gladiators and/or wild beasts as well as exciting chariot races. The tour will continue with a visit to Venice Square and its Palace, the Campidoglio hill that symbolizes the political power of Rome, the Roman Forum (political, religious and commercial centre of ancient Rome) and finally the Palatino Hill, famous for the legend of Romulus and Remo. Earphones at disposal 3 days. In the evening, accommodation in a hotel located in the city centre or immediate locality. Dinner and overnight stay.

2nd Day: Vatican City and Christian Rome
After breakfast departure from the hotel by bus to visit the Vatican City. In the morning guided tour of the Vatican Museums where you can admire the Sistine Chapel and the beautiful frescoes by Michelangelo or the Raphael Chambers painted in 16th century (**reservation, entrance fee and earphones NOT included**). A visit to Saint Peter's Square and its basilica, the biggest Christian church in the world, will then follow. Lunch in a restaurant. In the afternoon tour of Christian Rome. Along the Appian Way we will explore the Catacombs, which in ancient times were inhabited by Christian communities who have left visible clues of their lifestyle. We will continue our tour with a visit to the church of San Giovanni in Laterano or the basilica of San Paolo Outside the Walls. In the late afternoon we will return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

3rd Day: Rome / Florence
The entire morning will be dedicated to Baroque Rome on foot. We will visit the Spanish Steps, People Square and the famous Trevi Fountain. Don't miss the chance to throw a coin into the fountain and make a wish! An optional itinerary includes a visit to Navona Square, one of the largest squares in Rome and the Pantheon, where Italian kings are buried. Departure by bus towards the north of Italy. Stop for lunch along the way. On the journey we will see Orvieto, the green hills of Chianti and finally, we will arrive in one of the most cultural cities in Italy - Florence. Accommodation in a hotel in the centre or immediate locality. Dinner and overnight stay.

4th Day: Florence
After breakfast departure for our tour of Florence, one of the most beautiful Renaissance cities in Italy, and once home to the Medici family. With our tour guide we will explore San Giovanni Square where the Bell Tower designed by Giotto and the cathedral's cupola built by Brunelleschi dominate the city with their imposing heights. In the same square we can also admire the Baptistery of Saint John with its three beautifully decorated monumental bronze doors. Other important sites of our guided tour are the oldest Florentine bridge, Ponte Vecchio, full of jewellery shops, and the huge Piazza delle Signorie (Signorie Square), the heart of the town, dominated by Palazzo Vecchio (the old palace). Lunch in a restaurant. In the afternoon the tour will continue with a visit to the Lanzi Loggia, where, in the past, the most important ceremonies of noble families took place. We will visit the church of Santa Croce, the most important Franciscan church in Italy where many famous people such as Michelangelo, Galileo and Machiavelli are buried. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

5th Day: Florence / Uffizi Gallery
After breakfast depart once again for Florence. Guided tour of the Uffizi, a building that once was used as administrative offices, but which today houses one of the finest collections of Italian art in general and Florentine art in particular. Here you can view some of the most famous paintings from the Italian Renaissance such as: the "Annunciazione" (Annunciation) by Leonardo da Vinci, the "Sacra Famiglia" (The Holy Family) by Michelangelo, the "Primavera" (Allegory of Spring) by Botticelli and many other works of art by famous artists s such as Raphael, Tiziano and Caravaggio. Lunch in a restaurant and free time to visit this splendid city on your own and stroll around the narrow streets looking for local handcrafts. As an alternative, you have the possibility of visiting Fiesole, a small town above Florence where you can view archaeological sites dating back to Roman and Etruscan times. The group will then visit 14th century church of San Domenico, renowned for the paintings of Fra Angelico among which is the famous "Madonna with Angels". Back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

6th Day: Florence / Departure
After breakfast, bus transfer to the airport. End of our services.



Florence and Venice

06 days / 05 nights

1st Day : Florence
Upon your arrival at the airport in Florence, you will be greeted and escorted by a tour associate via private bus to a 3 star superior centrally located hotel. After allowing you enough time to get settled in and have lunch, we will start a walking tour of Florence. This city, once residence of the Medici family, is renown for its rich and prestigious Renaissance history. In this tour, we will guide you first through Piazzale Michelangelo, where you will be able to take in a vast and breathtaking panorama of the city. Together with the tour guide, you will explore San Giovanni Square and the cathedral of S. Maria del Fiore with its cupola designed and built by Brunelleschi. Also, you will admire Giotto's famous Bell Tower (entrance fee not included), that dominates the city with its imposing height and captivating polychromatic marble body. Located in the same square is the Baptistery of Saint John, with its three monumental and beautifully decorated bronze doors. Other important sites of our guided tour: the oldest Florentine bridge, Ponte Vecchio, which is lined with jewellery and fashion stores and Piazza delle Signorie (Signorie Square) where the Palazzo Vecchio is located, a place that is warmly regarded as the heart of the town. Following the tour, we will return back to the hotel.

2nd Day: Florence / Uffizi Gallery
After breakfast, you will leave on a guided tour of the Lanzi Loggia, where the most important ceremonies of noble families took place during the Renaissance. We will then proceed to visit the Santa Croce church (**entrance fee not included)**, which is considered the most prestigious Franciscan church in Italy. Here is the burial point for many of the Renaissance's most valuable icons: Michelangelo, Galileo and Machiavelli. After, we will dine at a typical restaurant near the centre. Later In the afternoon, you can participate in the tour of the Uffizi Gallery (entrance fee and reservation NOT included). A gallery that once housed administrative offices and now houses one of the most complete collections of Italian art in general, and Florentine art in particular. Here you will find such masterpieces as the Annunciazione (Annunciation) by Leonardo da Vinci, the Sacra Famiglia (the Holy Family) by Michelangelo, the Primavera (Allegory of Spring) by Botticelli and other renown works by artists like Raphael, Tiziano, and Caravaggio. Return to the hotel for dinner and an overnight stay.

3rd Day: S. Gimignano / Siena
After breakfast, we will depart for San Gimignano, a city surrounded by a wall of towers. These towers were built centuries ago by competing medieval families and overtime the city has managed to conserve fourteen of them, each in varying height. These towers serve as a symbol for the city. Together with the tour guide, you will uncover the preserved medieval beauty of this city. Proceeding on to Siena, we will first stop for a Tuscan style lunch at a typical restaurant. Thereafter, you will admire the sights of Siena; the first sight being the towers considered as symbols of the city itself: the tower of the City Hall and the tower of the imposing cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta (entrance fee not included). We will also visit Piazza del Campo, the centre of Siena, or the origin point of the city's history and life. It is in this square that the famous "Palio" horse race takes place every year. After, you will see another noteworthy site, the church of San Domenico, and see in particular the interior cupola where Saint Catherine took her vows. Following the tour, we will again return back to the hotel for the evening.

04th Day: Florence/Venice
After breakfast at the hotel we will leave by private bus for Venice, a place that has been dubbed as "Serenissima" meaning the "Most Serene Republic." Once we have arrived, we will board a private boat and travel up through the canals to San Marco Square. The square itself is dominated by the basilica of San Marco, also referred to as the "golden church" because of the way its architecture appears to dissolve into a golden gleam. We will remain here in the centre to have lunch before beginning the tour. Nearby is the Renaissance Clock and Bell Tower, from the top of which you can enjoy a panoramic view of the city. We will also visit the famous 'Bridge of Sighs', a 17th century covered passage way that lead to the city's prisons. It adopted this name because it was the point at which prisoners could take in there last glimpse of the world and release one final sigh before entering the dungeon-like prison. Following the tour, you will go by private boat to Tronchetto, where a bus will be waiting to take you to a 3 star superior hotel in Mestre.

05th Day: The Islands of the Lagoon
After breakfast,, we will leave for a full day excursion to the Venetian Islands. Our first stop will be Murano, a world famous point for glass production. We will take a behind the scenes glimpse at how they produce such masterpieces and then take a look at stores that showcase their finished products. After, we will sail to Burano, also known as 'Fisherman's Island'. Here, you can observe local life; women sewing lace and vendors selling fresh food products on the streets. We will have lunch on the island before continuing on to Venice's smallest island, Torcello. On this historic island, we will visit the basilica of Santa Fosca and the cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta where you can admire one of the most beautiful Byzantine mosaics ever created. Following this, we will head back to the hotel for dinner and a final overnight stay.

06th Day: Venice/Departure
After breakfast at the hotel, you will be transferred by private bus to Venice airport where in our services end.



Venice, Florence and Rome

07 days / 06 nights

1st Day: Towards Venice
In the morning arrival in Italy. Stop for lunch on the way to Venice. Check in at the hotel located in Lido di Jesolo, a famous summer resort on the Adriatic Coast. Dinner and overnight stay.

2nd Day: The Islands of the Venetian Lagoon and Venice
After breakfast departure from the hotel to Punta Sabbioni and private boat trip to the Venetian islands with a tour escort. The first stop will be the island of Murano, world renowned for its craft of glass blowing. To allow you to fully appreciate the skill involved in this craft you will observe a glass blowing demonstration, with skilled craftsmen creating glass masterpieces in front of you. The tour will continue with a visit to the island of Burano- 'Fisherman's Island', famous for its colourful houses and its embroidery works. Private boat transfer back to San Marco Square and lunch in downtown Venice. In the afternoon guided tour of Venice. You will see its most famous monuments such as San Marco Square, the tourist heart of this beautiful city, and where also stands the basilica of San Marco - the symbol of Venice, and the official church of the Serenissima. The basilica is also known as 'the golden church' because of its historical treasures. The tour continues on with a visit to the Rialto Bridge and Ponte dei Sospiri, the famous covered bridge which connects the Doge's Palace to the New Prisons. This bridge is better known as the' Bridge of Sighs' so named because of the sighs of prisoners who once crossed it on their way to prison. Private boat transfer to Punta Sabbioni where the bus will be waiting to take you back to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

3rd Day: Towards Florence
After breakfast depart from the hotel to Florence. Hotel accommodation in Montecatini Terme, a town very well known for its spas. Lunch at the hotel. In the afternoon the tour guide will lead you through the town of Florence showing you all the treasures of this wonderful Renaissance town. The tour will start with Piazza Del Duomo (Duomo Square) where you can admire the cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore with the cupola by Brunelleschi, the bell tower by Giotto, and, nearby, the baptistery with its three bronze doors beautifully decorated. We will not miss of course, a visit to the famous bridge of the city, Ponte Vecchio (the Old Bridge) also called "the Bridge of the Jewellery shops". Piazza Del Duomo is also connected to the famous Piazza delle Signorie (Signorie Square), considered to be the very heart of the city, dominated by Palazzo Vecchio. Back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

4th Day: Florence
After breakfast we will leave the hotel by bus to continue our guided tour of Florence. In the morning we will visit the Uffizi Gallery. This palace, located between Piazza delle Signorie and the river Arno and built by the architect Vasari, was once used as administrative office. Today it houses some of the most famous Renaissance paintings in the world such as "l'Annunciazione" (Annunciation) by Leonardo da Vinci, "la Sacra Famiglia" (The Holy Family) by Michelangelo, "la Primavera" (Allegory of Spring) by Botticelli and many other works by Raphael, Tiziano and Caravaggio. Lunch in a restaurant downtown. In the afternoon free time to visit this splendid city on your own and stroll around the narrow streets looking for local handcrafts. Back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

5th Day: Florence / Rome
After breakfast we will begin our journey to Rome. Lunch stop in the splendid Lazio region. The entire afternoon will be dedicated to explore Ancient Rome. Earphones at disposal 2 days. We will see the Roman Forum, the Campidoglio Hill and, of course, the Colosseum, a monument considered to be the symbol of the Italian capital itself, where, in the past, emperors, in order to gain fame, offered the spectacle of mortal combats between gladiators. In the evening check in at a hotel located on the outskirts of Rome (either in Castelli Romani or nearby). Dinner and overnight stay.

6th Day: Vatican City / Christian Rome
After breakfast departure by bus to visit the Vatican City. In the morning guided tour of the Vatican Museums where you can admire the Sistine Chapel with its beautiful frescoes by Michelangelo or the Raphael Chambers painted in 16th century. A visit to Saint Peter's Square and its basilica, the largest Christian church in the world will then follow. Lunch in a restaurant. In the afternoon tour of Christian Rome- along the Appian Way we will explore the Catacombs, once inhabited by an ancient Christian community who have left visible signs of their way of life. We will continue our tour with a visit to the basilica of San Paolo Outside the Walls. In the late afternoon we will return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

7th Day: Departure
Breakfast at the hotel and departure. Stop for the lunch during the trip. End of our services.



Rome and Sorrento (G.D)

08 days / 07 nights

1st Day: Arrival in Italy
In the late afternoon arrival in the town of Viareggio, Tuscany, a amous holiday resort on the Versilia coast. Check in at the hotel and welcome drink followed by dinner and overnight stay.

2nd Day: Ancient Rome
After breakfast depart from the hotel to the region of Lazio - cradle of Roman civilization. Along the way we will pass Florence and the green Chianti hills, then Orvieto, the Tiber valley and finally we will reach the city of Rome. Lunch in a restaurant downtown. In the afternoon our guided tour of ancient Rome will begin. We will admire a masterpiece of ancient architecture and symbol of the Eternal City- the Colosseum, where emperors, in order to gain fame, offered the spectacle of mortal combats between gladiators and/or wild beasts and exciting chariot races. The tour will continue with a visit to Venice Square and its great Palace, the Campidoglio hill, which symbolizes the political power of Rome, the Roman Forum, the Imperial Forum and finally the Palatino Hill, famous for the legend of Romulus and Remo. In the evening check in at a hotel located on the outskirts of Rome (either in Castelli Romani or nearby). Dinner and overnight stay.

3rd Day: Christian and Baroque Rome
After breakfast departure for the centre of Rome. In the morning you will explore the Christian Rome. During a guided tour of the Vatican Museums, you can admire the Sistine Chapel with is spectacular frescoes by Michelangelo. We continue with a visit to Saint Peter's Square and its basilica. Lunch in a restaurant. In the afternoon we explore the Baroque Rome: Trevi Fountain, where, of course, we will stop to throw a coin into the water and make a wish, Navona Square, one of the biggest squares in Rome, and the Pantheon where a number of Italian kings are buried. Back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

4th Day: Rome / Naples / Sorrento
After breakfast departure for Southern Italy. Arrival in the city of Naples and lunch. In the afternoon we will have a guided tour of the city: Castel dell'Ovo (Egg Castle), Plebiscito Square and the beautiful church of San Francesco di Paola, the Royal Palace, the San Carlo Theatre, the second largest theatre in Italy, the Umberto Gallery and the New Castle. This fortress, dating back to the 13th century, provides a beautiful view of the Bay of Naples and today it houses government offices. In the late afternoon we will continue our journey towards Sorrento. Check in at the hotel which, depending on availability, will be located in Sant'Agata, Massa Lubrense, Vico Equense or another nearby locations. Dinner and overnight stay.

5th Day: The Island of Capri
After breakfast, departure by bus to the parking in Sorrento and from there, minibus transfer to the port, where we will meet our tour guide who will accompany us to the island of Capri. Capri is also called the " Island of Dreams" because of its natural beauty, a perfect mix of fantastic coastline and tropical vegetation. By minibus we will reach Anacapri, the area of Capri located on the top of a hill. Here we will visit Villa San Michele and its gardens. Back to the centre of Capri for lunch. In the afternoon, after an enjoyable walk, we will visit the heart of the island, the famous *Piazzetta*, followed by the Augustus Gardens where we will enjoy a beautiful view on the Faraglioni, the characteristic rocks that have become the symbol of the island of Capri. Transfer to the port to take the ferry back to Sorrento and upon arrival, minibus transfer to the parking area. Dinner and overnight stay in the hotel.

6th Day: Amalfi / Pompeii
After breakfast departure for a tour along the Amalfi Coast, one of the most beautiful drives in the world which will amaze you with its breathtaking scenery, coloured villages and fantastic crystal blue waters. Short stop to take photographs on the viewing point above Positano, an old fishing village. We will then reach Amalfi, an ancient Maritime Republic. Here we will visit a Moorish style cathedral and have some free time to walk along the seafront before leaving for Pompeii where we will have lunch. In the late afternoon guided tour of the archaeological sites. Together with a local guide we will learn about the history of this city. Passing through Porta Marina, one of the old city doors, we will walk among the ruins starting with the old Decumano Massimo, continuing on to the Forum Square, admiring the temples and the basilicas and culminating in a visit to Vetti House with its beautiful Pompeian paintings. Back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

7th Day: Orvieto / Pisa / Versilia
After breakfast departure for Orvieto, an Etruscan city which is today famous for its wine production. Lunch in a restaurant. Our journey will continue towards the city of Pisa. Here we will have a guided tour of Piazza del Duomo, also called Campo dei Miracoli (Miracle Square), the huge square of Pisa where four outstanding monuments are located- The cathedral, the Baptistery, the Monumental Cemetery and the Leaning Tower, now a symbol of the city. In the evening arrive in Viareggio. Check in, dinner and overnight stay.

8th Day: Departure
After breakfast departure and end of our services.

The Hills of Rome

07 days / 06 nights

1st day : Rome
Arrival at Rome Airport. Our tour escort will welcome you and assist you during the transfer to Valmontone. Accommodation in a 4* hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

2nd day : Castel Gandolfo / Nemi Lake
Breakfast at the hotel, departure by private coach to Castel Gandolfo, visit (with 02 guides of Castal Gandolfo) of the papal residence (booking and entrance included). It is located in the extraterritorial area of the papal cities of Castel Gandolfo, on the Albani hills, about twenty kilometres south of Rome. Lunch in a farmhouse and visit to a wine cellar with wine tasting. Continuing to the Lake of Nemi, a volcanic lake. One of the most picturesque landscapes in Italy. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

3rd day : Palestrina / Tivoli
Breakfast at the hotel, departure by coach to Palestrina, a traditional provincial town. Guided tour of the Cathedral of San Agapito (free entrance) and the splendid National Archaeological Museum (free enrance). Lunch in a farmhouse to taste typical local products. Departure for Tivoli, guided tour of Villa d'Este (entrance included), masterpiece of Italian architecture and landscape. With its innovative design and the brilliant architectural works of its garden (fountains, nymphs, caverns and water features) it is an incomparable example of 16th century Italian gardens and part of the UNESCO Word Heritage. You will have at your disposal headphones for 3 days. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

4th day : Cerveteri / Ostia Antica
Breakfast at the hotel. Free day at your disposal OPTIONAL possibility to take a guided tour of Cerveteri with the Necropolis NON INCLUDED, see the supplement). Departure to Ostia Antica, lunch in a typical restaurant, in the afternoon guided tour of the archaeological area (entrance included), particularly interesting site from the archaeological point of view for the different Roman construction techniques that are visible here, from the 4th century BC to the 6th century AD. Accommodation in a 4* hotel in Rome, dinner and overnight at the hotel.

5th day : Lake Bracciano / Galleria Borghese
Breakfast at the hotel. Departure by bus to Lake of Bracciano, surrounded by 12 hills. Tour of the lake with a guide. Lunch in a typical restaurant. In the afternoon visit of the Galleria Borghese (obligatory 01 guide each 25 people), reservation and entrance included. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

6th day : Vatican Museum / Baroque Rome
Breakfast at the hotel. Departure for the guided tour of the Vatican, entrance and visit of the museums with the famous Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica (reservation, entrance, earphones included) the most important religious building of Catholicism inscribed on the list of the word heritage of the humanity established UNESCO, considered the greatest architectural design of its time and remains one of the most visited monuments in the world. Lunch in a typical restaurant. In the afternoon visit of the fantastic Palazzo Doria Pamphile (entrance included), a private museum belonging to the Doria Phamphile Landi family. It houses a private art collection. EN ALTERNATIVE possibility to take a guided tour of the Baroque Rome with Piazza di Spagna with its famous staircase, Piazza del Popolo and the Trevi Fountain where we will not fail to throw some coins over the shoulder to make our best wishes (NOT INCLUDED, see separate reduction). Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

7th day : Departure
Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Rome airport. Return to your region. End of our services.

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Tuscany Tour

06 days / 05 nights

1st Day: Montecatini
In the evening arrival in Montecatini Terme, welcome drink and check-in. Dinner and overnight stay.

2nd Day: Florence
After breakfast departure for Florence, one of the most beautiful Renaissance cities in Europe and once the residence of the Medici family. From Piazzale Michelangelo we will enjoy a beautiful view of the city followed by a visit to its historical centre. With the tour guide we will explore San Giovanni Square and the cathedral of S. Maria del Fiore with its cupola designed and built by Brunelleschi and the Bell Tower designed by Giotto, decorated with polychromatic marble, which dominate the city by their imposing height. In the same square we can also admire the Baptistery of Saint John with its three monumental and beautifully decorated bronze doors. Other important sites of our guided tour are the oldest Florentine bridge, Ponte Vecchio, full of jewellery shops and Piazza delle Signorie (Signorie Square), heart of Florence, dominated by Palazzo Vecchio ("old palace"). Lunch in a restaurant. In the afternoon the tour will continue with a visit to the Lanzi Loggia, where, in the past, the most important ceremonies of noble families took place. Following on, a visit to the church of Santa Croce, the most important Franciscan church in Italy, where many famous people such as Michelangelo, Galileo and Machiavelli are buried. Back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

3rd Day: Siena / S. Gimignano
After breakfast departure for Siena. A local guide will show you the treasures of this very characteristic city with its two towers considered to be the symbols of the city itself: the Tower of the City Hall and the tower of the imposing cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta entirely decorated inside with black and white marble. Piazza Del Campo (Campo Square) is the centre of Siena, of its history, of its life. It is one of the wider squares built in the Middle Ages and it is here that every year the famous Palio horse race takes place. Also of interest is the church of Saint Domenico, where Saint Caterina took her vows. Lunch in a typical Italian restaurant. In the afternoon we will leave for San Gimignano, a medieval city surrounded by a wall of 72 towers, which noble families, during the Middle Ages, built in order to compete with the tower of the City Hall called 'Rognosa'. With the tour guide we will visit this quaint city that still preserves the beauty and atmosphere of Italian Medieval times. Back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

4th Day: Lucca / Pisa
After breakfast departure for Lucca, a beautiful city surrounded by ancient walls which now, because of the recent restoration, provides a pleasant walking path. A local guide will accompany us to the huge and busy Piazza Napoleone (Napoleon Square) where the monument dedicated to Maria Luisa of Spain stands. The tour will continue with a visit to San Martino Square, the most characteristic square of Lucca, with its cathedral and bell tower. Continuing on, we will admire S. Michele Square, its Roman Forum and the Romanesque style church of S. Michele. Departure for Pisa, famous for its leaning tower. Lunch and guided tour of Piazza Del Duomo, also called Campo dei Miracoli (Miracle Square). This is a large square with four famous monuments: the cathedral, the baptistery, the monumental cemetery and the leaning tower, now a renowned symbol of the city. The city walls surround these outstanding monuments creating a unique vista! Free time to stroll around the narrow streets, then, in the late afternoon, back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

5th Day: Florence
After breakfast departure for Florence. Guided tour of the Uffizi Gallery - a building that once was used as administrative offices, but today houses one of the most complete collections of Italian art in general, and Florentine art in particular. Here you can find some of the finest examples of Renaissance painting such as 'L'Annunciazione' (Annunciation) by Leonardo da Vinci, 'La Sacra Famiglia' (The Holy Family) by Michelangelo, 'La Primavera' (Allegory of Spring) by Botticelli and many other famous works of art by artists like Raphael, Tiziano and Caravaggio. Lunch in a restaurant and free time to explore this splendid city on your own and stroll around the narrow streets looking for local handcrafts. Back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

6th Day: Departure
After breakfast departure and end of our services.



The treasures of Umbria region

06 days / 05 nights

1st Day: Arrival in Assisi

After you arrive at either the airport in Florence or Rome, you will be led by a private bus to a 3 star hotel located in Assisi's centre or in immediate surroundings. Later, with a guide, you will visit the gothic basilica of Santa Chiara and the city's centre square. Here in the square stand the ruins of the famous temple dedicated to the Goddess Minerva, and the basilica of San Francesco, which is regarded as one of the most famous Christian sanctuaries in the world. A staircase divides the basilica into two sections, the first being the Romanesque lower church that contains St. Francis from Assisi's crypt and some of his possessions, the second being the Gothic upper church that contains frescoes by Giotto and Cimabue. Our itinerary continues onward to Santa Maria degli Angeli. Here you will see the cupola that was designed and built by Alessi Galeazzo and the Porziuncola, a rural chapel where St. Francis founded the Franciscan order in the 1209. The tour will be followed by dinner and an overnight stay in Assisi.

2nd Day: Deruta – Todi

After breakfast at the hotel, you will go by bus to the charming town of Deruta, a renowned site for high quality hand-painted ceramics. You will be given a behind the scenes glimpse into how these beautiful objects are made. After, the tour will proceed on to a beautifully gothic styled church and then to an art museum that houses one of Perugino's frescos. Then we will travel by bus to Todi, break for lunch, and reconvene for a tour of this Roman and Etruscan rooted city. We will visit many interesting monuments spanning between the Gothic period and the Renaissance. Through the journey, you will be able to discern the ruins of the city's walls that were built in the 6th century. After the tour, you will be returned to the hotel for dinner and an overnight stay.

3rd Day: Bevagna – Montefalco

After breakfast at the hotel, we will travel to the beautiful and archaic Bevagna by bus. Here you will get a feeling for what life was like in the Middle Ages as medieval professions are resurrected for the public. Then you will change periods, as Roman life is resurrected in this same fashion. By viewing sumptuous vestiges of thermal baths and temples you will be able to understand how spectacularly the city flourished during the imperial era. After lunch, you will be driven to Montefalco where you will view its well preserved medieval centre and some interesting churches built in Roman, Gothic and Renaissance styles. The most important of these is the San Francesco church which houses some sublime frescos painted by the famed Florentine, Benozzo Gozzoli. Following the tour, we will return to the hotel in Assisi where dinner and an overnight stay awaits you.

4th Day: Spello – Foligno – Nocera

This day will be dedicated to greediness. After breakfast, you will go by bus to Spello. After a guided tour of the city, we will head to a winery where you will discover how to make both wine and olive oil. Then, you will be able to sample 4 different varieties of wine while eating a homemade *bruschetta* appetizer. After this nice break, you will continue toward Foligno, a city that is often regarded as the prettiest in Umbria. Finally, you will reach Nocera and visit a Norceria where you will savour some of the finest cooked meat, typical of this town. Following, you will be returned to the hotel for the evening.

5th Day: Perugia

After breakfast at the hotel, we will depart for the history rich Perugia. Despite its abundance of historical remains, Perugia is much less touristic compared to Florence or Siena. So with more of the city to yourselves, you will better be able to relax, enjoy, and sightsee. The day will begin with a guided tour of the historical centre where you will see the remains of the Rocca Paolina, once the symbol of the powerful Baglioni family and the Piazza IV Novembre, the city's most prestigious square. Within the square there are many significant monuments, the most impressive being the gothic cathedral of San Lorenzo, which was built between 1345 and 1490 by Braccio Fortebraccio. You will be allotted free time for lunch and a personal exploration of the city. We will reconvene later in the afternoon to continue with group sightseeing. We will view the Fontana Maggiore, one of the most renown fountains in Italy, and the Palazzo dei Priori which houses the National Gallery of Umbria (outside visit), a gallery that contains one of the most outstanding provincial collections of Italian art. It is a testimony to the many different regional forms of art, such as wooden and iron sculptures, paintings, and also silverware and fabric design. Following, we return to the hotel in Assisi for the night.

6th Day: Departure

After breakfast at the hotel, you will have some free time for a last minute stroll in Assisi. Then a private bus will transfer you to the airport wherein our services end.



1st Day: Montecatini
In the evening arrival in Montecatini Terme. Welcome drink and check-in followed by dinner and overnight stay.

2nd Day: Florence
After your breakfast, depart from the hotel to visit Florence, one of the most beautiful Renaissance cities in Europe and once the residence of the Medici family. From Piazzale Michelangelo we will enjoy a beautiful view of the city and then we will visit its historical centre. With the tour guide we will explore Piazza San Giovanni where the Bell Tower designed by Giotto and the Cathedral's Cupola built by Brunelleschi dominate the city by their imposing heights. In the same square we can also admire the Baptistery of Saint John with its three beautifully decorated monumental bronze doors. Other important sites of our guided tour are the oldest Florentine bridge, Ponte Vecchio, full of jewellery shops, and the grand Piazza delle Signorie, considered to be the heart of town, dominated by Palazzo Vecchio. Lunch in a local restaurant. In the afternoon the tour will continue with a visit to the Lanzi Loggia, where in the past, the most important ceremonies of noble families took place. We will then visit the church of Santa Croce, one of the most important Franciscan Churches in Italy where many famous people such as Michelangelo, Galileo and Machiavelli are buried. Back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

3rd Day: Florence
After breakfast, depart from the hotel again for Florence. Guided tour of the Uffizi, a building that once was used as administrative offices, but today houses one of world's most complete collection of Italian art in general, and Florentine art in particular. Here you will find one of the finest collections of Renaissance paintings such as 'The Annunciazione' by Leonardo da Vinci, 'The Sacra Famiglia' by Michelangelo, 'Primavera' by Botticelli and many other famous works of art by artists like Rafaello, Titian and Caravaggio. Lunch in a local restaurant and free time to explore this splendid city on your own and stroll around the narrow streets looking for local handcrafts. Back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

4th Day: Siena e S. Gimignano
After breakfast depart for Siena. A local guide will show you the treasures of this very characteristic small town with its two towers considered to be symbols of the city itself: the Tower of the City Hall and the tower of the imposing Cathedral (Santa Maria Assunta) entirely decorated inside with black and white marble. Piazza Del Campo is the centre of Siena, of its history, of its life. It is one of the wider squares built in the Middle Ages and it is here that every year the famous Palio takes place. Also of interest is the church of Saint Domenico, where Saint Caterina took her vows. Lunch in a typical Italian restaurant. In the afternoon depart for San Gimignano, a medieval city surrounded by a wall of 72 towers, which noble families, during the Middle Ages, built in order to compete with the tower of the City Hall called "Rognosa". With the guide we will visit this quaint little town, which still preserves the beauty and atmosphere of Italian Medieval Times. Departure towards Castiglione Fiorentino, or another locality nearby. Accommodation, dinner and overnight stay.

5th Day: Arezzo & Cortona
After breakfast depart from the hotel for Arezzo. With a tour guide we will explore the main sites of this less famous but equally fascinating city. The tour will start with a visit to the church of Saint Francesco where you can admire many paintings by Piero della Francesca among which is "The Legend of the Cross" the most important art piece in Arezzo and one of most significant of the Italian Renaissance. We will then visit the Gothic Cathedral, and Piazza Grande, where several buildings of different ages and styles stand: The Trial Palace, The Fraternità dei Laici Palace, the Law Palace, the Camaiani-Albergotti Palace and the Guillichini Palace that houses the Gallery of Contemporary Art. Time permitting we will also visit the church of Saint Domenico. Lunch in a restaurant down town. In the afternoon depart for Cortona, the 'Pearl of the Middle Ages', which dominates from atop a hill, and Lake Menorahs. We will start the guided tour of the historical centre from Via Nazionale, moving onto Piazza della Repubblica, where The City Hall Palace and the Casali Palace stand (visit only from the outside). We will also see the Cathedral (inside) and the Diocesan Museum with art masterpieces dating back to the15th century such as 'TheAnnunciazione' by Beato Angelico and works by Luca Signorelli and Pietro Lorenzetti. The tour ends with a visit to Via del Gesù, one of the most beautiful medieval streets in Cortona. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

6th Day: Perugia & Assisi
After breakfast depart from the hotel for Perugia, a famous cultural city and because of its university, a regular site of foreign visits. Guided tour of the historical centre. We will see the remains of the Rocca Paolina, once a symbol of the powerful Baglioni family and then Piazza IV Novembre, the most important square in the town. On this square stand many significant monuments of Perugia: the Gothic Cathedral of San Lorenzo built between 1345 and 1490, with the Loggia by Braccio Fortebraccio. In the centre of the square stands The Fontana Maggiore, one of the most famous fountains in Italy and the Palazzo dei Priori which houses the National Gallery of Umbria (outside visit). This museum is a testimony to the many different regional forms of art, such as wooden and iron sculptures, paintings, and also silverware and fabric design. We continue on to Bastia Umbria or another nearby locality where we will stop for lunch. Our itinerary continues on with a visit to Assisi, located on the top of Mount Subasio. With the tour guide we will visit the Gothic Basilica of S. Chiara, and then Piazza Comunale considered to be the city

centre. Here stand the ruins of the famous temple dedicated to the Goddess Minerva, and the Basilica of S. Francesco, one of the most famous Christian sanctuaries in the world. The Basilica is divided into two sections connected by a staircase - the Romanic lower church with the crypt and the relics of Saint Francis and the Gothic upper church where frescoes by Giotto and Cimabue can be viewed. Our itinerary continues onwards to Santa Maria degli Angeli. Here we will visit the Basilica, a Renaissance building which preserves the cupola designed and built by Alessi and where we can find the Porziuncola, the rural chapel where San Francis founded the Franciscan order in the 1209. Dinner and overnight stay in Assisi or nearby.



7th Day: Spello / Montefalco / Spoleto

After breakfast, depart from the hotel for Spello, a small medieval village along the south slopes of Mount Subasio. Guided tour of the historical centre. We can admire frescoes by Pinturicchio in the church of Saint Maria Maggiore, inside the Baglioni Chapel. We will also see the ruins of the amphitheatre, an important relic of Roman times. Free time and then depart for Motefalco, a small village characterized by its historical medieval centre still enclosed by the 14th century walls with towers and ancient doors, among which are the S. Agostino door and the Frederic II door. We will also visit the church of S. Francesco, which houses the Civil Museum and an art gallery. In the chapel of Saint Girolamo we can admire frescoes by Benozzo Gozzoli which depict the life of Saint Francis. After lunch in a farm house, we will depart for Spoleto. We will walk through its historical centre to see Piazza del Duomo with its Romanic Cathedral and its imposing Bell Tower. Inside the Duomo we will see beautiful frescoes by Frà Filippo Lippi, and by Pinturicchio as well as sculptures from the 16th century. Free time. In the evening back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

8th Day: Departure

After breakfast depart for your country. Stop for lunch along the way. End of our services.



Tour of Historical Cities

10 days / 09 nights

1st Day: Lido di Jesolo
Lunch stop along the way to the region of Veneto. In the evening arriving in Lido di Jesolo or Mestre. Accommodation, dinner and overnight stay.

2nd Day: Jesolo / Venice
After breakfast, depart from the hotel to Venice. Private boat transfer from Punta Sabbioni to San Marco Square. Guided tour of the historical centre: San Marco Square where you can admire the basilica, the Clock Tower, the Bell Tower and the famous 'Bridge of Sighs'. Lunch in a restaurant in Venice. In the afternoon free time to stroll around the narrow Venetian streets and to enjoy the magical atmosphere of Venice. You could also visit the Doge's Palace, once the seat of government and home to the Doge. In the late afternoon, private boat transfer to Punta Sabbioni where the bus will be waiting to take you back to the hotel. Dinner and overnight stay.

3rd Day: The Island of the Venetian Lagoon and Montecatini
Depart from the hotel for an excursion to the Venetian Islands. We will first stop in Murano then we travel on to Burano - 'Fisherman's Island'. Together with a tour guide we will stroll around this quaint colourful little village and observe the women of the island sewing and creating beautiful embroidery work. Back to the hotel for lunch. In the afternoon we begin our journey to the region of Tuscany. In the evening arrive in Montecatini, a very well known spa resort. Hotel check in, dinner and overnight stay.

4th Day: Florence
After breakfast depart for Florence, one of the most beautiful Renaissance cities in Italy and once the residence of the Medici family. We will visit its historical centre, with Piazza San Giovanni with the Bell Tower, the cathedral's cupola and the Baptistery of Saint John. Other important sites of our guided tour are the oldest Florentine bridge, Ponte Vecchio, Piazza delle Signorie, dominated by Palazzo Vecchio. Lunch and free time. Back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

5th Day: Siena / Chianciano
After breakfast depart for Siena. Together with a local guide we will explore the treasures of this quaint town with its two towers considered to be the symbol of the city itself - the tower of the City Hall and the tower of the cathedral (Santa Maria Assunta), Piazza Del Campo which is one of the widest squares built in the Middle Ages and it is here that every year the famous Palio horce race takes place and finally the church of Saint Domenico. Lunch and in the afternoon we begin our journey to the region of Latium. In the evening arrival at the hotel in Chianciano or another nearby locality. Dinner and overnight stay.

6th Day: Christian Rome
After breakfast depart from the hotel by bus to the city of Rome. Lunch upon arrival in Rome. In the afternoon guided tour of Christian Rome. On the Appian Way we will explore the Catacombs, which were once inhabited by an ancient Christian community who have left visible signs of their way of life. The tour will then continue with a visit to a roman basilica such as Saint John in Lateran or Saint Paul Outside the Walls. In the evening we will reach our hotel located in the region. Dinner and overnight stay.

7th Day: The Vatican (Rome) / Naples / Sorrento
After breakfast depart from the hotel to the centre of Rome. In the morning guided tour of the Vatican Museums where you can admire the Sistine Chapel with its beautiful frescoes by Michelangelo. After lunch in a typical restaurant we will continue our journey towards the city of Naples. Upon arrival, in the late afternoon, we will have a sightseeing tour of the city. We will see Castel dell'Ovo, Piazza Plebiscito, the Royal Palace, the San Carlo Theatre, the Galleria Umberto and the New Castle. This last monument, dating back to 13th century, provides a beautiful view of the Bay of Naples and today houses government offices. In the evening check in at the hotel located on the outskirts of Sorrento. Dinner and overnight stay.

8th Day: Capri, the Island of dreams
After breakfast, minibus transfer to the port, where we will meet our tour guide who will accompany us to the island of Capri. Capri is known for its natural beauty- a perfect mix of fantastic coastline and tropical vegetation. By minibus we will reach Anacapri, the district of Capri located on the top of a hill. Here we can visit Villa San Michele. Time for lunch. In the afternoon we will visit the heart of the island, the famous *Piazzetta*, followed by the Augustus Gardens where we will enjoy a beautiful view on the Faraglioni, the characteristic rocks that are a symbol of the island of Capri. Minibus transfer to the port to take the ferry back to Sorrento. Dinner and overnight stay.

9th Day: Pompeii / Chianciano Terme
After breakfast depart from the hotel to Pompeii, an ancient vacation city destroyed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 A.D., with a local guide we will pass through Porta Marina, one of the old city doors, we will walk among the ruins starting with the old Decumano Massimo, continuing on to the Forum square, admiring the temples and the basilicas and culminating with a visit to Vetti House with its beautiful Pompeian paintings. After we will depart for the region of Rome where we will stop for lunch. In the afternoon we will continue our journey to the city of Chianciano, a very well known spa resort. In the evening arrival at hotel. Check in, dinner and overnight stay.

10th Day: Departure
After breakfast departure for the North of Italy. Lunch stop along the way. After lunch you will continue the journey to your country. End of our services.

Grand Tour of Italy

13 days / 12 nights

1St Day: Arrival / Lake Maggiore
Arrival at Milan airport and departure by bus towards Lake Maggiore. Stop along the way, free time for lunch and later arrival in Baveno, Stresa or other nearby location surrounding the lakes. Welcome drink, dinner and overnight stay.

2nd Day: Milan
After breakfast depart from the hotel to Milan, one of the main cities of the province of Lombardy. Meet with our local guide for a tour of this superb city constructed in a series of concentric circles with its famous Duomo (cathedral)in the centre. You will have the possibility of visiting the Duomo, which, after St. Peter's in Rome, is one of the largest churches in the world. You can also visit Castello Sforzesco, (the symbol of the city itself) - an ancient fort that is today a centre for many museums and institutions of great interest such as Art Museums, The Archives of Milan, libraries etc. Free time for lunch and free afternoon to explore this wonderful city on your own. In the evening, return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

3rd Day: Lake Maggiore
After breakfast we will have a half-day excursion to the Borromean Islands by private boat. First of all, we will visit Bella Island with its most famous Borromeo Palace constructed in 17th century by the Borromee Princes who dominated the archipelago. This building is surrounded by gardens constructed on 10 terraces and decorated with ornate sculptures and exotic plants and flowers. Then, we will take a break on the 'Fisherman's Island', which has long been a haven for artists. Free time for lunch and in the afternoon we continue on to Orta, one of the smallest but also the most beautiful of the lakes of the Lombardy region surrounded by wooded banks. Free time to explore the typical alleys, the palaces and the houses with their ornate wrought iron balconies. Transfer by boat to San Guilio Island where we will visit the basilica founded in 390 AD and restored in 9th and 10th centuries. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

4th Day: Verona and Venice
After breakfast depart from the hotel to Venice. Stop along the way and free time for lunch, near Verona. In the afternoon we meet with our guide who will help us appreciate this quaint medieval town including visits to the basilica of San Zeno, the picturesque Piazza delle Erbe which leads us to the house of Juliet, the heroine of the famous Shakespearian play (outside visit), the Arena and finally the old castle with the bridge of Scaligeri. In the evening we continue on towards Lido di Venezia. Transfer by boat from Tronchetto directly to Lido di Venezia and accommodation in a hotel. Dinner and overnight stay.

5th Day: Venice
After breakfast we leave by private boat to reach the famous San Marco Square. With our local guide we will visit the historical centre with the amazing architecture of San Marco Square and its ornate basilica of the same name- the official church of the Serenissima also known as the 'golden church' with its two elegant architectural treasures- the Bell tower and the Clock tower. Finally we will visit the Bridge of Sighs, a covered bridge dating from 16th century and so named because of the sighs of prisoners who crossed it in the past, on their way to prison. Free time for lunch and to explore the streets of this fascinating city by yourself and perhaps do some shopping. Alternatively you could visit the majestic Doge's Palace another noteworthy and famous attraction of Venice. In the evening, return by boat to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

6th Day: Islands of the Lagoon and Venice
We leave the hotel for an excursion to the islands of the lagoon of Venice. We first arrive in Burano, also known as 'Fisherman's Island' and famous for its lacework. We will explore this quaint island with its distinctive colourful houses and watch the old women in the main street creating beautiful embroidered lace. After Burano, we will visit the island of Murano, famous for its glasswork. Free time for lunch and in the afternoon return to Venice to tour 'Little Venice', exploring the Frari Quarter, with its sumptuous gothic church, and the School of S. Rocco the most prestigious school in Venice known both for its architecture and its ornate decoration, designed and built by some of the most famous artists in Venice. Also worthy of a visit is l'Accademia, which houses a fine collection of paintings, and which demonstrates the development of the Venetian School from 14th century to 18th century. In the evening, return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

7th Day: Florence
After breakfast, depart from the hotel to Florence, one of the most historical and prestigious cities of the Renaissance and once home to the Medici. Free time for lunch and in the afternoon we meet with our local tour guide. From Piazza Michelangelo we will experience a stunning view of the city, then we move on towards the historical centre of the city towards Piazza San Giovanni where we will view the Duomo (cathedral of Santa del Maria Fiore) with the cupola by Brunelleschi and the Bell Tower designed by Giotto (one of the most important in Italy, and decorated entirely inside with black and white marble), which dominate the city from their imposing heights, and nearby the baptistery of St. John with its three beautiful decorated bronze doors. Continuing on we visit Ponte Vecchio, the oldest bridge in Florence and famous for its vast array of jewellery shops and the large Piazza delle Signorie, the heart of the town, dominated by Palazzo Vecchio (the old palace). If you prefer you can avail of an

alternative tour to the church of Santa Croce, the most important Franciscan church in the city. In the evening, accommodation in a hotel in the city centre, dinner and overnight stay.

8th Day: Florence
After breakfast we continue our tour with a guided tour of Florence. The morning is dedicated to a visit to the splendid Uffizi Gallery. This palace, located between Piazza delle Signorie and the river Arno, was built by the architect Vasari and once hosted administrative offices. Today however, it houses one of the finest collections of Italian art in general and Florentine art in particular in the world. Here you will find such masterpieces of the Renaissance such as 'L'Annunciazione' (Annunciation) by Leonardo da Vinci, 'La Sacra Famiglia' (The Holy Family) by Michelangelo, 'La Primevera' (Allegory of Spring) by Botticelli as well as masterpieces by artists such as Raphael, Tiziano and Caravaggio. Free time for lunch and in the afternoon depart for the city of Pisa (optional), famous for its leaning tower. Guided tour of Piazza del Duomo, a piazza also known as 'Field of Miracles'. In this square stand four great monuments- The Duomo, The Baptistery, The Monumental Cemetery and of course the famous 'Leaning Tower' - the symbol of the city itself. The ancient wall which surrounds the square provides an unexpected and harmonious view. Free time to explore these ancient streets on your own then later, return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

9th Day: San Gimignano / Siena
After breakfast depart for San Gimignano, a small medieval city surrounded by a wall of 72 towers which noble families, during the middle ages built in order to compete with the tower of the City Hall called Rognosa. With our tour guide we will explore this enchanting city, which preserves the decoration and atmosphere of medieval Italy before continuing on to Siena. Free time for lunch followed by a meeting with our local guide who will show us the delights of this wonderful area beneath the hills. We will see the two towers considered as the symbols of the city itself : the Tower of the City Hall and the tower of the imposing cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta, entirely decorated inside with stripes of light and dark marble. We will also visit Piazza del Campo, one of the widest squares built in the Middle Ages and the centre of Siena, of its history, of its life. It is in this square where every year the famous 'Palio' horse race takes place. Another noteworthy site is the church of San Domenico, in particular the interior cupola where Saint Teresa took her vows. Return to the hotel in the evening, dinner and overnight stay.

10th Day: Florence and Ancient Rome
After breakfast in the hotel, depart by bus for Rome. Arrival in Rome and free time for lunch. Earphones at disposal for 3 days. Later in the afternoon, we will have a guided tour of Ancient Rome, with its Roman Forums, The Palatino and The Colosseum (which has become the very symbol of Rome itself) where in ancient times emperors offered the spectacle of gladiatorial mortal combats. In the evening accommodation in a hotel in the city centre or nearby. Dinner and overnight stay.

11th Day: The Vatican and Baroque Rome
After breakfast depart by bus to the centre of the city. This day is devoted to the exploration, with our guide, of Catholic Rome. In the morning we will visit the Vatican Museum with its many treasures including The Sistine Chapel with its magnificent Michelangelo frescoes or the Rapahel Chambers painted in 16th century. Continuing on, we visit St.Peter's Square with its majestic basilica – the largest basilica in the Christian world. Free time for lunch. In the afternoon we will have a guided tour of Baroque Rome and a visit to the Trevi Fountain, where you can partake of the ancient custom of throwing a coin into the fountain and making a wish! Then onto Piazza Navona a magnificent square and the Pantheon, burial place of a number of Italian kings. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

12th Day: Christian Rome
After breakfast depart by bus to the city centre for a tour of Christian Rome. We will explore the Catacombs on the Appian Way, which were once inhabited by a Christian community who have left visible signs of their existence and way of life. We continue our excursion with a visit to a grand basilica such as San Giovanni in Laterano or San Paola Outside the Walls. Free time for lunch and to stroll around and explore the streets of this splendid city on your own. In the evening, return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

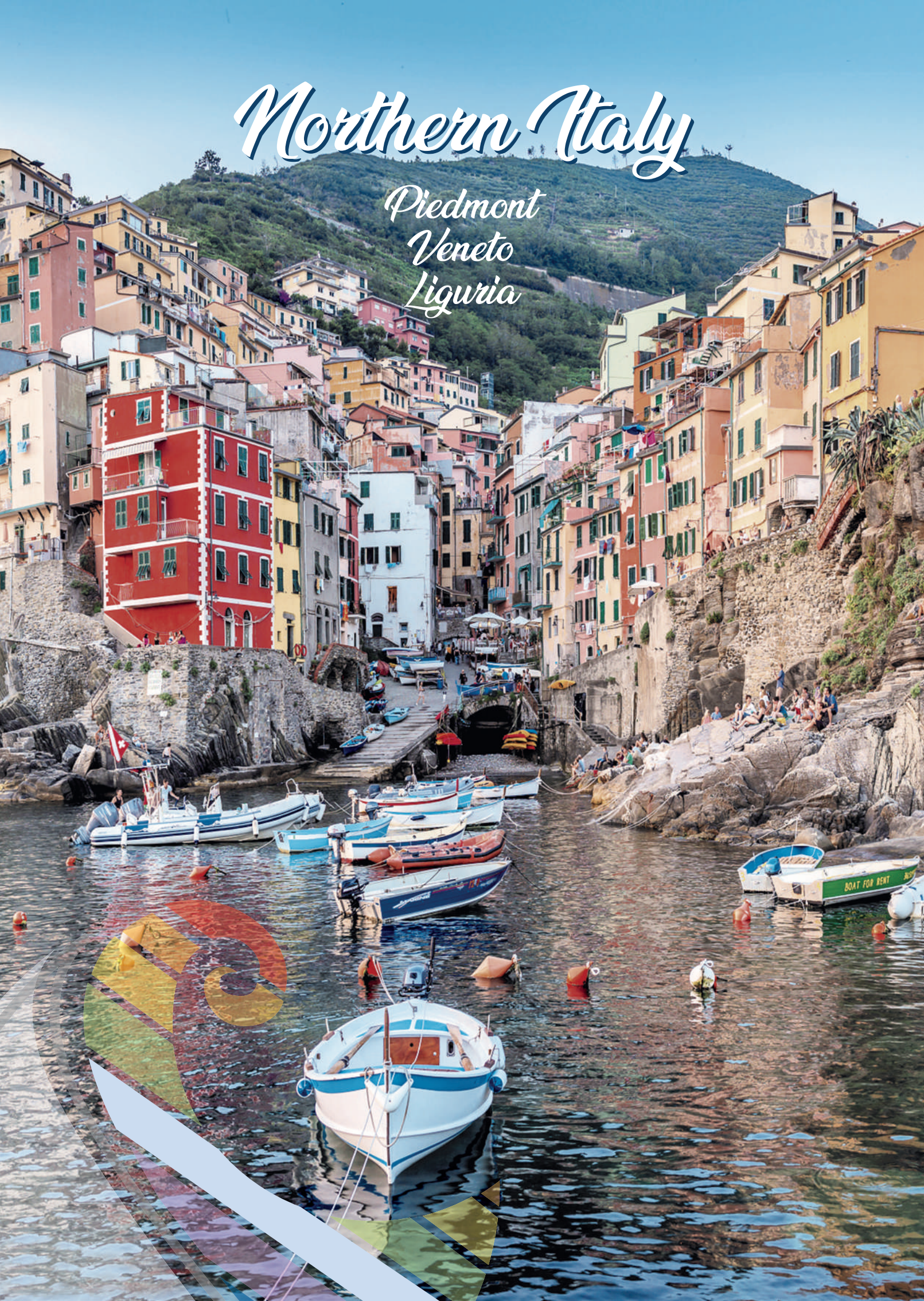
13th Day: Departure
After breakfast depart by bus from the hotel for Rome Airport. End of our services.



Possibility to book a return flight from your town.

Northern Italy

Piedmont
Veneto
Liguria



Week-end in Milan

03 days / 02 nights

1st Day: Milan
Arrival at Milan airport and transfer by private bus to your hotel. Accommodation in a 3* sup. or 4* (based on availability) located in Milan centre or nearby. Sightseeing (guided) tour of this beautiful city, capital of Lombardy region, consisting of a succession of concentric circles with the Dome in the centre. The discovery of Milan gets in stages. This round town with beautiful boulevards, with the first fortifications: in its current form dates back to the end of last century. Dinner at a restaurant situated in the surroundings of the hotel and overnight stay.

2nd Day: Milan
Breakfast at the hotel. Half-day walking guided tour of the city centre. You will admire the Duomo Square with the magnificent Cathedral, (reservation and entrance fee included) which is one of the largest churches in the world after St. Peter's in Rome. Here different styles mix, as though it shines the flame of a strange madness. Guided tour of La Scala Theatre, one of the most renowned theater in the world and its lyrical season is one of the most important ones. Guided tour of La Scala Museum *** (reservation and entrance fee included). Lunch at typical restaurant. In the afternoon guided walking tour of Pinacoteca Ambrosiana (reservation and entrance fee included). It includes mainly a series of masterpieces from 15th and 16th century, where the Lombard and Venetian schools and some Flemish artists are well represented. Dinner at a restaurant situated in the surroundings of the hotel and overnight stay.

3rd Day: Departure
Breakfast at the hotel . Free time to discover the city on your own and do some shopping. Transfer by private bus to Milan airport and departure back to your country. End of our services.

*** La Scala Theatre is only open when no rehearsal or performance is on.

OPTIONAL: opportunity to visit the Cenacolo Vinciano, the masterpiece by Leonardo da Vinci, located in the refectory of the church of Santa Maria delle Grazie. Please kindly note that the availability is to be confirmed and reservation must be done beforehand.



Week-end in Turin

03 days / 02 nights

1st Day: Turin
Arrival at the airport of Caselle. Transfer to the city centre, accommodation in 3* hotel. Meeting you're your guide and walking tour of this beautiful city. Departure from Piazza Castello, walk through the arcades filled with historic cafés, the Subalpina Gallery (external visit and entrance not included). San Marco Square dubbed the area of Turin, Via Roma with its shops, Palazzo Madama and its long history, through Garibaldi, the church of San Domenico, the oldest religious building in Turin, Palatine Gates, the cathedral and the Royal Palace (external visit - entrance not included). Lunch in a typical restaurant. In the afternoon, transfer by coach for a tour of the gardens around Rocca di Valentino, an outstanding complex made up of the medieval town and fortress (entrance not included), which was built for the Turin International Exhibition in 1884 . In the late afternoon, you can enjoy the old 18th century famous Al Bicerin Café and typical drink made with coffee, cream and chocolate. Return to hotel, dinner and an overnight stay. Dinner will be served at the hotel or in a restaurant located near the hotel.

2nd Day: Turin
After breakfast, departure by coach for a guided tour of the basilica of Superga, on the hill east of Turin. Designed and built by Filippo Juvarra in 1717-1731, dedicated to the Nativity of Mary. Its interior is decorated with six chapels and four altars with statues and monuments in Carrara marble. Lunch break. In the afternoon, transfer by bus to the "Reggia of Venaria," at Venaria Reale, one of the main residences of Savoy in Piedmont, probably the largest in size. The Reggia of Venaria (entrance not included) has been designed and built in recent years by the architect Amedeo Castellamonte. To commission the palace was the Duke Carlo Emanuele II, which served as a base for hunting in this mountainous region. Return to the hotel in the evening. Dinner and overnight stay (dinner will be served at the hotel or in a restaurant near the hotel).

3rd Day: Val di Susa / Departure
Breakfast and departure by coach for a guided tour of the Sacred Saint Michele (entrance not included), an architectural complex located on Mount Pirchiriano at the entrance of the Val di Susa. Symbol of Piedmont region. Lunch in a typical restaurant and then transfer bus to the airport to your region. End of our services.

Week-end in Venice

03 days / 02 nights

1st Day: Arrival in Venice
Arrival in Venice in the morning. Our tour escort will welcome you and assist you during the transfer to the hotel. Bus transfer to the hotel located in Lido di Jesolo, check in and lunch. In the afternoon bus transfer to Punta Sabbioni and from here, private boat ride to the splendid city of Venice. Venice is made up of 118 small islands separated by 177 channels and joined by 400 bridges. This unusual city structure lends a particular and unique beauty to Venice. With a tour guide you will visit the main sites of interest such as San Marco Square and its basilica, known as "the golden church", decorated with beautiful mosaics, the Rialto Bridge, crowded with shops and the famous covered bridge which connects the Doge's Palace to the new prisons- called 'The Bridge of Sighs' because of the sighs of prisoners who once crossed it on their way to prison. Private boat transfer to Punta Sabbioni where the bus will be waiting to take you back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

2nd Day: The Island of the Venetian Lagoon
After breakfast, bus transfer to Punta Sabbioni and private boat trip to begin our exploration of the Venetian islands. The first island we visit is the island of Murano, renowned throughout the world for its glass blowing factories. To experience more fully this ancient craft you will observe a glass blowing demonstration during which glass blowers will create beautiful objects right in front of you. Brief stop also on the island of Burano - 'Fisherman's Island', famous for its coloured houses and its embroidery works. Fish based lunch in a typical restaurant on either Burano or Torcello. In the afternoon we will visit the last island on our trip- Torcello. You will see the cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta, considered to be a very significant example of Venetian Byzantine style architecture, as well as the church of Santa Fosca. Back to Punta Sabbioni in the late afternoon and bus transfer to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

3rd Day: Venice and Departure
After breakfast bus transfer to Punta Sabbioni and from there, we will take a boat ride to Piazzale Roma. Guided tour of lesser known, but equally fascinating: the Frari quarter with its sumptuous gothic church, San Rocco School, the most prestigious school in Venice, known for both its architecture and its ornate decoration, designed and created by some of the most famous Venetian artists. Lunch downtown and free time in the afternoon for shopping. Transfer by boat directly to the airport where your luggage will be waiting. End of our services.

The Arena of Verona from 03 June till 05 September 2020 : *Possibility of a stay in Verona to enjoy the city and the Opera programme* ***(ON REQUEST).***

Veneto Tour

06 days / 05 nights

1st Day: Arrive in Jesolo
In the evening, arrival at a hotel located in the region of Venice, either Lido di Jesolo or Sottomarina according to availability. Dinner and overnight stay.

2nd Day: Venice
After breakfast, depart for Venice. Private boat transfer from Punta Sabbioni to Saint Mark Square. Guided tour of this historical city : San Marco Square, the Renaissance Clock Tower and the Bell Tower, from the top of which you can enjoy a panoramic view of the city. We will also visit the famous 'Bridge of Sighs'. Lunch in a restaurant followed by a visit to the Doge's Palace, a Venetian Gothic masterpiece. Private boat transfer to Punta Sabbioni where the bus will be waiting to take you back to the hotel. Dinner and overnight stay.

3rd Day: Padua / Verona
After breakfast depart for Padua. Guided tour of the city where Saint Anthony died aged 36. We will visit the basilica where the saint's relics are kept and later the Piazza delle Signorie, the Region Palace and the Caffé Pedrocchi - a favourite meeting place for students and intellectuals. Lunch in the hotel and departure for Verona. A local tour guide will lead us through this beautiful medieval city to see the basilica of Saint Zeno, the Arena, the old Scaligeri Castle and its bridge and last but not least the picturesque Piazza delle Erbe which leads to the house of Juliet. (outside view). Back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

4th Day: The Islands of the Lagoon
Departure for a full day excursion to the Venetian Islands. We will visit Burano. We will stroll around this quaint colourful little village, watching the women sewing and observing local life. Lunch on the island. In the afternoon we will continue our tour with a visit to the smallest island, Torcello.On the island we will visit the basilica of Santa Fosca and the cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta where you can admire one of the most beautiful Byzantine mosaics ever created. Back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

5th Day: Vicenza
After breakfast depart for Vicenza. With our tour guide we will visit Piazza dei Signori, the Olympic Theatre, Piazza delle Erbe and Piazza Matteotti. Lunch downtown and free afternoon to stroll around enjoying the relaxing atmosphere. In the evening back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

6th Day: Departure
Breakfast at the hotel and departure. End of our services.

Liguria and Cinque Terre

04 days / 03 nights

1st Day: Ventimiglia
You will depart early morning to reach Ventimiglia, a quaint town boarding France that has acquired the nickname of "Italian occidental door." With a local guide, you will stroll through the city centre and explore the cathedrale of the Assumption (**entrance not included**), which was built around 12th century on the ruins of an antique temple. Following, you will visit: the botanical garden at Villa Hanbury. The garden, which is looked after by Genoa University, has an exquisite array of exotic plant life. After, there will be a break for lunch in Dolceacqua. In the evening, your journey will continue on toward Viareggio where you will have dinner and overnight accommodations at a 3* hotel.

2nd Day: Cinque Terre
After breakfast at the hotel, you will depart for La Spezia. Led by a local guide, you will pass through the city of Manarola, first admiring the so called "La Via dell'Amore" (The Way of Love - entrance included) and continuing through to Rio Maggiore. By taking this charming and impressive route, you will be able to relax and view the wonderful landscapes with only the sound of the waves to disturb you. Then you will travel by miniature railway until La Spezia and then proceed to Monterosso by boat. Monterosso is a captivating town situated on a bay. It was built in 11th century and has held onto its medieval history through the preservation of the local castle and tower. You will have a break for lunch and in the late afternoon you will return by boat to La Spezia and continue by bus on to Viareggio. Again, dinner and overnight accommodations will be awaiting you.

3rd Day: Santa Margherita Ligure/Portofino
After breakfast at the hotel, you will depart for Santa Margherita Ligure, where you will be given a guided tour of its principal monuments: the basilica of Santa Margherita d'Antiochia, which was built in a medieval style; Cervara Abbey, registered as a national monument and a few others. After, you will arrive in Portofino just in time for lunch. In the afternoon assisted by a local guide, you will explore the city and discover its sublime natural beauty and climate. The Romans actually dubbed the location as "Porthus Delfini," due to the astounding number of dolphins swimming in its gulf. The tour will continue on to Santa Maria Assunta **(entrance not included)**. Return at the hotel for dinner and an overnight stay.

4th Day: Ventimiglia /Departure
After breakfast, you will leave by bus for Ventimiglia. Here, you will have the opportunity to make any last minute purchases before leaving for France. This concludes our services.

Rimini

06 days / 05 nights

1st Day: Milan / Rimini
Arrival in the region of Milan and stop for lunch. After lunch we continue our journey towards the Adriatic coast and arrival in Rimini. Accommodation in a hotel located either in Miramare di Rimini or nearby. Dinner and overnight stay.

2nd Day: Ravenna
After breakfast, departure for Ravenna. Guided tour of the city centre: the basilica of Saint Vitale, the Mausoleum of Galla Placidia, the Baptistery Neoniano, Dante's Tomb and the basilica of S. Apollinare Nuovo. Lunch and in the afternoon, it is possible to extend the tour of this beautiful and historical city to include visits to the Mausoleum of Theodoric (outside view), the Baptistery of Ariani and the basilica of S. Apollinare in Classe. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

3rd Day: San Marino / Santarcangelo
After breakfast departure for San Marino, an independent state located between the region of Romagna and Montefeltro. San Marino is one of the smallest and most ancient states in the world. It is a very quaint little town with fortresses and enchanting narrow streets. Guided tour of its historical centre. Return to the hotel for lunch. In the afternoon we will leave for Santarcangelo. Guided tour of this beautiful little town. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

4th Day: Bologna / Parma
After breakfast departure for Bologna. Together with a tour guide we will explore the medieval city on foot. We will visit Piazza Maggiore, the heart of the city, the Palace of King Enzo (outside view only), the City-Hall Palace, the Neptune Fountain, the basilica of Saint Petronio and Saint Stefano. Lunch in a restaurant downtown. In the afternoon departure for Parma, a city of many historical monuments and artistic masterpieces. Near Parma, we will visit a prosciutto (ham) factory where we will taste this delicious cold cut together with some wine. Back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

5th Day: Urbino / Viserba
After breakfast departure for Urbino. Guided tour of : the University Palace, the church of Saint Domenico, the Ducal Palace and the cathedral with its museum. Return to the hotel for lunch. In the afternoon depart for Viserba and free time to visit 'Italia in Miniatura' exhibition (Miniature Italy), a fascinating attraction. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

6th Day: Milan & Departure
After breakfast departure from the hotel by bus. Arrive in the region of Milan. Lunch stop. In the afternoon continue on to the airport. End of our services.

Dolomites

07 days / 06 nights

1st Day : Tesero
Meeting with the assistant at the airport and transfer to the hotel. Assignment of the rooms. In the afternoon, presentation of the activities carried out at the hotel and optional excursions available to the guest. Dinner and overnight staying at the hotel.

2nd Day: Tesero
Breakfast at the hotel, free morning with the possibility to participate in optional initiatives organized on site. In the afternoon cooking course, with preparation of some traditional Trentino dishes. Access to the wellness centre. Dinner at the hotel and overnight stay.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES WITH FREE TRSNSFER :
- Rafting
- Paragliding with instructor;

3rd Day: Malga
After breakfast, muscular awakening activity in the morning with teachers (at the hotel). At 10h00 am departure from the hotel and Nordic Walking with assistant; return expected in the early afternoon. From 15h00 to 19h00 use of the spa with special entertainment of Aufguss theme (Aufguss is a wellness / purification / recreation ritual carried out in the sauna by a sauna master. The ritual involves the pouring of water often, also in the form of snowballs or ice mixed with essential oils, on the hot stones placed above the brazier of the sauna. The water in contact with the stones is vaporized, bringing particles of essential oil and spreads into the closed environment. The Aufgussmeister, through the rhythmic movements of a towel, and sometimes accompanied by a background musical, directs the hot and flavoured steam in the direction of the guest, provoking an intense and pleasant multisensory experience).
If there are children, there is the possibility to hike to an Malga cottage where you can live the experience of milking a goat and drink its milk. From 18h30 to 21h30 to discover "Trentino Sparkling" wine a tasting at the hotel. Dinner at the hotel and overnight stay.

4th Day: Passo Feudo
For mountain lovers at 04h30 am excursion to Passo Feudo to watch the sunrise, with breakfast on site. Next step towards the Latemar chain. Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight staying.

OPTIONAL EXCURSION :
Breakfast at the hotel. Meeting with our assistant and departure by bus to Trento, meeting with the guide and visit of the city. Free lunch. In the afternoon guided visit to a Distillery of Grappa (typical liquor) with explanation of the processing of the marc and its tasting.

5th Day: Passo di Lavzazé
Breakfast at the hotel. From 10:00 to 12:00, fishing activity at the lake at Passo di Lavazé, where you can fish "Trota Iridea". The fish will then be cooked directly in the adjacent restaurant (fishing license is not required, equipment provided on site). In the afternoon return to the hotel, time available for relaxation. 05h30 – 06h30 pm. Yoga course. At the end, dinner at the hotel with gourmet buffet, and overnight stay.

6th Day: Predazzo
After breakfast, muscular awakening activity in the morning with teachers (at the hotel). From 09h00 yp 12h00 Nordic Walking with use of sticks of woods. Departure from the hotel with assistant and walk through the beautiful forests of Val di Fiemme. For adventure lovers (OPTION) at 09h00 transfer from the hotel to Predazzo with private vehicle and rock climbing with a mountain guide, to discover the " vertical world" (services to be paid on site). Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

7th Day: Val di Fiemme
Breakfast at the hotel. Departure from the hotel to Castello di Fiemme, guided tour of the world of honey and berries. In the afternoon, guided tour of a carpenter's workshop; Val di Fiemme is indeed a wood' studios symbol. Dinner at the hotel, dessert buffet. Overnight staying.

8th Day: Departure
Breakfast at the hotel. Meeting with our assistant and transfer to the airport. End of our services.



Possibility to book a return flight from your town.

Italian Lakes



Maggiore Lake

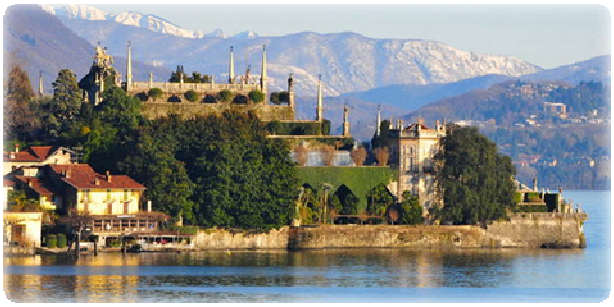
04 days / 03 nights

1st Day: Lake Maggiore
Late afternoon arrival in the region of Baveno or another locality on romantic Lake Maggiore. Check in at the hotel, welcome drink, dinner and overnight stay.

2nd Day: The Borromee Islands
After breakfast, departure by private boat to visit the Borromean Islands. We will visit Isola Bella (Beautiful Island) and its Borromeo Palace surrounded by a beautiful garden adorned with fabulous fountains, statues, artificial grottoes and rare plants. After a pleasant walk in this beautiful garden, we will continue our boat trip to the Isola dei Pescatori (Fisherman's Island), a very picturesque small village with narrow streets, ancient houses and an incredible atmosphere. After lunch we will visit Isola Madre (Mother Island) with its beautiful gardens full of flowers and plants, and 18th century palace that is inhabited by many species of birds and where peacocks roam freely. Our last stop will be the town of Stresa, where we will admire Codorna Square and part of the town's distinctive historical centre. Free time before return to the hotel. Dinner and overnight stay.

3rd Day: Pallanza and Orta Lake
After breakfast, depart for Pallanza, a beautiful vacation spot with villas abundant with flowers and where you will discover many enjoyable walking paths along the lakes. We will visit the botanical garden of Villa Taranto, created by Captain Neil Mac Eacharn. Here, you can admire more than 2500 botanical species and many unique trees. Lunch at the hotel. In the afternoon we will visit spectacular Lake Orta. This is the smallest, but also the prettiest of the lakes of the Lombardy region. Free time in this small village to explore its typical alleys and houses decorated with wrought iron balconies. Boat transfer to Saint Giulio to visit this island with its basilica founded in the year 390 AD and later restored in 9th and 10th century. Dinner and overnight.

4th Day: Departure.
After breakfast departure from the hotel. End of our services.



Garda Lake

05 days / 04 nights

1st Day: Garda Lake
Late afternoon arrival at Garda Lake, the largest of the Italian lakes, renowned since ancient times for its mild climate. Check in at the hotel located on the south or southwest of the lake or in the nearby locality. Dinner and overnight stay.

2nd Day: Sirmione and Verona
After breakfast, departure by private boat for an excursion along the lake to see the romantic peninsula of Sirmione, considered to be the pearl of the lake. Crossing the lift bridge we will enter its historical centre where we will see the Scaglieri Castle - an imposing fortress from the Middle Ages, the Catullo Grottoes (from the outside) and also explore the rest of this ancient Roman city. Return to the hotel for lunch. In the afternoon we will visit the city of Verona made famous by the Shakespearian play - 'Romeo and Juliet'. With our tour guide we will view the basilica of Saint Zeno, the Arena, where the lyric art festival takes place every year, Delle Erbe Square, Delle Signorie Square and the Scaligeri Bridge. Late in the afternoon we will return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

3rd Day: Venice, 'The Pearl of the Seas'
After breakfast, depart by bus for Tronchetto, then crossing by a private ferryboat San Marco Square. With a local guide we will start the walking tour which will include visits to: San Marco Square and its basilica, decorated with beautiful mosaics, the Bell Tower, the Doge's Palace, and the famous 'Bridge of Sighs'. Lunch. Free time in the afternoon to enjoy the city on your own, walking along the canals, admiring the gondola, and perhaps stopping for a coffee at one of the many outdoor cafés in San Marco Square. Boat trip to Tronchetto and return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

4th Day: Discovering the lake
After breakfast, departure for Lake Garda. We will drive along the west and eastern coasts of the lake. We can admire the lake waters in all their splendour, together with beautiful little towns such as Manerba del Garda, Salò, Gardone Riviera, Limone and finally Riva del Garda, where we will stop for lunch. In the afternoon we will also visit the town of Malcestine dominated by Monte Baldo with its medieval buildings and finally the Castle. Lastly we continue on to Brenzone, Torri del Benaco, Garda and finally Bardolino, renowned for its excellent red wine. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

5th Day: Departure
After breakfast departure from the hotel. End of our services.

Como Lake

04 days / 03 nights



1st Day: Como Lake

Arrival at Como Lake. This fascinating lake is made of three long and winding « arms », Como, Lecco and Colico. Accommodation in a 3* or 4* hotel located in the lake area (places like Albavilla, Lomazzo or its surrounding areas. Welcome drink.. Dinner and overnight stay.

2nd Day: Como and its surroundings

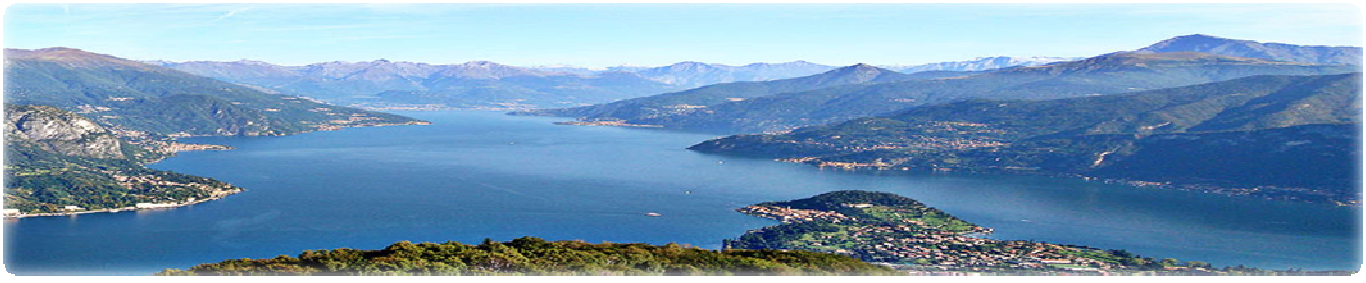
Breakfast at the hotel. The entire day is dedicated to the discovery of this enchanting lake with a local guide. In the morning excursion on a private boat (30 minutes circa) and admire the villas that have turned the Como Lake into a famous attraction. The villas, generally of neoclassic style, like the other Villas of the Peninsula, are memories of Rome and at the same time the expression of the wealth and power of the noble families that built them as a secondary house. Lunch at a typical restaurant. In the afternoon guided tour Museum of Silk (reservation and entry fee included – please note that only 25 people can enter at a time). The knowledge of the textile culture is a key objective of the activities of the Museum. Back at the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

3rd Day: Bellagio/Tremezzo

After breakfast, departure on public boat (only passengers) to Bellagio, lunch on board. Arrival at Bellagio and guided tour of this lovely village located on the tops of the promontory that divides the lake into two arms. Then crossing by public boat (passengers only) from Bellagio to Tremezzo. Guided tour of Villa Carlotta with its beautiful botanical gardens and rich in artistic works in the inside rooms (booking and entrance included). The Villa was built around 1690 by Marquis Giorgio Clerici II; the Clerici family, probably from the area, became rich thanks to the activities of Giorgio I and of his sons: Pietro Antonio who had the title of Marquis and Carlo who left to his son Giorgio II, the palace, wealth and high social position. Return on a private coach to Como and dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

4th Day: Departure

Breakfast and departure towards your country.
End of our services.



Italian Lakes

05 days / 04 nights

1st Day: Lake Garda
Late afternoon arrival at Garda Lake, the largest of the Italian lakes, renowned since ancient times for its mild climate. Check in at the hotel located on the southern coast of the lake or nearby. Dinner and overnight stay.

2nd Day: Discovering the Lake
After breakfast, depart for Lake Garda with a local guide. We will drive along the west and eastern coasts of the lake. Along these 165 Km. long coasts we will admire the lake waters in all their splendour, together with beautiful little towns such as Manerba del Garda famous for its vineyards, the colourful village of Salò, where Gaspare Bertolotti, the inventor of the violin was born, and then Gardone Riviera, a town that due to its mild climate has always been a popular holiday resort and where you can visit the 'Vittoriale', the last home of Gabriele D'Annunzio. We will also stop in Limone and finally, in Riva del Garda, where we will have lunch. On the way back we will visit Malcesine (dominated by Monte Baldo), with its Renaissance Palace and the Scaligeri Castle. Our itinerary will continue with a visit to Brenzone and Torre Benaco, where you can admire a 14th century Castle built on medieval ground. Other sites included in the tour are Bardolino, famous for its red wine and Lazise where you can see the Bastions and the ancient Venetian Custom. We will conclude the tour with a visit to Peschiera del Garda whose walls, still well maintained, surround the ancient part of this town. Back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

3rd Day: Lake Como / Lake Maggiore
After breakfast depart for Lake Como with a local guide. Lake Como has a very mild climate due to its abundance of tall mountains, which block the cold winds. Along the coasts of this lake grow oranges, lemons, Indian figs and many exotic plants. We will take the ferryboat from Varenna to Bellagio, one of the most elegant sites along the lake. Its picturesque streets climb the hill to reach the Villas surrounded by beautiful gardens. Lunch in a local restaurant. In the afternoon once again we will cross the lake by private boat to Cadenabbia. From here we will sail towards Como, then on to romantic Lake Maggiore. Check in at the hotel located in the Baveno region or nearby. Dinner and overnight stay.

4th Day: The Borromee Islands / Orta Lake
After breakfast, depart by private boat with a local guide to visit the Borromee Islands. We will see Isola Bella (Beautiful Island) and its Borromeo Palace surrounded by a beautiful garden adorned with fountains, statues, artificial grottoes and rare plants. After a pleasant walk through this fabulous garden, we will also visit Isola dei Pescatori (Fisherman's Island), a picturesque small village and the favourite spot of many artists. Back to the hotel for lunch and in the afternoon a visit to Lake Orta, which is the smallest, but also the prettiest of the Italian lakes. Free time in the village of Orta San Giulio, a summer vacation spot abundant with flowers. Its typical narrow alleyways, and its houses decorated with wrought iron balconies are particularly noteworthy. In the late afternoon back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

5th Day: Departure
Breakfast at the hotel and departure. End of our services.



The beauty of the Italian Lakes

07 days / 06 nights

1st Day: Towards Lake Maggiore
Late afternoon arrival in the region of Baveno (or nearby location) on the banks of majestic Lake Maggiore. Accommodation in hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

2nd Day: The Borromee Islands / Pallanza
After breakfast, departure by private boat with our tour escort to visit the famous Borromean Islands.
We will visit Isola Bella (Beautiful Island) and its Borromeo Palace surrounded by majestic gardens adorned with fountains, ornate statues, artificial grottoes and rare plants. After a pleasant walk, we will also visit Isola dei Pescatori (Fisherman's Island), a picturesque quaint village and a haven for artists because of its narrow streets, ancient houses and incredible atmosphere. Back to the hotel for lunch. In the afternoon, departure for Pallanza, a beautiful vacation spot with villas abundant with flowers and enjoyable walking paths along the lakes. We will visit the botanical gardens of Villa Taranto, created by Captain Neil Mac Eacharn. The gardens contain more than 2500 botanical species among which is the azalea and many unique trees. In the evening, return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

3rd Day: Cento Valli / Locarno / Lake Como
After breakfast, departure by bus for the town of Re situated 7 km from the Swiss border. Lunch in a typical restaurant and then we will visit the sanctuary of the Virgin, an impressive building, Corinthian in style. In the afternoon departure by train from Re to Locarno. Tour of this splendid city, situated south of the Alps, on the banks of Lake Maggiore. In the evening, we continue on to Lake Como with accommodation in a hotel in the lake surroundings such as Albavilla. Dinner and overnight stay.

4th Day: Lake Como / Lake Garda
After breakfast, departure by bus for Tremezzo and meeting with our local guide for a tour of Villa Carlotta, an elegant residence dating from 18th century and decorated with wonderful sculpture. You can admire the green caves abundant with flowers which provide a wonderful perfumed respite and from where you can enjoy a stunning view of the lake. We continue on with a boat trip from Cadenabbia to Bellaggio. We will enjoy a tour of this pretty, quaint village situated on the tip of the headland, which divides the lake in two. Lunch, after which we take another boat trip to reach Varenna and Lake Garda. Accommodation in a hotel situated on the south or south west of the lake or in the immediate surroundings. Dinner and overnight stay.

5th Day: Sirmione / Verona
After breakfast, depart by private boat with our tour escort for an excursion (45 min) along the lake to see the romantic peninsula of Sirmione, considered as the pearl of the lake. Crossing the lift bridge we will enter its historical centre where we will see the Scaglieri Castle, an imposing fortress of the Middle Ages, the Catullo Grottoes (outside view only) and explore further this ancient Roman city.
Lunch in a restaurant in the centre and departure for Verona where we can experience the atmosphere and architecture of medieval times -the basilica of Saint Zeno and the picturesque Piazza delle Erbe (Erbe Square), which leads us to the house of Juliet, the heroine of the famous Shakespearian play. Late in the afternoon we will return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

6th Day: Lake Garda
After breakfast, departure with our tour escort for a tour of the lake. On this excursion we will experience the splendid natural landscape, together with beautiful little towns such as Manerba del Garda, famous for its vineyards, the colourful village of Salò, where Gaspare Bertolotti, the inventor of the violin, was born. We will also visit Gardone Riviera, which, due to its mild climate is a popular holiday resort and where you can visit the 'Vittoriale', the last home of Gabriele D'Annunzio. We make a short stop in Limone and finally reach Riva del Garda, where we will have lunch. On our return journey we will visit Malcesine (dominated by Monte Baldo), with its Renaissance Palace (ancient home of naval captains) and the Scaligeri Castle (with its impressive tower). We will continue on with a visit to Brenzone and Torre Benaco, where, as a testament to its interesting history, stands a Castle, built in the late 14th century on medieval remains. Other sites on the tour are Bardolino, famous for its red wine and Lazise where you can see the Bastions and the ancient Venetian border. We will conclude the tour with a visit to Peschiera del Garda whose walls, still solid and well maintained, surround the ancient part of the town. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

7th Day: Departure
Breakfast and departure. Lunch along the way. End of our services.



Italian Lakes and Venice

07 days / 06 nights

1st Day: Arrival in Aosta
In the late afternoon arrival in Aosta. Accommodation in hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

2nd Day: Garda Lake / Lido di Jesolo
After breakfast, departure for the beautiful and exciting city of Venice. Along the way we will stop in the town considered as the pearl of Lake Garda - Sirmione, located on the peninsula, which bears the same name. Passing through a 14th century door, we will enter the old part of the city where the Scaligeri Castle, entirely surrounded by water, is located. Lunch in a typical restaurant in Sirmione followed by leisure time to explore on your own. We will then arrive at the hotel located in Lido di Jesolo, a very popular vacation spot right outside Venice. Welcome drink, dinner and overnight stay.

3rd Day: Venice, also known as the "Serenissima"
After breakfast we will leave the hotel for the beautiful city of Venice. This town is unique, being constructed of 118 little islands and 177 canals connected by 400 bridges. Private boat transfer from Punta Sabbioni to San Marco Square, the heart of the city where the most popular monuments of the city stand. Here you can find the public prosecutor's office and the basilica's administrative office, the basilica of San Marco, also known as 'the golden church' because of its history and in particular for its two treasures - the Bell Tower and the Clock Tower. During the guided tour you can also admire, from the outside, the Doge's Palace, a masterpiece of Venetian Gothic art. You will also see the Bridge of Sighs (which connects the Doge's Palace with its prisons and is so called because of the sighs of prisoners who used to cross it on their way to prison) the Bell Tower and the Clock Tower. Lunch in a restaurant in downtown Venice. Free afternoon to stroll around the canals and the narrow Venetian streets that may lead you to the Academy Museum or to the Rialto Bridge, one of the most animated spots of Venice with lots of souvenir shops. You could also use your free time to take a romantic gondola tour! (not included). In the late afternoon meet the rest of the group at the pier in San Marco Square. Private boat transfer to Punta Sabbioni where the bus will be waiting to take you back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

4th Day: The Islands of the Venetian Lagoon / Padua
After breakfast, private boat trip to visit, together with your tour escort, the Venetian islands. The first island we will visit is Murano, renowned throughout the world for its glass blowing factories. To fully experience this ancient craft, you will observe a glass blowing demonstration during which, skilled glass blowers will create beautiful objects right in front of you. The second stop we make is on the island of Burano, the Fishermen's Island, known for its colourful houses and its embroidery works. Back to the hotel for lunch. In the afternoon departure from the hotel to visit the city of Padua, a very important university centre. Guided tour of the city to see its beautiful basilica, (pilgrimage destination for people with a special devotion to St Anthony), Piazza delle Signorie, the Justice Palace and the church of the Eremites built in Gothic-Romanesque style. In the very heart of the city you will walk through famous squares such as Piazza dei Frutti and Piazza delle Erbe where you can visit the Region Palace and its daily picturesque market situated nearby. Also worth a visit is the Caffè Pedrocchi, built in Neoclassical style, which demonstrates the splendour of 14th century. Back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

5th Day: Vicenza / Lake Maggiore
After breakfast departure from the hotel to Vicenza. This city, part of the UNESCO, wonderfully showcases the work of the Italian architect Andrea Palladio, with its numerous palaces and masterpieces. With the tour guide you will see Piazza dei Signori, considered as the political heart of the town during the Middle Ages, the basilica, Corso Palladio - the main road of the town, luxurious palaces, 14th and 15th cen. churches and finally the Olympic Theatre, the last work created by Palladio and one of the most remarkable monuments in Vicenza. Another important site is the Dominican church of Santa Corona, which is considered to be a museum because it houses many important works of art such as the 'Baptism of Christ' by Bellini. Lunch in a restaurant downtown. In the afternoon depart for Lake Maggiore. Arrival in the evening in the Baveno region or in another nearby locality along the coast of the lake. Accommodation in hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

6th Day: Lake Maggiore
After breakfast, departure by private boat to visit the Borromean Islands. The first island we will visit is Isola Bella (Beautiful Island) and its Borromeo Palace built in 17th century by the Borromei princes who dominated the archipelago. This building is surrounded by a beautiful garden constructed of terraces, adorned with fountains, statues and extraordinary exotic plants. We will also visit Isola dei Pescatori (Fisherman's Island), a favourite spot for many artists. Lunch in a restaurant on the island. In the afternoon visit to Isola Madre (Mother Island) - the biggest of the Borromean islands -, with its 18th century palace surrounded by magnificent gardens, where you can admire a 140-year-old cypress tree and the biggest palm tree in Italy! In the evening back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

7th Day: Departure
Breakfast at the hotel and departure. End of our services



Possibility to book a return flight from your town.

Food and Wine Italy



Campania
Apulia
Sicily
Tuscany
Emilia Romagna
Piedmont

Campania Food and Wine

06 days / 05 nights

1st Day: Arrival in Naples
Arrival at Naples airport, meeting with your tour escort and transfer by bus towards Sorrento. Accommodation in a family run hotel in the region, with traditional local cuisine. Welcome drink, dinner and overnight stay.

2nd Day: Sorrento
Breakfast at the hotel. This day is devoted to discovering Sorrento, famous for its production of oranges and lemons, its ancient craft of inlaid wood and its romantic sunsets. During the morning we will visit a farm where we will observe a cooking demonstration in order to understand the secrets of this art, and to savour the specialities of this region, directly from the source. Neapolitan cuisine is famous for its rich flavours and for its typical local products such as mozzarella. Following our visit to the farm, we will discover local products such as olives, olive oil, lemons, oranges, wine and bread. You will also have the possibility of cooking yourself and later tasting the course you have prepared! In the afternoon, we will walk with our local guide to explore the historical centre of Sorrento. Passing through the small streets of this old city, we will see the walls and the ancient door to the city and monuments that are a testament to the past such as the 'Seat of Government.' Nearby is the small kiosk of San Francesco, with the beautiful gardens of the "public villa" where our eyes will be opened to the beauty of the bay of Naples. We will visit a small factory which produces the famous lemon liqueur- Limoncello- a speciality particular of this area, tasting which will allow you to savour this delicious liqueur and where you can also try other flavours like 'cream of limoncello' and 'chocolate limoncello'. We will also have an opportunity to admire the craft of inlaid wood, a local tradition. Finally we can view and admire a fine collection of porcelain from Capodimonte at the Museum of Correale(optional visit). Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

3rd Day: Pompei / Vesuvius
After breakfast departure for Pompeii, one of the most famous archaeological sites in the world. This ancient commercial city was engulfed by the Vesuvian eruption of 79 AD and remained hidden and forgotten for hundreds of years. In this ancient city, with our guide, we will discover the many secrets and main monuments of the Roman era and, at the same time, revisit the emotional story of this once thriving city. After a tour of the excavation, we will depart for Mount Vesuvius. The long uncovered streets of vine plants on the slopes beneath the volcano, produce the famous wine 'Lacrima Christi'. The ancient Romans considered Campania to be the best region for the production of wine and appreciated in particular the wine of Vesusvius. 'Lacrima Christi', therefore is the subject of one of the most famous and beautiful legends of this area. The story goes that while Christ meditated on the slopes of Mt. Vesuvius, admiring the bay of Naples, pondering the immorality of man, tears flowed from his eyes and every very time a tear fell on to the soil, a small vine plant began to grow….. We will visit then a farm and in its small cantina we will taste the high quality local wine. Time for light lunch. Following on we travel to Vesuvius. We will continue our visit by foot (optional) to discover a spectacular and unique view of the Bay of Naples. Return to the hotel for dinner. After dinner we will experience a splendid musical Neapolitan spectacular (optional). In the Tasso Theatre of Sorrento, we will enjoy the traditional dance, costumes from the 14th century, and songs such as the famous 'Torna a Sorrento' and 'O' Sole Mio', brought together in a great musical. The performance lasts about 75 minutes and recounts the daily life of the people of the time. Return to the hotel for overnight stay.

4thDay: Agerola/ Gragnano
After breakfast departure for Agerola and its surroundings. The bus takes us to the area of Nocelle where we will stop to meet with our guide and continue on foot to discover the magnificent 'Sentiero degli Dei'. This walk, which lasts about 5 hours, will provide us with a spectacular panorama. We will have the impression that we are immersed entirely in the luxurious vegetation, suspended beneath the sea and beneath the valleys of the wonderful Amalfi Coast and the Bay of Salerno. The sheer cliff descends to the south and provides us with unforgettable scenery. Lunch at the base of the cliff, with typical local products such as cheese and *antipasti* (appetizers), allowing us to sample the real art of local cuisine. In the afternoon we will visit a pasta factory in Gragnano. This region of Naples is abundant with natural springs that provide power for many mills (about 1600) and therefore production of pasta in this area is predominant. Since the 18th century it has been impossible to separate the macaroni pasta from the fictional Neapolitan puppet Pulcinella! The famous puppet's main preoccupation in life, was to devour large plate of macaroni, despite the fact that his hunger would never abate! More historically, macaroni was the main and often only meal of 17th Neapolitan population. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

5th Day: Benevento
After breakfast departure for Benevento. 'Nowhere in Italy is as ancient as Benevento' so the legend goes. 'It was founded by Diomede and Ausone, sons of Ulisses and Circe'. Here we can admire the Triumph Arch, erected in honor of the imperial senate and the Roman people in the year 114. The church of Saint Sofia, represents one of the finest examples of European architecture from the Middle Ages. The Castle of Benevento, better known as 'la Rocca dei Rettori' or 'Rocca di Manfredi', is to be found at the highest point of the city, dominating the valleys of the river 'Sabato' and its two important avenues 'la Via Appia' and 'la Via Traiana'. Benevento is also famous for its production of wines such as: Aglianico, Falanghina, Fiano, Taurasi

and others. We will visit a vineyard and in its cellar have a light lunch with typical local products and wine tasting. In the afternoon, return to Sorrento. In the evening we will have a pizza party in a restaurant to sample another famous local dish – the pizza, and listen to local Neapolitan music (optional). Italian cuisine, like many cuisines is particular to each region. In this case, the pizza is not an Italian dish but Neapolitan! It has always been thought that the colours of the Italian flag can be found on the Margherita pizza and that is exactly right- the green of the basil, the white of the mozzarella and the red of the tomatoes! Return to the hotel for overnight stay.

6th Day : Departure
After breakfast departure by bus for Naples airport. End of our services.

Alternative day: Paestum/Vietri
After breakfast departure for Paestum where we will find a unique archaeological site of Greek origin. We can visit the temples of Neptune, Hera and Ceres. These temples, Doric in style, were built in 5th and 6th centuries and have been marvelously preserved. Paestum is famous for its production of buffalo mozzarella, seen as the most important mozzarella of all, made from the milk of the female buffalo and nothing less! Before we leave Paestum, we will have the possibility of visiting a farm, where buffalo are bred and view a buffalo herd soaking in a large pool. We will also have the opportunity to admire the typical products made from buffalo milk and taste the buffalo mozzarella synonymous with this area and also will have the opportunity to assist in the production process. Of the many varieties of cheeses produced in this area the mozzarella is the most characteristic. Following this, we continue on to the Amalfi Coast, situated between the Gulf of Naples and the Gulf of Salerno. The peninsula of Amalfi is the most spectacular coastline in Italy. On the side of the headland of Salerno, are terraces covered in citrus trees descending down to the sea and to the urban centre. Fortunately the steep rocky incline and the gorge have prevented man from altering this walkway and it remains unspoiled and natural. This valley and those of Amalfi, Positano, Ravello, Vietri sul Mare preserve our initial fascination with this area. We will visit Vietri sul Mare, touring one of its ceramic factories, as this is a craft Vietri is famous for. The ceramics of Vietri is distinct because it is personally designed for you by artists in their free time, without artistic constraints or design restrictions. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.



Apulia Food and Wine

07 days / 06 nights

1st Day: San Giovanni Rotondo
Arrival in the beautiful country town of San Giovanni Rotondo, a town rich in religious faith and culture. Accommodation in a selected hotel to offer you a comfortable and pleasant journey.

2nd Day: Saint Angelo Mount/ Vieste
Breakfast and departure for St. Angelo Mount, the highest town in Gargano, 843 m above sea level. Tour of its three cultural treasures – St. Michael Archangel Cave, The Medieval Baptistery and the church of St. Mary the Major. We continue on to the Umbrian Forest, in the heart of the Gargano National Park and walking through the forest shaded by pine, maple, ash and oak trees we will enjoy the beautiful scenery. We continue our tour with a visit to Vieste, one of the most desirable destinations for tourists from all over Europe. Lunch with typical Apulian specialities and wine. In the afternoon, exploration of the picturesque historical centre, dating back to medieval times, with its narrow interlaced alleys and houses leaning out onto the crystal sea. Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

3rd Day: Trani / Castel del Monte
Departure for Trani and visit to the wonderful cathedral of St. Nicole the Pilgrim, one of the most refined examples of Romanesque Apulian architecture. We continue on to Castel del Monte, a town that due to its beauty and uniqueness, has been included by UNESCO in the World Heritage Guide. Lunch at a local farm of cheese, cold cuts, vegetables and hors-d'oeuvres. Walking through the town we will see the 'Stone Crown', a wonderful castle renowned for its octagonal form and symbolism, having a most mysterious edifice commissioned by Frederic 2nd of Sweden. We continue on to Alberobello. Accommodation in hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

4th Day: Matera / Alberobello
Breakfast and departure for a visit to a dairy farm near Putignano. Here we will watch and assist in the production of mozzarella, cottage cheese and provola and later enjoy a tasting. We continue on to Matera, the Stone City, considered by the World Heritage Guide, to be one of the most unique cities in the world. Matera is a city of entrenched villages, country houses built in hollowed out rock, stone churches decorated with frescoes, Roman and Baroque monuments. Matera, as a city, is similar in style to the city of Jerusalem. After lunch, we continue on to the Castellana Caves, a geographical miracle of nature, rich in stalactites and stalagmites. Return to the hotel and depart for Costernino, a town whose houses are built in oriental style, with their hidden courts and external staircases. Dinner in a local restaurant with delicious hors-d'oeuvres and roast meat. Return to the hotel for the overnight stay.

5th Day: Locorotondo / Ostuni
Breakfast and depart for our visit to Alberobello, a town built on two hills and abundant with almond and olive trees. Alberobello is also famous for its 'trulli' – unique stone constructions, and which, when it snows, provide breathtaking scenary. Departure for Locorotondo, a town built on the top of a hill, surrounded by rolling countryside. Locorotondo is famous for its produciton of exquisite white wine. Lunch on a farm of typical local products and the possibility of attending a cooking lesson. We continue our excursion with a visit to Ostuni, a town of white trulli and surrounded by sparkling blue sea. The numerous churches to be seen in Ostuni make this a wonderful town for lovers of architecture. Its typical cuisine is derived from local products such as fine quality olive oil, seasonal vegetables and exquisite cheeses. Stop for a tasting in a famous oil pressing factory. Dinner and overnight stay in hotel.

6th Day: Lecce / Otranto
Breakfast and departure for Lecce, the main town of the Salento area and also called 'The Florence of the South' because of its spectacular architecture. Among its many treasures is the famous Roman Amphitheatre which in the past could hold 20,000 spectators! Also worth visiting is the Castle of Charles V, built by the military architect Gian Giacomo dell'Acaja. Close to the castle is one of the most important theatres in the area, the Politeama Greek Theatre. We continue on to Otranto, also known as the 'Oriental Door'. Its cathedral is an architectural masterpiece as is its famous Aragonese Castle, where recently further excavation has unearthed a moat and a draw bridge. The baroque church of Saint Maria dei Martiri is another noteworthy attraction and is visited by pilgrims and tourists throughout the year. This cathedral is built on a large hill close to the monastery of the Minimum Friars. Lunch in a typical restaurant of local fresh fish. Return to the hotel. Dinner and overnight stay.

7th Day: Departure
Breakfast and departure for Bari. This city has a wonderful scenery overlooking both sea and land. It also has some outstanding monuments such as the cathedral of Saint Sabine and the basilica of Saint Nicola. The cuisine of Apulia is renowned throughout the world for its local production of sweet olives, savory breads, cakes, olive oil, pickled olives, dried tomatoes and roast chestnuts. **Possibility** of lunch in a local restaurant and then transfer to airport. End of our service.



Sicily Food and Wine

07 days / 06 nights

1st Day: Palermo
Arrival in Palermo and accommodation in hotel centrally located or in the surrounding area. Palermo is a cultural and economic centre between the Mediterranean Sea and Europe. For this reason it has been in the past, a city of Greek, Phoenician, Byzantine, Roman, Arab and Norman conquest. As a result of this, the city is adorned with monuments in many styles such as the cathedral, the church of San Giovanni, Norman Palace, the Palatine Chapel and the Sanctuary of St. Rosalia. Guided sightseeing tour of the city by night. Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

2nd Day: Segesta / Marsala
Breakfast and departure for the ancient city of Segesta, famous for Mount Barbaro and for its extraordinary archaeological sites. We continue on to medieval Erice, a town that rises up to the top of Mount San Giuliano (571 m high) and a place of exceptional beauty. We arrive in Marsala, one of the main Sicilian places of interest, due to its impressive historical monuments and beautiful landscape. You can visit the enchanting centre, viewing the Museum with the "Punic" ship and the Venus Callipyge dating back to Roman times. We move on to Porta Garibaldi where you can take a fascinating stroll around the Jewish district. Wine tasting and light lunch in a typical local winery. We travel through Sicily discovering its most famous wines, such as the Nero d'Avola, the Grillo, the world-renowned Marsala, the Moscato of Pantelleria and the Malvasia of Sicilia. The cooking course takes place in a villa, which has recently been restored and converted into a charming and exclusive hotel, surrounded by palm and olive trees and vineyards. During the course you will learn to prepare and cook typical local dishes and later, enjoy the fruits of your labour with a leisurely dinner. Overnight stay.

3rd Day: Agrigento / Piazza Armerina / Acireale
Breakfast and departure for Agrigento. Agrigento's historical centre is renowned for Victoria Boulevard; a wide boulevard shaded by ficus trees where you can admire, from afar, the Valley of the Temples and 16th century St. Calogero church. We will then visit the Valley of the Temples and continue on to Armerina Square. Lunch in a typical local restaurant and guided tour of the Villa del Casale, a Roman villa famous for its wonderful polychromatic mosaics. We continue on to Acireale where we will have dinner and overnight stay in a selected hotel.

4th Day: Etna / Taormina
Breakfast and departure with a guide for Mt. Etna, the highest volcano in Europe and one of the most famous in the world, whose presence is announced by a constantly visible plume of smoke. Lunch at a typical farm and visit. We continue on to Taormina, an area known for its mild climate and rich vegetation. Taormina is famous for its landscape, the Mazzaro Bay and Bella Island being two of its most beautiful areas, and also for its archaeological and historical sites such as the cathedral of St. Nicola, the church of San Pancrazio, Corvaglia Palace, the Badia Vecchia and the Greek Theatre. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

5th Day: Syracuse
Breakfast and departure for Syracuse- a city built by the Greeks. Guided visit to the archaeological site and historical centre. Possibility of a visit to the celebrated Papyrus Museum which previously housed a small private collection but is now an extensive museum due to recent acquisitions. Lunch in a typical restaurant. In the afternoon, on the return journey from Acireale, we will visit a confectionary factory where you can assist in the preparation of famous Sicilian cakes such as the *cassata*, the *cannolo* and almond pastry. Dinner in a typical restaurant near Acireale with local fish menu. Return to the hotel and overnight stay.

6th Day: Cefalù / Palermo
Breakfast and departure for Cefalù. Stop for free time to explore this picturesque town, rising from the foot of a large mountain. Cefalù belongs to the famous Madonie Park- an important naturalistic and historical centre. Its rhythm of life is certainly unique and it maintains its ancient charm with local rural traditions. Lunch in a typical farm then continue on to Palermo. Dinner and overnight stay.

7th Day: Palermo
Breakfast and transfer to airport. End of our services.



Tuscany Food and Wine

06 days / 05 nights

1st Day : Arrival in Florence
Once you arrive at the airport in Florence, you will be transferred by bus to a 4 star hotel in the Chianti area. We will start with a guided tour of Siena, a city that serves both as the administrative centre of Toscana and as a participating body in UNESCO. Assisted by a local guide, you will discover the delights of this wonderful city in the hills. You will see the two towers considered as the symbols of the city itself: the tower of the City Hall and the tower of the imposing cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta, which is entirely adorned by stripes of light and dark marble. We will also visit Piazza del Campo (Campo Square), one of the largest squares built in the Middle Ages, centre of Siena and the origin point of the city's history and life. It is in this square that the famous "Palio" horse race takes place every year. After, you will view another noteworthy site, the church of San Domenico and see in particular the interior cupola where Saint Catherine took her vows. Following the tour, you will be returned to the hotel where dinner and an overnight accommodations await you.

2nd Day: Castellina and Radda in Chianti
After breakfast at the hotel, you will begin your tour of north east Chianti. You will first see Castellina in Chianti, a territory that stands as a relic, with history spanning between the Etruscan period up to the Middle Ages. It is also here that the famous writer/singer Leo Ferré died. At noon, we will stop at a vineyard where you will have the opportunity to see firsthand how wine, grappa and Vin Santo (or Italian dessert wine) are made. This visit will be followed by a typical Tuscan lunch with local wine. In the afternoon, you will be driven to Radda in Chianti, another small town that served as a strategic position for trade and war during the Middle Ages. So much so, that Florence built a strong defensive wall around it, one that still stands erect today. Radda in Chianti has retained its medieval elements and charm, with the only difference being that its castles and monuments are now sites for wine and olive oil product development. Again following the tour, you will be returned to the hotel where dinner and an overnight accommodations await you.

3rd Day: Florence
After breakfast, you will depart for a guided tour of Florence, considered one of the most beautiful and prestigious Renaissance cities and once the residence of the Medici family. From Piazzale Michelangelo you will take in a beautiful panorama of the city, with the tour proceeding onto Florence's historical centre. Together with the tour guide, you will explore San Giovanni Square and the cathedral of S. Maria del Fiore with its cupola designed and built by Brunelleschi. Also, you will view Giotto's famous Bell Tower that dominates over the city with its imposing height and captivating polychromatic marble body. Located in the same square is the baptistery of Saint John, with its three monumental and beautifully decorated bronze doors. Other important sites of our guided tour: the oldest Florentine bridge, Ponte Vecchio, which is lined with jewellery and fashion stores and Piazza delle Signorie (Singorie Square) where the Palazzo Vecchio is located, a place that is warmly regarded as the heart of the city. Lunch will follow in a *trattoria* amid the city centre. In the evening, you will receive a culinary lesson in typical Tuscan cuisine and will be able to eat for dinner what you have prepared (however, if you would opt not to, you also have the option of having a restaurant prepared dinner). Following your meal, you will be returned to the hotel for the night.

4th Day: Colle Val d'Elsa - Volterra
After breakfast at the hotel, you will leave with your guide for Colle Val d'Elsa. During the Renaissance, this town was regarded as a point of high economic interest. So much so that, Florence and Siena vehemently fought for its control. Finally, the town succumbed to the Florentine authority. At the time it flourished in crystal production and even today it contributes to 15% of all crystal produced worldwide. So logically the tour will begin with a visit to a crystal and glassworks factory. Then, we will proceed on to a cheese farm in Volterra. Here, you will witness the method behind cheese production. It is also here, that you will have a delicious lunch composed solely of these freshly made products. The tour will continue into the fascinating town of Volterra, where it is possible to see remnants from every historical period. This multitude of historical influence gives the town a truly unique, artistic and architectural feel. In the evening, you will be returned to the hotel for the night.

5th Day: Montepulciano – Pienza – Montalcino
After breakfast at the hotel, we will depart toward Montepulciano. Because of its architectural beauty, this city has often been chosen as the set for films, some of which include: The English Patient, A Midsummer Night's Dream, and New Moon. Lunch will be held at a nearby rustic kitchen, where you will enjoy a homemade meal and local wines. Then you will continue to Pienza, referred to as the "ideal city" because it was built under the humanistic notion that man and nature should have balanced roles. It was also the birth place where Pope Pio II, who decided to build within the town an impressive dome to symbolize the spirit of the humanist movement. Finally, we will reach Montalcino, a city renowned for its excellent wine (Brunello di Montalcino). However the city is not without history, as it served as an important crossroad in the trade route between Rome and France during the Middle Ages. Here, we will have a final wine tasting before returning to the hotel for the night.

6th Day: Return to your country.
After breakfast at the hotel, you will have the choice between a free morning or a guided tour of San Gimignano (optional). Then, you will be taken by bus to Florence airport. End of our services.

Emilia Romagna Food and Wine

07 days / 06 nights

1st Day: Modena
Once you arrive at the airport in Bologna, you will be transferred by bus to a 3* sup. hotel in the centre or immediate surroundings of Modena, one of the most beautiful and visited towns of Italy. Commerce and agriculture assured its prosperity throughout the centuries. You will have dinner at the hotel.

2nd Day: Modena / San Lazzaro di Savena and Nonantola
After breakfast at the hotel you will visit the wonderful city of Modena and its surrounding areas with a local guide. You will see Piazza Roma and Palazzo Ducale. Passing through the ancient "Via Aemilia" you will admire the Romantica Ghirlandina Tower, Piazza Grande, the Romanesque cathedral (one of the most important and visited monuments of this town) and the Communal Palace are located (on Sundays it is not possible to visit the cathedral). Then you will continue towards San Lazzaro di Savena, an agricultural town. There you will visit a land farm, where healthy and genuine foods are produced. There you will have the opportunity to learn how to make hand made pasta. Then you will have the pleasure of a lunch with typical products and the pasta you made yourself in the course. After lunch you will head toward the small medieval town of Nonantola, where you will visit the ancient abbey and its beautiful sculptures and paintings with a local guide. Following the tour, you will be returned to the hotel where dinner and an overnight accommodation await you.

3rd Day: Vignola and Maranello
After breakfast, the entire morning will be dedicated to visit Vignola. Its name comes from the Latin "the vineola", (small vine), to indicate the cultivation of vines, widely practiced in the Roman age on the alluvial soils of the Panaro river. With a tour guide you will visit a farm that produces balsamic vinegar. Then you will have a light lunch. After lunch you will head towards Maranello, well known all over the world for its Ferrari factory and the Ferrari Gallery, that you will visit. Entrance fee and international tour guide are included. The museum is divided into four areas and each of them will certainly satisfy the expectations of Ferrari fans and people who are passionate about classic cars. You will appreciate the Formula One exhibitions, the technological and the photographic shows. Following the tour, you will be returned to the hotel where dinner and an overnight accommodation await you.

4th Day : Bologna and Dozza
After breakfast at the hotel, you will leave for Bologna. In the morning you will enjoy a guided tour of Bologna: you will stroll around this beautiful medieval town, so rich in monuments and palaces that has gained the nick name of "piccola Roma" (little Rome). You will see Piazza Maggiore, considered the heart of the city, King Enzo's Palace, the City Hall, the Neptune Fountain, Saint Petronio's basilica and finally a masterpiece of the Romanesque art: Saint Stefano's architectural complex. Then you will be driven to Dozza and have lunch in a typical farm. In the afternoon you will visit a winery and will have the opportunity to taste excellent local wines. At the end of the tour you will be driven to the hotel where dinner and an overnight accommodation await you.

5th Day : Reggio Emilia and Valle d'Enza
In the morning you will depart towards Reggio Emilia, symbol of the Italian gastronomy. In the morning guided tour of this marvellous city, with the cathedral, the Saint Prospero's basilica in the main square, the Communal Palace and the sanctuary of Madonna della Ghiara. Then you will head towards Valle d'Enza, where you will have a guided tour of the Rossena Castle and its ruins. After lunch at a local restaurant you will continue to Montechiarugolo, where you will visit a ham factory and taste this delicious cold cut with some good wines. Then you will continue to Salsomaggiore, famous thermal spot where a lot of international cultural events take place every year. Accommodation will be in a central 4* hotel in Salsomaggiore Terme, dinner included.

6th Day: Parma and Fontanellato
After breakfast at the hotel, you will leave for Parma, a city that is rich in monuments and art but especially known for its agricultural and industrial activities. With a local guide you will see the historical centre with the famous Piazza del Duomo, where you will admire the cathedral, the marvellous Baptistery and the Palazzo Ducale. Then you will stop for lunch. In the early afternoon you will head towards Fontanellato, important agricultural and industrial centre, located near the Taro river. There you will visit the "Rocca" (castle) with its beautiful rooms, its garden and the ground floor where the famous painter Parmigianino created one of his masterpieces. After the tour, you will visit a cheese factory in the area and taste different types of delicious cheese. Then you will have free time to do your shopping or relax before being driven back to the hotel where, again, dinner and an overnight accommodation await you.

7th Day: Departure
After breakfast at the hotel you will be transferred to Bologna airport. This ends our services.



Piedmont Food and Wine

06 days / 05 nights

1st Day: Alba
Arrival in the south of Piedmont and accommodation in hotel centrally located in Alba. Welcome drink, dinner and overnight stay.

2nd Day: Alba
After a light breakfast at the hotel, we begin our tour with an enchanting excursion to Alba. You will discover Piedmont's vintage wines and outstanding cuisine. Piedmont is famous for its wine, its precious truffles, its hazelnuts and chocolate. In the morning, together with your guide, you will explore the beautiful sights of Alba with its historical centre, its numerous medieval towers, its wonderful cathedral dedicated to St. Lorenzo, the church of San Giovanni with its marvellous paintings and frescoes and the old city hall. After a tour of the town, you will have free time to wander around and experience this wonderful town as well as its atmosphere at your leisure. Following on from Alba we will travel by bus to a countryside of rolling vineyards. In this location, renowned for its specialist wines, you will observe the characteristic soil and climate necessary for the cultivation of special grapes, the various techniques used in production and later sample some of the finest wines with a wine tasting in a typical wine factory. A light buffet of typical local products will also be provided. Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

3rd Day: Torino
After breakfast, we depart for the city of Torino. Here an expert local guide will show us the treasures of the city- the historical centre with its Royal Palace, the Palazzo Madama (with its museum of ancient art) which stands in the centre, the Royal Palace, residence of the Savoia Family till the 1865, the cathedral built in 4th century, the Regio Theatre, and much more. Once the tour is completed, you will have free time to explore the city at leisure. For a spectacular view of the city, you can take the glass elevator to the Antonelliana Tower, the highest building in the city, or alternatively, you can stroll around and shop to your heart's content along 18km of elegant shops and boutiques. Lunch in a typical cafe. Another site of interest in the Egyptian Museum which houses the famous 'Shroud of Turin'. Also on view are some of the most important masterpieces of Egyptian culture such as the statue of Ramesse II, which rests alongside the tomb of Kha and Mirit (who were husband and wife) and numerous statues of the pharaohs, sarcophagi, mummies etc. You can also visit the Santo Sudario Museum, where you will find the sacred urn, which is believed to have contained the sweat of the body of Christ and where you will find an impressive image of Christ. As an **alternative,** you can continue shopping! In the afternoon, return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

4 th Day: Monferrato / Vercelli
We travel to an area called Monferrato, famous for its wine and spumante production and also for its production of rice. Along the way we will stop in Asti, the capital of this region, and explore the town. After, we continue on to the province of Vercelli. Reaching this area is like entering a water world. We will pass through rice fields - a huge area covered with water, rich fauna, inhabited by blue and grey herons as well as many other species of birds. The Principato of Lucedio Farm is located in Trino, the heart of this rice-growing region. The Cistercian monks who later, in 15th century introduced the cultivation of rice to the area founded Trino in the 12th century. We will visit a farm to observe the different methods of rice production and later enjoy a wonderful meal at the farm to sample the many varieties of risotto. In the afternoon, we will visit the Holy Mountain of Crea, where 23 chapels stand in honour of the Blessed Virgin. Guests are then free to dine alone in a restaurant of their choice. Overnight stay in the hotel.

5th Day: Castle of Racconigi
Visit with tour guide to one of the most popular castles of the Savoia Family- the Castello di Racconigi. This excursion includes a tour of the first and second floors, the kitchen and chapel. We will also visit the splendid park, which surrounds the castle. The park is truly a testament to the architects who designed it and the gardeners who maintain it. Lunch is included in this excursion. In the evening we will celebrate our last night with a special dinner in a local restaurant in Pollenzio. Return to the hotel and overnight stay.

6th Day: Departure
Breakfast and departure. End of our services.



Langhe – land of truffle and wine

03 days / 02 nights



1st Day: Alba

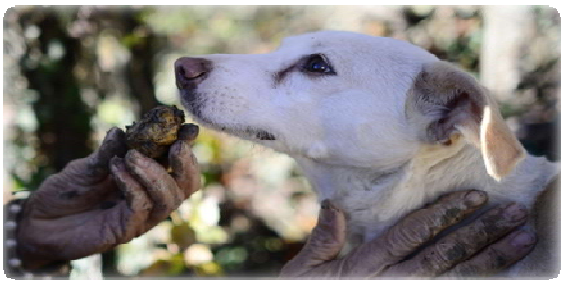
Arrival at Alba or its surroundings and accommodation at a typical farm. Welcome drink with the owners. In the morning visit a typical farm, a family owned business based in Alba, the world capital of the white truffle. Tradition and innovation are their key words and combined together, allow the company to offer gourmet products, appreciated all over the world. The visit is made up of two tours: the Guided Visit to the kitchens and workshops, where we prepare hand-made pasta, sauces, condiments and we select truffles and then to the chocolate atelier, where is possible to see chocolate production. The Guided Tasting of our specialties in the Show Room. Lunch prepared with local specialities, the so-called "Merenda Sinoira", all offered with a glass of wine. In the afternoon a very exciting experience awaits truffle enthusiasts. A truffle hunter accompanied by his dog will lead the group into the woods to seek out the precious underground mushroom guided only by the dog's sense of smell and the intuition (appropriate clothing highly recommended, comfortable clothes and footwear). Return to the farm for dinner and overnight stay.

2nd Day: Alba / Cortemilia

After a light breakfast at the farm, together with your guide, you will explore the beautiful sights of Alba with its historical centre, its numerous medieval towers, its wonderful cathedral dedicated to St. Lorenzo, the church of San Giovanni with its marvellous paintings and frescoes and the old city hall. After you will have free time. In the afternoon a typical countryside sight seeing, where you can visit the first company in the world to prepare nuts for chocolate delicacy. The various stages of production will be explained from shelling to roasting of hazelnuts. At the end of tour, visitors can taste the products such as the famous hazelnut cake "Torta Nocciole". Return to the farm, dinner and overnight stay.

3rd Day: Barolo

After a light breakfast at the farm, visit to a typical wine cellar. Piedmont is a region famous for its wine, where you will discover Piedmont's vintage wines. Visit and tasting in one of the wineries of Langhe area. In the afternoon you will take part in a new and particular activity, called "WINE EMOTIONS", where you will learn that the wine is made of history, culture, traditions but also of sensations and emotions, which you will discover through a tasting game. A new project, involving the new found vocation Wine-Tellers (Narratori del Vino): a new professional figure, that is in part sommelier, in part tour guide, in part wine historian, in part sensorial analysis expert. In the late afternoon return to the farm and departure. End of our services.



Possibility to book a return flight from your town.

Trekking



The Sorrentine Peninsula

05 days / 04 nights

1st Day: Naples
Arrival in Naples and transfer by bus to your farm house in hamlets such as Massaquano, S. Maria del Castello, Massa Lubrense or Agerola, situated on the outskirts of Sorrento and the Amalfi Coast. Accommodation, dinner and overnight-stay.

2nd Day: Punta Campanella
After breakfast, departure for Termini, meeting with guide and departure for the excursion to Punta Campanella. We will travel along a picturesque path of natural, historical and archaeological interest. Walking towards Mitigliano you can admire the typical vegetation of the Mediterranean scrub. Walking along the extreme side of Punta Campanella, where the temple of Minerva Tirrena once stood, we will visit the ruins of a Roman villa, Greek in origin. Return to the meeting point and then to the farm for dinner and overnight-stay.

3rd Day: Valle del Pozzo
After breakfast, departure for Montepertuso. We will walk on a simple path (40 min. 1,5 km) to arrive at the detour for Valle Pozzo, a small and steep gorge (path medium-high difficulty, gradient 280 mt. – 1,00 km, 60 mt.) that clambers up through oak-trees and chestnut-trees to Santa Maria del Castello, a small hamlet of Vico Equense which straddles the gulf of Naples and the gulf of Salerno. From this corner, you will have a spectacular view of Positano and of the Galli's islands and Montepertuso,(a large crevice formed by natural erosion). After a break, we will begin the descent to Positano, along the path of Capo d'Acqua, walking through a thick chestnut wood. Transfer back to your farm for dinner and overnight stay.

4th Day: Faito's Circuit
Breakfast and bus transfer to Castellamare di Stabia and meeting with our guide for the excursion to Faito's Circuit. We follow the old path, which connects Piazzale dei Capi to the small church of S. Michele, along the ridge. We will observe a spectacular view of the Vesuvius. Then we will continue to Mount Molare. At this point the path provides very different views, stretching from the Bay of Naples to the Bay of Salerno. Our path now becomes easier, passing the valley of Casa del Monaco. The final stretch of pathway is wide and comfortable as far as Campo del Pero, which brings us back to our starting point. Return to the farm for dinner and overnight stay.

5th Day: Departure
After breakfast transfer to Naples. End of our services.

The Amalfi Coast

05 days / 04 nights

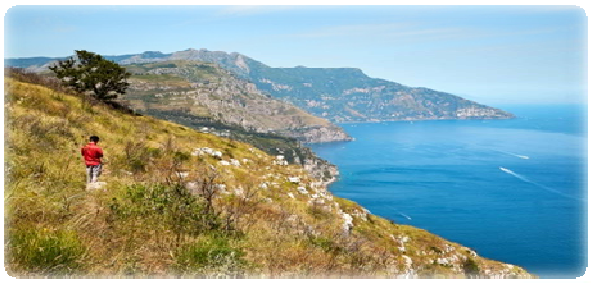
1st Day: Naples
Arrival in Naples and transfer by private bus to your farm house situated in one of the small hamlets of Sorrento such as Vico Equense, Agerola, Sant'Agata, Massa Lubrense, Massaquano or San Maria del Castello. Accommodation, dinner and overnight-stay.

2nd Day: Il sentiero degli Dei (The Path of the Gods)
Breakfast and transfer by bus to Agerola. You will meet your guide in Bomerano for the excursion to the marvellous Sentiero degli Dei, one of the most beautiful pathways of the area, about 6 hours, for a distance of 9,5 Km. A simple path which provides spectacular views of the most beautiful coast in Italy, the Amalfi Coast. The walk takes us along a high cliff providing the most unforgettable view. The guide will also give a talk on the geological history of the Monti Lattari. Return to the farm for dinner and overnight stay.

3rd Day: La valle delle Ferriere in Amalfi
Breakfast at your farm. The walk will start from the square of Amalfi at the foot of the impressive cathedral and proceed through the enchanting citrus-groves and woodland areas that's to say the Valle delle Ferriere (Ferriere Valley), characterized by springs and waterfalls that in past supplied the local factories. The historical and natural treasures together with the lush vegetation have facilitate the setting up of a Natural Reserve in order to preserve this fantastic landscape. Return to the farm for dinner and overnight-stay.

4th Day: Fiordo and Paper-mills of Furore
After breakfast, departure for Agerola. Meeting point with the guide in Bomerano for the excursion to the Fiordo (fjord) and the Cartiere (Paper-mills) of Furore. This is a charming path that combines nature, history, architecture and other elements of the daily life of Amalfi old population. Walking up an enchanting path of steps, on the mountainside, we will arrive at a small fishing-village. The breathtaking beauty of this landscape and local life were immortalized in a famous film directed by Rossellini, starring Anna Magnani and Federico Fellini. Return to the farm for dinner and overnight-stay.

5th Day: Departure
After breakfast, transfer to Naples. End of our services.



Ischia Island

06 days / 05 nights

1st Day: Naples
Arrival at Naples airport and transfer to the port. Your luggage will be brought directly to the hotel. Boat trip to Ischia from Naples and transfer to your hotel by mini bus. Accommodation in a hotel with swimming pool. In the afternoon optional tour of the area, or possibility of relaxing in one of the many spas which attract tourists from all over the world. In the late afternoon, you will meet with your tour escort who will provide you with all the necessary information to make the most of your stay in Ischia. Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.

2nd Day: Fondo d'Oglio – Maddalena Wood – Cretaio – Fondo Ferraio - Fiaiano – Pilastri
After breakfast, depart from the hotel to Fondo d'Oglio, an ancient volcanic crater and starting point for our excursion. We will start with a mild walk, uphill (about 25 min) through woods, to discover a magnificent view of the port of Ischia and its picturesque bay. Our walk continues along the coastline, which slopes down to the Crater of Fondo Ferraio near the town of Fiaino, close to Barano, where you will experience another wonderful view, this time of eastern Ischia, the Aragonese Castle and Campagnano. Free time and break for lunch. After lunch we will begin our walk, uphill, to the area of Pilastri, where our bus will be waiting to take us back to the hotel. Dinner at the hotel and overnight stay.

3rd Day: Promenade Zaro – San Montano
After breakfast, in the morning free time to explore Ischia on your own and taste the delicious local products. In the afternoon we will have a wonderful walk through a wooded area to reach two spectacular gems of the Mediterranean - Punta Caruso e Zaro where we can visit the luxurious gardens of Villa Mortella (optional). Finally we will proceed to Baia di San Montano, and after a short break for a nice glass of wine and some *bruschetta* (optional), we will return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

4th Day: Campagnano – Piano Liguri – Torri
After breakfast we depart by mini bus for the area of Vatoliere on the outskirts of Maronti beach, and later take an easy walk, crossing a small street to arrive at the church of Madonna di Montevergine, a small beautiful church in Schiappone. Continuing on through a chestnut wood, which will provide welcome shade, we will arrive at the foot of a mountain where you can enjoy a beautiful view of the sea. Lunch in a local restaurant of delicious local specialities (optional). In the afternoon we will take an easy stroll through the lush countryside and to our right, experience another breathtaking view of the Bay of Naples beneath the Vesuvius. Along the way we will meet the locals who will invite us for a glass of local wine and a special performance of the famous song "O' Sole Mio"! We finally arrive in Campagnano where we will end our perfect day and where the bus will be waiting to take us back to the hotel. Dinner at the hotel and overnight stay.

5th Day: Mount Epomeo
After breakfast departure for Fontana, a small village in the Serrara Fontana region and starting point for today's excursion to the base of Mt. Epomeo, the highest mountain on the island (789 m). We will start our walk along the road which leads to Cretao, continuing uphill through a dense woodland of chestnut trees to arrive at the spring of Buceto, one of the many powerful water springs of Ischia. After tasting the clear fresh water directly from the mountain spring, we will continue through the woods arriving at Piano di San Paolo. Here we will find a small resting area with a restaurant where we can have a meal tasting an excellent *bruschetta*, spaghetti with fresh tomatoes and chilled white wine (optional). After lunch we continue on to the summit where we will experience an amazing view of all the islands and the Bay of Naples. We will then begin our descent through more chestnut woods, towards Serrana, where we will also see Sant' Angelo d' Ischia. Return by mini bus to the hotel. Dinner and overnight stay.

6th Day: Naples
After breakfast, transfer by bus to the port and boat trip from Ischia to Naples. Transfer by bus to the airport where your luggage will be waiting. End of our services.



The Pearls of the Sorrento Peninsula

08 days / 07 nights

1st Day: Naples
Arrival in Naples, transfer to your farm house by private bus. All lodgings are situated in small hamlets surrounding Sorrento such as Vico Equense, Agerola, Sant'Agata, Massa Lubrense, Massaquano and Santa Maria del Castello. Accommodation, dinner and overnight stay.

2nd Day: Punta Campanella
After breakfast departure for Termini, where you will meet your guide for the excursion to Punta Campanella, a landscape of naturalistic, historical and archaeological interest. This walk will take about 5 hours for a distance of about 6,5 Km. Passing Mitigliano you will encounter the characteristic 'Mediterranean Scrub' vegetation rich in wild olive, myrtle, juniper and rosemary trees. Heading onwards to the sheer cliff-face of Punta Campanella, where once the Minerva Tirrena Temple stood, we encounter the ruins of a Roman style villa built by the Greeks. Return to the meeting point and then to the farm for dinner and overnight stay.

3rd Day: Sorrentine Peninsula
Breakfast at the farm. Free day with the opportunity of a visit to the various beautiful and famous sites surrounding the Sorrento Peninsula such as: Pompeii, Amalfi, Positano, Herculaneum, Sorrento itself and the islands of Capri and Ischia. Dinner and overnight stay at the farm.

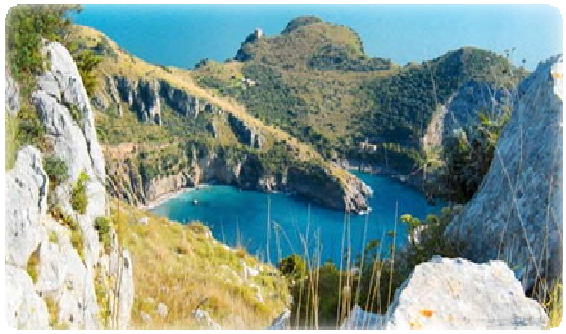
4th Day: Sentiero degli Dei (Pathway of the Gods)
Breakfast and transfer by bus to Agerola. In Bomerano we will meet our tour guide for the marvellous 'Sentiero degli Dei' excursion - one of the most beautiful landscape walks of the area (about 6 hours for a distance of 9,5 km.). We recommend you not to miss this excursion, as it is a simple walk with incredible views of the Amalfi Coast, one of the most spectacular coastlines in Italy. This walk takes us up to a sheer cliff, where we can experience an unforgettable panorama. The guide will also give information about the geological history of the Lattari Mountains. Return to the farm for dinner and overnight stay.

5th Day: Sorrentine Peninsula
Breakfast at the farm. Free day to be spent as you wish. If you prefer we can suggest some alternative excursions at your request. Half board at the farm.

6th Day: Capri: Sentiero dei Fortini Napoleonici
After breakfast transfer to Tasso Square. Transfer by ferry to Capri. A guide will be waiting for you and together you will explore this beautiful island. The walk to 'Sentiero dei Fortini Napoleonici' (Napoleonic Forts Pathway) will last about 3 hours (medium difficulty). By bus we will arrive close to the 'Blue Grotto', where the walk will start. The path connects the grotto with the Punta Carena lighthouse (Anacapri). Beginning from the western side of the island, we will circle the Forts, built in 1806 by the English during the Napoleonic wars and then later developed by the French after the conquest of the Island in 1808. Short rest and free time for lunch. In the afternoon you are free to explore other footpaths suggested by the guide or to explore other aspects of this heavenly island. In the late afternoon return to Sorrento by ferry and transfer to your farm for dinner and overnight stay.

7th Day: Tour of Vesuvius
After breakfast transfer by bus to Herculaneum, starting point for the excursion to Mount Vesuvius. This walk will take about 5/6 hours. This tour is the most complete among the Vesuvian tours offered, since it enables you to discover all the important sites, as well as the geology and the natural vegetation of the Vesuvius. The starting point, the spectacular Valle dell'Inferno (Hell's Valley), allows you to enjoy a long walk with many fantastic views and also allows you to walk on the old lava flow. Return to Sorrento by bus. Accommodation, dinner and overnight stay.

8th Day: Departure
After breakfast, transfer to Naples. End of our services.



Apulia and Basilicata

08 days / 07 nights

1st Day: Bari / Giovinazzo
Arrival at Bari airport and transfer by bus towards Giovinazzo. Accommodation in a 3* sup. or 4* hotel. Dinner and overnight stay.

2nd Day: Gargano National Park and Forest Umbria
Departure towards Gargano, the mountain that enters the sea with cliffs, full of caves. Hiking tour in the forest Umbria, a nature reserve where you can meet large trees like oaks, beeches and pines, but also deer and mushrooms; it's like a little piece of the Alps was transplanted to the South. Visit the old town and Monte S. Angelo castle, situated on a cliff over 800 meters. Overnight stay in Trani.

3rd Day: Castel de Monte / Trani / Polignano a Mare
Breakfast at the hotel and departure to Castel del Monte (about 1 hour) and easy hiking tour with visit of the famous "octagon" built by Federico II of Svevia. Packed lunch and visit of Trani, departure to Polignano a Mare (1,30 hour), the village overlooking the sea with a wonderful view. Transfer to Ostuni. Dinner and overnight stay.

4th Day: Ostuni / Alberobello
After Ostuni visit, the "white city", you are immersed in a sea of olive trees that leads to a ancient farm where you can take a packed lunch and taste olive oil. In the afternoon we will visit Alberobello, a picturesque town with "trulli", bizarre circular houses with conical roofs that retain an enigmatic appearance, with inscriptions; religious and astrological signs. Return to Ostuni, dinner and overnight stay.

5th Day: Sassi of Matera and the rupestrian churches
In the morning, transfer to Matera and brief excursion on the highlands of Murgia Timone, discovery of rock churches and Gravina, deep canyon carved over millions of years by water. Packed lunch and hiking tour to cross the canyon and reach the Sassi, the old UNESCO heritage neighborhoods. Walk through the streets, alleys, stairs, dug into caves houses, rock churches and roman and baroque churches. Return to Ostuni, dinner and overnight stay.

6th Day: Lecce
Departure towards Lecce and visit of baroque city, also called 'The Florence of the South'. The city hosts the Baroque splendor in the portals of buildings and facades of many churches (Basilica of Santa Croce, the Dome ..) which extend between the closed roads by three ancient entrances to the city: Rudiae gate, San Biagio gate and Napoli gate. Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

7th Day: Gallipoli / Otranto
Departure to Gallipoli and visit the fish market and the underground oil mill of Palazzo Carafa. Packed lunch and free time. In the afternoon transfer to Otranto and visit of the center with the cathedral and its rich mosaic. Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

8th Day: Departure
Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Bari airport. End of our services.



Cinque Terre

06 days / 05 nights

1st Day: Viareggio
Arrival in Viareggio area and accommodation in 3* hotel. Dinner and overnight stay.

2nd Day: Levanto / Monterosso
After breakfast at the hotel departure towards Levanto, Meeting with your local guide and climbing up the promontory of Mesco where there is an exceptional view of the 5 Lands. At 313 meters above sea level there is the monastery of St. Anthony, (dated 1000 A.C.) and a series of military strongmen (medium difficulty / approximately 3:50 hours). Way down to Monterosso, the biggest village in the Cinque Terre area. It has two hamlets, the old village and Fegina. Packed lunch. Train ride from Monterosso to Levanto. Back at the hotel, dinner and overnight.

3rd Day: Manarola / Volastra / Case Pianca / Corniglia
Breakfast at the hotel. Departure towards La Spezia. Train from La Spezia to Manarola, the oldest village in Cinque Terre area. The village has been built along the main road, Via Discovolo, which covers the torrent Groppo. From the coast, the village quickly climbs on a rocky ridge overlooking the Mediterranean Sea and consists of several narrow streets, parallel and connected by stairs. You will climb with the guide to Volastra a small hamlet near Manarola. The path of Nostra Signora della Salute will start just after Volastra. Visit the sanctuary and then continuation to Case Pianca. Packed lunch, then way down to Corniglia, the smallest and highest village out of the five ones in the area and the only one that has no port. If there is any time left. You could take the train to Vernazza, the most beautiful village of Cinque Terre, even though it was hit hard by the flood in 2011. Return by train to La Spezia. Return to the hotel in Viareggio area, dinner and overnight.

4th Day : La Spezia / Palmaria / Portovenere / La Spezia
Breakfast at the hotel and departure towards La Spezia. Crossing by public boat to Palmaria Island, located at the western end of La Spezia Gulf. Walking on the island with natural observations, botanical and geological and beautiful views of Portovenere and of the other islands. Packed lunch. In the afternoon boat ride from Palmaria to Portovenere, which is not part of Cinque Terre but only accessible by the sea. Its beauty - it has nothing less than any other villages of the National Park. Back to La Spezia by boat and return to the hotel in Viareggio area, dinner and overnight.

5th Day: Camogli / Ruta / Portofino vetta / Pietre Stresse / S. Fruttuoso / Portofino / S. Margherita Ligure
Breakfast at the hotel. Departure towards Ruta di Camogli, then with your local guide, you will reach Portofino Vetta by walking and proceed on the main road to reach Pietre Strette. This site, characterized by huge boulders, is the center of Portofino promontory, which gives you access to many other places: San Fruttuoso di Camogli. Visit the splendid Abbey (entrance fee included) Packed lunch. Following the itinerary by boat to Santa Margherita Ligure. Guided tour of the city center and its main monuments, such as the Basilica of Santa Margherita d'Antiochia, medieval style, which houses numerous works of local art.
Stop in Portofino, famous since ancient times as a summer resort for its mild climate and the beauty of its landscapes. Back at the hotel, dinner and overnight

6th Day : Departure
Breakfast at the hotel: Departure towards your country. End of our services.

Please take into consideration that the programme can be modified according to weather conditions.



Student Groups



Naples

05 days / 04 nights

1st Day: Naples
Arrival in Naples. Transfer to the hotel, accommodation in a 3* hotel in the area of Castellammare, Gragnano or surroundings.

2nd Day: Naples
After breakfast, visit (without guide) of the Archaeological Museum **(entrance is free and booking fee included)**. Packed lunch (given by the hotel). In the afternoon, possibility to visit Naples Underground (with supplement). Back to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

3rd Day: Pozzuoli - Pompeii and Mount Vesuvius
After breakfast, visit of Pozzuoli (without guide) in the suburb of Naples for the discovery of a volcanic area still in activity called Solfatara **(entrance fee reduced and booking fee included)** and the Amphitheatre Flavio **(free entrance fee and booking fee included).** Packed lunch (given by the hotel). In the afternoon, visit of Pompeii excavation (**without guide but with entrance and booking fee included).** Possibility to climb up to the Vesuvius (entrance fee is not included). Back to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

4th Day: Capri
After breakfast departure for the the visit of Capri Island. Capri is also called the "Island of Dreams" because of its natural beauty – a perfect mix of spectacular coastline and tropical vegetation. Packed lunch (given by the hotel). The crossing to Capri and taxes on the island are included. Back to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

5th Day: Caserta and departure
Breakfast and departure for Caserta to visit (without guide) the Royal Palace **(free entrance, reservation and whispers included).** Packed lunch (given by the hotel). End of our services.



Rome and Naples

06 days / 05 nights

1st Day: Rome
Arrival in Rome. Transfer to the hotel, accommodation in a 3* hotel in the area of Rome 15/25 km from the centre. Dinner and overnight stay.

2nd Day: Rome
After breakfast, visit (without guide) of the Colosseum and Forums **(entrance is free and booking fee included).** Packed lunch (given by the hotel). In the afternoon, visit (without guide) of the Christian Churches: S. Paolo Outside the Walls and S. Giovanni in Laterano **(whispers are included for half day).** Local guide with supplement. Back to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

3rd Day: Rome and Vatican
After breakfast, visit with a local guide of the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel **(reservation, reduced entrance fee and whispers included).** In St. Peter's basilica **whispers are obligatory and must be booked directly in the basilica and to be paid on spot.** Packed lunch (given by the hotel). In the afternoon, walking tour of Baroque Rome (on foot- without guide). You will see the Spanish steps, the Pantheon and the famous Trevi Fountain. Afterwards departure for Naples. Accommodation in a 3* hotel in Castellammare, Gragnano, Pompeii or surroundings. Dinner and overnight stay.

4th Day: Naples
After breakfast, visit (without guide) of the Archaeological Museum **(entrance is free and booking fee included).** Packed lunch (given by the hotel). In the afternoon, possibility to visit the marvelous Naples Underground (with supplement). Back to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

5th Day: Pompeii and Mount Vesuvius
After breakfast, visit of Pompeii excavation (**without guide - entrance and booking fee included).** Possibility to climb up to the Vesuvius (entrance fee not included). Back to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

6th Day: Departure
Breakfast at the hotel and departure with a packed lunch (given by the hotel). End of our services.



Rome and Florence

05 days / 04 nights

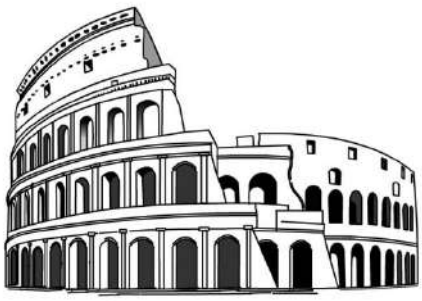
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4th Day: Florence and Uffizi Gallery
After breakfast, visit with a local guide of Uffizi Gallery, **the reservation must be done directly by the school,** (Important: please note that during the visit of the Uffizi Gallery and Pitti Palace groups are to be intended of max 25 pax. For each group one local guide is needed). Packed lunch (given by the hotel). In the afternoon sightseeing tour of the historical centre (without guide). Back to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

5th Day: Florence and Pitti Palace
After breakfast, visit with a local guide of Pitti Palace and Boboli Gardens **(the reservation must be done directly by the school)**. Packed lunch (given by the hotel). End of our services.



Venice and Florence

05 days / 04 nights

1st Day: Venice
Arrival in Venice. Accommodation in a 3* hotel in Lido di Jesolo or Sottomarina surroundings. Dinner and overnight stay.

2nd Day: Venice
After breakfast, departure towards Punta Sabbioni by bus and visit (without guide) of San Marco basilica and Doge's Palace (**entrance fee and booking included).** Packed lunch (given by the hotel). In the afternoon, visit of the Academic Gallery (**entrance and booking included).** Dinner and overnight stay.

3rd Day: Venice and the Lagoon Islands
After breakfast, departure towards Punta Sabbioni by bus, visit of Murano and Burano in the morning. Visit of a local handmade venetian masks shop. Possibility with supplement to participate in a paint activity on masks. Packed lunch (given by the hotel). In the afternoon, departure for Florence and accommodation in a semi-centrally located 3*hotel in Florence. Dinner at the hotel if possible, if not, in a restaurant in the surroundings and overnight stay.

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2 – NORMES APPLICABLES ET RESPONSABILITÉ DE L'ORGANISATEUR
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4. Il ne sera fait aucun remboursement au-delà de ces dates.

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- modification du contrat de la part de l'agence.

Le voyageur devra communiquer par écrit à l'agence son accord ou refus avant 2 jours ouvrables dès réception de la proposition de modification. En cas de refus, le voyageur aura droit au remboursement de la somme déjà versée ou pourra bénéficier d'un paquet touristique de qualité équivalente. L'agence pourra annuler le voyage si le nombre minimum de personnes n'a pas été atteint, toujours en portant à connaissance le participant au moins 20 jours avant le départ.
6 – VARIATIONS
L'agence a la faculté de remplacer les hôtels et/ou les localités de séjour avec d'autres de même catégorie pour des raisons d'organisation. Le refus de la part du voyageur devra être communiqué par écrit avant 2 jours ouvrables dès réception de la proposition de modification. L'agence s'engage à rembourser la somme déjà versée. La réponse à cette communication est déterminante pour l'évaluation de l'étendue des prestations. L'agence se réserve le droit de modifier programmes et prix lorsqu'elle y est contrainte par des mesures puis par les fournisseurs de prestations ou par des circonstances / évènements imprévisibles. Tout frais supplémentaire dû à des prolongations de voyages ou à des modifications d'itinéraire à la suite de circonstances imprévisibles sont à la charge du client.
7 – PRIX
Les prix indiqués dans la brochure sont établis dans le cadre des condition économiques en vigueur au 30/09/2017. Les tarifs de cette brochure sont valables pour des groupes de 20 personnes minimum, sauf mention particulière. Lorsqu'un voyageur se trouve seul dans une chambre à partager, le supplément sera obligatoirement perçu comme une réservation individuelle.
8 – RÉCLAMATION
La non-exécution du contrat relevée par le voyageur devra être communiquée immédiatement pour permettre à Chrissima Tours ou à son représentant local d'y remédier. Le voyageur pourra faire valoir ses droits par lettre recommandée avec accusé de réception au plus tard 10 jours ouvrables à son retour.
9 – ASSISTANCE
La Chrissima Tours est tenu à porter assistance au voyageur dans la mesure des obligations imposées selon la diligence professionnelle prévue par la loi et n'est pas responsable envers le voyageur pour l'inaccomplissement d'autres obligations.
10 – RESPONSABILITÉ CIVIL
La Chrissima Tours est responsable du contenu de son information écrite et garantit par ailleurs la sélection rigoureuse des fournisseurs de prestations, la préparation et l'exécution expertes des voyages ainsi que la transmission en temps utile au service des ventes des documents de voyage. Elle s'engage à verser au client une indemnité appropriée lorsqu'une prestation prévue dans un prospectus de l'agence et qui été l'objet d'une commande ne peut être fournie, ou remplacée, en totalité ou en partie, et que cette diminution ou suppression de la prestation n'est pas due à la force majeure de prestations ou à la faute du client. Cette responsabilité s'éteint lors d'inconvénients ou dommages encourus sur lesquels l'agence n'a pas de prise par des moyens raisonnables et malgré tous ses efforts. La responsabilité de l'agence ne s'applique qu'au dommage direct et ne dépasse pas en tous les cas le prix convenu du voyage. Si, après avoir choisi un service de voyage et l'avoir payé, les voyageurs réservent des services de voyage supplémentaires pour leur voyage ou séjour de vacances par Chrissima Tours, les voyageurs ne bénéficièrent pas de droits applicables aux forfaits au titre de la directive (UE) 2015/2302 et de l'article L.211-2 du code du tourisme.
Toutefois, l'agence s'efforce bien entendu d'apporter son aide dans toute la mesure du possible à un client qui fait valoir un droit légitime envers un fournisseur de prestations; lorsque de tels droits à une indemnisation sont dus directement à l'agence, ces droits sont cédés au client. Les demandes d'indemnisation doivent parvenir au siège de l'agence, par écrit, dans les 4 semaines qui suivent la fin convenue du voyage. Passé ce délai, le droit à l'indemnisation s'éteint. Les réclamations peuvent être reçues par les accompagnateurs et les organisations locales, mais ceux-ci ne sont autorisés à faire droit à aucune demande d'indemnisation par eux-mêmes.
11 – OBLIGATIONS DES PARTICIPANTS
Les participants au voyage doivent être munis d'un passeport ou de tout autre pièce d'identité valable pour les pays concernés par le voyage, ainsi que les visas de séjour, de transit, les certificats médicaux qui pourront être éventuellement demandés. En autre, les participants devront observer la normale prudence, se conformer aux informations données par l'organisateur ainsi qu'aux règlements et dispositions administratifs et législatifs relatifs au voyage. Les participants devront répondre de tous dommages causés par leur faute envers l'organisateur et seront tenus à fournir tous les documents et informations nécessaires.
12 – Tribunal compétent
Pour d'éventuel contestations ou litiges le tribunal compétent est le tribunal de Naples.



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