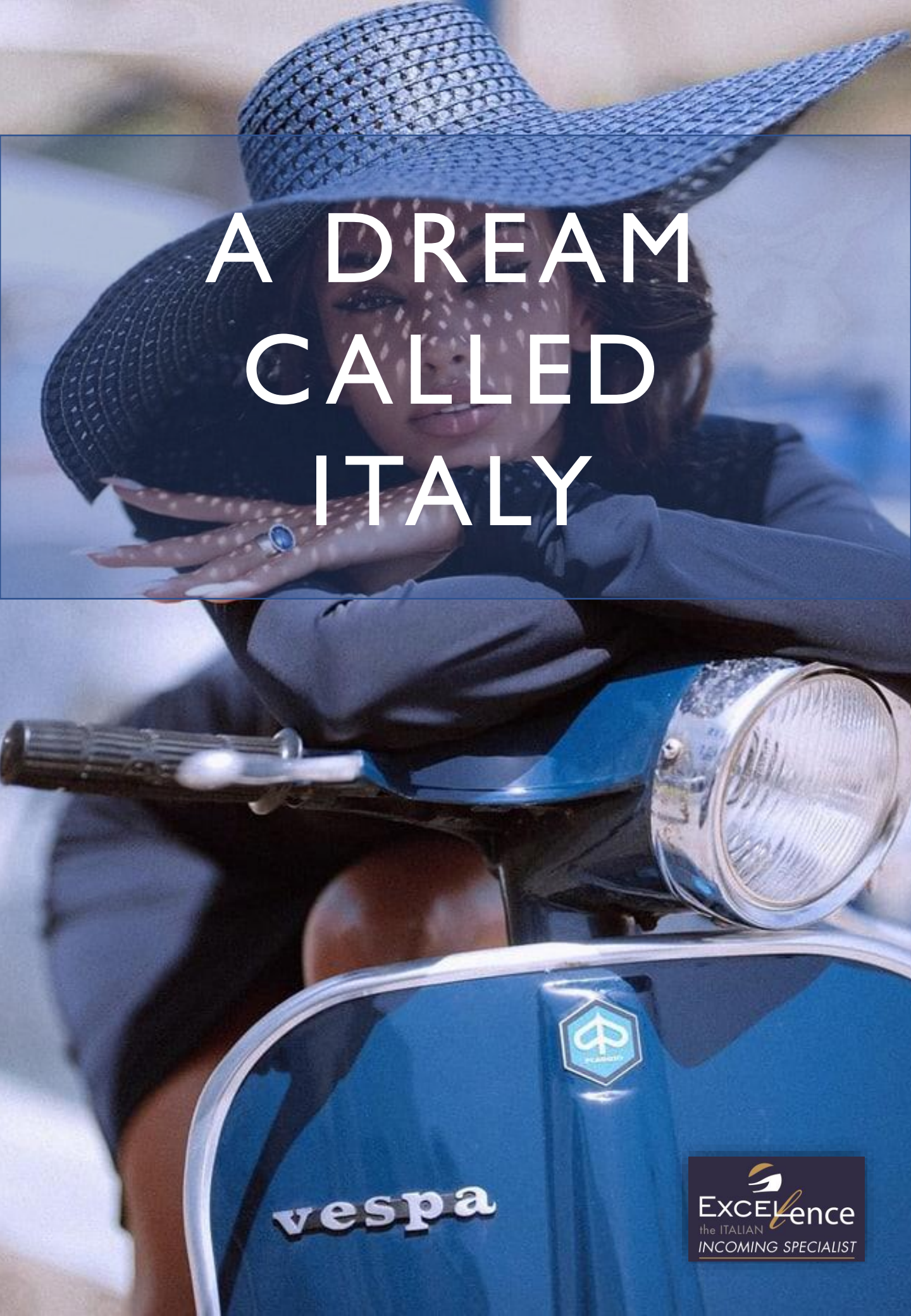


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SPECTACULAR NORTHERN ITALY TOUR:

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A 14 DAY TRIP TO ITALY

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TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

Your custom trip package will include accommodations, transportation within the country, guided tours and activities, unique experiences, trip planning, and 24x7 support during your trip.
Dates are flexible and customizable for private departures.

- Indulge in the history and luxurious ambiance of the town of Como, which is located on the shores of the famous waters of Lake Como
- Marvel at the fascinating beauty of Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece, The Last Supper, when visiting Milan
- Discover the remarkable history and captivating architecture of St. Mark's Cathedral in Venice during a private, guided tour of the city
- Delight in an immersive luxury tour of the Borromean Islands, which are captured in the opulent terraces that decorate the garden on the Isola Bella villa
- Cruise along the Brenta canal from Venice to Padua for a stunning view of the villas that once belonged to Venetian aristocracy
- Explore the captivating display of Egyptian artifacts in the Museo Egizio in Turin, which is the largest collection of Egyptian objects outside of Cairo
- Indulge in the sensational cuisine of Venice during a guided market visit and cooking class, which showcases the unique flavors that have sustained on the lagoon
- Wander the fabulous villages and villas around the town of Como to find natural majesty, panoramas, and charm at Brunate and Bellagio
- Learn the ancient and coveted art of glass-blowing with a private visit to an artisan studio to continue in the traditions of the island of Murano

DETAILED ITINERARY

Places Visited

Venice







Day 1: Venice

Arrive in Italy with a Stunning Introduction to Venice

The famous canals divide the city of Venice, drawing attention to the marble palaces soaring above the tranquil secluded waterways and leading to more than 400 bridges, which connect the various islands that create the elegant city. Vaporetti, gondolas, and speed boats glide down the famous waters of the Grand Canal that wind more than two miles through the cityscape. The familiar bell tower, which is known as the Campanile, towers above the rooftops and domes of St. Mark's Cathedral at 323 feet.

Your flight will land at Marco Polo Airport, where your private transfer will greet you upon arrival and escort you to your accommodation by a private boat. The opulence of the city on the lagoon will enchant you before you meet your guide in the hotel lobby. By now, you will be ready for an introduction to the classic beauty for which Venice is celebrated. The scent of dishes such as risi I bisi, risotto with peas and pancetta, baccala' mantecata, and dried salted codfish will drift from the restaurants and fill the winding, cobbled lanes.

Your guide will lead you to the famous St. Mark's Square to visit the fascinating architecture and artwork of the eponymous cathedral, which grew in importance in the 9th century after the remains of the saint were smuggled from Alexandria to Venice. Your guide will provide cultural, historical, and artistic commentary on the structure as they lead you from the captivating exterior into the breathtaking interior that is decorated with nearly 45,638 square feet of gilded Byzantine mosaics.

What's Included: airport transfer, accommodation

DETAILED ITINERARY

Places Visited

Venice







Day 2: Venice

Delight in a Classic Culinary and Hidden History Tour of Venice

You will meet your guide in the morning and walk to the growing, local crowd of the Rialto Market. The marketplace bustles with people who are searching for fresh produce and seafood. You can watch as merchants unload their goods from the barges along the lagoon near the edges of the renowned Rialto Bridge. The bridge was built in the 16th century after over a century and a half of wooden bridge's destruction, which was due to serving the busy crossing at the canal's midway point.

A form of the market has occurred in the plaza since the 11th century AD. You will wander through life in the market with sounds of active vendors who will call out to passersby. After visiting the marketplace, your guide will turn into a chef who then instructs you on the proper ways to prepare a traditional Venetian meal. You will follow along with the chef as a guide, learning the recipes of a customary three-course meal by preparing dishes like risotto al nero di seppia, risotto cooked in squid ink, or bigoli in salsa, which is a whole-wheat pasta that is cooked in a sauce of onions and salted fish.

The aromas of onion and simmering herbs will fill the kitchen as you shape your own menu that will be accompanied by delightful flavors of wines from the surrounding region of Veneto. In the evening, you will find a hidden history of the Venetian Republic that will be told through the cuisine of Cicchetti, which is a small dish that is typically served with an alcoholic beverage. Your guide will lead you through the quiet neighborhoods of the city that will be erupting with locals who are spilling out of the acclaimed bars that serve delicious, traditional plates.

What's Included: accommodation, tour, breakfast

DETAILED ITINERARY

Places Visited

Venice, Murano, Burano, Torcello







Day 3: Venice

Revel in a Private Guided Tour of the Venetian Lagoon

After breakfast, you will board a private boat with your guide. You will be bound for the islands of Murano, Burano, and Torcello, beginning with the renowned island of Murano, which is known for its intricate, glassblowing tradition. A small canal winds across the island and resembles a smaller Venice. The bell tower of Chieso di San Pietro Martire rises above the main piazza of Campo Santo Stefano. Your guide will lead you to a private studio where you will meet an artisan who is a master at crafting handmade, colorful artwork.

The heat from the kiln will fill the studio as you learn the intricate methods that are required for heating, shaping, and molding the glass into the proper form before cooling.

The techniques were once coveted in Venice and moved to Murano in the 13th century by decree of the doge. The foundries produce everything from chandeliers to vases. You will continue to the island's main church and find stunning, mosaic flooring as it shines in the light.

What's Included: accommodation, tour, breakfast

DETAILED ITINERARY

Places Visited

Padua, Verona, Brenta Canal







Day 4: Verona

Cruise the Brenta Canal and Visit Padua en route to Verona

At breakfast, the aroma of espresso and fresh brioche will fill your dining room. Your private transfer will lead you outside of Venice to board a boat that will take you along the Brenta Canal, which is a 17-mile waterway that once used to transfer goods and aristocrats to the center of commerce during the Venetian Republic. Elegant villas line the banks where you can stop and enjoy the lavish lifestyles that are captured in the neoclassical and Baroque designs. You can stop at Villa Foscari, which is located on the picturesque waterway and is decorated with weeping willows. The gorgeous 16th-century villa has a reception floor, which is adorned with frescoes that depict mythological scenes from the epic Ovid.

You will reach the sophisticated city of Verona, which is situated on the banks of the River Adige. The charming city stems from the foundations of the 1st-century BC Roman colony. Upon your arrival, you will see the Roman Amphitheater as it rises out of Piazza Bra and dates back to the 3rd-century AD. The preserved structure contains 44 rows of seating that can accommodate 22,000 spectators and it is still used in July and August during the popular Verona Opera Festival.

Castelvecchio stands overlooking the river with impressive defiance that dates back to the 14th century and reflects the power of the former Scala family.

What's Included: accommodation, tour, breakfast

DETAILED ITINERARY

Places Visited

Verona, Milan







Day 5: Milan

Discover Charming Verona before Arriving in Elegant Milan

The aroma of cream puffs that are dusted with sugar will fill the streets of Verona in the morning. The morning fills with the sounds of the marketplace. The water from the Madonna di Verona fountain trickles in the Piazza delle Erbe, showcasing a famous statue from the Roman era. Your guide will meet you at the hotel and lead you through the city for a private tour that will culminate at the home of Juliet Capulet.

The tunnel, which leads into the courtyard, has letters that are to the matriarch of love who has become a patron for the hopeful and heartbroken around the world. A bronze statue of Juliet stands in the courtyard, reflecting the affection that locals and visitors have for Shakespeare's heroine.

You will travel to the train station by way of a private driver and venture to Milan. The cosmopolitan city shines with culture, architecture, and treasures that date back to the 13th century. The Duomo decorates the central piazza with a flamboyant, Gothic style. The stained-glass windows were crafted between the 15th and 16th centuries and tell stories of the bible in vibrant color. The interior contains the aromas of frankincense and myrrh that accentuate the gold and silverwork in the sacristy.

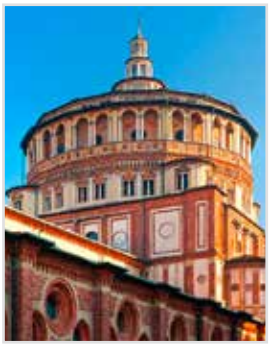
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DETAILED ITINERARY

Places Visited

Milan







Day 6: Milan

Explore the Bustling History and Dynamic Art of Milan

The cultural legacy of the Austro-Hungarian and Napoleonic ages signifies the sophisticated allure through the ages before the Second World War. You will follow your guide through the preserved history of the city, moving between art deco from the post-war redevelopment until reaching the church of Santa Maria delle Grazie, which dates back to the 15th century. The pink-brick exterior shines in the sunlight before you enter the structure and the renowned refectory that hosts Leonardo da Vinci's famous work: the Last Supper.

The captivating work depicts Jesus and his apostles during their final meal. Your guide will help you decipher the meaning of the painting by pointing out the distinct character representations. After visiting the intricate artwork, you will continue to the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele, which is a collection of luxury shops that are set beneath a gorgeous dome.

The 19th-century industrial iron and glass architecture creates a vibrant destination where cafes fill the arcade with the aromas of espresso and pastries.

What's Included: accommodation, tour, breakfast

DETAILED ITINERARY

Places Visited

Como







Day 7: Como

Transfer to the Gorgeous Scenery around Lake Como

Your private transfer will greet you in the lobby of your hotel after breakfast and escort you into the luscious landscape of the Italian Alps to reach the charming town of Como, which is located on the shores of Lake Como. The charming town sits on foundations that date back to the 1st century BC. The trees that rise among the surrounding hills fill the cobbled lanes with pine. You can even hear the water from the lake as it laps against the esplanade. Cafes will set out tables and chairs that overlook the water.

You will have a great view of the Rhaetian Alps and the snowcapped peaks that reflect in the water. The charming town has an elegant ambiance that you can explore the during the remainder of your day, taking you along the history of the silk industry to the sophisticated palaces that dot the hillside with Italian art. The cathedral at the heart of town glints with marble and a Romanesque style that supports its Gothic dome. The interior brims with the spiced scent of myrrh that drifts beneath the cross-vaulted nave and tapestries.

What's Included: transfer, accommodation, tour, breakfast

DETAILED ITINERARY

Places Visited

Como, Brunate







Day 8: Como

Traverse the Enchanting Landscape of the Italian Alps

At breakfast, you can find the mouthwatering aromas of frothy cappuccino and cornetto that has been stuffed with Nutella. The remainder of the day will be yours to enjoy the beauty and charms of the villages around Lake Como. You can start by taking the funicular to Brunate. The village is located on top of the scenic mountains, offering remarkable views of the surrounding alpine landscape and the glistening water below. The quiet village almost floats serenely above the lake and is by the tranquil Chiesa di San Andrea that will glow with a faded pink façade. The interior boasts a fabulous, 15th-century fresco and 17th-century paintings that were crafted by the Recchi brothers.

You can continue up the hill on a walk to reach the lighthouse that was built in 1927 and provides an exceptional panorama across Brunate, Como, the water, and the marvelous, rolling summits. The town embodies classic Italian culture in the mountainous terrain with older men gathering to play board games and children kicking soccer balls against the walls. Decorative, iron gates lead to bright doors of private apartments and flower boxes host blossoming buds that decorate the winding walkways, making it the perfect place to sip a glass of Prosecco and enjoy the slower pace of life.

What's Included: accommodation, tour, breakfast

DETAILED ITINERARY

Places Visited

Como







Day 9: Como

Enjoy the Beautiful Towns and Culture along Lake Como

The neoclassical allure of Villa Olma charms visitors as one of Como's biggest landmarks. The opulent décor dates back to the 18th century in connection to the wealth and power of the Odesalchi family.

Art exhibitions accentuate the established marvels of the Italian interior while the gardens blend both Italian and English design. The English garden possesses a small neoclassical temple and ancient trees that provide shade to visitors who stroll along the paths. The Italian gardens contain symmetrical flowerbeds and a large fountain that is decorated with statues of pagan gods.

The grandeur of Villa Melzi d'Eril also possesses a neoclassical design and remains a highlight for visitors. Azaleas and rhododendrons blossom with lively colors in spring, adding to the elaborate array of statues that adorn the English-style park. After enjoying the enchanting ambiance of the villas in Como, you can travel along the edges of the lake to reach the town of Bellagio, which is a collection of steep, stone staircases that offer views of homes with red roofs, green shutters, cypress trees, and boats. Walking through town will take you to the charismatic church of San Giacomo, which was built between the 11th and 12th centuries while containing 10th-century mosaics and a unique 6th-century altar.

What's Included: transfer, accommodation, tour, breakfast

DETAILED ITINERARY

Places Visited

Stresa







Day 10: Stresa

Indulge in the Gardens and Ambiance of Stresa at Leisure

In the morning, the sounds of the water as they lap against the shoreline will become a tranquil soundtrack to your time along Lake Como before you transfer with your private driver to the town of Stresa. The buildings of the town represent the decadence of the Belle Époque on a serene water-front that once attracted 19th-century artists and writers. The promenade lines the lake with narrow, cobbled lanes that lead inland to the center where cafes line Piazza Cadorna beneath the shading trees.

The scent of pine fades beneath the aromas of frothy cappuccino and fruity gelato. The day will be yours to enjoy the beauty of the town and the enchanting natural splendor of the mountains and lake.

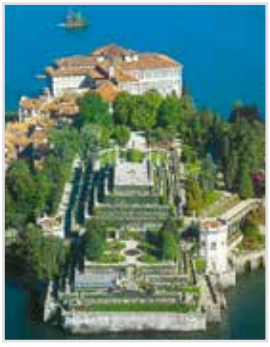
For a different perspective, you can take the cable car to the top of Mount Mottarone, reaching 16,050 feet above sea level. The crisp mountain air contains hints of crisp, cold, and lush tufts of grass, which provide a fantastic panorama that stretches from the Po Valley to the Alps.

What's Included: accommodation, tour, breakfast

DETAILED ITINERARY

Places Visited

Stresa, Isola Bella, Lago Maggiore







Day 11: Stresa

Visit the Opulent Isola Bella on a Boat Tour of Lake Maggiore

Eager to lead you to the majestic ambiance of the Borromean islands, your guide will greet you in the hotel lobby in the morning and escort you to a boat that will be waiting on Lake Maggiore. Many of the islands on the water remain under the ownership of the Borromeo family, which highlights the power and prestige of the family and the architecture along the islands as you reach Isola Bella.

The Baroque villa at the center of the island uses gardens, the lake, and the surrounding mountains as features the decorate this elegant villa. The palace's grand is an interpretation of the Hanging Gardens of Babylon.

The garden has an authentic, Italian-style spread across ten terraces that reach over 121 feet above the surrounding water. Exotic plants and blossoming flowers will fill the air with a soothing mixture of herbaceous and sweet fragrances. Instead of the lake lapping against the rugged rocks of the island's base, you will hear the tranquil sounds of the fountains as they trickle into their basins beneath the lavish vision of the Baroque statuary.

What's Included: transfer, accommodation, tour, breakfast

DETAILED ITINERARY

Places Visited

Turin







Day 12: Turin

Venture to Turin for a Lovely Walking Tour Italy's First Capital

Your private transfer will escort you from your hotel along the edges of Lake Maggiore to the classic European city of Turin, which resembles more of a French or Viennese design with wide boulevards that are with green trees and cafes in which students, intellectuals, and chocolate-lovers convene beneath snowcapped peaks of the Alps.

The architecture reflects the connection to contemporary living with an affection toward cuisine, wine culture, and the theories of innovation that are captured in the way baristas find new methods for making delicious coffee. After settling into the comforts of your hotel, your guide will greet you in the lobby and will be interested in introducing you to the splendor of Italy's first capital.

The imposing 1st-century Roman gate of the Porta Palatina remains standing near the cathedral along the main boulevard of Via Garibaldi. The brick archway stands three stories tall and connects a pair of defensive towers. Upon reaching Reggia di Venaria Reale, you will find one of the largest royal residences in the world that once hosted a 17th-century hunting lodge. The jewels of the architecture consist of a vast garden with a stunning fountain of a stag and a museum that possesses over a mile of halls and is known as the Theater of History and Magnificence. It contains over 1,000 years of history that pertains to the Savoy family.

What's Included: accommodation, tour, breakfast

DETAILED ITINERARY

Places Visited

Turin







Day 13: Turin

Wander the Exceptional Museums and Cafes of Turin

In the morning, your guide will direct you to the Museo Egizio, which is the largest collection of Egyptian artifacts on display outside of Cairo. The collection speaks as much to the dynamic culture of Egypt as to the importance of the ancient connections of Italian monarchs.

The galleries inside the Palazzo dell'Accademia delle Scienze display 5,268 artifacts that have been excavated from Egypt and obtained by King Carlo Felice in the 19th century. These depict various gods and pharaohs, including a stunning assemblage of Ramses II.

One of the most captivating features that are on display remains in the tomb of Merit, which was crafted in the 15th century BC. The image was made using layers of plater and linen that were adorned with gold leaf and glass inlays for a reflective, colorful, and intricate portrayal of the royal architect's wife. The modern museum techniques shine a brighter light on the fascinating history of Egypt and its importance in shaping the greater civilizations of the Mediterranean world in ancient and modern times.

What's Included: transfer, accommodation, tour, breakfast

DETAILED ITINERARY

Places Visited

Turin



Day 14: Turin

Depart for Home

The sunlight washes over the 13th-century Palazzo Madama at the heart of Piazza Castello, which is positioned at the top of the former Roman gate. The scent of luscious chocolate and hazelnut cake will fill the Caffè al Bicerin where white candles in antique silver holders top white tabletops above wooden floors.



The Cathedral of San Giovanni Battista adorns the heart of town and hosts the Holy Shroud of Turin, which is held in a climate-controlled vault behind the altar. After breakfast, your private transfer will meet you at your hotel and escort you to Turin-Caselle Airport for your flight home, bringing an end to your exciting and lavish exploration of Northern Italy and Lake Como.



What's Included: airport transfer, breakfast

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A 10 DAY TRIP TO ITALY

TRIP AT A GLANCE

(Day 1): Bologna
Arrive in Italy with a Regional Pasta Specialty Cooking Class

(Day 2): Modena
Explore the Maserati Factory and Museum with a Test Drive

(Day 3): Bologna
Visit the Ducati Factory and Experience Driving the Motorcycle

(Day 4): Modena
Discover Parmesan Cheese and Balsamic on a Full Day Food Tour

(Day 5): Maranello
Traverse the Ferrari Factory with Ferrari Countryside Drive

(Day 6): Bologna
Experience the Lamborghini Museum and a Prosciutto Farm

(Day 7): Bologna
Relish a Private Cooking Class before a Guided Historical Tour

(Day 8): Modena
Learn the Intimate Details of Pagani on a Factory Tour

(Day 9): Bologna
Revel in the Thrill of Racing with a Private Racetrack Excursion

(Day 10): Bologna
Depart for Home

DESCRIPTION

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

High performance and craftsmanship immaculately blend on this journey through Italy's "Motor Valley" in the northern region of Emilia-Romagna, celebrating 350 collective years of the founding of the world's most revered motor brands in history: Maserati, Ducati, Ferrari, Lamborghini, and Pagani.

A luxury Italian motor purrs to life, as engineers turn into artisan craftsmen, channeling the Italian customs of influential design and inherited techniques. Listen to the engines rev to life in the factories they are made in and fly around the race track at top speeds in a specially crafted Ferrari. On this 10-day tour, experience the unparalleled adventures that Italy has to offer while discovering the regional cuisines of Emilia Romagna.

- Gain intimate details of true Italian masterpieces from the professional drivers, designers, and engineers of Maserati, Ducati, Ferrari, Lamborghini, and Pagani
- Test your hand as a professional Formula 1 pit crew member during a pit stop simulation in the Ferrari Museum
- Relish in the luxury and refinement of a Maserati, Lamborghini, and Ferrari on private drives through the countryside of Emilia-Romagna and on a race track
- Discover the power and prestige of Ducati on the test track under the guidance of an experienced instructor
- Embark on enriching tours of the main factories and museums of the 5 iconic Italian motor brands
- Savor the flavors of a freshly opened Parmesan wheel while exploring a dairy farm in Modena
- Taste the unique differences of balsamic vinegar at a villa specializing in time-honored 12 – 50 years old varieties of balsamic vinegar
- Sample farm-fresh Parma ham on a tour introducing you to the delectable and distinctive tastes of prosciutto
- Learn the intricate details of crafting specialty pasta in the heart of Bologna as taught by the traditional pasta makers known as Le Sfogline

DETAILED ITINERARY

Places Visited

Bologna







Day 1: Bologna

Celebrating Italian Tradition

Bologna is a city of historical majesty and culinary artistry. The medieval arcades contrast the youthful energy emanating from the 11th-century University of Bologna, the oldest university in the world. Your flight lands at Florence Airport. Your private transfer greets you upon arrival and escorts you north to the vibrant city of Bologna, the capital of the Emilia-Romagna region. The Neptune Fountain splashes in a brilliant display of grace and power, embodying the beauty of the 16th-century artistry. Shops along Via dell'Indipendenza offer marvelous window displays promoting fashion and design, turning the window into a work of art. You take the time to settle into your luxurious hotel near the beating heart of the city at Piazza Maggiore and the adjoining Fountain of Neptune. Your private transfer greets you in the lobby and leads you to a shop famous for making perfect hand-made pasta for generations, crafting regional favorites, such as lasagne and tagliatelle.

Your pasta instructor welcomes you with open arms and a large smile. The scent of flour fills the gallery. You learn how to make pasta from "Le Sfogline," traditional pasta makers who introduce you to the art of crafting tortellini. The legend states that the tortellini was shaped after the belly button of Venus, inspired by the goddess in Botticelli's painting, The Birth of Venus. You watch as your instructor quickly makes the dough by whisking eggs inside a volcano of flour, then kneading the dough by hand until it is no longer sticky. You help roll out the dough, eventually imitating your teacher in the way she pinches, twists, and folds the dough to craft a perfect tortellini.

What's Included: airport transfer, accommodation, cooking class, dinner

DETAILED ITINERARY

Places Visited

Modena







Day 2: Modena

Art of the Racecar

Your guide greets you after breakfast and escorts you to the Maserati factory in Modena to follow in the path of the luxury car with more than 100 years of history. Alfieri Maserati and his brothers started the company in 1914 and began utilizing their mechanical experience in the 1920s after buying a small racecar manufacturer.

The brothers modeled the symbol of the trident after the statue of Neptune in the center of Bologna. The gallery inside the museum houses 19 vintage cars, including the 1934 Maserati 6C-34, the winner of the Modena and Naples Grand Prix. The six-cylinder inline engine offered a lighter and more powerful alternative to any of the other racing cars at the time. After strolling amongst the historical cars, you enter into the red brick building to find the Maserati factory. The antiquated exterior contrasts the modern interior. Wander through the assembly line with your guide, finding the team wheeling the Maserati GranTurismo frames into the factory to begin the building process.

Loudspeakers fill the warehouse with Italian pop music. The workers work, talk, dance, and laugh while attending to the intimate details of their work. In the adjacent building, you find staff members attaching the engines to the transmission and suspension packages. After the tour, you climb into the driver's seat of a brand new Maserati. The leather is cool and comfortable against your back. The gearshift is polished and shines beneath the sunlight piercing the windshield. The engine roars to life, and you take to the rolling hills of the Emilia-Romagna countryside dividing the Apennine Mountains and the northern plains..

What's Included: breakfast, guided tour, test drive, accommodation

DETAILED ITINERARY

Places Visited

Bologna







Day 3: Bologna

The Power of a Motorcycle

In the morning, the aroma of espresso emanates from the cafes, complementing the rich aroma of fresh brioches drifting from the bakeries inside the modern structure housing Mercato delle Erbe. After breakfast, your guide greets you at the hotel and escorts you to the Ducati Factory for insight into how engineers and designers turned a motorcycle into an icon of power, speed, and style. The first gallery gives you a perspective into how the Ducati Company began as a radio component producer, despite repeatedly being bombed during World War II. After Italy's liberation, Ducati shifted their focus from radios to motorcycles, manufacturing its first engine in 1944.

Wander through the timeline of bikes on display before entering the factory. The staff works diligently on the line to produce the perfect Ducati motorcycle each time. You can meet the workers along different assembly phases, listening to the tinkering in the factory that echoes against the walls. You learn about the process of building the engine from start to finish, ensuring each part is accounted for along the assembly line.

The tour ends on the racetrack. The wrench is Bluetooth-enabled to give the engineer an immediate measure as to the amount of torque being applied. A professional driver revs the engine to showcase the power of one of the Ducati bikes available, the Testastretta 11°. You mount the bike and can feel the way the engine purrs beneath you. Your driver revs the engine once more, causing the bike to rumble. You speed along the track, holding tight to your driver with the wind rushing over your helmet and past the sleek, aerodynamic design of the motorcycle.

What's Included: breakfast, guided tour, test drive, accommodation

DETAILED ITINERARY

Places Visited

Modena







Day 4: Modena

A Culinary Pause

Cuisine around Emilia-Romagna has captured the hearts and stomachs of locals and visitors from around Italy and across the globe. Your tour of the day focuses on the famous gastronomy of the region, beginning with the flavors of celebrated Parmigiano Reggiano cheese, also known as Parmesan cheese. You travel to a private farm to meet the owner and operator of the dairy.

Cows graze on the vast grasslands outside of Modena. The herbaceous scent swirls in the breeze. Your guide leads you through the process of making Parmigiano Reggiano cheese. After milking the cows, the milk rests in large vats overnight. You watch as the staff heats the milk and separate the curds from the steaming liquid. The cheese maker lets the curds cool before straining the cheese through cloth with precise movements. You enter into the warehouse at the end of the tour to find rows of aging Parmesan in the iconic cheese wheels.

The cheese maker finds a wheel that has been immersed in a water and salt bath before knocking against the hard edge of the rind to hear how the cheese has matured. He cuts open the wheel and offers you a taste of the hard, crumbling cheese to find a savory, luscious flavor reminiscent of the landscape outside of Modena. You continue to a balsamic vinegar factory known as an acetaia. The producer greets you warmly and welcomes you into his factory to guide you through the process of making balsamic vinegar. The sweet molasses-like aroma of the vinegar permeates the air in the cellar, where the balsamic ages for up to 50 years, treating the celebrated flavors like sought-after wines..

What's Included: breakfast, lunch, guided tour, accommodation

DETAILED ITINERARY

Places Visited

Maranello







Day 5: Maranello

Iconic Ferrari

The style and power of Ferrari have spanned more than a seven decades to become a powerhouse of Italian racing and an icon in the beauty of motor-sport design. You pass through the drifting aroma of espresso, emanating from the corner bars and outdoor cafes of Bologna to reach the Ferrari museum and factory in the town of Maranello, just outside of Modena. The complex has produced the captivating cars since the 1970s. You enter the museum with your guide to explore the history of Ferrari, which produced its first car, the 125 S, in 1947.

Step out of the Ferrari timeline and into a Formula 1 simulator for an unforgettable experience in the Grand Prix. Strap yourself into the seat, hold tight to the wheel, and watch as the street envelopes your view. You can practically feel the rush of the wind as you maneuver the car left and right around the simulated streets. The marvels of the museum continue with a pit-stop experience.

You can try your hand at being a part of the pit team, donning the pristine gloves and feeling the tingle of excitement when you are called to perform your duty with speed and precision. A photographer captures your time on the team, memorializing the moments you helped to achieve victory. At the end of the tour, you open the doors to a 2016 Ferrari F12 berlinetta, with a V12 engine and 731 horsepower. The dramatic design has an exciting, sleek body meant for efficient aerodynamics, Ferrari luxury, and a customizable in-cabin experience. You take off into the countryside of Emilia-Romagna to enjoy some private time in the F12.

What's Included: breakfast, guided tour, test drive, accommodation

DETAILED ITINERARY

Places Visited

Bologna







Day 6: Bologna

Inspiration through Competition

The prancing horse of Ferrari gives way to the charging bull of Lamborghini. After breakfast, the scent of freshly baked brioches continues to drift out of the hidden bakeries of Bologna. The thrills of the day begin at the Lamborghini museum for an immersive experience beginning with the company's early successes in the early 1960s. Large windows offer a background view into the factory, which frames the vintage cars on display across two stories.

The gleam in the interior stretches over the polished hoods of the antique cars. The cars have been immaculately preserved, even with over 50 years of use, and many of the vehicles are a part of the founder's personal collection. The former tractor company owner used the money from his successful business to build a V12 engine, starting the luxury car company of Lamborghini with a 350 GT on display in the museum.

The racecars decorate the second story where the windows look down onto the factory floor. You continue through the shop to watch the production line and see how the stunning cars are built. Customized leather drapes the seats, complementing the intricate design of the interior. You can watch an engineer move step by step through assembling a V12 Aventador. Explore the power and sleek style of the newly formed Lamborghini around the countryside of Bologna, settling into the smooth comforts of the meticulous details that were measured during assembly. You continue into the countryside to visit a farm known for producing the famous flavors of Parma ham, also known as the delectable tastes of prosciutto..

What's Included: breakfast, lunch, guided tour, test drive, accommodation

DETAILED ITINERARY

Places Visited

Bologna







Day 7: Bologna

Temptations of Bologna

Today you focus on the gastronomic flavors near the heart of Bologna. The morning returns the youthful ambiance to the city known lovingly as La Grassa, the Fat One. University students sip cappuccinos in a popular cafe and nibble at pistachio biscuits. The markets brim with fish brought from the Adriatic and delectable cheeses brought from the countryside. Your guide meets you at the hotel after breakfast and escorts you to the Mercato delle Erbe, a vibrant produce market where many local Bolognese shop. You find stunning seasonal vegetables, from eggplants in the summer to artichokes in winter and zucchini flowers in spring. The scent of citrus emanates from the pyramid mounds of oranges and lemons.

You sample a soft, crumbly cheese made from sheep's milk to find a delightful burst of tanginess. After selecting your ingredients, you walk to a private kitchen to learn the art of traditional cuisine beyond the pasta you made your first day in Bologna. You craft handmade gnocchi and tagliatelle pasta with a 38" rolling pin. The scent of garlic drifts out of the pot in which you let the broth steep. You watch the friggione, a side dish of potatoes, peppers, and tomatoes, reduce. The sauce of white onions, olive oil, and tomatoes bubbles, nearly ready to top the polenta. After a delicious lunch made by your hand under the guidance of your instructor, you continue your in-depth exploration of Bologna with a private tour beginning in Piazza Maggiore and culminating in the famous 12th-century leaning towers of the Isolani Court.

What's Included: breakfast, cooking class, guided tour, accommodation

DETAILED ITINERARY

Places Visited

Bologna, Modena







Day 8: Bologna

Artisans of the Motorway at the Pagani Factory

After a traditional breakfast balancing the rich taste of espresso with a sweet brioche, you make your way by private driver to the Pagani museum and factory, located in San Cesario sul Panaro near Modena. The fence bordering the contemporary building opens. The sunlight glints off the upper windows set beneath the flags of flying nations crowning the rooftop. The showroom contains a Pagani Huayra and Zonda R.

The latter was produced between 2009 and 2011 with a 6.0-liter M120 AMG V12 engine that could reach speeds up to 218 miles per hour, with only 15 cars produced in total. Your private guide offers an introduction to the cars on the showroom floor by opening the doors and unlatching the trunk. The rear of the body lifts as if opening the flap of a spaceship to reveal the engine, along with the gas tank. Enter into the smallest section of the garage, where the workmen place the carbon-titanium panels onto the Huayras.

The strong material is surprisingly light, allowing the car to move faster along the open lanes. The engineers and designers are artisans and craftsmen, making a work of art mostly by hand similar to how sculptors use tools to erect breathtaking pieces from stone. A row of cars allows you to view the progress of the assembly, from a body without an interior to the one with an engine, suspension, and wheels. Back in the showroom, you can't help but rub your fingers across the sleek display of the Zonda R, finding a mixture of finesse and power similar to an artistic masterpiece. Your guide explains that Pagani has fewer than 60 employees who help make 15 to 20 cars each year..

What's Included: breakfast, guided tour, accommodation

DETAILED ITINERARY

Places Visited

Bologna







Day 9: Bologna

Test Drive on the Track

In the morning, the sunlight washes over the nearly 160-foot tall Garisenda Tower, which leans more than 42 feet from base to top. The tower was built as a status symbol as well as for defensive purposes and continues to adorn the Bologna skyline. The esteem of Italian design has progressed over nine centuries, embodied in the artistic sensibilities of clothing and the fashionable styling of Ferrari, Lamborghini, and Maserati. After breakfast, you venture to a private racetrack connected to Ferrari.

The course leads you on a one and a half mile circuit with five total laps. You get into the Ferrari 458 and rev the V-8 engine to hear it roar. The racecar was designed for the track, speeding from 0–100 km/h (62 mph) in 2.9–3.0 seconds. You grip the wheel tight, feeling the subtle give of the warm leather. You take the car out of the paddock, past the pit lane, and onto your designated lane. A video records your moves. You rev the engine once more, watch for the countdown, and punch it, eager to top out at 340 km/h (210 mph). Even at high speeds, the car moves smoothly.

The walls along the edges of the track turn into a blur. The power of the 570 horsepower spurs you on, shifting gears around the sharper turns and opening it up along the narrow straightaways. You pull the car back into the paddock with your heart still racing with excitement. The engine's roar has diminished to a lingering purr as the car settles to rest. The video recorded your time and best moves from an outside perspective, allowing you to relive the moment.

What's Included: breakfast, test drive, accommodation

DETAILED ITINERARY

Places Visited

Bologna







Day 10: Bologna

A Lasting Taste of Emilia-Romagna

A local café places tables and chairs along the narrow cobbled lane near Piazza Santo Stefano. The pastries and cakes in the window offer a delightful display of the sweet treats, perfectly accompanying a decadent espresso. At breakfast, you can't help but think about the beauty of the refined power you held in your hands while tearing through the race-track in the Ferrari 458 the previous day. It reminds you of the villages you passed while roaming the country roads in the Maserati and the roaring force you felt rumbling through your legs while on the Ducati.

You have discovered the tasteful charms of Emilia-Romagna, from the artisanal cuisine to the focused craftsmanship of Maserati, Ducati, Ferrari, Lamborghini, and Pagani. Your private transfer greets you at the hotel when you are ready, and escorts you to Florence Airport for your flight home.

What's Included: breakfast, airport transfer

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LUXURIES OF PUGLIA TO AMALFI COAST TOUR:

FROM THE ADRIATIC SEA TO THE TYRRHENIAN SEA

A 10 DAY TRIP TO ITALY

TRIP AT A GLANCE

(Day 1): Savelletri
Arrive in Puglia and Relax on Italy's Gorgeous Adriatic Coastline

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Depart for Home

DESCRIPTION

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

Idyllic seaside villages, incredible traditional heritage, and opulent palaces highlight the mixture of luxury and style that stretches from Puglia to the Amalfi Coast during your personalized tour of Southern Italy. Gargoyles and cherubs adorn the lavish Baroque façade of Lecce's unforgettable basilica while circular homes with conical rooftops overtake Alberobello's hills and resemble a storybook village.

Turquoise waters splash against white, gold, and black sand beaches found beneath the colorful antique homes. Taste the citrus of homemade limoncello, delight in the perfect texture of olive oil and bask in the wonders of the seaside while you explore labyrinthine streets and revel in luxuries. To best plan your ideal vacation and tour Italy, consider browsing our other Italian itineraries.

- Relish the luxury of prestigious antique palaces restored to glory with comfortable accommodations to blend history with modern amenities
- Delight in a private cooking class with a celebrated chef in the gorgeous seaside town of Maratea to learn about the delicious cuisine of Southern Italy
- Wander alongside the fairytale trulli of Alberobello, the circular stone structures that are topped with tiled conical roofs
- Discover the unique cave dwellings of the town of Matera, which were utilized as homes, restaurants, and farms until the mid-20th century
- Learn the secrets to crafting and selecting artisan olive oil while on a private tour of an orchard and mill
- Sip a refreshing and satisfying glass of limoncello after making the traditional Southern Italian liqueur under the guidance of a local instructor
- Indulge in the beauty of Baroque architecture and remarkable papier-mâché creations while in Lecce, including a private visit with a local artist
- Traverse the lavish boutique shops of Capri Town on the marvelous Isle of Capri before visiting the remains of the exuberant villa of Emperor Tiberius
- Visit a professional cobbler in Positano who crafts handmade leather sandals while you tour the serene townscape

DETAILED ITINERARY

Places Visited

Bari







Day 1: Savelletri

Arrive in Puglia and Relax on Italy's Gorgeous Adriatic Coastline

Travelers to Italy often overlook Puglia, an unsung treasure-trove of regional luxury. Olive groves help produce creamy and indulgent oil that is coveted around the Mediterranean, and the seaside towns look out to the gorgeous turquoise and indigo hues of the Adriatic Sea. Woodlands give way to rugged hillsides covered with lush vineyards, and your eyes will widen as your flight lands at Karol Wojtyla Airport in Bari, where your private transfer will greet you upon your arrival. You will travel south along the coast and notice the way the water gently rolls along the combination of white and gold sand against sporadic pebbled beaches.

The nutty aroma in the air emanates from the ancient olive groves that grow on the property of your luxurious resort. You will be able to hear the crystal clear Adriatic Sea splashing against the coastline as the white stone shimmers like marble in the warm sunlight. The remainder of the day will be yours to enjoy the pleasures of the resort and the nearby picturesque seaside village of Savalletri. Colorful fishing boats wade in the water while the aroma of fresh focaccia bread drifts out of the bakeries. Restaurants place tables and chairs along the cobbled lanes and piazzas with views to the sea, and the elegant and enticing scent of swordfish dressed in the zesty lemon juice will help you to settle in and relax.

What's Included: accommodation, airport transfer

DETAILED ITINERARY

Places Visited

Alberobello, Cisternino, Locorotondo







Day 2: Savelletri

Explore the Towns of Alberobello, Cisternino, and Locorotondo

The aroma of almond pastries lingers in the air near the bakeries in town, easily drawing you in. After breakfast, your private transfer will greet you in the lobby of your resort and lead you to the town of Alberobello to begin your exploration of the beautiful towns around Italy's heel.

Upon arrival, you will notice the white walls of circular homes supporting the conical rooftops. These houses are known as Trulli and date back to the Middle Ages, and now more than 1,000 Trulli decorate the hills in the area known as Rione Monti. Restaurants, bars, and hotels fill the enchanting interiors and feel like a home taken out of a fairytale. The white stone walls help insulate the structure, keeping the interior cool in the summer heat and warm in the cold winters.

The scent of rich espresso drifts from the corner bar and towards the neoclassical façade of the Basilica of Saints Cosma and Damiano. You will stop in the Cantina Albea, a wine museum that will bring insight into the traditions of vintners around Puglia with a display of tools that date back to pre-Christian times. Walk through the cantina to view antique oak barrels that add to the layers of the historical and cultural framework of wine. The cool interior offers a warm respite from the Puglian sun, and you can take a seat at a table in the cantina to watch the ruby red color of a local wine fill your glass. Continue to the charming labyrinthine lanes of Locorotondo to wander alongside the whitewashed walls and beneath the windowsills decorated with blossoming pink geraniums.

What's Included: accommodation, tour, breakfast

DETAILED ITINERARY

Places Visited

Lecce, Otranto







Day 3: Savelletri

Tour Marvelous Architecture and Culture in Lecce and Otranto

Wake up in the comforts of your luxurious resort to the sounds of the Adriatic Sea lapping against the nearby beach. The scent of frothy cappuccino fills the dining room at breakfast, accompanied by the aroma of zeppole, a traditional pastry of deep-fried dough topped with powdered sugar. You will make your way to the stunning city of Lecce after your meal, which is often referred to as the Florence of the South due to its elaborate dedication to the arts. The exuberant Baroque architecture shimmers with golden stone most prominent in former palaces and preserved churches.

Cherubs, gargoyles, and griffins adorn the façade of the Basilica di Santa Croce. The ornate columns and cornices give way to the interior that embodies a more classical style. The aroma of frankincense drifts through the nave and you will find harmony in the mixture of the subtle, charming interior as it contrasts with the splendor of the Baroque façade. Restaurants serve traditional orecchiette pasta dressed in a tomato sauce and flavored with pecorino and basil.

Confectionaries display pistachio desserts and cookies dipped in chocolate while papier-mâché decorates the windows of artisan workshops, representing the deep tradition of the art form that dates back to the 17th century. Your instructor will welcome you into the workshop keen on introducing you to the intricacies of papier-mâché, allowing you craft twine and straw to shape unforgettable figurines.

What's Included: accommodation, tour, breakfast

DETAILED ITINERARY

Places Visited

Polignano a Mare, Ostuni







Day 4: Savelletri

Relish an Olive Oil Tour and Visit Polignano a Mare and Ostuni

The fishing boats will return to the marina at Savelletri in the morning with fishers eager to take their catch to the famous fish market in Bari. The bright turquoise water will capture your eyes at breakfast as you sip your decadent espresso before venturing out of the resort to visit a nearby olive orchard. The serene landscape brings a captivating ambiance as you touch your fingers to the thin, spindly leaves of the olive tree. Nets blanket the ground beneath the branches ready to catch the ripening fruit as it falls away. The villa on the property dates back to the 19th century, and lemon groves thrive in the landscape to add a citrus aroma to the nutty scent that emanates from the olive trees.

Embark on a journey through the historic town of Polignano a Mare. Set sail with the locals, serviced by the experts at Dorino Boat Trips, and coast along the cliffs of Puglia. Along the way, stop and relish in the secluded coves of the Adriatic Sea while enjoying a nice snack and a refreshing swim.

Your guide will show you the mill that processes the ripened olives after harvest, and in the tasting room, a selection of olive oils awaits you. Each small cup is different in viscosity and opacity, and your guide will help you to discern that the aroma of the first oil is slightly paler than the other two while the olive aroma is less prevalent. You can then learn about the three different oils you tasted, with the final being an extra virgin and the only type of olive oil produced on the mill. After the tour, you can wander out to the maze-like city of Ostuni to stroll beneath the archways and alongside the vibrant fruit stalls..

What's Included: accommodation, tour, breakfast

DETAILED ITINERARY

Places Visited

Matera







Day 5: Bernalda

Visit the Town of Matera and Indulge in a Luxurious Resort

You will soon leave behind the shores of the Adriatic Sea and watch the turquoise water and the white sand fade behind the horizon as you journey forward. Your private transfer will take you inland to the region of Basilicata, to reach the town of Matera. Rustic, medieval architecture stands atop a hill that looks east towards the Ionian Sea while narrow streets lead to hidden alleys and wide stairways. Settlers have inhabited the region since before antiquity in cave homes that cover the walls of the gorge, and your guide will lead you along the upper district of town as the medieval architecture decorates the undulating plateau.

You will enter into the Church of San Pietro Barisano for your first introduction to the subterranean life of the historical city, and the spiced scent of myrrh lingers in the nave. 15th and 16th-century frescos decorate the entrance level that leads to an empty frame where the altarpiece originally stood while catacombs below the church provide insight into the history of burials in a town that sits atop the hard stone.

You will make your way out of the church and down to the lower level of the city to view the Stassi, the rock districts. The inhabitants of Matera have inhabited the caves since the Middle Ages with unique views to the Gravina Valley below. The mouth of the caves frame the colorful doors and resemble a city carved out of rock instead of homes made from caves. You will enter into Casa-Grotta di Vico Solitario to find a reproduction of life in the city leading up to the mid-20th century.

What's Included: accommodation, transfer, tour, breakfast

DETAILED ITINERARY

Places Visited

Maratea







Day 6: Bernalda

Venture to Maratea, the Ionian Sea, and a Classic Cooking Class

Enjoy the wonder of your hotel as you wake up in the splendor of a 19th-century villa located in the town of Bernalda. Outside of the hotel, old men gather in the piazza to talk politics and soccer while sipping strong espresso. Exotic plants grow in the private gardens and offer a view over the rugged hills and sporadic vineyards that are growing in the valley.

The town of Maratea contrasts with the rugged and isolated atmosphere of the region as a collection of coastal villages overtakes the 19-mile long stretch of the Tyrrhenian Sea. The cliffs shelter the coves and provide stunning viewpoints while 44 ancient hilltop churches provide a sense of history alongside the extraordinary beauty of the shoreline. Your private driver will lead you through the collection of villages to view the Basilica of San Biagio, the main church in the district.

You can see the outline of the 22-foot tall Christ the Redeemer statue above as the church was originally erected in the 6th century and carries a soft-spoken grandeur in the serene ambiance. As you wander back to streets, colorful ceramics create elaborate window displays in the shops around town, and you can walk along the beach and dig your toes into the grainy black sand of Macarro beach. In the afternoon, you will meet a celebrated chef ready to introduce you to the traditional cuisine of Maratea and Basilicata in his kitchen. Learn how to make and shape the customary pasta made from durum wheat along with a beautiful vegetable dish of onion, eggplant, peppers, tomato, and garlic cooked in seasoned olive oil.

What's Included: accommodation, tour, breakfast, lunch

DETAILED ITINERARY

Places Visited

Ravello







Day 7: Ravello

Travel to the Amalfi Coast and Delight in the Day at Leisure

The relaxed ambiance of your magnificent resort will allow for you wake at your own pace while the nearby town bustles around the main piazza with the old men returning to their daily morning conversations accompanied by the rich flavor of fresh espresso. Your private transfer will greet you in your hotel lobby after breakfast and escort you to Ravello, located on the famous shoreline of the Amalfi Coast. Olive, lemon, and orange trees grow on the thriving terraces as the mountains ascend from the water to create a sense of seclusion and separation from interior Italy. Colorful towns rise along the ridges and foothills and offer sensational views of the indigo-colored water. You will easily settle into the lavishness of your hotel that has been situated in a 12th-century palace with a panoramic view of the shores below.

The remainder of the day will be yours to indulge in the wonders of Ravello, a town located in the mountains at nearly 1,200 feet above sea level. Spend some time exploring the quiet and serene town known for its dreamy gardens, elegant villas, and stylized main square of Piazza Vescovado. The white walls of the Cathedral cast a captivating spell over the 11th-century piazza while the Baroque and Romanesque architectural styles shape the façade beneath the 13th-century bell tower. The archways and embellishments of the tower showcase the mixture of Byzantine and Moorish design, embodying the prestige and power of the city through its far-reaching trade.

What's Included: accommodation, transfer, breakfast

DETAILED ITINERARY

Places Visited

Vietri, Positano







Day 8: Ravello

Traverse the Splendors of the Amalfi Coast with a Private Driver

The scent of the cappuccino overtakes the orange citrus that drifts from the orchards and the day is yours to travel along the Amalfi Coast with your private driver to visit the colorful towns and local communities. The 25-mile long road connects Positano in the west to Vietri sul Mare in the east, and you will begin your exploration of the bustling and beautiful scenery in Positano. Pastel colored homes rise along the mountain ridges as brightly painted boats wade in the marina.

The Tyrrhenian Sea laps against the jutting rocks and stone jetty as you stroll along the narrow cobblestone lanes amidst the boutique shops that showcase lemon-clad ceramics as bursts of the zesty citrus fills the air. Colorful scarves and day dresses decorate the doorways of vibrant shops, and you can visit with a locally known cobbler who crafts handmade sandals while you wait, located on via della Tartana. Ruins of sumptuous Roman villas ornament the town around the Church of the Assumption of Saint Mary as marvelous green, blue, and yellow majolica tiles decorate the dome. Before leaving the charming town, you can step into a family-owned wine shop to learn the art of crafting the typical regional liqueur of limoncello. At the end of the lesson, you will find a vivacious yellow cocktail made from lemon rind, sugar, and alcohol that needs to sit for at least one week.

What's Included: accommodation, tour, breakfast

DETAILED ITINERARY

Places Visited

Capri







Day 9: Ravello

Discover History and Charming Beauty on the Isle of Capri

In the morning, you will board a ferry to reach the island of Capri. The dramatic coastal cliffs reach heights up to 200 feet tall, striking a dramatic image before the horizon before the ferry docks at the jetty that leads to Marina Grande. Adorable homes line the golden sands and lead into the ridges of the cliff that overlook the water as small, colorful boats dress the beach at low tide. The funicular carries you to the Piazzetta at the top of the cliff where cafes set out tables and chairs for views to the water. The scent of lemon cream tarts and flavorful espresso overtake the square, and you will immediately understand the allure of the legendary island known for captivating Hollywood starlets and Roman emperors alike.

Take your time to stroll along the narrow cobbled lanes of Capri Town to view the luxury boutiques while the aroma of pine and sweet oranges emanates from the artisan perfume shop. The tradition of the sweet scents on the island date back to the 15th century with monks in the Charter-house of San Giacomo utilizing herbs and flowers. Experience the Villa Jovis, the former palace of Emperor Tiberius in the 1st century AD as the complex encompasses terraces that overtake nearly two acres and reach an elevation of more than 130 feet tall.

What's Included: accommodation, tour, breakfast

DETAILED ITINERARY

Places Visited

Amalfi Coast, Bay of Naples







Day 10: Ravello

Depart for Home

In the morning, you will indulge in the panorama of the Amalfi Coast from the comforts of your villa accommodation as you savor the creamy texture of your fresh cappuccino and the accompanied sweetness of the crispy sfogliatelle, a delicate layered pastry stuffed with ricotta cheese.

The ceramic tiles of Vietri sul Mare glint against the rugged mountains to the east as sailboats and fishing boats glide across the water in imitation of the former glory of the eponymous city of Amalfi. Your private transfer will soon collect you at your hotel when you are ready, escorting you around the Bay of Naples to reach the international airport for your flight home.

What's Included: airport transfer, breakfast

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LUXURIES BY THE SEA:

SET SAIL TO EXPLORE AND UNWIND SORRENTO, CAPRI, THE AMALFI COAST

A 5 DAY BOAT TRIP TO ITALY

TRIP AT A GLANCE

(Day 1): Sorrento
Sail from the Sorrento Port

(Day 2): Ischia and Procida
Explore the largest and smallest of the islands in the archipelago

(Day 3): Capri
Turn around the island is a highlight of the cruise, and a once-in-a-lifetime experience

(Day 4): Nerano, Positano and Amalfi
enjoy the spectacular view of the village by night

(Day 5): Sorrento
Depart for Home

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

Majestic, enchanting, relaxing, and picturesque only begins to describe the wonders of the Amalfi Coast and Capri Island as they are yours to discover during your special Italy tour.

The scent of lemon becomes a ubiquitous aroma blending with the Mediterranean breeze as pastel-colored homes cling to the cliffs and contrast with the tranquil turquoise water. Pebbled coves lead to sandy beaches, and local restaurants bring insight into the soul of the community serving traditional dishes inspired by the sea.

The landscape is seductive, the water is transparent, and the history is palpable surpassed only by the inviting atmosphere of Southern Italy.

- Enjoy the casual and boutique beauty of Capri along the charming streets of main town offering views back to the Amalfi Coast
- Discover the fascinating history of Amalfi displayed in the grand cathedral at the heart of town
- Delight in the comforts of Capri by staying overnight in a luxurious hotel for a different appreciation of the island's elegance and charm
- Visit the seductive ambiance of Ischia and Procida, islands neighbor of Capri with a beautiful landscape and gorgeous panorama of mainland Italy
- Relish the splendor of the Amalfi Coast felt in the boutique shops of Positano and the captivating historical villas of Nerano
- Embrace the specific flavors of proper Neapolitan pizza in Sorrento and a comforting swim in the Bay of Naples

DETAILED ITINERARY

Places Visited

Sorrento







Day 1: Sorrento

Arrive in Italy and Enjoy the Beauty at the Bay of Naples

Set sail at 7:30 p.m. from the Sorrento port, and celebrate your departure with fresh fruit, light snacks, and Prosecco served by the crew. You'll be spending an unforgettable few days exploring some of the most beautiful spots along Italy's coast, including the islands of the Campanian Archipelago and the Amalfi Coast.

Each morning will begin with a generous Continental breakfast prepared by the crew, and end being rocked to sleep by the waves in some of the most beautiful and safest harbors in southern Italy.

What's Included: accommodation, set sail from port

DETAILED ITINERARY

Places Visited

Ischia, Procida







Day 2: Ischia and Procida

Visit the Charming Island of Ischia and Procida

The day is dedicated to exploring the largest and smallest of the islands in the archipelago: Ischia, or the Green Island, famous for its natural hot springs; and Procida, with its colorful fishing village and bridge to the adjacent islet of Vivara, a WWF Oasis reserve. At sundown, we'll moor in the private marina on Ischia for a sound sleep with a charming view.

What's Included: sail tour, breakfast

DETAILED ITINERARY

Places Visited

Capri







Day 3: Capri

Travel to Capri to Indulge in the Gorgeous Land- and Seascape

We'll set sail from Ischia at about 10 a.m., after a leisurely breakfast served by the crew. Today we explore Capri, with its towering Faraglioni, chic Piazzetta, and breathtaking coastline dotted with tiny coves and stunning grottoes. Our turn around the island is a highlight of the cruise, and a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

What's Included: sail tour, breakfast

DETAILED ITINERARY

Places Visited

Nerano, Positano, Amalfi







Day 4: Nerano, Positano and Amalfi

Arrive in Italy along the Charming and Historic Amalfi Coast

After breakfast, we'll leave Capri and head towards Amalfi, passing the Bay of Nerano, one of the most splendid stretches along the coast. We'll pass Positano, the coastline's capital of glamour, and continue to the UNESCO-listed Amalfi, home to the most striking cathedral on the coast.

We'll stop for the night in the port of this historic marittime republic, or, if the weather and sea conditions permit, in the bay off Positano to enjoy the spectacular view of the village by night.

What's Included: sail tour, breakfast

DETAILED ITINERARY

Places Visited

Sorrento







Day 5: Sorrento
Depart for Home

Breakfast on board, and then it's off to Sorrento. There will be time for a swim off the coast before docking in the port at around 7 p.m.

End of the cruise.

What's Included: docking the port, breakfast

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