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TURIN AND THE EGYPTIAN MUSEUM

Turin, which still conserves the elegance and fashion of the past has been the old capital of Italy before Rome. A old fashioned town with its baroque Cafés and old arcades which are located in the city centre. But the town is also well known for the Egyptian museum whose collection of mummies and sarcophagi rivals that of the Cairo Museum. The museum has been recently restored: new collections, new floors have been added and a new itinerary has been created.

day 1
Arrival
Arrival in Turin and accommodation at the hotel. Half Board in hotel.

day 2
Turin and the Egyptian museum
Breakfast in hotel. Departure towards the historical centre of Turin which is constituted by streets and squares geometrically ordered and whose names recall to the memory historical episodes and characters: Corso Vittorio Emanuele II, Piazza Vittorio Veneto, Via Garibaldi, Via Po, Piazza San Carlo, Piazza Castello, Piazza Carlo Felice, Via Roma, Piazza Statuto. Turin’s skyline is marked by the Mole, which is the tallest brick building in the world and its dome extending to the sky houses the new Film Museum. The first important Savoy family residence in the city, the Royal Palace is in Piazza Castello. With an impressive and regal aspect, it was the kingdom’s political centre for three centuries.
Lunch in restaurant.

day 3
Asti and Alba
Breakfast in hotel. Departure towards Asti, one of the renowned centres of wine production in Italy due to the excellent quality of grapes found in this region that yields top quality wines. The old medieval town still maintains many of the historic palaces and towers built by the rich families -Asti was known as the city of 100 towers.
Typical lunch in restaurant.
After lunch we will reach Alba so to enjoy a wine tasting.
Back to the Hotel.
Half Board in hotel.

day 4
Departure
Breakfast in hotel.
Departure and end of our services.

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WEEK-END IN MILAN

Milan, Italian capital of fashion and luxury. This cosmopolitan city waits for you so to show the beauty of its Cathedral. The majestic building in white marble extends over 157 m length. The light falls through beautifully decorated stained glass windows in the interior.

day 1

Arrival
Arrival at Milan airport and transfer to the hotel. Depending on flight times, take time to relax or explore the city at your leisure. Dinner and overnight in Milan.

day 2

Milan
After breakfast, we will take a guided tour of Italy’s thriving capital of commerce and fashion to admire its architectural heritage and sophisticated lifestyle reflected everywhere in its impressive buildings, the city’s old centre and elegant boutiques. We will visit the magnificent Gothic dome, the elegant glass-domed galleries, the famous Scala Opera House which dates back to the 18th century, admire views of the Sforzesco castle and the church of Santa Maria delle Grazie which houses Leonardo Da Vinci’s masterpiece “The Last Supper”. Enjoy an afternoon free for leisure. Dinner and overnight in Milan.

day 3

Departure
After breakfast transfer to the airport. End of services.
PROMENADE ON THE LAKE MAGGIORE

Gardens, villas and rich palaces represent one of the amazing aspect of this lake. With palms and oleanders lining the lakeside promenades and a peaceful, serene air, the lake will enchant you. From Stresa you will enjoy a beautiful view of the Borromean islands with their stunning palaces and ornamental gardens: an unfailing destination for aesthetes.

**day 1**

Arrival on the Orta Lake

Lunch in restaurant.

In the afternoon discovery of the charming village of San Giulio which will be reached by a relaxing boat trip.

The island is dominated by the 12th-century Basilica di San Giulio, full of vibrant frescoes that alone make a trip to the island worthwhile. A series of characteristic, narrow, winding alleys branches off from the piazza, which are closed to traffic and have many exclusive buildings in different styles.

Arrival at the Hotel.

Dinner and overnight.

**day 2**

The Borromean islands

Breakfast in Hotel.

Departure by boat to the Isola Bella perhaps the most admired destination on Lake Maggiore. In 1632, Count Vitaliano Borromeo began its transformation with the construction of the palace and the ornamental gardens. The Palace itself is full of ornate rooms which remind you of a past full of grand receptions and sumptuous feasts. After visiting the Palace, you exit into the magnificent gardens which are made up of no less than 10 terraces which slope down towards the lake. The garden reaches a height of 37 meters and is laid out on ten terraces.

After the visit our boat will stop to Pescatori Island which is regarded as one of the most picturesque locations on Lake Maggiore. Its characteristic old village has been a fishing community for centuries and is still home to around fifty people, some of whom preserve their traditional way of life.

Lunch in restaurant.

In the afternoon we will continue our visiting by reaching the last but not less important island: isola Madre which boasts a 20-acre park that is considered one of the most impressive and well-preserved in Italy. The rare plants and exotic flowers in these English-style botanical gardens have been enchanting visitors for over a century.

Back to the Hotel for dinner and overnight.

**day 3**

Departure

Breakfast in Hotel.

Free time at disposal with a big range of several activities: reaching the Mottarone mountain or visiting the beautiful Villa Taranto or going just after the Italian border for a nice walk around the Lugano lake.

Departure and end of our services.

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VERONA AND THE LEGEND OF ROMEO AND JULIET

One of the most loved and romantic cities in the world thanks to the symbol of love which has been well described by William Shakespeare. We will walk through the city where the two lovers discovered their love: the balcony of Juliet, Piazza delle Erbe, the old Roman center and now Market Square and of course the Arena.

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**day 1**

**Arrival**

Arrival in the region of Verona. Reaching this magnificent area you will be enchanted by green hills and beautiful vineyards so you will be able to feel the particular air that wraps the entire town of Verona. To make you better discover one of the several secrets of this area, we will stop in a farm where you will taste some of the most known wines of the territory: Soave and Bardolino. Arrival at the Hotel. Dinner and overnight.

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**day 2**

**Verona**

Breakfast in Hotel.

Guided tour of Verona. Verona was an important Roman town rich in archaeological sites, the grandest of which is the Roman Arena, where operas are now performed during the summer season. It’s easy to spend some time simply exploring the narrow streets lined with handsome palazzi that make up the historic centre. The town’s museums and churches contain fine works of art, while the ruined Roman theatre over the river has excellent views from the terraces where the ancients watched plays. It is a passion town: the unlucky love of Romeo and Juliet, God passion (the Cathedral of S. Zeno which is considered the most important roman church in the North of Italy) and of course the music passion with the above mentioned Arena.

Lunch in restaurant.

In the afternoon free time at disposal so to get ready for the amazing evening at the Arena (dinner before the opera).

Back to the Hotel.

Overnight.

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**day 3**

**Departure**

Breakfast in Hotel.

Departure and end of our services.

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ESPLANADE ON THE LAKE GARDA

Garda’s sun drenched scenery of vineyards, olive groves and cypresses…. One of the most beautiful and naturally peaceful spots in Europe - with a backdrop of the Dolomites on one side and neat rows of vines on the other. Lake Garda has been a refuge for writers in search of inspiration and stressed out emperors and their hangers-on for millennia like the villages of Sirmione and Malcesine.

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day 1

Arrival: Arrival of the group on the region of the Garda lake.
Accommodation in hotel. Dinner and overnight.

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day 2

Discovery of the Lake
Breakfast in Hotel.
Departure for an amazing discovery of the lake which is the biggest one in Italy. Nestled between three regions, it is an incredible combination of culture, nature and history. The luminous environment, the temperate climate, and the flourishing vegetation - mainly olive and lemon groves, palms, cypresses, oleanders and orange trees - along with the majestic landscapes are the background to the remarkable historical and cultural remains spread all around, make this lake the most charming and the most visited lake in Italy.
Lunch in restaurant.
In the afternoon you will enjoy a nice boat tour.
Dinner and overnight in Hotel.

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day 3

The Dolomites
Breakfast in Hotel.
Entire day dedicated to the discovery of the Dolomites. The presence of several peaks exceeding 3,000 m, the large number of small glaciers, the contrast between the vertical rise of the rock walls and the 1,500 m deep canyons make the Dolomites an important attraction even from a morphological viewpoint. Above all, what makes the Dolomite landscape fascinating and spectacular is certainly the exceptional variety of colours. The most known cities of the area are San Martino di Castrozza, Ortisei, Canazei, San Vito di Cadore, Madonna di Campiglio.
Lunch in restaurant.
Back to the Hotel.
Dinner and overnight.

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day 4

Padua and Verona
Breakfast in Hotel.
Departure towards Padua. Guided tour of this ancient town. Get you inspired by the beauty of the medieval squares which are still nowadays occupied by nice markets; have a coffee in one of the oldest coffee houses in Italy and admire the fascinating church of Saint Antony.
Lunch in restaurant.
In the afternoon departure to Verona. Shakespeare placed star-crossed lovers Romeo Montague and Juliet Capulet in Verona for good reason: romance, drama and fatal family feuding have been the city’s hallmark for centuries. From the 3rd century BC Verona was a Roman trade centre with ancient gates, a forum (now Piazza delle Erbe) and a grand Roman arena, which still serves as one of the world’s great opera venues.
Back to the hotel.
Dinner and overnight.

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day 5

Departure
breakfast in Hotel.
Departure and end of our services.
VICENZA: THE CITY OF PALLADIO

Vicenza is the most famous Palladian town for the enormous presence of monuments which have been built by this extraordinary architect of the XVIth century. It is an elegant town that will surprise you during your charming walk into town…

**day 1**

Arrival

Arrival in Vicenza with open arrangements and check in the reserved rooms. Dinner and overnight in Vicenza.

**day 2**

Vicenza

You will begin the discovery of this amazing town with the architectural jewels that are preserved in this city. The most significant present is in the basilica Palladiana with the lodges created by Palladio from 1546. The image of the Basilica competes with that of the Torre di Piazza, also known as Bissara, after the name of the patriarchal family. The east side of Piazza dei Signori presents itself in the long prospect of Monte di Pieta' with shops on the first floor, and mezzanine balconies. Lunch at leisure.

Walking back along Corso Palladio towards the high elevation point we will finally reach the most spectacular and marvellous artistic creation of Palladio in Vicenza - the Olympic Theatre. The project was inspired by the roman theatres described by Vitruvio and can be called the first example of closed route theatre of the modern time. Palladio was assigned to the project already in his late age and it was in fact his son, Silla, who completed the work of art in 1583. Dinner and overnight in Vicenza.

**day 3**

Palladio villas and Vicenza

The morning will be dedicated to the discovery of the most known villa of Palladio - Villa Almerico Capra Valmarana, known also as La Rotonda, and situated not far from Vicenza, in the proximity of the Riviera Berica. The completion of the villa took more than forty years and neither Palladio nor the proprietor lived to see the finished work, finished by the architect Scamozzi (spiritual successor to Palladio). The image is one of a temple/villa, with the unusual square outline, completely symmetrical and within a perfect circle. Lunch at leisure. The afternoon is free, at leisure for the participation of individual visits or shopping. Dinner and overnight in Vicenza.

**day 4**

Departure

After breakfast free time before the departure to your final destination and transfer to the airport.

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PADUA: THE TOWN OF SCIENCE

Padua is the ideal town to discover the human progress concerning science, technique, knowledge and creativity thanks to the presence of the University, one of the oldest in Europe.

Let you be inspired from the several monuments that prove this statement...

### day 1

**Arrival**

Arrival in Padua. Accommodation in Hotel. Dinner and overnight.

### day 2

**Padua**

Breakfast in Hotel. Departure to the city centre for the visit of the Botanical Garden. It is the oldest one in the world that has been in continuous use. It was established in 1545 by the University of Padua (and designed by Daniele Barbaro), and has been a great influence on other botanical gardens around the world. Over the years it was enriched with plants from all over the world, brought in by the Venetian Empire. We will continue our visit with the University, one of the oldest in the world (and the second in Italy after Bologna) which is the true archetype of modern university, and the pilot of the science route in town. Its historical building, the Ilo Palace, preserves the oldest anatomy theatre in the world as well as some historical sites and outstanding items, as the 14th-century Medicine Room, the chair of Galileo Galilei - who was a professor in Padua from 1592 to 1618; the Aula Magna (Great Hall), and the double, two-tier old cloister by Moroni, wonderfully decorated with the coats of arms of famous students and professors. Lunch in restaurant. In the afternoon visit of the Observatory which is normally called “La specola”. Established as medieval tower, the Specola became Astronomical Observatory in 1767, and it is one of the main structures of INAF now. In the museum section, called the Specola Museum, you can visit rooms and instruments used by Paduan astronomers in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Back to the Hotel. Dinner and overnight.

### day 3

**Padua**

Breakfast in Hotel. Departure to the Planetarium of Padua. The Planetarium is an educational tool reproducing the sky in a room, with the stars, the sun, the planets, as they can be observed in a clear night. It also shows the movements and sky phenomena in an accelerated manner, in order to grab the viewer’s attention. It simulates the sky appearance for any place on earth and for any period of time in the past and in the future. After the visit we will reach the centre of Padua. Lunch in restaurant. Free afternoon at disposal for a personal discover of the town. Dinner and overnight.

### day 4

**Padua**

Breakfast in Hotel. Departure and end of our services.

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VENICE, THE SERENISSIMA

Venice, the unique amazing town in the world. A special place that will enchant you every time you come thanks to the different emotions and the amazing atmosphere that rise up from the narrow streets, the elegant palazzi, the nice bridges...an unique experience that makes you falling in love.

day 1

Arrival
Arrival of the group in Lido di Jesolo. Dinner and overnight at the Hotel.

day 2

Venice
Breakfast in Hotel. Departure towards the landing-stage of Punta Sabbioni and departure by boat that will take us to San Marco square. Guided tour of Venice. This visit will take you to the heart of Venetian institutions. For centuries Saint Mark's Square acted as the backdrop to the State's main activities. The Basilica of Saint Mark, now the city's cathedral, was once both the Ducal Chapel and a reflection of State magnificence. You'll be dazzled by its golden mosaics and precious marbles, the Pala d'Oro and famous horses, works of art that have turned the church into one of the most beautiful monuments in the world. You will admire the fascinating façade of the Ducal Palace and the bridge of sighs. A nice walk will take you to the elegant Rialto Bridge. Back to the Hotel. Dinner and overnight.

day 3

The lagoon islands
Breakfast in Hotel. Departure by boat from Punta Sabbioni towards the island of Murano. Murano is most famous for its glassmaking factories, and tourists throng the main canal sides, which are lined with shops and showrooms. In 1291 Venice's glass furnaces were all moved to this island, to protect the city from outbreaks of fire. Continuation of the travel to Burano. The Island of Burano is made of picturesque canals lined with brightly coloured houses. Flowers grow in window boxes and small boats dot the canals. Burano even has a leaning tower, the bell tower of the 15th century San Martino Church. The island is also famous for its artisan lace makers and there's a Lace Museum.

Back to Venice.
Lunch in restaurant.
Departure by boat from Punta Sabbioni and departure to the island of Murano.
Arrival of the group in Lido di Jesolo. Dinner and overnight in Mestre.

day 4

Departure
Breakfast in Hotel. Departure and end of our services.

day 1

Arrival
Arrive in Venice Mestre by own arrangements and check in the reserved rooms.
Dinner and overnight in Mestre.

day 2

Venice
After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the Theatre La Fenice, one of the most famous theatres in the world, reborn from the ashes of a fire in 1996. Inaugurated in 1792, this place of entertainment, decorated in light blue and silver, was destroyed by a fire in 1836 and refurbished in a neoclassical style. Even after the fire of the 29th January 1996 and the reconstruction thereafter, the Fenice was 'the theatre of the Venetians' and the visit may well not bring back the emotion that the fire has taken from us, but surely it will not lack on interest. In the exclusive visit you will discover a extraordinary place, created for the pleasure of the eyes and the ears, but also the most mysterious part, the backstage one. In the rooms Appollinee you will have coffee served to you.
Lunch at leisure.
Departure to your final destination and transfer to the airport.

day 3

Venice
After breakfast we will transfer you to the area of San Marco where we will admire, in the proximity of the church of San Zulian, a small museum of musical instruments. The visit will continue to the church of La Pieta, projected by Giorgio Massari and painted by G.B. Tiepolo to host the concerts and the sonata of Antonio Vivaldi. Vivaldi, the red priest, designed for the clerical cantor, was a violin teacher at the hospital of La Pieta, and after a violinist at the basilica of San Marco. Lunch at leisure. After lunch the visit continues with Santa Maria degli Argentieri built in 1775 on the area occupied by a hospital that tended poor and ill people, was probably built by Andrea Palladio. The Ospedaletto was famous for the music tradition of the choirs of the orphan girls educated by their teacher: there's the reminder the organ of Pietro Nacchini and the room of the Music, painted in the past Venice was considered the city of music. You could listen to music everywhere, from theatres and churches to private houses. Musical instruments of priceless value were made in Venice and the first editorial home for piano scores was born here. But even in the streets there were concerts which were organised on the spot. In our days this tradition continues and Venice is still regarded as the City of Music.

day 4

Departure
After breakfast free time before the departure to your final destination and transfer to the airport.

VENICE, THE CITY OF MUSIC

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EMILIA ROMAGNA: THE GREEDY REGION

The Emilia Romagna is a precious jewel-case containing monuments and masterpieces, old universities but also an unbelievable gastronomical treasure: Parma with its amazing ham and parmesan, Modena with the balsamic vinegar and more...

day 1
Arrival
Arrival in the region of Bologna by your own coach. Dinner and overnight in Hotel.

day 2
Modena – Maranello
Breakfast in Hotel. Meeting with our tour leader who will stay at disposal with the group during the whole journey. Departure towards Modena for a nice guided tour. Modena is the ideal city: its admirable architectural treasures are a Unesco World Heritage Site, its hospitality focuses on cuisine and cultural life, all with a fascinating and characteristic blend of innovation and tradition. Visitors are pampered at table by the flavors of traditional balsamic vinegar accompanying local specialities and can stroll in the narrow city centre streets or Piazza Grande. Typical lunch in restaurant. In the afternoon departure to Maranello for the visit of the Ferrari Museum. The Museo Ferrari in Maranello focuses on Ferrari’s present and future, whilst remaining deeply rooted in the Prancing-Horse’s extraordinary history. A permanent exhibition dedicated to Formula 1 and the World Championship, complete with cars and a pit stop wall, where visitors can gain an understanding of telemetry and pilots’ in-race driving behaviour, is flanked by five rooms that host themed exhibitions with wide-ranging appeal. Back to the Hotel. Dinner and overnight.

day 3
Bologna
Breakfast in Hotel. Morning dedicated to the visit of Bologna. The imposing figure of Neptune welcomes visitors into the square of the same name; Piazza Nettuno then adjoins Piazza Maggiore, which opens onto the splendid view of the Basilica of St. Petronius, the fifth in the world for size, commissioned by the Free Commune and built over almost three centuries. Not far away is the Archgymnasium, one of the most important buildings in the city. It was the first seat of the university and houses the Anatomical Theatre, created for the study of anatomy, built entirely in wood in the shape of an amphitheatre. Lunch in restaurant. In the afternoon we will discover an amazing wine cellar for a taste of a particular wine produced in this region: Pignoletto. Back to the Hotel. Dinner and overnight.

day 4
Parma
Breakfast in Hotel. Departure towards the town of Parma. The aesthetic heart of Parma is its cathedral square, Piazza Duomo. This attractive cobbled square is surrounded by historic buildings and is set a little apart from the main shopping streets so it is a peaceful as well as handsome spot - until evening, at least, when it becomes a teenager hangout. Three buildings dominate the open space: the Duomo, the adjoining Campanile and the striking Baptistery. The Duomo is an attractive and venerable cathedral, in the Lombard-Romanesque style. Typical lunch in restaurant. In the afternoon taste of the famous Parma ham, Back to the Hotel. Dinner and overnight.

day 5
Departure
Breakfast in Hotel. Departure and end of our services.

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TUSCANY

Green hills which are completely covered with rich vineyards, romantic towns with historical monuments, old castles, fortified middle aged towns...this is Tuscany. A discovery of Italian culture, tradition through the most beautiful renaissance history...

day 1

Arrival

Arrival of the group in Montecatini. Dinner and overnight.

day 2

Florence

Breakfast in Hotel. Departure to Florence. Half day guided tour. A city-size shrine to the Renaissance. Florence offers frescoes, sculptures, churches, palaces, and other monuments from the richest cultural flowering the world has known. Names from its dazzling historical past—Dante, Michelangelo, Galileo, Machiavelli—are some of the most resonant of the medieval age. Many of the great palaces and piazzas in Florence are spectacular to behold. The main squares often display statues by Giambologna or Michelangelo. Ponte Vecchio, Old Bridge, is a treasure to admire. We won’t miss the Cathedral Santa Maria del Fiore with the huge Cupola designed by Brunelleschi.

Lunch in restaurant.

Afternoon at free disposal.

Back to the Hotel for dinner and overnight.

day 3

Chianti Region

Breakfast in Hotel. Departure to Fiesole. Fiesole is a pretty town in the scenic hills of Tuscany above Florence with Etruscan roots, Roman ruins, and views of Florence on clear days. In summer, there are breezes to cool the temperature and outdoor performances in the Roman Amphitheater.

Continuation of the journey towards the Chianti region. Chianti is one of the most attractive territories of Tuscany. The panorama of oaks, pine and chestnut forests, olive groves, vineyards and cypresses, its steep hills and the red-tiled roofs of the farm houses make it instantly recognizable. Culture, history and tradition together with its famous wine and cookery, make the Chianti zone of Tuscany a wonderful destination.

Lunch will give us the opportunity of tasting some of the most common dishes: pappardelle with boar’s sauce, braised beef cooked with Chianti wine, and the typical biscuits with sweet wine.

In the afternoon we will visit a wine cellar. It will be a beautiful day discovering one of the most green areas of Tuscany and tasting delicious food.

Back to the Hotel.

Dinner and overnight.

day 4

Pisa and departure

Breakfast in Hotel. Departure to Pisa. Synonymous for the Leaning Tower, Pisa is actually one of the most important historic and artistic places in Italy. It has its very own the Campo dei Miracoli; so literally “field of miracles.” Here you’ll find not only the noted inclined monument, but the beautifully baptistery and the cathedral, all clustered in a row on a grassy field. The architecture of the all of the buildings on the Campo dei Miracoli are consistent with the arabesque style; they incorporate intricately carved column capitals supporting tall narrow arches.

Lunch in restaurant. Departure and end of our services.

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THE CINQUE TERRE

The picturesque beauty, woven with old world charm cannot be found anywhere else in the world as it is found in Cinque Terre. Overhanging coasts over the sea with bays and small beaches, thousands of kilometers of dry-stone walls enclosing the terraces where vineyards are cultivated, the characteristic rural buildings, the medieval quarters, the sanctuaries, the panoramic trails over the sea and the slopes.

day 1

Arrival
The territory of Versilia, set in Tuscany’s north west coast, covers an area of about 160 square kilometres extending from Lake Massaciuccoli in the south, to the fashionable beach resort of Forte dei Marmi in the north. The region is well known for the amazing beaches: Viareggio, Marina di Pietrasanta and Lido di Camaiore and the famous Forte dei Marmi.
Half Board in Hotel.

day 2

Cinque Terre
Breakfast in Hotel. Departure towards La Spezia. Meet with our guide and embarkation so to discover this fascinating area. Cinque Terre is the name of a district that encompasses five glorious towns, where small houses are surrounded by lush nature. Visitors to this district will be fascinated by the beauty of these five small villages, namely: Manarola, Riomaggiore, Corniglia, Vernazza and Monterosso al Mare. The inhabitants of Cinque Terre benefits not only from its pristine waters, but from its natural environment, where wild nature is interspersed with vineyards, olive groves and citrus orchards, creating a precious bond between man, traditions and this breathtaking stretch of coast. Lunch in restaurant in Monterosso. In the afternoon we will have a nice rest in Portovenere, a very picturesque village set on a slope behind a traditional harbour, with lots of beautiful tall and colourful houses and some quaint streets to explore in the old town as well as being surrounded by beautiful coastal scenery and overlooked by a castle. Time at disposal for a personal discover of the village. Return to the Hotel. Half board in Hotel.

day 3

Rapallo - Portofino
Breakfast in Hotel. Departure to the Gulf of Tigullio. Entire day dedicated to the visit of some of the amazing villages belonging to the gulf. We will start with Rapallo, the largest Italian Riviera seaside resort town. The discovery goes on with the picturesque castle in the sea, a small harbour and a seaside promenade: Portofino, international and fascinating town which will be reached by a beautiful navigation. Lunch in restaurant in Portofino. Free time at disposal. Half board in Hotel.

day 4

Departure
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TREKKING AROUND THE CINQUE TERRE

Cinque Terre National Park, which is part of the Unesco World Heritage, has environmental and cultural features which are essential to safeguard: overhanging coasts over the sea with bays and small beaches, thousands of kilometers of dry-stone walls enclosing the terraces where vineyards are cultivated, the characteristic rural buildings, the sanctuaries, the panoramic trails over the sea and the slopes.

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**day 1**

Arrival

Arrival of the group in Versilia. Half Board in Hotel.

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**day 2**

Trekking day at Cinque Terre

Breakfast in Hotel. Departure towards La Spezia. Entire day dedicated to an amazing trekking in this region. Although the five villages are truly beautiful, it’s through these paths that the Cinque Terre express their true magnificent being. In the Cinque Terre National Park trekkers and hikers will experience a deep and touching encounter with this gorgeous region. They are listed on the UNESCO World Heritage List. By train we will arrive to Riomaggiore, which presents typical features reflecting its history and traditions. The town stretches along a vertical axe where steep staircases are the only means to move around the town. From here we will reach Manarola, the oldest and the second smallest of the towns in the Cinque Terre. On the west end, there is a little harbour and on the east side lies the San Lorenzo church and a square where the townspeople meet for various activities. And as most of Cinque Terre landscapes, there are vineyards everywhere. Through the blue path we continue till Corniglia, which is situated in a beautiful hill all surrounded by a magnificent vegetation. In the afternoon we reach Vernazza, nice village with its coloured houses. The last village will be Monterosso, that has the best beaches of the Cinque Terre villages. Box lunch during the excursion. Back to La Spezia by train. Return to the Hotel. Half board in Hotel.

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**day 3**

Trekking day at Natural Park Punta Manara

Breakfast in Hotel. Departure towards Sestri Levante. Full day trekking in the natural park of Punta Manara (difficulty medium easy). We start the day by visiting the town of Sestri Levante, which is located in the far south of the Gulf of Tigullio on a very special peninsula with a unique position and conformation, as if suspended between ‘two seas’. Departure to Riva Trigoso from where our real trekking will start. The route ascends the cape along an old mule track that turns to dirt with a few short steep parts, emerging at the promontory with a small medieval tower and gorgeous coastal views. We will have the opportunity to admire the coast between Liguria, France and the region Tuscany. Our excursion will end in the afternoon in Sestri Levante. Free time at disposal with the possibility of a tasting of typical products. Box lunch. Return to the Hotel. Half Board in Hotel.

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**day 4**

Trekking day at Riomaggiore and Portovenere

Breakfast in Hotel. Day dedicated to an amazing trekking from Riomaggiore and Portovenere (medium-easy difficulty). The path goes from Riomaggiore till the church of Monterosso. From here the view is spectacular. After we take the path towards “telegraph” and after passing the last of the cabins, the trail turns sharply right and continues through vineyards, then along rock walls and into the forest. Among woods of pine and chestnut trees, we will stop to admire the beautiful views of the islands of Tino and Tinetto. The day will end with the guided tour of Portovenere. The town, virtually unchanged in the course of eight centuries, has morphed from rough-edged Genoese fortress-village to a seaside resort. It offers its visitors a magical atmosphere filled with history and beauty with its pastel tower-houses and ancient alleyways as well as spectacular, breathtaking views of the western part of the Gulf of La Spezia. Box lunch during the excursion. Back to La Spezia by train. Return to the Hotel. Half board in Hotel.

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**day 5**

Departure

Breakfast in Hotel. Departure and end of our services.

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UMBRIA: THE ITALIAN GREEN HEART

Journey dedicated to the discovery of this amazing region. In the true heart of Italy, the region is not touched by the sea, and the territory is for one-third mountains and for the rest hills covered with olive trees and vineyards, and acknowledged among the most beautiful landscapes in Italy.

**day 1**

Arrival.

Arrival of the group in the region of Assisi. Dinner and overnight in Assisi surroundings.

**day 2**

Perugia - Gubbio

Departure towards Perugia for a guided tour. Perugia’s hilltop town centre, connected by escalators, is a good place to explore medieval lanes and fine buildings. Corso Vannucci, the town’s principal street leads to the main square, Piazza IV Novembre. A grand thirteenth-century fountain known as the Fontana Maggiore is the square’s centrepiece. The town’s cathedral, the Duomo, has a baroque facade and Roman ruins below, but dates mainly from the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. The cathedral museum contains some of the finer artworks from the church, including an altarpiece by Luca Signorelli.

Lunch in restaurant.

Continuation of the travel towards Gubbio, a delightful village whose charm is due in great measure to its medieval buildings, churches and streets, that create an old-time, mysterious atmosphere...an out-and-out dive into the past!

Back to the Hotel.

Dinner and overnight.

**day 3**

Spello-Spoleto - Assisi

Breakfast in Hotel.

Morning at free disposal for personal visits to Spello and Spoleto. Among the neighbouring cities, Spello is surely the one which preserves the major number of monuments testifying to the Roman era, for example, the town walls, which later became the foundations for the medieval walls, the ruins of the theatre, and the splendid town portals Porta Consolare, Porta Umbra and Porta Venere dating back to the Augusteans era. Spoleto is an important and popular historical town dating back to Roman times. The town contains numerous important monuments including a Roman theatre, an imposing fortress, a cathedral and several important churches.

Lunch in Hotel.

In the afternoon guided tour of Assisi. Assisi is situated high on the slopes of Mount Subasio in the province of Perugia. The high walls of the city and the Rocca Maggiore castle provide evidence of the military struggles that were needed to protect the city from armed invaders in medieval times. Today, Assisi is a popular destination for tourists who want to see vestiges of the Roman civilization that established Assisi and for pilgrims who visit the churches and relics of Saint Rufino, Saint Francis and Saint Clare.

Dinner and overnight in Hotel.

**day 4**

Todi - Orvieto

Breakfast in Hotel.

Morning dedicated to the free visit of Todi.

The town of Todi rises up above a hill, more than 400 metres high, in the middle the Tiber Valley. Many of the marvellous ancient monuments have been left almost intact as witnesses of the Roman origins of the town. Todi’s cathedral was indeed built on the ruins of an ancient Roman temple, and then it was dedicated to Saint Ammunita.

Standing on Piazza del Popolo, one of the most famous and lovely medieval Italian squares, you’ll be stunned by the views over the surrounding countryside.

Continuation of the travel towards Orvieto.

Lunch in restaurant.

Thanks to the funicular, we will arrive to the centre. Visit of the Gothic Romanesque cathedral that bears a resemblance to the Duomo of Siena with its white and green stripes and its fancy front. This one has majestic mosaics decorating the facade. Don’t overlook the beautiful bronze doors sculpted by Emilio Greco. Built between 1290 and 1320, the cathedral contains some real treasures, most notably the San Brizio Chapel with its frescoes by Fra Angelico and the dramatic, detailed scenes of the Last Judgement by Luca Signorelli.

Dinner and overnight in Hotel.

**day 5**

Departure

Breakfast in Hotel.

Departure and end of our services.
ROME, THE ETERNAL CITY

The capital of culture and faith, the cradle of the western civilization but first of all a real museum in the open air. Modern and old, past and present go side by side, all the time. The discover of this town will remain inside you.

day 1

Arrival

Arrival of the group at the airport of Rome. Meet with our assistant for the transfer to the city centre (luggage will arrive separately directly to the Hotel). Lunch in restaurant. Guided tour of the Antique Rome. Discover the locations where the eternal city was born: from Piazza Venezia to the Roman Forum (with Palatino Forum) up to the stately and massive structure of the Coliseum, the mighty symbol of Rome. From the Capitol to the Capitolini Museums, all of extraordinary wonder and magnificence. Arrival at the hotel. Dinner and overnight.

day 2

Rome


day 3

Departure

Breakfast in Hotel. Time at disposal. Free time for lunch. Transfer to the airport. Departure and end of our services.

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ROME. SECRET VILLAS AND PATRICIAN GARDENS

An itinerary dedicated to the discovery of some of the most beautiful villas in Rome which belonged to ancient rich families: Villa Borghese, Villa Giulia and Villa Doria Pamphili.

**day 1**

**Arrival**

Arrive in Rome by own arrangements and check in the reserved rooms. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

**day 2**

**Rome**

After breakfast we continue to Villa Borghese, historical villa of Rome located in the grandest park in the centre of Rome. The Villa holds one of the most important collections of art of Italy. Under the protective wings of the Borghese Family the genius artists of the baroque - Bernini, Caravaggio, Rubens, Guido Reni, the Domenichino and more. The visit will take place in the interior of the rooms of the villa, sinuously furnished and painted, and in particular in the art Gallery of the first floor and in the rooms dedicated to the sculptures on the ground floor.

Lunch at leisure.

After the lunch the day continues with the visit of Villa Giulia, now head office of the Etruscan National Museum, summer residence of Pope Giulio III. The grandest gardens have been designed by great artists, amongst them the famous Michelangelo. The afternoon will continue with the visit of the nearby Villa Chigi Farnesina, edited by asking of the Pope Bankers, Agostino Chigi, in 1509. The villa was, in part, decorated by Sebastiano del Piombo and Rafaello. Bought in 1580 by Alessandro Farnese, it was called then by the name of Farnesina.

Lunch at leisure.

The afternoon is free, at leisure for the participation of individual visits or shopping.

Dinner in a typical restaurant in Trastevere. Overnight in Rome.

**day 3**

**Rome**

After breakfast transfer to Trastevere for the visit of the beautiful park of Villa Doria Pamphili and its gardens. The Villa is located along the antique Aurelia Road and was commissioned by Pope Innocenzo X and by the Cardinal nephew of Camillo Pamphili. The Villa, given to the Dona, was bought by the council of Rome. Designed to be a public park it is the biggest Villa of Rome. The morning will continue with the visit of the nearby Villa Chihi Farnesina.

Lunch at leisure.

The afternoon is free, at leisure for the participation of individual visits or shopping.

Dinner in a typical restaurant in Trastevere. Overnight in Rome.

**day 4**

**Departure**

After breakfast free time before the departure to your final destination and transfer to the airport.

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ROME AND SORRENTO

From Rome, the eternal town with its antique monuments to the Sorrentine peninsula, a wild country rich in different landscapes, lemon and olive trees with a spectacular view on the sea…

day 1

Arrival

Arrival in Rome and transfer to the hotel. Depending on flight arrival times, take time to relax or explore the city at your leisure. Overnight in Rome.

day 2

Rome

After breakfast at the hotel, we will begin our guided tour to St. Peter’s Square, whose basilica is the biggest in the world and is considered the spiritual centre of the Catholic Church. We will then go to the Vatican Museums and take a guided tour of its collection of masterpieces; we visit the Sistine Chapel, the greatest masterpiece in Western art planned and executed by one man, Michelangelo. In the afternoon, enjoy a guided tour of Ancient Rome by visiting Piazza Venezia, the Campidoglio, heart of political life, the Via dei Fori Imperiali, ancient heart of political, commercial and legal life, the exterior of the Colosseum, arena. You will also see the Palatine, ancient dwelling of emperors and influential people, the exterior of the massive Circus Maximus, the ancient city’s main venue for chariot races. We will return to the hotel in the late afternoon. After dinner, enjoy a panoramic tour of ‘Rome by night’. Overnight in Rome.

day 3

Vesuvio - Pompei

Following breakfast, we will take a guided tour of the ‘sleeping giant’, Mount Vesuvius. We will stop at an agricultural business producing olive oil and the wine called Lacryma Christi, visiting its cellar and vineyard with a wine expert with a chance to taste fine wine. In the afternoon we will head to Pompei “the metropolis of ancient times” where we will visit the ancient Roman city considered as one of the most important archaeological sites in the world. After dinner, choose to enjoy an optional traditional show. Overnight in Castellammare di Stabia. Please note that in case of bad weather, the visit to Mount Vesuvius will be replaced by another excursion.

day 4

Naples

After breakfast we will head for Naples, one of the most beautiful cities in Italy: a walking tour through ‘Spaccanapoli’ and its colourful streets will be the perfect opportunity to discover the most magical and genuine parts of Naples. In the afternoon we will visit the exterior of Palazzo Reale, Castel Nuovo known as Maschio Angioino, the San Carlo theatre, Capuano Castle and the lungomare, from which you will enjoy a stunning view. Then we will head for Sorrento Region where we will stay overnight.

day 5

Capri

After breakfast, enjoy an excursion to the Amalfi Coast where you will see magical and breathtaking views. We will make a short stop at the Postano viewpoint and visit Amalfi, the first of the Sea Republics. In the afternoon we will head for Ravello, cross-point of history and legend. During the day there will be a tasting session of Limoncello, followed by a drive back to the hotel in Sorrento. After dinner, enjoy a night walking tour in Sorrento. Overnight in Sorrento.

day 6

Departure

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before taking a transfer to the airport where you will board your scheduled flight home.

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GRAND TOUR OF ITALY

Cradle of the west civilization and of the catholic culture with its sweet climate, the beauty of the costs, the richness of art and history, love for food, make Italy a country to discover.
A fascinating journey through the most beautiful Italian cities and masterpieces.

day 1
Arrival
Arrival at Milan airport and transfer to the city center for an orientation tour of Italy’s thriving capital of commerce and fashion. This offers the perfect opportunity to get a feel for the city. We will drive past the famous Duomo, the Scala opera house which dates back to the 18th century, admire views of the Sforzesco castle and the church of Santa Maria delle Grazie which houses Leonardo Da Vinci’s masterpiece “The Last Supper” and the elegant shopping mall Galleria Vittorio Emanuele. We will then proceed to Venice Mestre via Verona. Dinner and overnight in Venice Mestre.

day 2
Venice
After breakfast at the hotel, we will spend the day in Venice, known as La Serenissima, city of canals and palaces. It is almost impossible to find the right words to describe Venice’s beauty and uniqueness. Our guided tour of Venice includes St Mark’s square, the basilica of San Mark built in the 9th century and one of the most valuable churches in the world, home to over 4000 feet of mosaic artwork, covering every surface of the interior with rubies, diamonds, emerald, precious marbles and gold the impressive Rialto bridge and a visit to one of the most prestigious glass blowing factory. In the afternoon enjoy free time to explore the city at your leisure. Dinner and overnight in Venice Mestre.

day 3
Padova - Ravenna - Florence
Following breakfast, we will drive to Padova where we will stop to visit St Anthony’s church. We will then proceed to Ravenna, city of art, culture and mosaics; some 1500 years ago it was also capital of the western empire, of the Goths and the Byzantine empire in Europe. After a short tour of the city we will proceed to Florence for an overnight stay. Dinner at the hotel.

day 4
Florence
Following breakfast, we will enjoy a sightseeing tour of the world’s greatest artistic capital also known as ‘the cradle of the Renaissance’, a perfect haven for art lovers. Our guided tour will feature most of the city highlights including the Duomo of Santa Maria del Fiore which is Europe’s largest church, the baptistery with its soaring campanile designed by Giotto, and the Ponte Vecchio, the ancient bridge crammed with jewellery shops and the beautiful Piazza della Signoria. In the afternoon, enjoy the city at your leisure. Dinner and overnight in Florence.

day 5
Siena - Rome
After breakfast, we will drive to Siena, one of Tuscany’s architectural and historic jewels. We will stop for a guided tour to see Piazza del Campo famous for its ‘Palio’ horse race and its beautiful medieval buildings before proceeding to Rome. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

day 6
Rome
Following breakfast, we will begin our discovery of the capital of Italy, the eternal city of Rome which is probably the most fascinating of all Italian cities. It is said that “Rome is not so much a city with museums but a city within a museum”. Every street and square offers layers of history. Our guided tour of Rome will include some of the main tourist sights including its legendary symbol, the imposing Colosseum, the Roman forum, heart of ancient Rome and the Trevi fountain, the most beautiful fountain in all of Rome. In the afternoon enjoy the city at your leisure. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

day 7
Rome
After breakfast, enjoy the city of Rome at your leisure or take an optional excursion to Naples and Capri to discover the most magical and genuine parts of Naples. Visit the exterior of Palazzo Reale, Castel Novo known as Maschio Angioino, the San Carlo theatre, Castel Sant’Angelo and the Lungomare from which we can enjoy a stunning view. Capri is a legendary island surrounded by rose-tinted rocks with incredibly beautiful coves of translucent blues and greens. The town with its pretty piazza, maze of streets, fashionable boutiques and smart restaurants is a mecca for the jet-set. Return to Rome for an overnight stay. Dinner at the hotel.

day 8
Rome
Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. Then depending on the flight departure time, visit the city on your own for shopping or sightseeing. Transfer from the hotel to the airport and return to your original departure city.
Exciting South of Italy

The real expression of beauty, theatre, history, culture, sun and sea... a rich nature with amazing coasts, islands, mountains and rivers plenty of history, Greek temples, roman rests and old castles.

Day 1

Arrival

Arrival at Naples airport and transfer to the hotel in the beautiful Neapolitan Riviera. Depending on flight times, take time to relax or explore the area at your leisure. Acclaimed to be one of the most breathtaking coastlines in Europe and also renowned for tempting seafood, fine wines and the warmth of its charming people, the Neapolitan Riviera offers dramatic coastal scenery, ancient sites and spectacular resorts. Dinner and overnight in the Neapolitan Riviera.

Day 2

Capri

Breakfast at the hotel will be followed by a full day excursion to the island of Capri, one of the loveliest resorts in Italy, a dramatic island soaring upward from the sea with sweeping views, whitewashed homes and villas, lemon trees, narrow winding lanes, and flower-filled courtyards. We reach the island by hydrofoil and enjoy a guided tour of its main towns: Capri and Anacapri. We will enjoy a walk through the narrow streets and admire the lovely terraces, piazza and the breathtaking landscapes. After lunch in a local restaurant, we will visit the blue grotto (weather permitting): it is a 180-foot-long by 75-foot-long cave was well known by the Romans, inhabited by witches and monsters. The cave was avoided because it was said to be inhabited by witches and monsters. The cave was well known by the Romans, as proved by antique statues found in the Grotto. After the visit we will take the hydrofoil back to Naples. Dinner and overnight in the Neapolitan Riviera.

Day 3

Amalfi Coast

After breakfast in the hotel, we will enjoy a full day guided tour to the Amalfi Coast, a stretch of coastline surrounded by steep rugged mountain cliffs 700 meters high that drop dramatically into the deep blue sea. We will visit the small town of Positano, Praiano and Amalfi (once the capital of the Maritime Republic of Amalfi). Dinner and overnight in the Neapolitan Riviera.

Day 4

Naples

After breakfast we will take a half day guided tour of Naples. We will visit the exterior of the cathedral, Corso Umberto, Via Caracciolo, Posillipo hill, the town hall square, the exterior of Castel Novo known as Maschio Angioino, the galleria Umberto, the exterior of San Carlo theatre and piazza del Plebiscito. After lunch in a local restaurant, we will enjoy an excursion to Capodimonte known for its porcelain where we will have time to visit one of the factories to learn the process of making the famous figurines and works of art. The first pieces fired by Capodimonte were produced in Naples from 1759 to 1780 at the Royal Factory that came to being when King Charles of Naples married Maria Amalia. She was the granddaughter of Augustus II, who in addition to being the King of Poland, also founded the first European hard paste porcelain factory in Messen, Germany. King Charles developed a curiosity about porcelain through his new wife’s family. This interest turned into a passion that led to many years of research and development before the Royal Factory came about. We will then return to the hotel or you can opt to see a folkloric show in the evening. Dinner and overnight in the Neapolitan Riviera.

Day 5

Ischia

After breakfast we will enjoy a full day excursion to the island of Ischia, the largest island in the bay of Naples. Of volcanic origin, the island is dominated by its dormant volcano Monte Epomeo and is famous for its hot mineral springs and their therapeutic qualities. Our guided tour includes a visit to Ischia Ponte, the historic centre of Ischia and Ischia Porto formerly known as “Villa Bagni” which is the trading part of the town. We will then return to the hotel for dinner and an overnight stay.

Day 6

Caserta and Departure

After breakfast in the hotel, we will depart to Caserta to visit the Royal Palace. Created by the Bourbon king Charles III in the mid-18th century to rival Versailles and the Royal Palace in Madrid, is exceptional for the way in which it brings together a magnificent palace with its park and gardens, as well as natural woodland, hunting lodges and a silk factory. It is an eloquent expression of the enlightenment in material form, integrated into, rather than imposed on, its natural setting. In 1996, the Palace of Caserta was listed among the world heritage sites on the ground that it was the swan song of the spectacular art of the baroque from which it adopted all the features needed to create the illusions of multidirectional space. We will visit the apartments richly decorated with gold, stucco and marble and contain empire style furnishings and fine pavements and the park covering an area of some hundred hectares and its beautiful fountains. After the visit, we will return to Naples airport to catch your flight and return to your original departure city.
PUGLIA

Puglia, the heel of Italy’s boot that looks onto two seas: Adriatic and Ionian with amazing blue waters ...a spectacular view ...a suspended region between tradition, art and food.

day 1
Arrival of the group in Bari. Accommodation in Hotel near the city centre. Dinner and overnight.

day 2
Bari - Molfetta
Breakfast in Hotel. Guided tour of Bari. The old centre sits on a stout peninsula that sticks out into the Adriatic Sea. It has a nice square on one side and an imposing castle anchoring it on the other. In between, there are little squares, old palazzi, shops, cafes and restaurants tucked away in the interesting alleyways, along with the city’s main monuments. A main tourist draw is the Basilica of San Nicola, dedicated to one of the world’s most famous saints. While St. Nicholas was from Myra, Turkey, he is usually referred to as “St. Nicholas of Bari” because his remains were transported and interred here by a group of faithful zealots in 1087, making Bari a place of pilgrimage for a millennium now. Lunch in restaurant. In the afternoon departure to Molfetta. Free visit of the Duomo. Dedicated to San Corrado, the imposing milky-coloured church is flanked by two tall towers and topped by three cupolas. It is a beautiful backdrop on the sea, built in a distinct Puglian version of Romanesque style. Inside it is spare and yet monumental. Back to the Hotel. Dinner and overnight.

day 3
Trani - Canosa
Breakfast in Hotel. Departure to Trani, nice sea side resort. Morning dedicated to a free visit of the town. The imposing milky-coloured church is flanked by two tall towers and topped by three cupolas. Lunch in restaurant. Continuation of the travel towards Canosa. The town is dominated by a ruined medieval castle and by the 11th-century former cathedral dedicated to S. Sabino (bishop of Canosa 534–566; the bishopric passed to Andria in 1818) containing interesting Byzantine relics. Adjacent to the cathedral is the detached mausoleum of Bohemond I, son of the Norman Robert Guiscard, who captured Antioch during the First Crusade (1096). Dinner and overnight.

day 4
Alberobello - Ostuni
Breakfast in Hotel. Departure to Alberobello. Departure to the fairytale village of Alberobello. No where else in the world will you find such a unique town of charming, narrow streets where the inhabitants live in “trulli,” small conical-roofed houses initially built without the use of mortar and with only dry stones piled one on top of the other and crowned with limestone roofs. Lunch in restaurant. Afternoon at free disposal. Back to the Hotel. Dinner and overnight.

day 5
Lecce
Breakfast in Hotel. Guided tour of Lecce. It’s a cosmopolitan town extravagantly outfitted in Baroque splendor. The Castle of Charles the fifth is a heavily fortified stronghold that measures one kilometer in diameter, built to defend the city. The Basilica of Santa Croce is an opulent Benedictine church that took one hundred years to complete. The result is a decorative display of allegory and symbolism with all the trappings of Baroque but in a wildly festive style. Lunch in restaurant. Afternoon at free disposal. Back to the Hotel. Dinner and overnight.

day 6
Taranto - Departure
Breakfast in Hotel. Departure to Taranto for a guided tour. Stroll the old streets and interesting lanes, past the once-illustrious palaces. The cathedral is dedicated to the town’s patron saint, San Cataldo. It’s a worth a visit to see the beautiful blending of styles that brings together Baroque, Byzantine and Romanesque in one edifice. The chapel in homage to the namesake saint is lively with marble and frescoes. Typical lunch in restaurant. Departure and end of our services.

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PUGLIA AND CALABRIA

The south of Italy, from the heel to the end of the boot Puglia and Calabria have got something in common: the burned lands by the sun and the little picturesque villages.

day 1

Arrival
Arrival of the group at the airport of Bari. Meet with our tour leader Boscolo Tours and departure towards Trani. Lunch in restaurant in Trani. Free visit of the town with our tour leader and discover of the magnificent cathedral.
Continuation of the travel so to reach Giovinazzo and Bitonto. Walk to the cathedral. The visit will let us discover the roman theatre and the beautiful Piazza S. Orsano. Half Board in Hotel in Trani.

day 2

Monte Sant’Angelo - Castel del Monte
Breakfast in Hotel. Departure to Monte Sant’Angelo. At about 800 meters above sea level, Monte Sant’Angelo is one of the most spectacular “balconies” of the entire region. Guided tour of the town and of the cathedral. Lunch in restaurant. Departure to Castel del Monte for a guided tour Castel del Monte, one of the most important medieval building in southern Italy, built by Emperor Frederick II Hohenstaufen. Lunch in restaurant. Back to the Hotel. Half board in Hotel in Bari.

Bari - Matera

Alberobello - Lecce
Breakfast in Hotel. Departure to Alberobello for a guided tour, a fairytales village. No where else in the world will you find such a unique town of charming, narrow streets where the inhabitants live in “trulli”, small conical-roofed houses initially built without the use of mortar and with only dry stones piled one on top of the other and crowned with limestone roofs. We continue our visit with the church of saint Anthony which has been built in 1526. The limestone and construction techniques typical of the trulli (which inspired the conical roof), make this church a point of evocation and meditation between the past and present, antique and modern. Continuation to the sanctuary of Sant’Oangi and Cosma and San Damiano, built in 1600. Not far from here the “trullo sovano”, them only one with two floors. Departure to Lecce. Lunch in restaurant. Guided tour in Lecce Called the Florence of South Italy, known for its Baroque style; visit to the most beautiful churches and analysis of the Baroque conception of life such as the cathedral and Santa Croce.

day 4

Scilla - Reggio Calabria
Breakfast in Hotel. Departure to Scilla, a rocky spur topped with an ancient fortress separates two narrow strips of seashore hemmed in by steep hillsides. Scilla is squeezed into this restricted and picturesque landscape and it is an unforgettable sight. Lunch in restaurant in Villa San Giovanni. Arrival to Reggio Calabria for a guided tour Reggio is the oldest and the largest city in the region and is also the second oldest city in Italy. Apart from being a major port, Reggio is also an urban center, quite important in the region for its economy as well as trade importance. The city is also known as “city of bronzes” due to the antique towns of the Calabrian coast, built over rocks overlooking the sea. Visit of the Pedigrotta church which dates back to the seventeenth century and is a cave dug out of a soft rock in a bank facing right out to sea, and which preserves all the character of the ancient Latin town of “Castrum Sancti Salvatoris” that was later rebaptised “Scilla” by some southern Albanian refugees around the 1450s. Lunch in restaurant in Altomonte. In the afternoon visit to the town of Baia, ancient medieval village in which you will discover old traditions that still survive. Half Board in Hotel in Cosenza.

day 6

Ciurta - Balbia - Cosenza
Breakfast in hotel. Departure to the region Calabria. Visit of the town of Ciurta. This little town of Calabria occupies the site of the ancient Latin town of “Castrum Sancti Salvatoris” that was later rebaptised “Ciurta” by some southern Albanian refugees around the 1450s. Lunch in restaurant in Alimerata. In the afternoon visit to the town of Balbia, ancient medieval village in which you will discover old traditions that still survive. Half Board in Hotel in Cosenza.

day 7

Tropea - Pizzo Calabro
Breakfast in Hotel. Departure to Tropea. Free time at disposal for a free visit. The town is a puzzling maze of pretty little lanes and piazzas. The cobbled streets are lined with old buildings made from golden stone and at various points, flights of stairs descend down to the beaches below. Lunch in restaurant in Tropea. In the afternoon we will have the possibility of a nice walk in Pizzo Calabro which preserves all the character of the ancient towns of the Calabrian coast, built over rocks overlooking the sea. Visit of the Pedigrotta church which dates back to the seventeenth century and is a cave dug out of a soft rock in a bank facing right out to sea, and which was originally created in gratitude by shipwrecked sailors who’d been saved from a storm. Half Board in Cosenza.

day 9

departure
Breakfast in Hotel. Departure and end of our services.
Sicily

Sicily, the biggest Italian island which is separated from the continent by the straits of Messina, is reached by the Ionian, Tyrrhenian and Mediterranean sea. This beautiful treasure waits for you. Discover the unbelievable archaeological monuments that will take you back in a glorious past.

Day 1

Palermo

Arrival in Palermo and transfer to the hotel. Depending on flight times, take time to relax and explore the city at your leisure. Dinner and overnight in Palermo.

Day 2

Palermo

After breakfast, we will take a morning guided tour of Palermo, whose history dates back to the 3rd century BC, followed by the Vandals, Ostrogoths and Byzantines. Not much has survived from the Arabs but the Norman era spawned brilliant artistic achievements, such as the cathedral of Monreale. We then take a walking city tour with stop at the Norman cathedral, visit the splendid Palatine Chapel, the most relevant part of the Royal palace also called Norman palace, renowned world-wide known for its lavish mosaics, adornment, as well as marble inlaid with gold, stone and glass, visit St John of the Hermits, a church still reflecting the Islamic architectural tradition as it was built in the grounds of a mosque, and La Martorana, a church built in 1143 with remarkable frescoes and mosaics in the dome. The visit ends in the area of the Maximum Theatre, to taste the atmosphere of the Del Capo market, which recalls a typical Arabic market and is one of the most famous in the city. We then return to the hotel. In the afternoon take a guided tour of Monreale, an old hunting site, considered one of the best examples of Arab-Norman Sicilian art. Return to hotel in the late afternoon. Dinner and overnight in Palermo.

Day 3

Agrigento

Following breakfast at the hotel we will head to Erice, the best-preserved medieval city of Sicily, for a walking tour. We will stop at a cake factory to taste the famous almond biscuits and then stop in Marsala for complementary lunch. In the afternoon, we will continue to Selinunte, one of the great cities of Magna Graecia, nowadays considered the most important archaeological site of Europe. A guide will show us the Temples and the Acropolis. We will then return to our hotel in Agrigento for dinner and overnight.

Day 4

Agrigento – Taormina

After breakfast at the hotel, we will take a guided tour of the “Valley of the Temples” of Agrigento, “the most beautiful city inhabited by human beings” according to the poet, Pindaro. In the afternoon we will head to Piazza Armerina for a guided tour of the Villa Romana del Casale, built between late 3rd and early 4th century BC, which is considered as one of the most important archaeological sites of Sicily because of the floors decorated with some of the finest surviving mosaics from Roman antiquity. We then transfer to Taormina where we will stay. Dinner and overnight in Hotel.

Day 5

Taormina – Etna

After breakfast at the hotel we journey to Siracusa “the most beautiful Greek city”, where you can admire the fusion of different architectural styles. Enjoy a guided visit to the famous Archeological park and the site of Ortigia, the self-contained hub of the old city. Followed by lunch in a local restaurant. In the afternoon we head to Catania, a Baroque city whose ancient origins date to the 8th century BC. Enjoy a panoramic tour or optional guided tour before returning to the hotel. Dinner and overnight in Taormina.

Day 6

Catania

After breakfast enjoy a free morning or optional excursion to the Mount Etna, the highest volcano in Europe also called the “Mongibello”, from the Arabic “gebel” (meaning mount), source of fertility and destruction. We will go up to 1800m and have the possibility to reach the crater by jeep. Then we will take a guided tour of Taormina, Byzantine city, splendidly situated over a natural plateau with a delightful view far below before returning to the hotel. Dinner and overnight in Taormina.

Day 7

Cefalù – Palermo

In the morning after breakfast we will visit Cefalù and its cathedral, one of the finest Norman cathedrals. In the afternoon we will head to Palermo. Where you will have free time to visit the city on your own or take an optional tour of the more “unusual” sides of Palermo. Dinner and overnight in Palermo.

Day 8

Departure

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. Then, depending on the flight departure time, visit the city on your own for shopping or sightseeing. Transfer from the hotel to the airport and return to your original departure city.
SARDINIA

An island that will surprise you with its natural contrasts, its lights and colors of a land rich in traditions and culture, a sweet and rough landscape. A territory that hides natural beauties, old cultures and a suspending scenery between land and water.

day 1

Arrival

Arrival of the group in the region of Alghero. Accommodation in Hotel. Dinner and overnight.

day 2

Sassari and Alghero

Breakfast in Hotel. Departure to Sassari for a guided tour of the town. The historic heart of the city is packed with beautiful monuments: the most imposing is certainly the Cathedral of San Nicola di Bari, closely followed by the charming churches of Santa Maria di Betlem and Sant’Apollinare, the latter being the oldest in town. On the city’s outskirts stretches a beautiful park, Parco di Monserrato, a well-tended historical green oasis with a rich and varied plant life. Back to the Hotel for lunch. In the afternoon departure for an amazing excursion by boat to Neptune’s Grotto. This site, the most beautiful in Liguria, is the origin of the myth of the dryads of the sea. In the afternoon departure for a guided tour of Tharros, a town rich in archaeological finds, with a sequence of structures belonging to different chronological phases. To the roman period belong the ruins of buildings, the sandstone pavement, the basilica roads that still have the marks of the carts’ wheels, the ‘castellam acqua’ that provided water to the public fountain, the three thermal baths and the forum. The roman period was then followed by the period of the Byzantine presence, where granite outcrops enclose patches of historic, mediterranean nature. Weathered by wind and sea, the granite has formed itself into bizarre shapes, while currents and geology have formed the island’s famous beaches.

day 3

Bosa and Tharros

Breakfast in Hotel. Departure to the south of Sardinia. We will have a stop in Bosa, stretched over a hill with outstanding views of the sea and mountains. Bosa is dominated by the hilltop remains of Castello Malaspina, the medieval fortress constructed by the powerful Malaspina family in 1112. Continuation of the travel till Oristano. Lunch in restaurant. In the afternoon guided tour of Tharros. This site has a stratification of several cultures, even though today the ancient town appears more in its roman aspect than in its Punic and medieval aspect. But it’s important to consider that some ruins are still difficult to interpret for the coexistence of elements belonging to different chronological phases. To the roman period belong the ruins of buildings, the sandstone pavement, the basilica roads that still have the marks of the carts’ wheels, the ‘castellam acqua’ that provided water to the public fountain, the three thermal baths and the forum. The roman period was then followed by the period of the Byzantine presence, where granite outcrops enclose patches of historic, mediterranean nature. Weathered by wind and sea, the granite has formed itself into bizarre shapes, while currents and geology have formed the island’s famous beaches.

day 4

Cagliari and Barumini

Breakfast in Hotel. The itinerary starts with the district’s churches: first, the Cathedral, and the 16th century church of the Madonna. Weathered by wind and sea, the granite has formed itself into bizarre shapes, while currents and geology have formed the island’s famous beaches. Each with a different sand texture and colour. Lunch in restaurant. Back to the hotel. Dinner and overnight.

day 5

Orgosolo and the Smeralda coast

Breakfast in Hotel. Departure towards Sardinia’s north coast. We will admire the 16th-century Tower of Longonsardo located in a magnificent position, overlooking the natural deep port on one side and the entrance to the town’s salty beach. One of the most famous beaches in the area, we will have the opportunity to visit the town’s doric architecture and the gate of the old town, perched on a hill beside the sea.

day 6

The Maddalena Island

Breakfast in Hotel. Departure towards the Maddalena Island. The cluster of rocky islands lies in famously beautiful waters, clear and shimmering with a range of blue and turquoise hues. There are many fine sand beaches, some of them romantically isolated, and the islands are popular for boating, swimming and sunbathing. The scenery here is memorable: a striking land and seascape with granite outcrops enclose patches of turquoise sea ‘as blue as the mantle of the Madonna’. Weathered by wind and sea, the granite has formed itself into bizarre shapes, while currents and geology have formed the island’s famous beaches, each with a different sand texture and colour. Lunch in restaurant. Back to the hotel. Dinner and overnight.

day 7

Castel Sardo - Santa Teresa di Gallura - departure

Breakfast in Hotel. Departure towards Santa Teresa di Gallura. Situated in the extreme north of Sardinia, the town is a relatively young village. Its foundation dates from the fourteenth century, for the will of Vittoria Emanuele I of Savoy. Actually, this narrow piece of land that stretches to Corsica was inhabited since very ancient times; the first settlement, as witnessed by some archaeological sites, dating back, in fact, to the nuragic period, around 4000 BC. We will admire the 16th-century Castle of Castelsardo, located in a magnificent position, overlooking the natural deep port on one side and the entrance to the town’s salty beach. On the other side, we will admire the eighteenth century Castle of Orgosolo, with a beautiful windows overlooking the old town. In the afternoon departure from Castelsardo, lunch in restaurant. Afternoon at free disposal for a personal discovery of the town.
**WEEK-END IN BARCELONA**

Barcelona is an unforgettable city thanks to its architectural, cultural richness as well as a dynamic life. Cradle of the masterpieces of Gaudi, it is also appreciated in the entire world for the several museums, concerts, restaurants, food, beaches,... Barcelona is a little heaven in the heart of Europe.

**day 1**

Arrival

Arrival at Barcelona airport and transfer to the hotel. Depending on flight times, take time to relax or explore the city at your leisure. Dinner and overnight in Barcelona.

**day 2**

Barcelona

Following breakfast at the hotel, take a morning tour of Catalonia’s capital including Park Güell with its amazing stone structures, stunning tiling and fascinating buildings. Get a thorough overview of this modern and rich city with its elegant neighbourhoods. In the afternoon we will take a guided walking tour of the absorbing ‘Barrio Gothic’, up to the Santa Maria del Mar church, symbol of Catalonia for mariners. We will then walk on to the famous thoroughfare La Ramblas: a busy street of sights, colours and people. Dinner and overnight in Barcelona.

**day 3**

Departure

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before departure. Depending on flight times, take time to relax or explore the city at your leisure.

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**WEEK-END IN MADRID**

Madrid has got a lot of interesting aspects: art galleries, animated night life, elegant atmosphere through the streets and the squares in the city centre, a huge cultural and artistic heritage belonging to an exciting past.

**day 1**

Arrival

Arrival at Madrid airport and transfer to the hotel. Depending on flight times, take time to relax or explore the city at your leisure. Overnight in Madrid.

**day 2**

Madrid

After breakfast, we will take a guided tour of the city to visit the most important places in Madrid including its fountains, Cibeles and Neptun, view of the Prado, Reina Sofia and Thyssen Bournemitz, Atocha Liberty railway station and one of Madrid’s symbols: Puerta d’Alcalá. We will go on to Plaza de Toros, the Paseo de the Castellana and exterior of the Royal Palace and Opera. Enjoy free time for lunch. You may take an optional visit to Toledo, a World Heritage sight, the Mudéjar Cathedral, the church of ‘Saint Tomé’ with its famous El Greco painting, then a short walk in this open air museum. In the evening we will enjoy a typical dinner in a tapas restaurant or you can take an optional visit to see flamenco. Overnight in Madrid.

**day 3**

Departure

After breakfast transfer to Madrid Airport. End of services

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London, the most modern metropolis in Europe. Bowler hat and umbrella, the two floors red buses, black taxis, red phone boxes and the traditional monarchy… symbols of a conservative town.

**WEEK-END IN LONDON**

**day 1**

Arrival
Arrival at London airport and transfer to the hotel. Depending on flight times, take time to relax or explore the city at your leisure. Dinner and overnight in London.

**day 2**

London
After breakfast we will begin our full day guided tour of London. We will visit Buckingham Palace, official residence of the Royal family, Oxford Street, Piccadilly, Trafalgar Square and Big Ben, one of the most famous symbols of London. We will also visit the Tower of London, where the crown jewels have been kept since the 14th century and where it is now possible to visit the Medieval Palace. Enjoy free time for lunch. Dinner and overnight in London.

**day 3**

Departure
After breakfast depending on flight times, take time for last free visits of the town. Transfer from hotel to airport. End of services.

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The town of Berlin, becoming the capital of united Germany in 1991, has become a requested destination by young people. It is a dynamic, modern, creative town which offers so many possibilities and suits for an original short visit.

**WEEK-END IN BERLIN**

**day 1**

Arrival
Arrival of the group at the airport of Berlin. Meet with the tour leader Boscolo Tours. Transfer to the Hotel. Free time at disposal for a first discover of the city. Half Board in Hotel.

**day 2**

Berlin
Breakfast in Hotel. Guides Tour of Berlin. Discover one of the most important and most known part of the city built after the fall of the wall. Lunch in restaurant. Departure to Potsdam. After passing the restored city canal you reach the most beautiful square of the city, the Neuer Markt with the royal stables. Close by is the old market with the Church of St. Nicholas, the Old Townhall, and the newly built Potsdam City Palace, functioning as the Parliament’s seat. On your round tour through the Dutch Quarter you will gain a special impression of the city’s atmosphere and Potsdam’s lifestyle. Back to the Hotel. Half Board in Hotel.

**day 3**

Departure
Breakfast in Hotel. Guided tour at the Pergamon Museum. One of the most popular attractions in Berlin, the Pergamon Museum is world famous for its archaeological holdings. The Pergamon, located on Museum Island, is really three museums in one – the Collection of Classical Antiquities, the Museum of the Ancient Near East, and the Museum of Islamic Art. Lunch in restaurant. Free time at disposal. Departure and end of our services.

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WEEK-END IN PRAGUE

The gold town, capital during the Middle age of the Roman Empire, the same history as Rome, built on seven hills and divided by the Moldova river, presents itself like a giant scenery, sometimes gothic, sometimes renaissance or baroque.

day 1
Arrival
Arrival of the group at the airport of Prague and meet with our assistant. Transfer by coach from the airport to the Hotel. Accommodation in Hotel. Dinner and overnight.

day 2
Prague
Breakfast in Hotel. Departure to the city centre for a guided tour. The city centre of Prague is divided into five areas, spanning both banks of the Vitava River. Charles Bridge is the main pedestrian connection between the two. On one side of the Vitava River is the Old Town (Stare Mesto), with the Old Town Square at its heart; the New Town (Nové Město), with Wenceslas Square at its heart; and the Jewish Quarter (Josefov). On the other side of the river is the Lesser Town (Mala Strana), and the Castle District (Hradcany), with Prague Castle at its heart. Free lunch and afternoon at your own disposal. Dinner and overnight.

WEEK END IN BUDAPEST

Budapest is known as the Pearl of Danube. It is a magnificent town as only a capital town can be. Let you be seduced by its urban life, its amazing baroque elegant buildings, its museums and churches and the elegant coffee houses.

day 1
Budapest
Arrival
Arrival of the group at the airport of Budapest and meet with our assistant. Transfer by coach from the airport to the Hotel. Free time at disposal for a first personal discover of the town. Free time for dinner and return by your own to the Hotel. Overnight.

day 2
Budapest
Breakfast in Hotel. Departure to the city centre for a guided tour of the town. Both the Pest and Buda embankments of the Danube stretching from the Liberty Bridge all the way up to the Margaret Bridge, the area encompassed by the Chain Bridge and some of the buildings belonging to the Technical University, the Gellért Bath, the Gellért Hill with the Statue of Liberty and the Citadel, the Castle of Buda, the Baroque churches and Turkish baths of the so-called Water Town - these are all parts of the World Heritage today. On the Pest embankment of the Danube, the listed items are the Parliament building, Roosevelt Square, the Academy of Sciences and the Gresham Palace. The most visited site is Trinity Square, dominated by one of Budapest’s most characteristic building, the Mathias Church, which is over 700 years old. The church itself is almost of the same age as the Royal Palace, and gave home to many coronation ceremonies. Free time for a free lunch and dinner and afternoon at free disposal. Overnight.

day 3
Departure
Breakfast in Hotel. Transfer by coach to the airport. Departure and end of our services.

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