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CLASSIC TRAVEL

in Italy



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Founded in 1969 Arno Travel, onsite Italian travel planner, has been the leading company for US, Brazilian and Mexican luxury tourism for over 50 years.

Committed to offering its clients the best in Italy, and providing guests with memorable experiences, Arno Travel specializes in selecting the finest properties, sourcing and ideating outstanding experiences and partnering with charismatic experts to create uniquely enlightening Italian journeys.

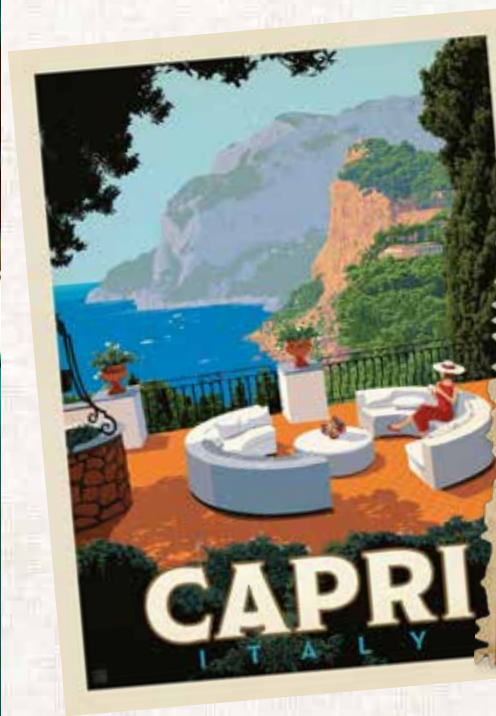
Arno's dedicated team guarantees professional assistance and creative solutions at all times, and ensures guests enjoy personalized attention and care throughout their stay.

Thanks to our extensive network of contacts throughout the country we are able to open the doors of those museums, landmarks and main sites not accessible to the general public. Committed to guests' full well-being we check and double check services, brief our escorts, guides and drivers, and then brief

them again, to make sure each and every one of them knows the logistics, is aware of each guest's needs, and offers a genuine, heartfelt Italian style hospitality.

Strategically based in Florence city center Arno comprises a passionate and skilled team dedicated to creating sensational itineraries and delivering the world-class service required by the standards of the premium networks we work with: Virtuoso, Ensemble and Travel Leaders.

As 2018 approaches Arno Travel moves forward, aiming to meet current contemporary desires by offering brand-new inspirational experiences. Not only will we escort our guests to see Italy's most striking sights... once there we'll lead them behind the scenes, through the vineyards and open-air markets with the locals, in the kitchens, into the cellars and under the labels, to be surprised, take an authentic insider's view and live the beauty of genuine, timeless, Italian lifestyle.



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Worlding Hospitality Solutions

Arno Travel is an asset of WHS - Worlding Hospitality Solutions - the Italian hospitality group founded by Luca Perfetto and Urbano Brini in 2006 and joined in 2012 by Patrizio Montecvecchi as partner and backer.

As of today WHS comprises four brands: Florentetown, Arno Travel, Relais Villa Olmo and Diadema Winery.

Florentetown, Tour Operator, specializes in creating and planning visits, activities, events and customized experiences in Florence and Tuscany. Offering an extensive variety of top-notch experiential activities and visits scheduled on a regular basis for each day of the year, including guided visits to Museums, vespa and bike tours both in the city center and in the countryside, Florentetown was also the first Italian Tour Operator to found its own Cooking School, in 2008. The school is today a flourishing enterprise which yearly hosts thousands of tourists desirous to enjoy an insider's view of the Tuscan food&wine heritage and experience it hands-on. Deeply tied to the city of Florence and its surroundings Florentetown also creates tailor-made customized experiences and sojourns, special-interest itineraries, private events and celebrations.

Arno Travel, Tour Operator founded in 1969, is the new WHS family member for 2017. Boasting an exceptional network of high-standard suppliers throughout the whole Italian territory and 50 years of

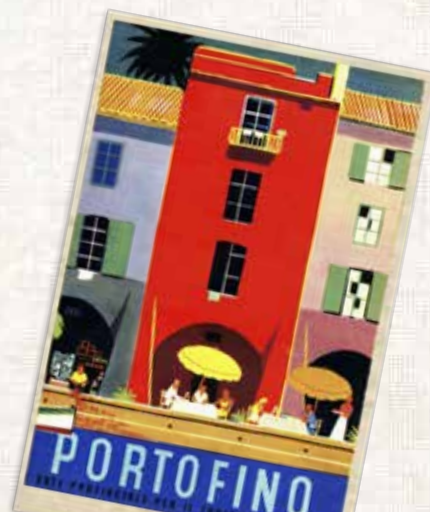
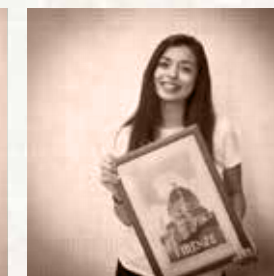
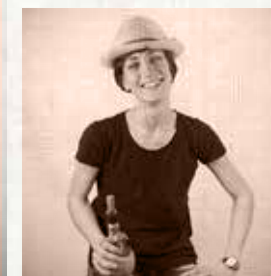
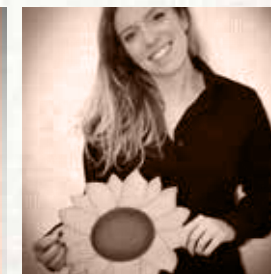
experience in planning tours and events, Arno Travel ideates, plans and manages world-class Italian itineraries and is proud to hold preferential relationships with major US luxury tourism networks.

Relais Villa Olmo is an exquisite Boutique Hotel located in the Florence hillside, near the town of Impruneta. Quintessentially Tuscan and full of natural charm the property, which is currently undergoing renovation and restoration work, aims to be a haven of Tuscan grace and of the regional food and wine heritage. Scheduled to be ready and operating by 2019 the Relais will feature 20 finely appointed stylish guestrooms and two private villas as well as a gourmet restaurant, cooking school, high-level wine cellar and a gym and Spa. The grounds will comprise a vegetable garden, vineyard, olive grove and private oil mill as well as 3 swimming pools.

Diadema, winery, founded in 2000 and world-renowned thanks to its cutting-edge Swarovski crystal bottle, produces excellent blends such as the IGT superior "Diadema" and Red, White and Rosé Damare. Diadema's talented oenologists are now dedicated to the creation of its 2018 signature production: a Toscano Superiore aged in amphoras and a Sangiovese Metodo Classico.

Daily expanding its horizons in the Hospitality Tourism market **Worlding Hospitality Solutions** counts today over 80 employees, has headquarters in Florence and in the Chianti hills, a news and information point in Florence, a vehicle fleet, two cooking headquarters, a restaurant and a boutique hotel.

THE TEAM





HOTELS

Arno Travel has been sourcing, visiting, evaluating and carefully selecting the very best accommodation facilities in Italy ever since 1969, including the finest hotels, resorts and our extensive network comprises a varied and diversified selection of luxury B&Bs, apartments and villas throughout the whole Italian territory. We also have contracts standing with a variety of charming non-luxury properties. Especially and carefully selected, these are able to offer high-quality accommodation and full comfort, meeting our guests' needs as well as budget requirements.

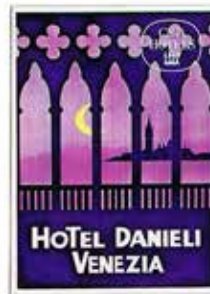
We are very proud to say that thanks to our constant and successful presence in the market over the years we not only hold standing contracts, but also have strong preferential relationships with the General Managers and the Sales Offices' reps of the finest major Italian hotels

We know Italy well, and are well aware of our guests'

diverse and unique needs, dreams and expectations. We know what families' requirements are, what groups of friends need, which locations are more suitable for celebrations and events and... what newly-weds are thrilled to find upon their arrival!

We listen to our clients carefully, and suggest the most appropriate and suitable accommodation solution. We visit them once, then we double check, and we visit again if the property management changes or the rooms and facilities are re-furnished.

Our well-established network of contacts and relationships enables us to have preferential rates and offer world-class stays at no additional cost for guests. We are often able to provide exclusive amenities - such as breakfast, free upgrade, early check in and late check out and in-room welcome gifts - included in room rates.



VILLAS and APARTMENTS



Arno Travel boasts a wide and diversified selection of over 250 properties throughout the whole of Italy. Our collection features dwellings of many different kinds, sizes and styles, each carefully selected to ensure all are uniquely charming and full-of-character, as well as perfectly equipped and functional. At Arno we have your ideal Italian vacation home, in all seasons! Strategically located apartments in Rome or Florence's lively centers, or in a picturesque town, a sumptuous villa on Lake Como, a star-lit seafront home in Portofino or a family-friendly house right on the beach in Apulia. And then again, a cozy fireplace-lit mountain chalet or a golden farmhouse in the Chianti hills.

And we are here to assist you in the planning of your vacation, to make sure your arrival is stress-free and the time spent in Italy relaxing, joyful and memorable. Our

professional staff will greet and check you in upon arrival, and you'll find a warm, welcoming atmosphere: flowers in the living room, premium Italian self-care products in the bathroom and the pantry and refrigerator stocked with your favorites. And of course, a lovely smoking bowl of home-made pasta, a delicious glass of wine and your choice of staff, ready to fulfil your needs and wishes. Be it a chef, a chauffeur or maids, for a day or for the whole week, a yoga instructor, a masseur, babysitters or pet-sitters... we supply professional staff of any kind, as and when required and are at your disposal to provide any additional supply (bikes, scooters, basketball hoops!) and/or organize any type of visit or activity, from tailored cultural day trips to guided hikes or bike tours.



MEET AND GREET



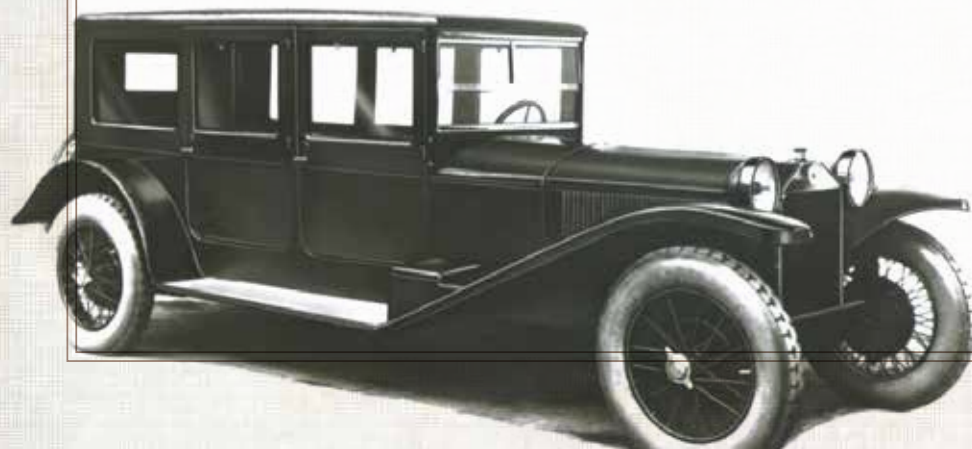
Committed to our clients' satisfaction and our guests' comfort and well-being we are by their side at each and every moment, ensuring full all-round support and guaranteeing flawless logistics.

At Arno Travel we care, and are there to let you know from the very first moment of your stay! Our assistants, guides and/or dedicated drivers, all friendly, knowledgeable and perfectly English-speaking, meet clients and guests in the flights' arrival area, or right on the train platform, of every Italian airport and station, to welcome them warmly and escort them to their private vehicles. All ground transportation provided is by state-of-the-art deluxe fully equipped Mercedes vehicles, unless differently requested. Our coaches, minibuses vans and sedans undergo periodic revisions, in order to ensure our fleet always features the finest latest models. We also provide all other means of

transport, anywhere in Italy, upon request. Helicopters, private jets and yachts, assistance with rent-a-car service and chauffeur-driven or self-drive vintage and super cars. Let us know what you need, and we will get it to you in a flash

We are by your side at every time, for any need, and daily reconfirm your program and schedule. And, we simply delight in spoiling you! That's why we welcome you with a personal welcome gift on your arrival, and provide any kind of amenity you may require, from daily gifts, flowers, fruit platters and newspapers in your hotel room, to cool beverages and lunch or snack baskets filled with delicious local specialties on board your dedicated vehicle, throughout your whole stay.

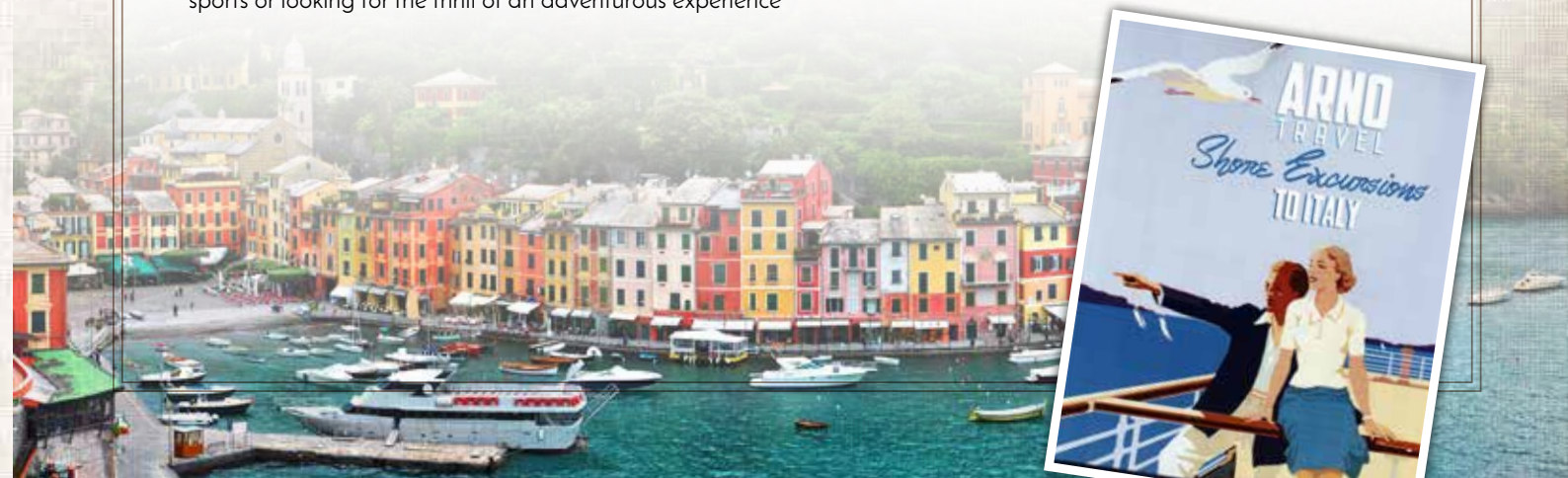
Arno Travel: An Efficient & Comfortable way of Traveling in Italy.



SHORE EXCURSIONS

Arno Travel boasts an extensive experience and long-practiced skill in the organization and handling of all types of Shore Excursions. Thanks to our tightly-knit network of contacts and relationships with the authorities and handling staff of all Italian ports of call, we are able to ensure easy access and conveniently swift proceedings, guaranteeing hassle-free logistics and guests' full enjoyment and comfort at all times. Our specialized creative planning team ideates superb tailored Shore Excursion itineraries, each carefully designed to offer the best and most time-effective solution within the allowed timing at each port of call, and each uniquely enticing. We propose a rainbow of diverse itinerary options, and are proud to say that all are fabulous! We plan Scenic Shore Excursions to special panoramic spots for guests to admire awe-inspiring natural landscapes, Cultural itineraries designed to explore the local history and discover stunning artistic masterpieces and Active Shore Excursions for those passionate about sports or looking for the thrill of an adventurous experience

or the pleasures of the seaside. And again, we design Water&Beach experiences for seaside lovers and special Shore Excursions for families, crafted to meet the needs of children of all ages guaranteeing comfortable logistics and a lot of fun. And naturally (after all, we are in Italy!) exceptional Gastronomic and Wine-Focused itineraries, to include visits to lively local open-air markets and wineries' shady cellars, scrumptious lunches and/or customized Cooking Classes. Our picture-perfect transport fleet and professional staff ensures guests enjoy each moment and make the most of their time on ground. Let us welcome you at the pier and lead you to experience Italy! All our vehicles are state-of-the-art fully equipped deluxe Mercedes driven by highly professional licensed professionals, and our staff comprises experienced and charismatic guides, as well as entertaining chefs, expert sommeliers and oenologists, naturalistic guides and sports pros. We promise: your Arno Shore Excursion is bound to be memorable.



PIEMONTE

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INTRO TO TURIN

HALF DAY - FULL DAY

Uncover the best of Turin on a fascinating walking tour! Enjoy a visit to the cosmopolitan and cultured city by delving into Turin's rich history. This elegant, Alp-fringed city is utterly self-possessed. In the past, Turin gave the world the country Italy: Piedmont was the starting engine of the Italian unification. Turin also served for a short period as Italy's first capital and donated its monarchy, the House of Savoy. Once Italy's manufacturing powerhouse, spearheaded by the mighty Fiat, the city expanded rapidly throughout the 20th century. Thanks to the 2006 Winter Olympics and an accompanying program of urban renewal and reinvention, the city was awoken from its post-industrial malaise. Listen as your expert guide reveals fascinating facts and recounts anecdotes about the city, while viewing its largely Baroque historical center, with its elegant heart of Paris-style boulevards, opulent palaces and glittery cafés, attesting to its rich and intriguing history. Discover Piazza Castello—the 17th-century Baroque central square housing a wealth of royal palaces, as for the Royal Palace of Turin, a designated UNESCO World Heritage site that used to

be the official residence of the Duke of Savoy, including the monumental Palazzo Madama where the city's main art gallery is situated; Piazza San Carlo, the most beautiful square in the city; and Piazza Carignano, where Italy's first parliament assembled. Before you carry on and continue your afternoon full day tour, stop for lunch in a Turinese trattoria to sample the city's exquisite French-influenced cuisine. Continue your exploratory visit together with your expert guide, to the Turin Cathedral, home to the iconic Shroud of Turin, a linen cloth bearing an image of a face whom some believe is Christ. Proceed to the Royal Library, which contains Leonardo da Vinci's only self-portrait, the Po River to view one of the most remarkable symbols of Italy and the symbol of Turin—the Mole Antonelliana—a tall tower with a distinctive aluminum spire that was originally intended as a synagogue, but now houses the National Museum of Cinema, dedicated to the history of cinema. Step back in time and soak up all that this spectacular city has to offer - undoubtedly the essential ingredients for an unforgettable experience.



PIEMONTE

CHOCOLATE TASTING IN TURIN

In this tempting chocolate-tasting tour indulge in the lover's delight! Turin by the late 18th century was an international chocolate capital, thanks to trade relations between the ruling House of Savoy and the Spanish court. Swiss chocolate-makers came to Turin to learn their trade. On this half day tasting tour, meet your guide in central Turin, set out to explore the historic Old Town walking and stopping along the way at pastry shops, chocolatiers, and cafés to meet the owners and sample delicious sweet treats. It's easy to stroll down the arcaded shopping streets and sample bars and fancifully shaped pralines wrapped in foil and colored papers with appealing Art Nouveau designs. These old establishments haven't changed, and you can still enjoy their charm and atmosphere of bygone times today. Savour

in the cafes of Turin, still the world's most sumptuous and beautiful, their famous own hot-chocolate-and-espresso drink called bicerin, a fabulous layered concoction served in glass cups. Then, continue making your way to several other of the city's renowned chocolate shops and chocolate-makers roasting and blending their own cacao beans. Taste some of Turin's most delectable treats, including the melt-in-your-mouth chocolate and hazelnut confection known as giandujotto, and delicious chocolate spreads as for the city's famous Nutella! The mysterious potency and semi-addictiveness of the combination is familiar to anyone who has smeared this "good blob" on bread or simply dipped a spoon into a jar of it. Taste the delicious chocolate in Turin and enjoy an atmosphere of times gone by!



PIEMONTE

BAROLO WINE TOUR

Barolo, like a god with healing powers, is not just wine - it's culture, lifestyle, blood in the veins - as the locals say in the Langhe - a hilly Unesco - protected region of Piedmont. Set out on a fabulous full day of wine touring in the heart of the incomparably beautiful Barolo wine region! Barolo first came to prominence in the Middle Ages. It was a favorite of Louis XIV of France. Other royalty also took to the wine. Partly due to this, Barolo has long been known as the "King of Wines and the Wine of Kings". In the past, rich noble families from Turin came for "wine-therapy" to cure anemia and treat low blood pressure, as the Italian saying goes "Wine makes good, healthy blood." Nebbiolo, the grape used for making Barolo, its name derives from the word nebbia, which means fog. This is the same grape used for making Barolo's sibling, Barbaresco. Nebbiolo is an extremely tannic grape. Somewhat surprisingly, the grape, when crushed, produces a light ruby colored wine. Even the modern versions are not the purple monsters associated with today's contemporary viniculture. With age, the wines develop a ruby orange tint to them. But don't let the color or aromas mislead you.

The aromas or nose of the wines can be extraordinary. **Farmers are deeply rooted to their land and have a ferocious attachment to it** and made them believe for a long time that they lived in the center of the universe, the "belly button", the local saying goes. The tour focuses on the different techniques used by local wine-makers, ranging from small to large producers, and from traditional to modern, each with its own distinct flavors. Visit one winery in the morning and one in the afternoon, with excursions to the enchanting Piedmontese towns as for instance Barolo, La Morra, -where it was once illegal to cut down a Nebbiolo vine, Castiglione Falletto and Monforte d'Alba, where you discover the beautiful local monuments, castles, piazzas, streets and other marvelous sites. Enjoy a delicious lunch of the celebrated Piedmonts' cuisine, surrounded by vineyard-clad hills. Then head to another winery for another special wine tasting. Afterwards, re-join your driver for a relaxing and picturesque ride back through the verdant countryside, filled with unforgettable memories and tastes of Italian wine!

Milano

AND THE LAKES



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INTRO TO MILAN

HALF DAY - FULL DAY

Large, lively and industrious, and most modern of Italian cities, Milan! Get to know the stylish city of Milan on foot, visiting the main attractions in a half or full day tour! Discover this chic, sleek epicenter of fashion and commerce with a concentration of beautiful pedestrian streets lined with elegant mansions and the flagship stores of the most luxurious labels in the world. After the introduction of your knowledgeable guide, admire the famous Duomo in the heart of the city. This impressive and beautiful cathedral is often described as one of the most beautiful churches in the world. This fantastic Gothic Duomo took nearly six centuries to complete, not by chance it is the third-biggest cathedral in the world. Another iconic sight is the Sforza Castle. Inside the medieval courtyards of the fortress of Milan, your tour guide will share with you its charming history. Started by the Visconti family in the XIV century as a military fortress, it became a renaissance court with the Sforza family in the XV century. Hear many anecdotes and stories about the castle. After a lovely lunch break, continue

your afternoon with more to see in such short time! Brimming with fashionable shops and cafes is the impressive Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, the 19th-century glass-vaulted shopping arcade is considered the world's first mall! Pass through the gallery to reach Piazza della Scala. This famous square is home to the world-renowned La Scala - Milan's opera house since 1778 and still in use today. Some of the greatest musicians and singers the world has ever known have performed here! Highlight of this walking tour is Leonardo da Vinci's The Last Supper, hidden inside a Dominican refectory next to the Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie. This enormous and complex 15th-century mural captures the emotional moment in which Jesus announces that one of his 12 disciples will betray him. The painting had been severely damaged over the centuries, and has only very recently undergone a painstaking 21-year restoration, revealing the original colors and details of this masterpiece. This walking tour is the most enjoyable way to see Milano!

LA SCALA VIP ENTRANCE

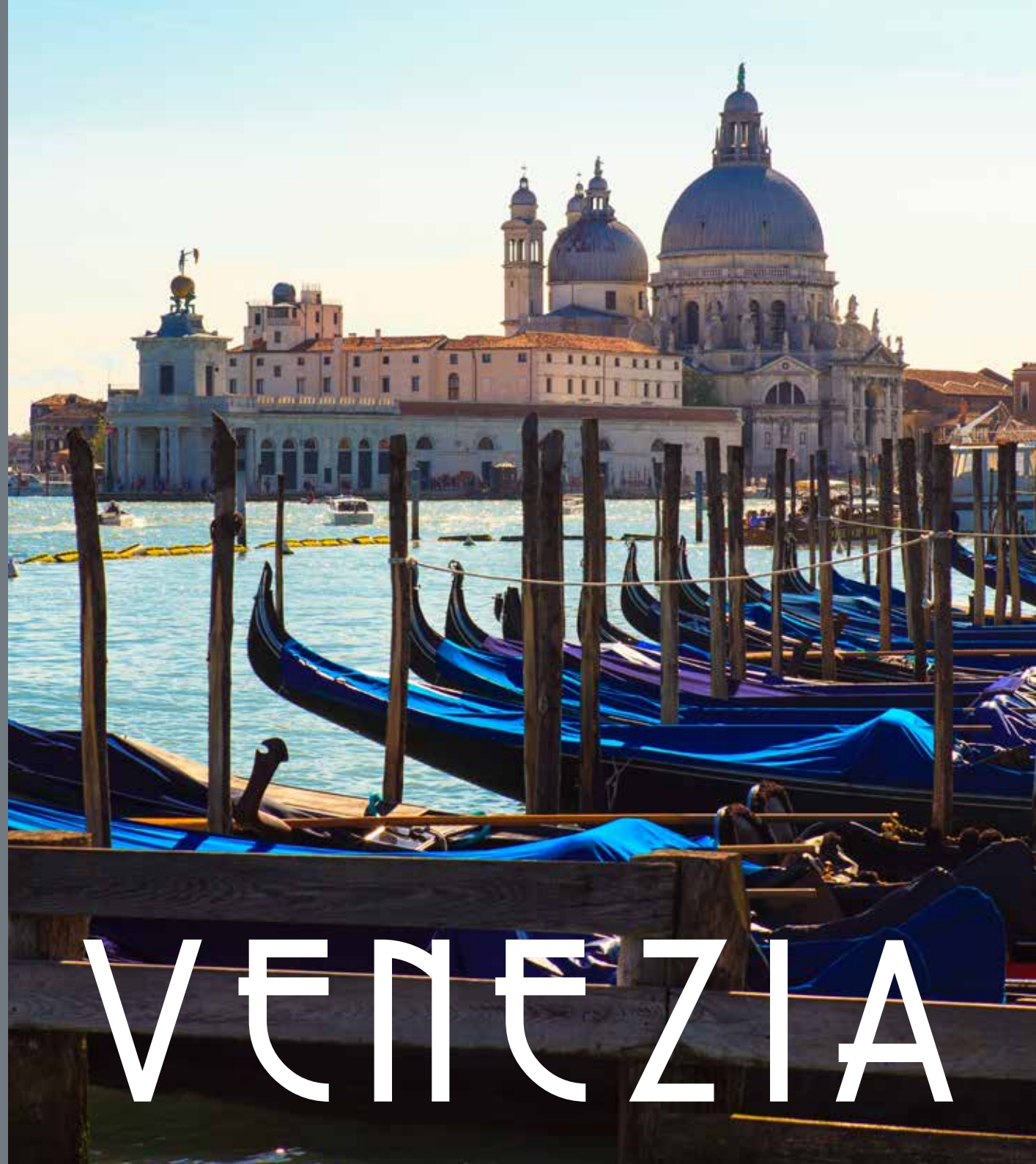
The perfect Milan activity for opera fans and theater lovers! Enjoy an exclusive VIP visit to the legendary La Scala Opera House, the greatest in the world! A unique opportunity to discover the secrets of the historic La Scala Opera House, considered to be the best in the world—the venue for exceptional performances and a knowledgeable Milanese audience that has even been known to boo tenor Roberto Alagna off the stage! Meet some of the managers, witness the behind-the-scenes intrigue, and experience firsthand the fabulous goings-on in La Scala's glamorous world! Inside the beloved 18th-century theater you will be led by an expert guide, visiting this incredible theater's foyer, and see the auditorium, the theater boxes, the pit orchestra and the stage itself! Visit the La Scala Museum,

home to a fascinating collection of costumes, musical instruments and learn more about the opera house's history. See portraits of famous Italian maestros, such as Giuseppe Verdi and Arturo Toscanini. As you tour the theater and museum, you'll gain an appreciation of the amount of work that goes in to an opera production at this famed venue, where some of the best singers in the world have performed for more than 200 years. Finally visit the Church of San Marco (where the young Mozart played the organ in 1771 and Verdi's Requiem was first performed), the Grand Hotel et de Milan (where Giuseppe Verdi lived) and via Durini—Toscanini's Milanese residence and the location of Giuseppe Verdi's foundation "House of the Artists."

LAKE COMO

An unforgettable full day's exploration of the luxurious city of Como, including a visit to a winery and a wine tasting! Como located on the Southern shore of Lake Como is known for being one of the most scenic destinations. Get a feel of its charming historic centre from its pretty piazzas and its lakefront to its medieval houses and its white-marble Duomo! In 1127, the Milanese conquered Como's forces and ordered the destruction of all walls and buildings save its churches. Centuries later, Como built its wealth on the silk industry and it remains Europe's most important producer of silk products. On this walking tour, together with your local guide, you'll be shown the city's must-see sights: visit the Duomo, Como's best-known landmark. Constructed from white marble, the beautiful cathedral, combines Gothic, Renaissance and Rococo elements, including paintings by Bernardino Luini. The cathedral was built between the 14th and 18th centuries, and is crowned by a high octagonal dome. Visit Piazza Cavour – the town's main square – and the lovely Piazza Volta (named in honor of the Como-born Alessandro Volta, the

inventor of the battery). Explore Cortesella, the city's medieval old town, where the past comes alive! Next, Your tour continues through a stroll down the narrow streets lined with unique stores (specializing in the famous Como silk), cafes and art galleries. Then take a short break at Piazza San Fedele, beyond which lies the modern center of Como, to sample some of the local delicacies, accompanied by a glass of wine. Stop for a while and just observe how the beautiful people of this prosperous city whisk about from shop to cafe, sweeping by the grandeur of the city's cathedral, villas and the loveliness of its lakeshore with admirable insouciance. As you wander through the city, enjoy views of the sparkling lake that makes this region famous. Afterwards, transfer to the lovely hilltop town to visit a renowned family-run winery. Tour their cellars, learn about their history and methods, and then crown your day of discovery in a captivating setting, sitting down for an exquisite homemade lunch, accompanied by their award-winning wines!



VENEZIA

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INTRO TO VENICE

HALF DAY - FULL DAY WITH BOAT TOUR

Imagine a city built of marble palaces on a lagoon! And that's just the start, Venice's 118 tiny islands are connected by land and sea to form an enchanting network of lights, marble and water. See all the highlights of this magical city together with your art historian guide! Learn the history behind its landmarks, visit both the well-known and lesser known monumental spots of the legendary city, and learn how a Venetian really lives! Venice's signature waterway is so aptly named as the Grand Canal, reflecting the glories of Venetian architecture lining its banks. Admire the Byzantine architectural heritage of St Mark's Basilica with skip-the-line admission, without having to stand in long queues together with its adjoining Doge's Palace. Your informative guide will offer historical perspectives on this fascinating medieval city, learn about the medieval trade schools of Venice that provided the foundations for the great mercantile empire of Venice. Leaving the crowds behind, enter a labyrinth of narrow passageways, alleys and meandering canals dotted by delicate bridges as you further explore the enchanting city with your guide and wait until

you see what's hiding in the narrow backstreets: neighbourhood churches lined with Veroneses and priceless marbles, Tiepolo's glimpses of heaven on homeless-shelter ceilings, and a single Titian painting that mysteriously lights up an entire basilica. If it's your first time in Venice and you have more than a day, then a combination walking tour of Venice's narrow streets and a boat tour on the Grand Canal is the best solution to fully take in Venice. Have enough time to see what else Venice is hiding. Stay longer in this fairy-tale city and you'll discover the pleasures of la bella vita (the beautiful life). Enjoy a relaxing cruise along the Grand Canal of Venice. Along the way you will learn the history of the stunning palaces and churches that line the famous canal, as well as hear anecdotes about the famous people who have resided on Venice's most important 'street'. During your boat tour, discover the minor canals of Venice and soak up the romantic atmosphere and enjoy the fuchsia-pink sunsets that have sent centuries of artists mad.



VENEZIA

MURANO AND BURANO

Discover the two famous islands of the legendary Venetian Lagoon – Murano and Burano – on a half-day sightseeing excursion aboard a comfortable boat. Speed along the Venetian Lagoon to islands worldwide known for their handicrafts and architecture. Visit the major islands of the lagoon with their magnificent monuments and enjoy a stroll in nature away from the crowded town center while learning about its fascinating past. Accompanied by a local guide, stop at Murano, known for its glassware shops and factories, boasts a long and today still-thriving tradition dating back to the 13th century, when glass artisans moved away from the old city center. Explore the island on foot and stop at a glass factory to watch a skilled glass blower create works of art. Learn about local manufacturing

traditions and about the wealth in the 15th and 16th centuries when the island was central to Europe's glass making, while viewing the magnificent splendor of Murano's palaces and Veneto-Byzantine style churches. Afterward, journey to the neighboring island of Burano and admire the picturesque fishermen's houses painted in bright colors. In this miniature Venice, you'll find the famous lace – abundant since the 16th century and once considered the most refined in Europe. Browse local shops and find lace on display at a museum dedicated to the craft of lace making before your guide returns you to Venice. This tour is a great introduction to the magical islands around the medieval city of Venice.



VENEZIA

Venice JEWISH HERITAGE

Dive into Venice's long Jewish history on this half day walking tour! Gain a deeper comprehension of what life was like as a 16th century Venetian Jew. Enjoy a pleasant stroll off the beaten track through the non-tourist district of Cannaregio and take in the colorful history of this picturesque quarter. Enjoy sweeping views of the lagoon as you head to the famous Jewish ghetto—a city within a city—and learn about the Venetian Jewish community and the role it played in the history of Venice. With a knowledgeable guide, explore this traditional, quiet district and learn how the world's first Jewish ghetto was like. Jews were forced to live under strict rules between the 16th and 19th centuries. Stroll around the former ghetto's main square, then amble

through the traditional and charming streets that many tourists never get to see. Gaze up towards the soaring height of its 'skyscraper' houses – up to seven stories high – as you learn how they were built to save space in the ghetto. Listen as your guide explains the ghetto's history and how it inspired William Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*. Here also about how very few of Venice's current Jewish population still live here, the area still remains a hub of Jewish life, with working synagogues, kosher food shops, a Jewish bakery and other traditional establishments. Visit three synagogues; see its haunting Holocaust memorials; and sample the delicious Jewish flatbread 'pane azzimo' as you uncover the area's fascinating past.

PORTOFINO & LIGURIA



PORTOFINO
& LIGURIA

INTRO TO PORTOFINO

HALF DAY - FULL DAY WITH BOAT TOUR

The charming Italian Riviera, sung by the Romantic poets, studied with gorgeous ports, charming fishing villages, glamorous resorts, and find golden beaches. Discover the small but perfectly coiffured coastal village Portofino, that sits on its own peninsula on the Italian Coast! Then on your full day adventure, experience the 'Pearls of the Tigullio Gulf' on a guided excursion! Portofino has long been a tourist destination for the rich and famous. It is an ancient maritime village with quaint houses that are set in a half-moon around the harbor. Meet your guide in the charming fishing village of Portofino, whose beauty has been narrated across the millennia by writers and poets such as Guy de Maupassant. Enjoy a stroll down its picturesque, brightly-colored alleys with its picture-perfect plazas of this seaside resort town. Then have free time to shop, eat, and take photos. Or, you can simply relax with an espresso or glass of wine by Portofino's yacht-filled harbor, where once tiny, colorful, wooden

fishing boats belonging to the locals bobbed up and down in the harbor. Next meet your skipper, and together set out to explore the stunning coastline of the Italian Riviera. Take a scenic boat trip sailing along the coast of the Tigullio Gulf. Proceed along the coast to pay a visit to the bay of Camogli, with its beautiful Abbey of San Fruttuos. Disembark for a stroll through its charming streets and stop for a relaxing and delicious lunch of the celebrated local cuisine. Then, back aboard continue your relaxing cruise to the vibrant Santa Margherita Ligure. Visit the ancient Castle and Baroque Basilica, and walk through the historic center of the village. Before you continue, enjoy a coffee with the most beautiful views. Then hop back on to your boat and sail to Rapallo. Take a walking tour in Rapallo, where you'll walk through lively alleyways and the picturesque plazas of this seaside resort town. Afterwards return to your boat, and take a leisurely ride back to Portofino.



PORTOFINO
& LIGURIA

PESTO Cooking Class

Travel to the gorgeous hills of Portofino for a pesto-making workshop on this unique, hands-on experience! Don't miss the opportunity to make traditional Genovese pesto sauce with a talented Italian chef to be there for guided instruction. Prepare the typical Ligurian Pesto sauce made of fresh aromatic basil and good olive oil in the traditional way! Don on your apron and get a hands-on experience in the ancient art of making pesto. After assisting the demonstration and explanation of the pesto sauce made with the mortar, here comes the moment to make your own pesto sauce with the mortar: wash and dry the basil leaves, pounding them together with salt, pine nuts and garlic, add the parmesan cheese and at the end the extra virgin

olive oil. Extra virgin olive oil is one of the most appreciated and genuine alimentary fats used in Italy. Once you get a concentrated and perfumed pesto cream, you can then use it on pasta or on a slice of bruschetta. Once the pesto is finished, sit down to enjoy the fruits of your labor together with a sampling of the famous local white wine and some typical local products such as olives 'taggiasche' (small and black olives) and bruschetta. Bring home your newfound pesto-making skills to share with your friends and family! This half day culinary lesson is the ultimate way to experience the healthy deliciousness of original pesto in an idyllic, countryside setting!



PORTOFINO
& LIGURIA

WINE TOUR IN CINQUE TERRE

Delve deep into the Ligurian countryside and discover centuries of winemaking heritage on this Cinque Terre wine tour! Under the guidance of a wine expert, discover the age-old winemaking traditions of this spectacular region. Among vineyards, enjoy stunning views over the Ligurian Sea, and sip on regional wines during this tasting session! The pride of the Cinque Terre region, these organic wines are bursting with history and character, offering a range of flavorful aromas. Hear about the area's rich history and long-held traditions in agriculture and fishing as you pass beautiful pastel-colored houses on the way out to surrounding vineyards. Wander along a pretty village trail and rows of grapes in a picturesque hilltop vineyard while admiring spectacular views over the Italian Riviera. Learn of the UNESCO-listed region's traditional winemaking techniques from

your expert guide. Follow your guide on a walk down the grape-laden vines and gain insight into the traditional wine-growing methods in use. The priority here is producing world-class wines without using chemical products and the results speak for themselves. Head to a local wine cellar, where your guide will detail the winemaking processes and explain why the Cinque Terre region is so well-known for its wine. Gain an understanding of what differentiates these wines from others across Italy. While sipping on several varieties learn about the complex flavors of the grapes and gain insight into the delicate fruit flavors at play in your glass. Your wine tasting is accompanied by typical Ligurian focaccia bread specialties. At the end of your tasting, enjoy a peaceful walk through the lush vineyards before returning, relaxed and fulfilled!

BOLOGNA & EMILIA ROMAGNA



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BOLOGNA

HALF DAY - FULL DAY TOUR WITH TOWERS

Enjoy a wonderful guided walking tour in the medieval center of prosperous and brilliant Bologna! Italians have several nicknames for the handsome city, being seat of the oldest university in the western world, called "La Dotta" "the learned one", a second one is 'La Rossa' meaning 'The Red'. This nickname is partly due to the dominant red hue of the city's buildings and façades. And finally also called "La Grassa", "the fat," for its celebrated cuisine! On your half day tour together with your historical guide, visit the city's key sights including Piazza Maggiore, the unfinished Basilica di San Petronio, a superb example of Gothic architecture. Listen as your guide talks you through its standout features including a large sundial on the interior floor, and several unfinished details on the façade. Cast your eyes skyward to view the prominent, leaning Asinelli and Garisenda towers. Due to geographical and architectural reasons, both tilt at a precarious angle. Commonly known as the Two Towers (Due Torri), they are Bologna's most conspicuous landmarks. Admire monumental sculptures including Fontana del Nettuno, which depicts the sea god Neptune in all his muscly glory; continue on foot toward Piazza della Mercanzia and stroll around the narrow

streets surrounding the square, where rows of vendors hawk local food products. As you browse the quality produce, it will soon become clear why Bologna is frequently cited as one of Italy's top food cities. Its abundance of gastronomic delights act as a testament to the city's gourmet reputation. After a delightful gastronomic lunch break continue in the afternoon on your full day tour. Admire sites as Palazzo dell'Archiginnasio, once the main building of the University of Bologna, the world's oldest university, founded in 1088. Visit the splendid wooden Anatomical Theatre, shaped like an amphitheater and decorated with sculptures of famous doctors, where anatomy lessons were once held. After hearing about Bologna's scholarly past, carry on to the Basilica of Santo Stefano—a religious complex called "Sette Chiese" (Seven Churches), stop inside the Church of Santa Maria della Vita to admire a monumental group of life-size Baroque terracotta sculptures. The work depicts several figures mourning over the dead Christ. Lastly, stroll through the narrow streets of the old medieval market—the Quadrilatero—still lined with rich and lively food and craft shops, and discover why the city is referred to as "Bologna, the Fat"!

BOLOGNA & EMILIA ROMAGNA



BOLOGNA Food Tour

Delve into the legendary “fat” cuisine of Bologna! Accompanied by your entertaining local guide, explore one of the best food scenes of Italy. Learn about the history, culture, and its architecture, that make the Bologna medieval food markets so unique. Enjoy a variety of food specialties that have secured Bologna’s reputation as being the foodie capital of Italy. Discover the picturesque back alleys while learning the legends, recipes, and traditions of its famous cuisine. Enjoy the tempting array of local products as you stop along the way to visit historic family-run shops and savor the region’s celebrated parmigiano, mortadella, prosciutto, salami, olives, balsamic vinegars, regional wines and more! This tour combines food and art while providing the chance to discover the Piazza Maggiore with

the Neptune Fountain and St. Petronio Basilica, the Archiginnasio Palace - old University of Bologna, the Two Towers, and much more. Your local guide will also educate you with stories, which will provide you and insight into Bologna’s traditions and culture. Visit an old bakery in Bologna and taste their delicious pastries as for “torta di riso” (rice cake). Head over to a deli-store where you will be served cured meats and cheeses (Parmigiano Reggiano with balsamic vinegar, Mortadella, Salame di Felino, Caciotta, Prosciutto di Parma) with typical breads and local wine. Stop by a pasta laboratory to taste homemade egg pasta and then visit a gelato shop. That’s a real progressive lunch. Highly recommended to start with a light breakfast before enjoying this food experience.

BOLOGNA & EMILIA ROMAGNA



FERRARI TEST DRIVE

If you are looking for an adrenaline rush, look no further than this tour of a Ferrari test drive! Experience the thrill of a driving session on a professional track in a Ferrari accompanied by a professional pilot! Your supercar test drives is held in Maranello and is just in front of the Ferrari museum. The test drives can last as little as 30 minutes to approx 2 hours. Meet your instructor for a safety briefing and technical tutorial to help you get the most out of the Ferrari race car. With the safety and technical info out of the way, you’ll put on your safety equipment, and drive your first lap in an everyday car to help you gain confidence with the track. Then, hop in your Ferrari to take

a seat behind the wheel. Sitting behind the wheel of a Ferrari, you’ll open up the power from the supercar’s engine, which goes from 0 to 63 mph (100 kmph) in less than 3 seconds and drive out of the paddock, past the pit lane, and onto the track, to zip around the track five times. Fast, loud and thrilling, it’s an ultimate driving experience, led by a professional Ferrari driving instructor. Your instructor sitting beside while you are at the wheel, gives you tips as you zoom around the 1.5-mile (2-km) circuit. Your time at wheel is recorded, so you can purchase the video to impress friends back at home!

FLORENCE



FLORENCE

INTRO TO FLORENCE

HALF DAY - FULL DAY TOUR

Set out on an unforgettable walking tour of the incomparable city of Florence! The jewel of Tuscany - birthplace of the Renaissance and center of beauty and art to this day! Few cities are so compact size or so packed with extraordinary art and architecture masterpieces at every turn. This small city houses 2/3 of the artistic heritages of Italy. The town has hardly changed since the Renaissance and its narrow cobbled streets are a cinematic feast of elegant 15th- and 16th-century palazzi (palaces), medieval candle-lit chapels, fresco-decorated churches, marble basilicas and world-class art museums brimming with paintings and sculptures by Botticelli, Michelangelo and company. Unsurprisingly, the entire city centre is a Unesco World Heritage site. The city itself is magical; the colors, the people, and the atmosphere. Discover the incredible history of the Piazza della Signoria, studded with famous statues and fountains and the Piazza del Duomo, as well as the splendid treasures of the magnificent Duomo, whose dome was designed by Brunelleschi. This city was once home to the

evergreen Medici dynasty. The greatest art patrons of their time, allowing Renaissance to happen in Florence. Artists such as Donatello, Michelangelo, Brunelleschi, Leonardo da Vinci, together with Dante, and Galileo Galilei turned Florence into its eternal glory. Introduction to Florence covers the history of the city with its Renaissance, the golden-age of Florence, a time when the city was embellished with majestic palaces and squares, turning into a living museum. Florence is a city of incomparable indoor pleasures also. As for its chapels, galleries and museums, capture the complex, often elusive spirit of the Renaissance more fully than any other place in the country. Continue on in the afternoon after a short lunch break, to visit the Uffizi Gallery, by skipping the usual long lines in a reserved priority entrance. This museum is the perfect place to compare the different styles and techniques of a Botticelli, Leonardo and Michelangelo painting. Also, to comprehend the genius of Raffaello and to learn more about Tiziano and the Venetian school. Florence is the jewel of Tuscany.

A photograph of a long, brightly lit gallery with a checkered floor. On the left, a row of large windows allows natural light to flood the space. On the right, several classical sculptures are displayed on pedestals. The ceiling is high and features intricate wooden carvings.

FLORENCE

THE UFFIZI GALLERY

A professional English-speaking guide will let you truly understand what's behind each painting, in the Uffizi Galleries! Home to the world's greatest collection of Italian Renaissance art, Florence's premier gallery occupies the vast U-shaped Palazzo degli Uffizi, built between 1560 and 1580 to house government offices. On this half day walking tour, delve into the collection, bequeathed to the city by the Medici family in 1743 on condition that it never leaves Florence. The world-famous collection, displayed in chronological order, spans the gamut of art history from ancient Greek sculpture to 18th-century Venetian paintings. But its core is the Renaissance collection. You will thus be able to view the main masterpieces by the greatest artists that turned Florence into the capital of a revolutionary cultural and

artistic period. With the personal touch and assistance of your guide, you will not just see those masterpieces, you will understand them and see them come alive. Discover Giotto's revolutionary art, admire the beauty of Botticelli's Primavera and the sensuality of his Venere, surprise yourself with Leonardo's mix of rational genius and artistic creativity, and many other unequaled artists. For a pleasant break, head to the rooftop cafe (aka the terraced hanging garden, where the Medici clan listened to music performances on the square below) for fresh air and fabulous views. This museum is the perfect place to compare the different styles and techniques of a Botticelli, Leonardo and Michelangelo painting. Also, to comprehend the genius of Raffaello and to learn more about Tiziano and the Venetian school.

A photograph showing three bicycles parked on a stone bridge or walkway overlooking the Arno River in Florence. In the background, the historic city buildings and the Ponte Vecchio bridge are visible under a blue sky with scattered clouds.

FLORENCE

BIKE TOUR of Florence

See Florence like an Italian by bike! On this introductory bicycle tour, ride around the city and be inspired by the Renaissance on a comfortable bike discovering it in the most relaxing and enjoyable way. Getting around by bicycle is the ideal means for your orientation if you're new to Florence, or even a return visitors to discover new facts and hear new stories about the beloved city, while ducking and weaving around narrow streets along the way too. Slowly riding down Florence's alleys, in a very pleasant, relaxing way, the tour reaches the most amazing monuments of Florence and its unknown spots under the experienced guidance of our entertaining and fun, professional history guide, as for Santa Maria Novella, the arti-

sans Oltrarno district, Palazzo Pitti, San Frediano, Ponte Vecchio, the Uffizi square, Santa Croce, Piazza della Signoria, the medieval district, the Duomo, and Piazza della Repubblica... with a little break for Florence's signature gelato tasting or coffee in the Oltrarno district, the hidden part of the city centre. Along this pleasant stroll in Florence, we will stop at several locations for history explanations and fun facts about the city. Keep your camera in your basket to get the best snap shots of this romantic city. Whether it's your first or fifth time in Florence, this bike tour is the perfect way to travel from sight to sight at a leisurely pace.

TUSCANY



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GRAND TOUR OF TUSCANY



HALF DAY - FULL DAY TOUR

Enjoy a beautiful and unforgettable tour from medieval hill towns to walled cities, from the vineyards of Chianti to the Leaning Tower of Pisa, accompanied by an English-speaking driver. Ever since the Etruscans dropped by and stayed, Tuscany has seduced and became a key stop for British aristocrats on the Grand Tour in the 19th century - and remained so. You'll visit Siena, San Gimignano, Lucca, Pisa, and Chianti, while enjoying the famous Tuscan food, wine and gelato! Starting in Siena, here you will enjoy a guided walking tour of the ancient town that will let you discover also Piazza del Campo, the main central square where the famous Palio horse race takes place every year, as well as exploring quieter backstreets and learning everything about the Contrade, the 17 medieval city districts that compete against each other in the Palio. The journey continues to San Gimignano, town of the 100 towers, renowned for its "medieval skyscrapers", high walls and narrow streets. San Gimignano is unique in the preservation of about a dozen of its tower houses, which, with its hilltop setting and encircling walls, form an unforgettable skyline.

After some free time in San Gimignano, you will reach a prestigious Chianti ancient winery. This will be the ideal setting for a relaxed break during the day, letting you savour a delicious Tuscan lunch and taste some great Chianti wines, while learning about wine production and visiting their cellars. Relax with beautiful views from the window while you reach Pisa and explore its famous Piazza dei Miracoli (Miracle Square), a magnificent space with the incredible cathedral and baptistry where Galileo was christened, and of course the all dominating world-renowned Leaning Tower with its unique and dramatic elegance. Please note: tower tickets are not included as there are usually long lines to climb the tower. If the line is short, it may be possible to buy them in Pisa. The next stop will be Lucca, a fascinating walled town rich in history and art, where you will visit the main locations and then enjoy a relaxed aperitivo in the unique Piazza dell'Anfiteatro (Amphitheatre Square). The Tuscany Grand Tour will be leaving your heart filled of infinite discoveries.

TUSCANY

BRUNELLO WINE TOUR

Delve into the famous Tuscan wine region on this true wine experts tour of the "King of Italian Wine". Discover the world-famous Brunello di Montalcino - one of the most renowned wines worldwide, especially known for its longevity that you can store a bottle of Brunello wine even for 100 years! Arguably one of the most esteemed wines in all of Italy, prized by the Wine Spectators and praised by important wine critics, wine collectors and wine lovers.

In Tuscany's most beautiful panorama, skirting the city of Siena, Montalcino territory offers the perfect microclimate - which is part of what makes Brunello so unique and so precious. Visit two favorite wine cellars producing from the same Sangiovese grapes. In the smaller boutique winery sample and taste Brunello DOCG together

with an abundant traditional multi-course Tuscan lunch. By visiting two wine cellars different in size and wine making philosophy, you will better understand the nuances between innovation and tradition in Brunello wine production. Then enjoy a special wine-tasting of award-winning Brunello wines at a family-owned winery paired with local specialties.

Besides our knowledgeable guide giving pointers on how to best taste the wines during the tasting, you will also have a chance to visit the medieval village town Montalcino. While hearing stories of this adorable little UNESCO hamlet village explore its winding streets and medieval walls, fortress and monuments, affording a breathtaking view over the beautiful Tuscan hills.

TUSCANY

FOOD SAFARI

WINE, OLIVE OIL, CHEESE AND LOCAL SPECIALITIES

Enjoy the most adventurous tour of food and wine with a jolt of adrenaline! With a passionate local guide, ride a 4x4 off-road vehicle through the enchanting Chianti countryside and sample some of Tuscany's finest wines, cheeses, meats, chocolates and more! Leave central Florence, and travel out of the city by an air-conditioned 4x4 jeep. Soon, you will let behind the busy and bustling city center to find yourself surrounded by the peaceful and lush green hills of Chianti, the famous wine region nestled in the heart of the Tuscan countryside. Stop at a beautiful winery where you will taste wines paired with cheese and different olive oils, enjoy a fascinating guided tour of the historic wine cellars and the olive mill. Hop back inside

your 4x4 coach and buckle up for an off-road experience, through stretches of Tuscany's ancient woodland and rolling hills. Continue with a visit to a typical Tuscan town with pretty streets and quaint shops. Enjoy a coffee and some delicious chocolate desserts. Taste a selection of typical Salumi (cured meats). Continue your adventure deep in the Chianti hills at a vineyard that produces Chianti Classico wine. This second winery is smaller and less-known, compared to the well-established first one. Here sample their varietals, and learn how innovation and ancient traditions have combined to make them. Finish with a sweet treat, and then relax on the journey back to Florence where your tour ends.



ROME

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ANCIENT ROME *and* THE COLOSSEUM

Set out for an unforgettable visit to Rome's most thrilling ancient sites! Start your tour heading right away to the famous and infamous Colosseum! Inaugurated in AD 80, the 50,000-seat Colosseum, also known as the Flavian Amphitheatre, was clad in travertine. Inside, tiered seating encircled the arena, built over an underground complex where ferocious animals were caged and stage sets prepared. Games involved gladiators fighting wild animals or against each other. Get an in-depth insight of this architecture and engineering masterpiece, a testimony to the grandeur, passion and brilliance of a lost age! Leave the crowds behind and together with your city guide head straight inside with your skip-the-line entrance ticket. As you walk around the Colosseum's foyers, your guide will give you a fascinating insight into its gruesome past and will keep you en-

tertained with tales of gladiators, mock sea-battles and executions! While wandering around its circumference learn what it must have been to be a gladiator with his fate in the hands of the whim of an emperor. After exploring the Colosseum, head outside and walk the short distance to the Roman Forum for a close-up look at some of Ancient Rome's most evocative ruins. See sites like the Temple of Julius Caesar and the intriguing House of the Vestal Virgins, before strolling up Palatine Hill to admire the views of the ruins below. Look down over Nero's Circus Maximus, where chariot races were once held, and then finish your tour on the Palatine Hill - the most famous of the Seven Hills of Rome. Get the true story of this great gladiatorial arena, and the most thrilling stories on the ancient city's sightseeing tour!

ROME

VINTAGE VESPA TOUR

As an ancient Roman proverb says, "Only on a Vespa, does Rome appear in all of its ancient majesty!" Explore Rome by scooter with this fun and exciting tour. Discover the most enchanting sites of Rome inaccessible by bus. It's a fantastic way to have fun with your group, traveling safely around town with an expert tour guide. The range you can cover, and the places you can see, makes a scooter tour one of the best ways to see the city sights of Rome. The tour starts as you hop on the back of a vintage Vespa and start off the day like a true Roman. Meet at the departure point in central Rome to pick up your scooters and begin the tour. We will lead you on an exhilarating tour as we ride over the cobblestone streets of the Eternal City. Ride with us and discover special places you would never find on your own. Experience and see sites, neighborhoods and locations that are not available on foot. Along the way we will make several stops for your snap photos as for

instance a stop by the monumental Colosseum (outside visit), the symbol of the ancient Roman world and one of the most visited attractions of the world, the tour will go through the most central square of Rome, the Piazza Venezia, where you can admire the Monument of King Victor Emanuel II, who is credited with the unification of Italy. Driving through the little cobblestone streets, you will reach Piazza Navona, a square built on the site of the ancient stadium of Domitian. Descend to the cascading waters of the Trevi Fountain, the grandest of Rome's Baroque fountains, still fed by an ancient 19 B.C. Roman aqueduct. Toss a coin into its gushing sprays to ensure a return visit to the Eternal City. Learn about the history of the city and mix in with the locals. We always find time to make a pit-stop for a caffè, croissant or gelato. Join us for our most popular Vespa tour and see how Ancient Rome meets up with the modern-day world.

ROME

GLADIATOR'S SCHOOL

Master the basics of hand-to-hand combat at a genuine gladiator school as in the ancient Roman times! You'll discover the secrets of Imperial Rome's gladiator games and get your life-time experience with ancient Roman history. This interactive and fun lesson is created for the whole family also! You and your kids can learn the fighting techniques with authentic weapons used by the gladiators developed more than 2,000 years ago. Covered from head to toe in a traditional gladiator tunic, belt, leather protective glove and rudis (training sword), you will enter the training arena to learn all about gladiator tactics and techniques. Dressed in your costume, your imagination can run wild if you ever imagined being a soldier in Sparta for a day, fighting off ferocious beasts and enemies! Learn

the basic techniques of gladiatorial sword fighting and take part in an optional gladiatorial tournament, with the winner receiving a victory prize. If you're fascinated although not exactly ready and up for the challenge, you can always choose to watch friends or family free of charge from the best viewing platform. Buckle up and take off for your adventure with this challenge of truly Roman experience combining culture, sport and ancient legends. Lessons are organized and led by members of the Historic Group of Rome who specialize in the re-enactment of Roman life and gladiatorial combat. All participants receive a certificate of accomplishment, from the Senatus Populusque Romanus and become full-fledged Roman citizens!

Napoli

& THE AMALFI COAST



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INTRO TO NAPLES

HALF DAY - FULL DAY TOUR

Its name "Napoli" comes from the Greek word Neapolis, which means "new city". Naples is one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world. By the 17th century, Naples turned into the artistic center, home to artists such as Caravaggio, Salvatore Rosa and Bernini. Today, Italy's third-largest city is not just the most artistic but most appetizing. Naples' historic center is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, its archaeological treasures are among the world's most important. In this fascinating walking tour unveil the city's historical sights, uncovering a city of breathtaking frescoes, sculptures and panoramas, of unexpected elegance, of spontaneous conversations and profound humanity besides its buzzing plazas and cultural delights. Highlights include the Royal Palace of Naples (Palazzo Reale), Galleria Umberto I, the colorful Spaccanapoli promenade and Teatro di San Carlo, the oldest opera house in Italy. To truly experience the true essence of Naples you must go into the streets, where the culture and charm of this exuberant city shine through! Wind through Naples' narrow alleys, where you will discover its colorful people and fascinating history, which began with the Greeks. Explore its

lively piazzas, fabulous Baroque churches and palaces, enticing restaurants and shops, and incomparable setting in the Bay of Naples. Besides your walking shoes bring your appetite, to enjoy the historic sites and authentic Neapolitan cuisine on the full day tour! Blessed with rich volcanic soils, a bountiful sea, and centuries of culinary know-how, the Naples region is one of Italy's culinary strong points, serving up the country's best pizza, pasta and coffee, and many of its most celebrated seafood dishes, street snacks and sweet treats. Together with your friendly local guide wind your way through the fascinating maze of narrow streets, among intriguing churches, historic monuments, and art galleries to tasty locations and little treasures that you wouldn't find on your own. Stop for a tasting of the best pastries in town, to discover the various types of sfogliatella, a local sweet, as well as the celebrated rum babà. Head for gastronomic delights, such as fresh mozzarella, or a slice of Pizza Margherita, named after Queen Margherita, who came here in 1889 with her husband, King Umberto I. Round up your tasting experience savoring the best espresso in the world!

Excursion to CAPRI

HALF DAY - FULL DAY

Visit the dazzling Mediterranean island of Capri! Its fabled beauty and refined epicureanism has charmed from Roman rulers to Hollywood legends. It's the perfect fusion of glittering grottoes, Roman ruins and chichi piazzas. Learn about its transformation from a humble fishermen's port into one of the most luxurious and romantic places in the world. Already inhabited in the Paleolithic period, the island was briefly occupied by the Greeks before Emperor Augustus made it his private playground and Tiberius retired here in AD 27. Its modern incarnation as a tourist center dates from the early 20th century. Your English-speaking guide, will walk you through a flower-filled, brilliantly-colored downtown Capri listening to its fascinating history by visiting the ancient ruins of Villa Jovis—the palace of the Emperor

Tiberius. Stepping into a lovely art-filled church or an ancient Roman villa; stop by local ceramics and shoemaker artisans for their famous handmade sandals; sample also the city's signature limoncello or its best gelato; and admire the breathtaking views of the Bay of Naples— your guide will give you the perfect Caprese adventure! Capri is also the favorite day-trip destination from mainland Italy and a summer favorite of holidaying VIPs. Inevitably, the two main centers, Capri Town and its uphill rival Anacapri, are almost completely taken over by tourism today. But go beyond and discover little designer boutiques and cafes and you'll eventually discover that Capri retains a hidden charm, with grand villas, overgrown vegetable plots, sun-bleached stucco and banks of brightly colored bougainvillea.

POSITANO COOKING CLASS

Take a hands-on cooking class in fabulous Positano on the Amalfi Coast. If you are looking for a unique and original experience, this is the course for you. Opt for a serious culinary vacation learning to make such Italian staples as the most delicate pasta and ravioli in a beautiful spot surrounded by lemon trees. The chef will teach you one by one all the secrets of the celebrated local cuisine. Here, where the sun shines all year round, you will be taught all the secrets of natural and healthy Mediterranean cuisine. Don your apron and get ready for a step by step guided cooking class. You will together with your chef guide learn how to make an antipasto, a delicious pasta dish, a second course and a famous local dessert. A typical Italian

lunch usually includes 3 to 5 courses. The chef will teach you all you need to know about the fabulous flavors of Italian cuisine, creating countless special recipes, all made with natural ingredients, typical of the area. Delightful appetizers are the best way to start a delicious dinner, for any palate from vegetarians to seafood lovers. This cooking class is very much different from the other experiences because you will prepare everything yourself with the help of the chef that will guide you slowly through the preparation with attentive care. You will also learn to combine the various wines from the region. At the end of the lesson you will enjoy all the delicacies prepared during the class, sitting and sipping local wines.

PUGLIA



PUGLIA

BIKE & HIKE PUGLIA

Puglia, the beautiful and unspoiled region in "the heel of the boot", boasting sun-bleached landscapes, silvery olive groves, powdery white sands and turquoise seas, charming coastal towns, fishing ports ... A paradise for hiking and biking! Enjoy an intriguing fun and easy bike or hike tour through the beautiful, olive-tree-covered countryside of Puglia, accompanied by your English-speaking instructor! Absorb the local atmosphere and enjoy a day away from the hustle and bustle of the city. Embark on a journey through peaceful farmland and scenic roads down the Adriatic coast. Along the way, delight in views of the azure Adriatic and its picturesque white-sand beaches. Explore the region's fascinating ancient masserie (fortified farm houses). Cycle or trek along natural paths, surrounded by beautiful olive groves, lush vineyards and typical drystone walls. Enjoy an exquisite tasting of local olive oils and the best Apulian white wines that you will discover by stopping at a famous winery farmhouse of the territory. Here, you will visit its vineyards and wine cellars. Here, you

will have the chance to admire all the wine making process and taste the local homemade wines accompanied by typical local products and purchase the farms' incredible traditional cheeses. Finally, after the wine tasting, you'll return to your path through country roads. All these places are connected to each other by beautiful contradas and countryside roads, allowing you to discover unknown places. the trail we will visit an hypogeum oil mill with old millstone and presses, a fortified masseria farmhouse, a modern mill and a centenary olive field. Is possible to arrange an extra virgin olive oil tastings. You will ride surrounded by the scent of nature, among olive groves and dry-stone walls, admiring breathtaking landscapes. The route takes place through small villages and low traffic roads, with easy slopes for a safe and comfortable. Stop for a moment to take in the captivating sites, before returning, full of happy moments, back to your hotel.

PUGLIA

POLIGNANO and MONOPOLI

Take an enchanting walking tour of two of Puglia's loveliest towns! Accompanied by your English-speaking driver/guide, first head out to the charming seaside town of Monopoli. The old town is a typical Apulian gem, with its narrow alleys, arches, towering spires, a fort, old stone walls, and a crystal-clear swimming beach. The walking tour will take you to visit the small Castle, set in a very picturesque square. Walk thru an arched doorway that opens to the sea with its view over the blue water with its characteristic village surroundings. Then, you'll see the baroque cathedral dedicated to the Madonna della Madia protector of the town, an amazing basilica. Seemingly small, it reveals to be a huge cathedral with amazing ornaments from the inside. Very elaborately decorated with gold and a variety

of marble in amazing colours. Enjoy a stroll through the picturesque historical center, stopping for an aperitif in the main square, just as the locals do! Then drive to the magnificent town of Polignano a Mare for an exquisite lunch. Take a walk around the quaint old town with its medieval structures and the breath-taking sea views which make this a location worthy of a visit if you are in Puglia. Stop for a photo at the statue of great singer Domenico Modugno (singer of unforgettable songs like Volare). Picture perfect location with the most amazing view! The tour ends with a tasting of typical "Special Coffee" (caffè speciale) a mix of espresso, lemon, cream and amaretto! A great place to slow down, unwind and enjoy La Dolce Vita.

PUGLIA

MATERA

FULL DAY EXCURSION

In this adventurous full-day excursion, meet your local English-speaking guide and set out to the ancient city of Matera. Called the "Subterranean City"—a UNESCO World Heritage site—one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world and just recently elected Capital of Culture 2019! Appreciated and visited for its stones, Matera also offers many other pearls of beauty and culture. Once in Matera, start your walking tour from the old town with a magnificent view of the Sasso Barisano. There discover the ancient sassi - remarkable cave dwellings cut into the rocks that date back to prehistoric times - visit these mysterious, old cave huts teetering on the edge of a ravine, which have been restored for use as homes, shops and restaurants as well as the town's many striking churches and monuments. Proceed towards Piazza Pastures to visit the Sasso Caveoso, where there are narrow streets and ancient neighbourhoods. Don't miss a visit to the House cave, typically decorated, and then climb on

Mount Errone, where you can find the Churches of San Giovanni in Monterrone (11th century) and Madonna De Idris (13th century). Stop for a delicious lunch of the region's celebrated cheeses and cured meats. Then continue in the afternoon for a walk through the remarkable landscape of limestone ravines, continuing your adventure visiting the city's fascinating ancient cave churches. Don't miss the Church of San Pietro Caveoso, with its sober façade of the 17th century. Later, return to Matera to visit the "Crypt of the Original Sin"—a small chapel carved inside a cave, called the "Sistine Chapel of cave art". To get a better feel of the city's culture, visit one of the many craft workshops to learn about products of ceramic production of Matera. At the end in the Sassi, have the chance to experience a very inviting tasting of typical products such as bread of Matera, garlic bread, bagels, pastries, wine. After this unique and unforgettable day slowly return back.

SICILIA



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TAORMINA



HALF DAY - FULL DAY WITH FOOD TOUR

Set out on a fabulous culinary and artistic tour exploring Taormina! Sicily's famous resort, the chi-chi beautiful town spectacularly perched on the side of a mountain. Founded in the 4th century BC, Taormina enjoyed great prosperity under the Greek ruler and later under the Romans, but fell into quiet obscurity after being conquered by the Normans in 1087. Its reincarnation dates to the 18th century, when northern Europeans discovered it on the Grand Tour. Among its fans was DH Lawrence, who lived here between 1920 and 1923. During your morning discovery together with your passionate guide, enjoy the stunning Greek theater, remarkable both for its incredible state of preservation and breathtaking vistas of the Gulf of Naxos and Mount Etna, find the antiquarium, where Greek inscriptions testify to the city's ancient origins. Afterwards, stroll through Taormina's colorful, flower-filled streets and discover its lovely medieval churches, charming restaurants, chic designer stores, and enticing antique shops. After your morning cultural tour, continue on as your guide brings you to the best neighborhood establishments where

you'll sample a variety of delicious regional specialties to taste the finest of Sicilian food! As you walk, hear tales about the area's culinary history and the evolution of Sicilian food culture. Hear how the cuisine's popularity has spread across the globe and the importance of fresh and flavorful ingredients. Enjoy a refreshing granita (a semi-frozen dessert made of sugar, water and various flavorings) as you visit the famous botanical gardens, admiring the huge variety of flowering plants and shrubs, framed with magnificent views. While strolling down its enchanting little alleys you will also be able to sample another typical Sicilian appetizer, marmalade and caponata (eggplant relish) and arancini (stuffed fried rice-balls). such as cold cut meat or cheese with honey. Follow your guide to a beloved dessert hot spot to taste the best cannoli in Taormina and learn about the art of making this celebrated sweet. Taste torrone (a honey and almond candy), as well as almond wine or a sweet Limoncello desert wine. Discover new tastes and flavors from a Sicilian food aficionado!

SICILIA

GODFATHER EXCURSION

Take an animated trip and revive your favorite scenes of 'The Godfather' on this legendary tour! Together with your driver, visit Savoca and Forza d'Argò, where many scenes throughout the epic trilogy were filmed in these medieval Sicilian villages. Director Francis Ford Coppola opted for these traditional towns, just outside of Taormina, being two of the most beautiful towns of the region. Sip on a refreshing granita on the pretty terrace of Bar Vitelli, the iconic bar where Michael Corleone asked Apollonia's father to meet his daughter. Get your picture taken, and enjoy commentary about the movies from a friendly guide. Admire the displayed collection of photographs from Godfather II, which filmed several scenes here. Then head to the Chiesa Madre with its fine 16th-century beautifully

carved oculus and the coat-of-arms of Savoca, bearing the elderberry branch from which the name of the town was taken. Here you'll visit Church of Santa Maria Degli Angeli and enter the spooky underground crypt with mummified bodies of priests and nobles in the Convent of the Frati Minori Cappuccini. Continue to Forza d'Agrò, a picturesque medieval hilltop town, to discover its charming buildings and stone-paved lanes, perfect backdrop for more of the scenes between Al Pacino and Sofia Coppola in Godfather III. Here, visit the church that appears in several scenes in The Godfather and The Godfather: Part II, followed by some free time to explore on your own. It's a must for Godfather fans!

SICILIA

BIKE TOUR SIRACUSA *and* ORTIGIA

You couldn't ask for a better way to discover the complex beauty of the Southern corner of Sicily than on your adventurous bike tour. Understand what makes this island so special. Start off by meeting with your friendly bike guide. Hop on your bike and cycle to the old Syracuse, an island called Ortigia, tethered to the mainland by two short bridges. Within a few minutes of rattling up its labyrinthine stone alleyways, encounter ancient Greek columns, Norman arches, Arab and Byzantine influences. Before you continue on, leave your bikes behind and stop for a nice lunch break in a local Sicilian trattoria. Next bike to the Syracuse harbor and get ready for the next part of your leisurely ride, with many options to stop along the way to admire and take photographs of the stunning views. Begin in Palazzolo Acreide, on a slightly downhill slope, to Testa dell'Acqua, and then, further downhill, to the Monastery of Madonna della Scala, enjoying the spectacular landscapes of the Hyblaean Mountains. After

passing the Salitello Bridge, cycle to Noto Antica, the ancient town of Noto. An earthquake in 1693 destroyed old Noto, and it was rebuilt in full-blown ornate baroque style. Continue to modern-day Noto—named a UNESCO World Heritage site and called the "Stone Garden" for its many gorgeous architectural masterpieces of the 18th-century Sicilian Baroque style. As an alternative, if you are up for a more challenging ride, then gear up and ride the 22 miles route! Start off with a gentle cycle through the rolling hills, passing the small village of Solirino in the direction of Anapo river valley. After a good couple of miles, begin a challenging climb with hairpin curves up to the picturesque town of Sortino. Then continue along the crest of the Sicanian Mountains enjoying the spectacular views of the Sicilian coast. Afterwards begin a fast descent, along sharp curves, to the Anapo river bridge, returning to Syracuse with possible stops at the Necropolis of Pantalica.



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