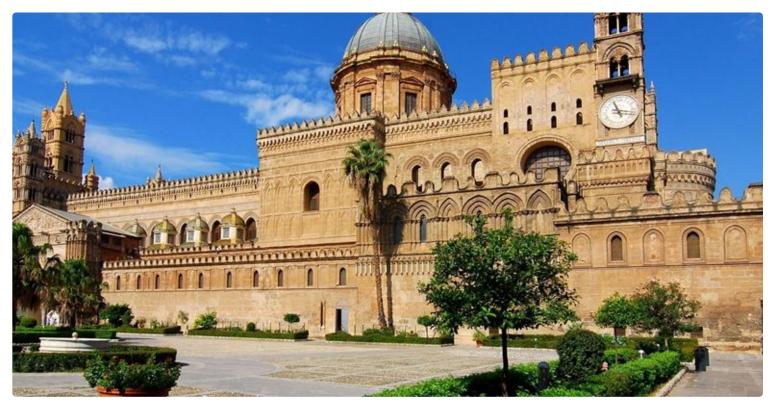






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May 7, 2023 - Jun 8, 2023

Period: from 7th May to 8th June 2023

Total days: 33 days/ 32 nights

Guests: 4 adults

Destinations: Bologna - Five Lands - Tuscany countryside - Assisi - Apulia - Praiano -

Rome - Sicily - Malta

May 7 - Day 1 Land di Bologna



Private transfer - Mercedes class V

Transfer from the airport to the hotel.



Bologna - Option 1 - Check in at Starhotels Excelsior Bologna

4 star hotel

N. 2 superor rooms (21 sqm)

Breakfast included - City tax not included



www.starhotels.com



Bologna - Option 2 - Check in at Grand Hotel Majestic già Baglioni (extra cost)

5 star hotel

Breakfast included - City tax not included



Grand Hotel Majestic Via dell'Indipendenza, 8

May 8 - Day 2 Bologna



Bologna - private guided tour

Today you will you will meet your guide to enjoy a private tour of the historical center of Bologna: the tour starts in Piazza Maggiore with City Hall, Podestà Palace, Neptune's Fountain, King Enzo's Palace, Palazzo dei Banchi and Basilica of Saint Petronio. The tour continues with Galluzzi's court, Piazza Galvani and Archiginnasio, the first University. Visit the historical Mercato di Mezzo, Saint Steven square and Saint Steven Church Complex. Through the Isolani's Court we will reach the **Two Leaning Towers**.



Bologna Bologna, Emilia-Romagna, IT



Bologna area - Optional tours (not included)

Optional activity: In the afternoon, you will meet a professional chef to have a demonstration from the traditional and **pasta-makers, the "sfogline"** of Bologna. With skill and patience, these local people with their magic touch will teach the curious visitor the secrets of making and rolling out the pasta. As a kind of magic: tortellini, tagliatelle and lasagne will appear.

Optional activity: Today you will meet up with an expert truffle gatherer of Bologna's hills, and his inseparable dog, you will lead for a walk in the woods with them for your a "Searching Truffle". You will go for truffles in the season of the prized white truffle - the famous 100 days between October and December. You will discover the varieties of truffles found in nature. An immersion in the world of truffles, to smell the unmistakable scent and taste it in the best traditional and gourmet combinations according to Bolognese cuisine. Enjoy a wonderful lunch of local food based on truffle ingredients.

Optional tour: In the afternoon, you will meet your private guide and enjoy a **food walking tour** in Bologna. Visit the most traditional food shops and taste the flavours of Bologna.

Optional activity: This morning, you will reach a **cooking school.** Your private chef will take you to the Italian food market to learn more about our food and then have a cooking class to learn how to prepare and cook the Italian pasta (lunch included).

Optional activity: Today, you will enjoy a cooking class at **Barilla Academy**. Here you will learn and prepare the real Italian Cooking and Sauces (lunch included). Visit of the **pasta factory** which is the biggest in the world.

Optional activity: you will visit FICO Eataly World in Bologna (https://www.eatalyworld.it/it), with its 2 hectares of openair fields and stables housing more than 200 animals and 2000 cultivars. Here you can understand food processing by visiting the 40 farming factories and see how meat, fish, cheese, pasta, oil, beer, sweets, etc. are processed. Here you can also have the opportunity to taste traditional Italian food at FICO's 40 restaurants and refreshment points.

Optional tour: This morning your personal driver will escort you to **Ravenna** where you will meet your persona guide. You will explore the period of Theodoric, the Ostrogoth's King (V-VI centuries), with the **Basilica of Sant'Apollinare Nuovo**, a Palatine church decorated with mosaics that show stories of Jesus and the important places of ancient Ravenna as the port of Classis and the Palace of Theodoric. Together with the mosaic of Theodoric's time, we have here also the bright procession of martyrs and virgins, a Byzantine addition that proves the troubled past of this church.

You will admire the magnificence of the Byzantine time (VI century), with the grandiose **Basilica of San Vitale**, with its particular octagonal shape and famous for the variety of its marble and the fine mosaics representing the emperor Justinian and his wife Theodora.

Optional tour: Today you will venture to **Ferrara** with your driver to discover the often-overlooked city that was once home to the powerful Este Family. Throughout the Renaissance, Ferrara remained dedicated to the arts and sciences underneath the eccentric dynasty that oversaw a portion of the Po Valley. The 12th-century Cathedral of Saint George has both Romanesque and Gothic design with pink and white marble.

A collection of shops has filled the Loggia of the Merchants for nearly a millennium set beneath the two colonnaded galleries. You will find the image of the Este's power in the dramatic façade of the castle. A 14th-century revolt inspired the noble family to erect the massive fortress from brick to protect themselves from the city, and the walls and towers soar above the cobbled streets and protective moat. The dramatic exterior reminds you of a castle from a storybook as the sunlight washes through the grand windows in the aristocratic apartments to reveal the painted ceilings in the Golden Study.

Optional tour: Today you will enjoy a private guided tour of **Comacchio**. This fishing town was built on 13 islands of a fish-rich lagoon lake and with its palaces, canals and beautiful bridges reminds a little of Venice. In the afternoon you will experience a boat trip through the Comacchio lagoon. Enjoy the silence and, with a little luck, marvel at flamingos and shots, a rare species of bird.

May 9 - Day 3 Bologna - Five Lands



Private transfer - Mercedes class V

Transfer from Bologna to the Five Lands.



Five Lands - Option 1 - Check in at La Torretta Lodge

Boutique hotel

N. 2 romantic suite with sea view window 30 sqm

Breakfast included - City tax not included



La Torretta

20 Vico Volto, Manarola, Riomaggiore, Liguria, IT, 19010 0187 920327



Five Lands - Option 2- Check in at II Sogno di Manarola by The First - Luxury Rooms Suites (extra cost)

Boutique hotel

Breakfast included - City tax not include



Il Sogno di Manarola by The First - Luxury Rooms Suites & Apartments

175 Via Aldo Rollandi, Manarola, Liguria, IT, 19017

May 10 - Day 4 Five Lands



Cinque Terre (Five Lands) - Private guided tour

This morning you will enjoy a tour of the breathtaking Five Lands. You will meet your private guide in Riomaggiore, to depart **by ferry boat/train** for an unforgettable day dedicated to the discovery of one of the most amazing and enchanting landscape in the world. **The Five Lands, "Cinque Terre"** is an area suspended between sea and land, hanging from sheer cliffs surrounded by hills and vineyards. You will enter into a little piece of heaven. By touring the coast line by boat, you will have the possibility to admire this amazing landscape from the seaside, like in a postcard. During the tour, you will see the most important villages: **Riomaggiore**, caught between two steep terraced hills descending in steep cliffs to the sea, the ancient village of Riomaggiore strikes visitors with its delightfully colored houses built vertically; **Manarola**, built on a high rock 70 metres above sea level, is one of the most charming and romantic villages; **Vernazza**, a small fishing village, the most characteristic of the Cinque Terre.



Manarola Manarola, Liguria, IT, 19017



Vernazza Vernazza, Liguria, IT, 19018



Monterosso al Mare Monterosso al Mare, Liguria, IT, 19016



RiomaggioreRiomaggiore, Liguria, IT, 19017

May 11 - Day 5 Five Lands



Five Lands - Optional tours not included

Optional activity: Today you will enjoy a **pesto making class** in the beautiful five lands town **Manarola**. You will learn how to prepare the real Italian pesto. In the morning you will collect fresh basil and learn about the techniques and procedure to get the pesto for today's meal. The local expert will instruct you in how to make a typical pesto sauce, the most famous traditional recipe of Liguria. Enjoy the final lunch.

Optional activity: Today you will meet your private guide to enjoy a trekking tour through the main villages of the Five lands. Start in Riomaggiore and learn about the amazing history Walk up above the village overlooking the harbor and see the castle and the many churches of Riomaggiore and you will have views of the closed Via dell 'Amore below. Continue climbing up the terraces, learning how the grapes were cultivated in the past and present and overlook of the Village of Manarola with views of the entire region of Cinque Terre including Groppo and Volastra (the less known villages of Cinque Terre)You will be walking through idyllic homes nestled into the hillside and walk through a forested area until reaching the Sanctuario in Volastra, when you will stop for a quick lunch in Volastra. Continue onto the trail to see Corniglia in the distance and an optical illusion when looking the village of Manarola.

Optional activity: Today you will enjoy a **wine tasting in beautiful Monterosso region**. Admire the breathtaking views of the vineyard and enjoy a tasting of the local wines accompanied by local appetizers.

Optional activity: Today you will enjoy a private **cooking class in Five lands region**. Your local chef will welcome you and introduce you to the most typical Ligurian recipes: Genovese focaccia, vegetable pies, the famous pesto sauce, soups and homemade pasta. Local fresh ingredients will be provided along with lots of herbs as per the local culinary tradition. Enjoy the final lunch.

Optional tour not included: Today you will enjoy a private helicopter flight to admire the beauty of the Cinque Terre National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Taking off from Rapallo or Borghetto di Vara, you will leave for an extraordinary journey that will take you to fly over the colorful villages of the Cinque Terre and the splendid Portofino.

Note: The helicopter flight will last 60 minutes.

May 12 - Day 6 Five Lands - Pisa - Tuscany Countryside



Pick up rental car

Midsize

Automatic



Pisa - private guided tour

This morning your personal driver will take you to Pisa where you will meet your personal guide and you will start your tour with a walk alongside the Medieval walls up to the entrance gate: Porta Santa Maria. From here you will see a unique panorama of **Piazza dei Miracoli** with its marble architecture and neat grass lawns. You will visit the interiors of the Cathedral a masterpiece of Romanesque art. Besides the Tower, Piazza dei Miracoli houses other buildings of historic artistic value such as the Baptistery and the Monumental Graveyard. At the end you will climb one of the most celebrated monuments in the world: **The Leaning Tower**.



Pisa Pisa, Tuscany, IT



Tuscany countryside - Option 1. Check in at II Borgo Di Vescine

4 star hotel

N.2 deluxe rooms (20 sqm)

Breakfast included - city tax not included



II Borgo Di Vèscine ITALIA



Tuscany Countryside - Option 2. Check in at Hotel Le Fontanelle (extra cost)

5 star hotel

Breakfast included - City tax not included



Hotel Le Fontanelle

SP 408 Km 14.7, Pianella, Castelnuovo Berardenga, Toscana, IT, 53019



Pisa and province (optional tours - not included)

• Bike tour in Pisa (3 hours)

Today you will enjoy a private guided tour of Pisa. The best way to enjoy it is by bike.

Starting from Pisa Centrale station and stop in front of the Keith Haring Mural.

Plenty of sights, stroll to narrow streets discovering all churches, Piazza Duomo and a breathtaking ride along the wall with its cycling path, follow the river Arno kissed by the wind and sun discovering history and nature.

Don't miss a stop in one famous gelateria to taste the best Italian "Gelato".

At the end you will climb one of the most celebrated monuments in the world: the Leaning Tower.

Artisans discovery and food tour in Pisa (3 hours)

Today you will meet your personal expert guide to discover the world of the made in Italy in Pisa. Pisa is famous for the production of **leather**, **jewelries and tapestry**. Your personal guide will escort you to visit laboratories of Pisa artisans where you will see the final products but also you can admire the ancient techniques of processing.

Continue on a **food walking tour** around the city center. You'll learn about the local cuisine, culture, and culinary history and you will have the chance to sample a variety of items at some of the best places. You will go to the most famous and historical places of the city and you will experience the true "Pisan" taste and flavors: from the typical Tuscan salami and cheeses, to the traditional "cecina" focaccia (from the Italian chickpeas: the chickpeas), a glass of wine with cold cuts, artisan chocolate to end with an ice cream in one of the best ice cream parlors in the city.

· Gelato laboratory visit and tasting

While in Pisa center don't miss the visit of the real Italian gelato at one of the famous gelaterias in Italy. You will visit the laboratory to see the production of the artisan Italian gelato and enjoy a final tasting.

• Calci & Vicopisano (12 km from Pisa – 3 hours)

Today you will meet your personal expert guide to discover towns of Calci and Vicopisano, which are 12 km away from Pisa situated in a stunning natural valley which used to be known as "Valle Graziosa", the Charming Valley. The **Certosa di Calci (three closters),** are made beautiful by their arched ceilings and evocative, silent passage ways.

The Certosa di Calci is also home to the Natural History Museum of the Unitversity of Pisa, which is one of the oldest in the world. Exhibits of zoology, fossils and minerals, organized according to systematic and thematic criteria, are exhibited on about 5000 square meters of rooms and galleries on three floors.

Optional:

Continue for a short walk among the olive trees (comfortable shoes necessary, slight ascent) to get to the abandoned monastery of "Nicosia" and to enjoy a beautiful view of the Charterhouse.

Then enjoy a guided tour of the town which still preserves the parish church and numerous tower houses, parts of the medieval walls and the medical fortress, named after the architect "Brunelleschi fortress". At the end enjoy a visit to the **olive grove** nearby the town and an **oil tasting**.

Olive oil and wine tasting in San Miniato region

Today you will discover the beauties of the **historical town of San Miniato**. Its name is today associated by most people to the festival of white truffles but San Miniato is an ancient town that has had a very important historical role throughout the centuries

Enjoy a guided tour to an agricultural area producing a great variety of excellent wines. You will visit a local winery and enjoy a final tasting relaxing in a tasting room where the best wines of the company will be served olive oil and small appetizer.

May 13 - Day 7 Tuscany Countryside



Tuscany Countryside - Private guided tours of Siena & San Gimignano

You will enjoy a guided visit of **San Gimignano**, known as the City of Beautiful Towers. It is a classic medieval walled hill town in Tuscany. You can admire its 14 surviving medieval towers that create a beautiful skyline visible from the surrounding countryside. The historic center is an UNESCO world heritage site known for its architecture. You will see the landmark Great Tower - Torre Grossa. Your personal driver will then take you to visit **Siena**. Here you will enjoy a walking tour in the historical center. You will see Piazza del Campo, the Tower of Mangia and the lively and narrow streets surrounded by romantic palaces. You will see the stunning gothic Cathedral, where you'll enjoy a panoramic view from the Facciatone.



Siena Siena, Tuscany, IT, 53100



San Gimignano San Gimignano, Tuscany, IT, 53037



Tuscany countryside - Optional tours not included

Optional activity: This early morning you will enjoy a hot air balloon ride. You will fly above the beautiful hills of Chianti at the early hours of the morning. Discover the rolling fields of Tuscany from a unique aerial perspective with a luxury hot air balloon ride. After getting picked up from your hotel, head to the starting point where you will receive a quick safety briefing before take-off. If you wish, you can help with the aeration of the balloon before entering the cart for your flight. During your 1-hour flight, you will sail at heights varying from 500 feet to 3000 feet, depending on the wind of that day. Admire the breathtaking landscape of Tuscany and see gentle hills dotted with pretty Italian villages, cypress trees, dominant castles, and abundant vineyards, olive groves and orchards. Upon landing, toast your experience with a glass of sparkling wine and light breakfast. Flight routes and taking off locations are subject to flying conditions.

Optional tour: in Tuscany **Ape Tuk Tuk** was used by people who lived in small villages, where streets were narrow, or to take goods from the farms. Today you can enjoy a special Ape Tuk Tuk tour of Tuscany countryside or in Florence. A wine tasting will be served. You can also ride around your Tuscany with a **vintage Fiat 500**, with an **Italian Vespa** or a supercar like **Ferrari or Lamborghini**.

Optional tour: Today you will enjoy an amazing bike-tour. Pedaling in Chianti is the perfect way to taste delicious wines & enjoy great views. The Tuscany bike tour will show you the colors and flavors of Tuscany. This extraordinary Tuscany bike tour suitable for all levels, follows an itinerary which highlights small medieval towns and stunning landscapes. A relaxing atmosphere where you can leisurely pedal and admire the scenery, stop for pictures

Optional tour: Today your personal driver will pick you up at the hotel lobby to enjoy a cooking class with a professional chef. You will learn how to make traditional Tuscan dishes. You will learn the secrets of local ingredients and the connections between recipes and Tuscan fascinating history and culture. After cooking you will you get to eat your well deserved meal! It will be an amazing real Italian life experience.

Optional tour: this morning private transfer to **Montepulciano**, one of the most characteristic and intact medieval cities in Italy which, from a height of 605 meters above sea level, offers amazing views over the surrounding hillsides. You will explore the wonderful town center of Montepulciano. Continue the drive to a vineyard for a wine taste and lunch. In the afternoon stop in another vineyard for another wine taste.

Optional tour: you will visit **Siena** with the guide. In Siena you will enjoy a tour in the historical center. You will see Piazza del Campo, the Tower of Mangia and the lively and narrow streets surrounded by romantic palaces. You will see the stunning gothic Cathedral, where you'll enjoy a panoramic view from the Facciatone.

Optional tour: you will enjoy a guided visit of **San Gimignano** known as the City of Beautiful Towers. It is a classic medieval walled hill town in Tuscany. You can admire its 14 surviving medieval towers that create a beautiful skyline visible from the surrounding countryside. The historic center is an UNESCO world heritage site for its architecture. You will see the landmark Great Tower - Torre Grossa.

Optional tour: with your guide you will visit **Lucca**, which is the only old town in Italy entirely surrounded by walls which are still very well preserved. Visit the **San Frediano church**, with its magnificent thirteenth-century mosaic representing Christ in Majesty. Then, explore the **Piazza del Anfiteatro**, the most beautiful square of Lucca passing by elegant shops of **Via Filungo** through small medieval streets. End in the **Duomo** which houses the famous Volto Santo and the splendid llaria del Caretto sarcophagus, a masterpiece of Jacopo della Quercia. Passing **Piazza Napoleone**, we finally arrive at **Piazza San Michele**, the central civic square of Lucca since Roman times.

Optional tour: Marble Experience allows you to discover the many attractions of charming **Carrara**, one of Tuscany's jewel towns, and visit an authentic, working, **marble of Carrara quarry** in the mountains with the privilege of private transportation, private guide assistance and an exciting mountain-side adventure aboard a rumbling Jeep.

Optional tour: with your guide you will visit **Pisa**. Start your tour with a walk alongside the Medieval walls up to the entrance gate: Porta Santa Maria. From here you will see a unique panorama of **Piazza dei Miracoli** with its marble architecture and neat grass lawns. You will visit the interiors of the Cathedral a masterpiece of Romanesque art. Besides the Tower, Piazza dei Miracoli houses other buildings of historic artistic value such as the Baptistery and the Monumental Graveyard. At the end you will climb one of the most celebrated monuments in the world: **The Leaning Tower**.

Optional tour: our driver will take you for a full day-trip into the **Val d'Orcia** region. Have a guided tour of **Arezzo** the strongest and richest of the Etruscan towns. The next stop is **Cortona**, one of the oldest cities in Tuscany, also famous for the movie "under the Tuscany sun".

Optional tour: Pienza is a small village in southern Tuscany that you should visit! Is the most renowned town of the famous Val d'Orcia, known all over the world for its art, landscape and Pecorino cheese Pienza is the town of Pecorino, a very tasty cheese made from sheep's milk, more or less aged, very well known and very delicious. Pienza is known around the world as the "ideal" city of the italian Renaissance, built by Enea Silvio Piccolomini who became Pope Pius II. Pope Pius II was born in the small village of Corsignano (the ancient Pienza) and wanted to transform his own village into a "utopian" city embodying the principles and philosophy of the classical age and the Italian Renaissance. So under the direction of Rossellino and Leon Battista Alberti it has become the city we know today: a complex of beautiful and harmonious buildings, the beautiful Piazza Pio II, the Cathedral, the papal residence, its picturesque alleys and suggestive views.

Optional tour: When you visit Pienza you have to taste **Pecorino Cheese**, the most famous typical product of the area. You can learn all the secrets of Pecorino di Pienza, taste it and see how it is produced. You will visit a farm in the countryside a few kilometers from Pienza and using the milk of our 150 sheep and 30 goats we produce Pecorino di Pienza in its dairy. The milk used comes from the farm's livestock and production is carried out without pasteurization and cheese ripening varies in length and mode.

Here you can join a guide tour with an experienced dairy man. He will guide you through the entire production process from milking to ageing.

Optional tour: It is a classic fairytale hilltop town, set within a full circle of fortified walls and watched over by a mighty castle of medieval perfection. **Montalcino** is a beautiful village immersed in the breathtaking Val d' Orcia Natural Park, renowned all over the world for the production of its precious **Brunello** red **wine**.

Optional tour: enjoy the **IGT Super Tuscan Wines** around Tuscany countryside. You will visit two wineries **Tenuta** dell'Ornellaia Winery, one of Tuscany's most historic and respected estates, and **Antinori** or **San Felice.**

Optional activity: enjoy an half day or full day **horse riding** around Tuscany. Available in different area and with different horses. With or without a guide.

Optional activity: join the locals, feel the blood-rush, and experience authentic Tuscan excitement at il **Palio di Siena**: a bareback horse race in Medieval times. Watch the historic parade, admiring the bedecked horses and Sienese in period costume, enjoy a delicious buffet and refreshments on a **private terrace** or a **dedicated window** in one of the splendid noble palaces overlooking the square. The race takes place only twice a year, on July 2 and August 16.

Optional tour: discover the authentic fishing villages of the **Cinque Terre, Five Lands**. This 5-mile stretch of beautiful rocky coast takes its name from the five villages of Riomaggiore, Manarola, Corniglia, Vernazza, and Monterosso. With our guide you will have the opportunity to visit 3 or 4 villages in one day with a combination of **easy walks**, **train rides** and a **boat trip.**

Optional tour: you will enjoy a **horse riding excursion along Chianti hills.** Following an expert you will admire along a lush vineyards, thick shady woods and olive groves and catch breathtaking unforgettable views.

May 14 - Day 8 Tuscany Countryside - Assisi



Tuscany Countryside - Truffle experience with lunch

Today your personal driver will pick you up at the hotel lobby to meet up with your "Searching Truffle" an expert Trufflegatherer of the San Miniato hills, and his inseparable dog, you will lead for a walk in the woods with them. It's the opportunity to discover this "treasure" hidden in the woods of San Miniato and the dog's training methods.

After the walk, some experts will explain to you the working processes and uses of truffle, then a wonderful **tasting lunch** of Truffles in a real truffle factory, where it is possible to understand better why this incredible product of the Earth is called the "White Gold" and taste a **wonderful lunch of local food** based on **truffle ingredients**.



Tuscany Tuscany, IT



Assisi - Option 1. Check in at Hotel Nun Spa Museum

5 star hotel

N. 2 Deluxe rooms (30 sqm)

Breakfast included - City tax not included - Free Spa access



Hotel Nun Spa Museum

Via Eremo delle Carceri, Assisi, Umbria, Italia

May 15 - Day 9 Assisi



Umbria - Assisi: Private guided tour

Today you will meet your personal guide and you will enjoy a tour of Assisi, the birthplace of the famous Catholic saints, St. Francis of Assisi, also called the Saint of animals. The town, with its Roman ruins, winding medieval streets and sacred shrines, has been a major Catholic pilgrimage destination for centuries. You will admire the spectacular complex of the **Basilica di San Francesco** (Basilica of Saint Francis). It is the place of worship of reference for Assisi and for the whole of Catholicism. Visible from kilometers around, it is the jewel in the crown of spiritual buildings of the Assisi **UNESCO heritage site**.

The complex stands on what used to be called the "hill of hell" because people were executed there, and was renamed "of paradise", because Francis asked to be buried here, like a Christ among the robbers. The construction of the two opposing churches, the Upper and the Lower, was started immediately.

The complex is composed of two churches: the Romanesque **Lower Church** best embody the ascetic and introspective spirit of Franciscanism, and the bright **Upper Church**, a marvelous example of the Gothic style. Inside are preserved cycles of frescoes of extraordinary importance by Sienese and Florentine masters, like Giotto and his collaborators, Cimabue, Pietro Lorenzetti and Simone Martini, representing a unique reference for the history of artistic styles throughout the centuries.



Assisi Assisi, Umbria, IT, 06081



Umbria - Food lovers activities (optional tours not included) Eno-safari tour with wine tasting in Montefalco

Today you will enjoy an unforgettable near the enchanting village of Montefalco. You will enjoy an Eno-safari to discover the Umbrian territory. The tour will take place on board a Jeep, in a vineyard among shady paths and valleys. You will visit the winery, tasting a glass of wine and typical products of the Umbrian territory.

Horse ride excursion and craft beer tasting in Umbria

Today you will enjoy an exciting experience in Umbria's green hilly landscapes.

You will get into the saddle and enjoy a wonderful ride along a path alternating between gentle slopes, meadows and woods, breathing in pure fresh air and immersed in nature

The ride will end at the craft brewery. Here you will be able to discover and taste the excellent locally-produced beers together with a selection of typical local products.

Chocolate experience at Perugina factory:

Today your persona driver will lead you at **CASA DEL CIOCCOLATO® PERUGINA®** to enjoy a delicious tour. A unique place in the world situated s few kilometres away from Perugia's town centre, where you'll be able to discover the secrets to this 'divine food' and an extraordinary Italian establishment. The tour starts at the Historic Museum and continues into the heart of the Factory, where you'll taste delicious **Perugina®** products. Experiment the distinctive qualities of chocolate yourself, along with chocolate-making techniques.

Truffle hunting

Today you will experience this old tradition of Umbria, the region producing the highest number of black truffles in Italy. Truffle in Umbria is also known as "the King of the Table" or the 'Black Diamond of the Kitchen', since it is a real speciality and fetches a high price.

The search takes place in the sweet Umbrian hills and woods.

A truffle expert and his well-trained truffle dogs will guide you during this special and exciting activity. Dogs will be leading you in the hunting for the precious black truffles of Umbria, an extraordinary experience.

An expert will explain you how and where to look for truffles, how to use them on the table and finally reveal some of the secrets of the trade. At the end of the activity you will have lunch with some truffle dishes, accompanied by excellent local organic wines.

Olive oil experience

Today you will discover the indigenous olive varieties of Umbria! Umbrian olive oil, one of the best in Italy, is famous for its taste, flavours and benefits for our health. Learn about the real meaning of extra vergine, tasting a very special product made only by organic olives grown on the rolling hills of Umbria. Scent, colour, texture and taste: oil is not always the same. Thanks to this tasting you can learn to recognise an extra virgin oil of quality, by savouring different oil types right in the place where oil is produced. Meeting at the table and tasting locals pecialities are the perfect conclusion of a day spent among the green olive trees of the oil mill, the tradition and history of oil.

Pic nic under the olive oil trees

Today you will wnjoy a pic-nic **immersed in nature**, in the tranquility of the **olive groves**, will be an excellent opportunity to taste the **typical products** of the Umbrian tradition.



Umbria - Marmore Falls (optional tour not included)

On the way to Umbria you will stop at Cascata delle Marmore. Among the highest in Europe, Marmore Falls were created by the Romans in 271 BC to drain the swamps above the Nera River: an engineering feat that has become one of the most spectacular natural attractions of Umbria.

There are five trails here which offer different views of the falls and let you enjoy the natural beauty of the park.



Marmore Falls Umbria, IT, 05100



Umbria: Perugia - optional tours (Not included)

Optional tour: visit **Perugia**, here you will meet your guide and discover the city. Visit the **Cathedral**, **S. Francis Church** and **Perugino Gallery** where there are always international exhibitions.

Optional tour: visit "the house of chocolate" in the heart of Perugia. An unique place in the world where you discover the extraordinary Made in Italy company: **Perugina.** The visit starts from the **historical museum** and arrives at the heart of the factory where you will taste Perugina products. At the end of the visit, you will enjoy a chocolate lesson at the "Scuola del Cioccolato", the place where Perugina shares passion, experience and creativity with **chocolate lovers.**

Optional tour: enjoy your "**Searching Truffle"** with an expert Truffle-gatherers of the **Umbrian hills**, and his inseparable dog, you will lead for a walk in the wood with them. It's the opportunity to discover this "treasure" hidden in the woods of San Miniato and the dog's training methods. After the walk, some experts will explain you the working processes and the use of the truffle then a wonderful tasting lunch of Truffles in a real truffle factory, where is possible to understand better why this incredible product of the Earth is called the "White Gold" and taste a wonderful lunch of local food based on truffle ingredients.

Optional tour: visit an **oil olive factory**, where a professional expert will describe the production of the oil in Umbria and you will taste it!

Optional tour: Pic nic under the olive oil trees, pic-nic immersed in nature, in the tranquility of the olive groves, will be an excellent opportunity to taste the typical products of the Umbrian tradition.

Optional tour: visit **Spello**: Let's start our tour from its lower part, still surrounded by the well-preserved Roman Walls, in which you will see three gates. Enter in Spello and discover the best things to do in Spello: visit the **Church of Santa Maria Maggiore** with its famous Cappella Baglioni that has a ceramic Deruta's floor and **Pinturicchio's frescoes** (considered his best production and his self-portrait). Enjoy your lunch in a typical trattoria, try the **Colfiorito potatoes gnocchi** with goose or **rapunzoli salad** (radishes) but do not forget the legumes, which are the masters in Spello. (Lunch included).

May 16 - Day 10 Assisi - Trani (Puglia)



Trani - Check in at Hotel San Paolo "Al Convento"

4 stra hotel

N.2 Deluxe sea view rooms

Breakfast included - City tax not included



Hotel San Paolo "Al Convento"

Via statuti marittimi 110, Trani, Puglia, Italia

May 17 - Day 11 Trani



Trani by yourselves

Known as the 'Pearl of Puglia', beautiful Trani has a sophisticated feel. The marina is the place to promenade and watch the white yachts and fishing boats in the harbour, while the historic centre, with its medieval churches, glossy limestone streets, historic Jewish quarter and faded yet charming palazzi is an enchanting area to explore. But it's the cathedralthat is the town's most arresting sight.

May 18 - Day 12 Trani - Alberobello - Polignano a Mare



Alberobello - Private guided tour

Before reaching Polignano a Mare you will stop in Alberobello,.

Alberobello has been made a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** for its unusual districts of *trulli*, the characteristic white-washed conical-roofed houses of the area. Here you will get to see a concentration of over 1,000 Trulli houses. A *trullo* is a small dwelling built from the local limestone, with dry-stone walls and a characteristic conical roof. It is a traditional and simple type of structure which you'll see dotted around this part of Puglia, sometimes in its most basic form used as a kind of shed among the olive groves.



Alberobello

Alberobello, Puglia, 70011



Polignano a Mare - Option 1 - Check in at Relais del Senatore

4 star hotel

N.2 panoramic rooms

Breakfast included - city tax not included



Relais del Senatore

Piazza Papa Giovanni Paolo II, Puglia, IT, 70044



Polignano a Mare - Option 2 - Check in at San Michele Suite (extra cost)

Luxury suites

Breakfast included - City tax not included



San Michele Suite

5 Via Ten. L. Bellipario, Polignano a Mare, Puglia, IT, 70044



Apulia - Optional tours & activities (Not included)

Gourmet tour: today you will visit an **Ancient Olive oil farm** for tasting. Continue the for and stop in **Mozzarella and Burrata farm** to see how they make it and for a delicius tasting. Last stop of this tour is in the **Fishing Village** of Savelletri for a tasting of Row Carpaccios and Fresh Crayfish.

Vintage car - Vespa tour: visit the white villages of Ostuni & Lorotondo, The Baroque Town of Martina Franca, stop in Beautiful wineries. Use vintage Italian cars: alfa romeo, fiat, lancia or be more sporty in a Vespa, always with professional guides teaching you how to drive a vintage car and telling all the interesting stories about the history of Apulia.

Olive harvest: you will be the protagonist of a real Apulian **rural experience**, you will participate in the **olive harvest** and you will witness the process of **production** of **extra virgin olive oil**.

Pic nic under the olive oil trees: pic-nic **immersed in nature**, in the tranquility of the **olive groves**, will be an excellent opportunity to taste the **typical products** of the Apulian tradition.

Yoga at the sunset: practicing **yoga in Apulia** is one of the most exciting experiences, immersed in a magical atmosphere, in direct contact with nature. Enjoy a yoga session at sunset among the rows of a vineyard.

May 19 - Day 13 Polignano a Mare



Puglia - Monopoli & Polignano a Mare - Private guided tour

This morning, your personal driver will eascort you to **Monopoli** and **Polignano a Mare** to enjoy a guided visit. This small town is built on the edge of a craggy ravine pockmarked with caves. The town is thought to be one of the most important ancient settlements in Puglia and was later inhabited by successive invaders ranging from the Huns to the Normans.



Polignano A Mare Polignano A Mare, PUGLIA, IT



Monopoli Monopoli, PUGLIA, IT

May 20 - Day 14 Polignano a Mare - Salerno - Praiano



Drop-off car rental in Salerno



Salerno - Private guided tour

This morning you will reach Salerno to drop off your car rental.

Here you will meet your guide to discover along street of Salerno. You will admire Medieval **Castello Arerchi** overlooking the Gulf of Salerno. From here you will enjoy a breathtaking view that ranges from the tip of the Amalfi Coast, up to Agropoli.

In the historical city center you will admire the **Medieval Aqueduct,** popularly renamed "Ponti del Diavolo", because popular superstition says that it was built in one night, with the help of demons.

Walking with your guide you will see the Salerno **Cathedral** Santa Maria degli Angeli, San Matteo e San Gregorio VII, the Minerva Gardens and, finally, the Villa Comunale.



Province of Salerno Campania, IT



Private transfer - Mercedes class V

Transfer from Salerno to Praiano.



Praiano - Option 1 - Check in at Grand Hotel Tritone Praiano

4 star hotel

N. Deluxe rooms

Breakfast included - City tax not included



Grand Hotel Tritone Praiano

Via Campo 5, Praiano, Campania, Italia



Praiano - Option 2 - Check in at Casa Angelina (Extra cost)

5 star hotel

Breakfast included - City tax not included



Casa Angelina

147 Via Gennaro Capriglione, Praiano, Campania, IT, 84010

May 21 - Day 15 Praiano - Amalfi coast - Praiano



Amalfi coast panoramic tour (no guide service)

Today your personal driver will pick you up at the hotel to drive around the Amalfi Coast. Drive along the UNESCO World Heritage listed **Amalfi Coast on 'state route 163'** – a masterpiece of human engineering. You will stop in **Amalfi** to admire its Cathedral. Following the natural outlines of Europe's most spectacular coastline, you will drive through picture-perfect villages, such as **Ravello** and verdant cliffs dotted with waterfalls.



Amalfi Coast

Campania, IT



Amalfi coast - optional tours (not included)

Optional activity: You will visit a laboratory to learn more about the production of **Mozzarella!** With your local expert you will try at making mozzarella, wear the gloves, immerse your hands into the water, stretch the curd and hand-chop the mozzarella. After the practical experience. You will try to make it one with your hands! Enjoy your tasting!

Optional activity: Today you will learn more about the production of **Limoncello**. You will enjoy the enchanting view of the Amalfi Coast from above, among lemon groves, and taste all the flavors of our products. During the tour you will enjoy a sweet break with a delicious lemon cake and a fresh lemonade. In addition to the visit to the lemon groves, you will be able to discover the old tools kept in the **Museum of rural culture Arts and Crafts** and touch the tools of the production by visiting a farm.

Optional activity: Today you will visit a local **winery** where you will learn more about wine production. Hectares covered with **centennial grapevines**, where ancient traditions are sustained by hard work. You will walk through the vineyards and taste a light lunch made with products grown directly by the winery owners, it will be paired with a **guided tasting of DOC wine** of the Amalfi Coast.

Optional activity: Drive the Italian style! Enjoy an unforgettable experience. Drive a **vintage car** by sea and under the sky. Go back to the past driving the famous and popular Fiat 500 cabrio, Alfa Romeo Spider or many others.

Optional activity: Today you will stop in **oil olive factory** to learn more about the production and you will taste this local product.

Optional activity: You will enjoy a **cooking class** with a professional chef in Amalfi coast. You will learn how prepare typical dishes of this area. Lunch included.

Optional activity: You will have the opportunity of **making your own pizza** following the suggestion of a pizzaiolo. From how to have the best pizza-dough to making your great Pizza (with the farm tomatoes, basil and mozzarella-cheese) in a wood-fired oven.Y ou will learn how to prepare the pizza dough with your own hands, using creativity to top it, bake it and finally taste your masterpiece.

Optional activity: This morning you will meet with your hiking guide to begin the famous "**Path of the Gods**" trek. The Path of the Gods connects Agerola, a village on the hills of the Amalfi Coast, to Nocelle, a hamlet of Positano perched on the slopes of Mount Pertuso. The name is enough to make us understand the spectacular nature of the path: follow it in the direction that goes from Agerola to Nocelle in order to walk slightly downhill and have wonderful views of the coastline right along to Capri (weather permitting).

Optional activity: Today you will enjoy an easier but as much spectacular path. Start your route **"Passeggiata dell'Amore"** starting from Furore to Praiano. An itinerary between sky, sea and land through the characteristic Mediterranean vegetation.

Optional activity: Today you will enjoy a trekking path "Sentiero dei Limoni" the village is set in one of the most fascinating places on the Amalfi Coast, kissed by the sun in a panoramic position on the promontory that divides the beautiful cities of Maiori and Minori. The difficulty is medium-low although in both directions, divided along the route and in particular at the start, there are several stairs to climb and descend (about 400 in each direction).

Optional tour: In the afternoon, you will spend a half day in Ravello to visit Villa Cimbrone and Villa Rufolo with its suggestive gardens and view on the Gulf.

Optional tour: This morning you will board your private boat to enjoy a half day of cruise around the beautiful Amalfi coast.

Optional tour: Today you will visit two extraordinary sites in the surroundings of Pompeii with your private guide. This tour will lead you into the most extraordinary places in the archaeological area of Vesuvius: the **villas at Stabiae** and the **Villas of Poppea at Oplontis**. When Vesuvius erupted on 24 August AD 79, it engulfed the two flourishing Roman towns of Pompei and Herculaneum, as well as the wealthy villages of Oplontis and Stabiae. These locations give you the unique opportunity to enjoy the fantastic inner of Roman villas and some of the most interesting artifacts found in the area.

Optional activity: **Kite Surf in Amalfi Coast.** This morning, you will enjoy a lesson of **kiteboarding** (1 hour – advanced course) in Amalfi Coast (*subject to weather conditions*).

May 22 - Day 16 Praiano - Capri - Prainao



Ferry boat from Positano to Capri



Ferry boat from Capri to Positano



Capri - Optional tours (not included)

Optional tour: you will enjoy the island by private boat and professional English speaking skipper. You will relax on board admiring the amazing coast. You will stop for a bath before reaching Capri pier. On board you will find: towels, snorkelling equipment, refreshments, soft drinks, fruit and snack and a prosecco bottle to celebrate! Different boat available up to 32 ft Vespa to enjoy the island by yourselves. Drive to Capri and Anacapri village and the lighthouse

Optional tour: you will meet your personal driver to enjoy Capri by a cabrio car.

Optional tour: private guide to enjoy the archeological and Roman villas around the island. Villa Jovis, Villa San Michele, Krupp way, Augustus garden, Blue grotto

Optional tour: Fortini - trekking tour in Capri (4 hours)

This morning, you will enjoy a half day trekking tour in Capri, one of the most spectacular walks of Capri: The Fortini Path. A path that runs along the sea from the Blue Grotto to the Punta Carena lighthouse between rock frames, sculptural headlands and bays as deep as fjords with turquoise waters. On the way there are the three forts that once served to defend Capri: Orrico, Pino and Mesola.

May 23 - Day 17 Praiano - Pompeii - Herculaneum - Praiano



Full day - Mercedes class V



Pompei - Private guided tour

Today you will reach **Pompei** to enjoy a guided visit of the "scavi". You will learn more about the historical facts of this important city destroyed and buried by the eruption of Vesuvius in the morning of the August 24th 79AD. During the guided walking tour, you will have the opportunity to visit the Forum that was the center of religious and economic life, the Casa del Fauno, one of the largest, and most impressive private residences in **Pompei**, the Termopolium a sort of ancient inns where the foreigners arrived in Pompeii could eat and buy wine, the Lupanare, famous for the erotic paintings. The eruption preserved exactly how it was this important town of approx. 20.000 inhabitants completely covered in 30 feet of volcanic ash.

We suggest wearing comfortable walking shoes.



Area Archeologica di Pompei

Piazza Porta Maria Inferiore 7, Pompei, Campania, Italia, 80045 +39 081 857 5347



Herculaneum: Private guided tour

After Pompei you will reach Herculaneum. Here you will meet your guide and you will enjoy a visit of the archaeological area of the Herculaneum excavation sites, declared UNESCO world heritage site. **Herculaneum** is a wealthier town than Pompeii, possessing an extraordinary density of fine houses and far more lavish use of colored marble cladding. Although smaller, it is in better condition than its more famous counterpart.



Ercolano Scavi Ercolano, CAMPANIA, IT, 80056 +39 081 732 4311

May 24 - Day 18 Praiano - Naples - Valle di Comino (Ciociaria area)



Private transfer - Mercedes class V

Transfer from Rome countryside to Praiano, with a stop in Naples.



Naples - private guided tour

Before reaching the hotel you will meet your personal English speaking guide to start a tour of Naples from Piazza del Gesù, one of the most beautiful squares. You will visit the cloister and the astonishing **Church of Santa Chiara.** Walking down the famous street of **Spaccanapoli**, you will reach Piazza San Domenico where you can taste Naples' typical pastry, the sfogliatella, with a legendary espresso. Back through the Decumano, you will arrive at Piazza San Gaetano and we visit the excavations of San Lorenzo. Finally, reach the Cathedral and the Chapel of the Treasury that contains the holy blood of San Gennaro, the patron saint of the city of Naples.



Naples Naples, Campania, IT



Ciociaria Region: An area not far from Rome in the countryside

Authentic land, rich in traditions and folklore, gastronomy, history and food. Visit the main spots. Medieval monasteries like: Montecassino Abbey, Casamari Abbey. Main spots: Boville, Veroli, Anagni. Don't miss authentic activities like: bike tour, hiking, trekking, cooking class, cheese making class, wine tasting, olive oil tasting.



Ciociaria Lazio, IT



Valle di Comino - Check in at Relais Colle Buono

4 star hotel

N. 2 Junior suite

Breakfast included



Relais Colle Buono Alvito, Lazio, IT, 03041

May 25 - Day 19 Valle di Comino (Ciociaria area)



Full day - Mercedes class V



Ciociaria: Alvito - private guided tour

Today you will meet your guide to visit **Alvito.** At first glance, driving to Alvito you will turn your eyes to the mountain and notice that the village has 2 parts: the small town is lower part and the medieval Castle is the upper one. Alvito has preserved a beautiful historic center full of buildings and monuments of great value, like Castrucci, Sipari, Ferrante, and Panicali palaces, Doge's Palace, built in the 16th century and remodeled in the 18th century. You will reach **Cantelmo Castle**, an ancient fortress in Val di Comino of XV century. At the end of the nineteenth century, the castle had to appear roughly intact with its structures. After several earthquakes of the twentieth century, it had some damages you can easy admire the shape of the castle and you can go inside the ruins. Val di Comino is also called the "Romantic Street of Ciociaria" where you can get in touch with local and unique dishes and wine.



Alvito Alvito, Lazio, Lazio, IT, 03041



Alvito - Wine experience with tasting

You will enjoy a visit of the winery with description of the production processes and a tour of the vineyard with a short walk through the rows. After the visit you will enjoy a tasting of the wines produced by the company Cominium with You will start with Maturano extra dry and proceed with wine "rosè "La casetta"I.G.T.and the red wine "colle alto"Atina Rosso D.O.C." At the end you will taste grappa "Atina Cabernet D.O.C." Wine tasting paired with typical local products.



Ciociaria - Others optional tour - (not included)

Optional: Surrounded by the beautiful mountain you will enjoy an amazing experience and get in touch more with local nature.

You will visit **Collepardo grotto** and admire majestic vaults rich in multiform stalactites, which often connect to the stalactites that rise towards them, in a very slow and still active process.

The joke among of stalactites and stalagmites is of unparalleled charm: for the singularity of the shapes that echo human and animal figures, they were called **"Grotte dei Bambocci"**.

In 2008 the returned finds dating back to the Middle Bronze Age, about 3,500 years ago.



Casamari and Montecassino Abbey

You will stop to visit the most important symbols of the history of the Ciociaria area: Casamari Abbey and Montecassino Abbey.

May 26 - Day 20 Valle di Comino - Rome city center - Valle di Comino



Full day - Mercedes class V



Rome - Private guided Baroque tour

Today you will discover Rome city center with your guide. Start the tour from the city center to discover the monuments and the palace of the Baroque period: **Piazza Navona**, the **Pantheon**, the **Trevi Fountain** and **Piazza di Spagna**.



Piazza di Spagna

Piazza di Spagna, Roma, Lazio, IT, 00187



Rome - Vatican Museums Private guided tour - Optional tour (Not included)

You will visit the world's smallest country and the center of the Catholic World – **Vatican City**. Visit the impressive **St**. **Peter's square and Church**, and explore Vatican Museums, Raffaello's rooms and the Sistine Chapel.



Vatican Museums

Via catone 34, Roma, Lazio, Italia, 00192 +39 331 599 6965



Rome - private guided tour of Colosseum and Roman Forum - Optional tour (Not included)

This morning you will meet your personal driver to discover Rome with your professional guide. Start the tour from **Michelangelo's Campidoglio** (Capitoline Hill) where you can look out over the Roman Forum area, then continue to Imperial Forums and the ruins of **Colosseum**.



Colosseum

1 Piazza del Colosseo, Roma, ROMA, IT, 00184 06 3996 7700

May 27 - Day 21 Valle di Comino - Roma - Palermo



Private transfer - Mercedes class V

Transfer from the hotel to Rome airport.



Flight from Rome to Palermo



Private transfer - Mercedes Class V

This morning your personal driver will pick you up at the airport to reach your hotel in Palermo. The will wait for you outside the airport with a welcome board with your names written on it.



Palermo - Option 1. Check in at Quintocanto Hotel & Spa Palermo

4 star hotel

N. 2 Deluxe Rooms (23 sqm)

Breakfast included - City tax not included



Quintocanto Hotel & Spa Palermo

Corso Vittorio Emanuele, 310



Palermo - Option 2. Check in at Villa Igiea, a Rocco Forte Hotel (extra cost)

5 star hotel

Breakfast included - City tax not included

We are delighted to announce our latest addition to the Rocco Forte Hotels collection: Villa Igiea. This iconic palazzo occupies a peerless position at the foot of Mount Pellegrino, overlooking the azure waters of the Gulf of Palermo, just half an hour's drive from Palermo Airport.

Opened as a hotel in 1900, Villa Igiea became a fabled year-round sanctuary for royalty and the Hollywood elite. Built by visionary Sicilian architect Ernesto Basile for the family Florio, the historical Villa epitomises Palermo's Liberty movement and is undoubtedly the most distinguished of the era.

Before its grand opening in Spring 2021, this majestic listed palazzo will undergo an extensive refurbishment at the hands of Rocco Forte Hotels' Director of Design, Olga Polizzi. Working in collaboration with Paolo Moschino of Nicholas Haslam Studios, Olga will ensure the hotel surpasses its former glory, preserving its's exquisite period features and show-stopping Basile room, whilst enhancing its appeal with her signature heritage design.



Villa Igiea, a Rocco Forte Hotel

Salita Belmonte 43, Palermo, Italy

May 28 - Day 22 Palermo



Half day - Private Mercedes Class V

Half day. Pick up at the hotel lobby.



Palermo - Ballarò & Monreale Guided tour

This morning you will meet your guide at the hotel and discover Palermo's biggest market: **Ballarò**. Here you can see a vast variety of fresh Italian produce and meet a lot of people busy with the morning food shopping.

Then your driver will take you to the small village of Monreale. Start a guided tour of **Monreale**, famous for its beautiful position overlooking the city of Palermo. Inside its Cathedral, admire the amazing mosaics representing stories from the Old and New Testament, made by Byzantine artists. After the visit relax tasting the best Granita Siciliana (Sicilian Frozen Dessert) in the bar in front of the Cathedral.



Ballaro'

Palermo, Sicilia, Italia



Monreale

Monreale, Sicily, IT, 90046



Palermo - Private walking guided tour

In the afternoon you will enjoy a half-day walking guided tour of Palermo, one of the World's most splendid cities with its unique and charming African, Arabic and Italian blends of architecture. Start the visit from the old part of the city with the Norman Palace and Palatine Chapel, Piazza Bellini and Piazza della Vittoria and the Arab-Norman Cathedral, Martorana church, Massimo Theatre and fountain in Pretoria Square.



Palermo

Palermo, Sicily, IT



Palermo - Optional tours (not included)

Optional tour: Anchovy Museum. The anchovy and marine arts museum of Aspra is a reality, unique in the Mediterranean panorama, it is an act of passion and love created by the brothers Girolamo and Michelangelo Balistreri who carefully collected elements of the marine art of the family business and many factories operating throughout Sicily. A unique, exclusive and exciting journey through memorabilia, documents and tools that photograph and document centuries of anchovy salting in Sicily

Optional tour: In the afternoon, discover more about **Teatro Massimo**. In Palermo you will do the backstage and a guided tour in Teatro Massimo to get to know the Opera House. In the evening you will attend an Opera at Teatro Massimo in Palermo (according to the theatre performance schedule).

Optional tour: In the afternoon you will learn and taste more about **Sicilian Pastry**. Visit a Pastry laboratory where they are going to show you how to prepare a *Cannolo Siciliano* and have a taste of these delicious foods.

Optional tour: you will visit Isola delle Femmine and you will relax along the wonderful seaside in a lovely small island

May 29 - Day 23 Palermo - Segesta & Erice - Trapani



Private transfer - Mercedes Class V

Transfer from Palermo to the hotel in Trapani with a stop in Segesta and Erice. Pick up at the hotel.



Segesta - The archaeological site - Private guided tour

Before reanching Trapani, you will stop in **Segesta** where you will see the beauties of the fifth century BC Doric Temples. The archaeological site of Segesta is one of the most valuable historic sites in Sicily. A center from ancient origins, the historical rival of Selinunte is located in the western part of the island, surrounded by a green and quiet countryside about 40 km from Trapani. The temple of Segesta, solemnly placed on a hill at the foot of Mount Barbaro, is certainly among the most exciting examples of Greek architecture. Completely isolated from the urban world, its white columns stand out among the green of the landscape. There is a beautifully preserved temple, harmonious in structure, and the most complete that has lasted to our days, as well as the theater, located in the scenic location on Mount Barbaro, approximately 400 meters high. Its construction dates back to the late fifth century BC, during the alliance with Athens. There are a total of 36 columns, not partly scalanated to avoid possible optical illusions (a technique also used in the Parthenon in Athens). The origins of Segesta are ancient enough to merge with the myth of Troy; Legend has it that the foundation of Segesta was the work of Aeneas.

What we do know, is that the center was of primary importance to the population of the Elimi, whose ancestry comes from the east and later merged with the local population.

Strongly influenced by Greek culture, it soon came into conflict with Selinus, marking in fact its own destiny: after the first clashes came in the sixth century BC, Segesta became the scale tipper for the fate of western Sicily.



Tempio di Segesta

Contrada Barbaro, Segesta, Calatafimi, Sicilia, IT



Erice - Private guided tour

After the visit of Segesta you will reach **Erice**.

Erice is a corner of paradise at the top of a mountain where a magical panorama offers itself to the visitors. Both in wintern and in summer, Erice gives away some special views of its land but through two versions, based on the weather of the season.

Erice is located in the west coast of Sicily, half an hour by car from Trapani, perched 751 m high on the mountain overlooking the sea. The history tells about many peoples who settled in Erice thanks to its altitude where it is easier to defense ownself but still close to the sea to exploit the maritime navigation. So that's the reason why Erice is full of ramparts and ancient walls useful to protect the town and nowdays they became important to feature the landscape. Tourists who visit Erice are enchated by its atmosphere because, as already said at the top, this town is able to offer two different magical view: immersed in the fog during winter, illuminated by the sun during summer. The fog makes Erice something of never happen, like a ghost town detached from the rest of the world, while in summer, thanks to the sunlight, you will be able to appriceted better its beauties but without the medieval atmosphere of the winter. Anyway, Erice is always something of special, a unique town you have to find out during your holiday in Sicily!



Erice

Erice, Sicilia, IT, 91016



Trapani - Option 1. Check in at San Michele Hotel

4 star hotel

N. 2 classic rooms

Breakfast included - City tax Not included



Hotel San Michele

16 Via San Michele, Trapani, Sicilia, IT, 91100



Erice area - Option 2.Check in at I Mulini Resort (extra cost)

4 star hotel

Breakfast included - City tax not included



I Mulini Resort

Lungomare Dante Alighieri, Erice, Sicilia, Italia

May 30 - Day 24 Trapani



Trapani - Bike tour at the Oriented Reserve of Salt pans of Trapani and Paceco

Today you you will enjoy an amazing bike tour. At the gates of Trapani one of the most famous protected areas in Europe extends: the **Oriented Reserve of Salt pans of Trapani and Paceco.** A 40-minute bike ride, interspersed with a couple of stops in the various points of interest.

During the first stops, the guide will explain the operation and difference of the windmills, stopping to admire a mill over 400 years old.

You will come to the Salt Museum of Nubia, where you can see and discover the salt extraction and processing techniques that have always characterized this land.



Centro visite Riserva Naturale Orientata Saline di Trapani e Paceco - Mulino Maria Stella

Trapani, Sicily, IT, 91100



Trapani area - Optional tour (not included)

Optional tour: This morning you will meet your personal guide at the hotel reception and start an half day city tour. The city of salt and wind mills, **Trapani** is located in the northwestern part of Sicily, An ancient city and one of the most important, many times, over the centuries, in the fate of Sicily, Trapani boasts its old town, great religious events, its proximity to important cultural sites, and beautiful seaside resorts and its cuisine. **The historic center** of Trapani is elegant and full of interest things to see. The main street is Corso Vittorio Emanuele, an elegant pedestrian area, along which you can admire the Cathedral and the Senatorial Palace. Another main street is Viale Regina Margherita, near which lies the garden, a very relaxing place to enjoy a carefree stroll. **The Cathedral of Trapani**, dedicated to St. Lawrence, has an elegant baroque façade and architectural features of different styles. The church, located in Corso Vittorio Emanuele, was in fact built in 1635 on an existing fourteenth century building and massively changed later: the bell tower, domes and the side chapels were completed in 1743.

Optional tour: Visit an oil olive mill in the south of Trapani. The farm is located in the center of a vast olive grove that stretches between the slopes of Mount Erice and the Stagnone lagoon, where the island of Mozia is located, in the province of Trapani, at the extreme western tip of Sicily. Enjoy an oil tasting.

Optional tour: Visit Scopello. It is a small but charming seaside village, it is the southern gate of the Zingaro Nature Reserve about 40 kilometers from Trapani. The town is organized around the central square, Piazza Nettuno, near which is the famous farmhouse, dating back to the eighteenth century. According to some, the beauty of the place was captured by Homer, who set it as the final stage prior to the return of **Ulysses** to Ithaca: the Island of the Phaeacians would be just the bay of Scopello.

Optional tour: Visit Zingaro Natural Reserve. The wild beauty of the Zingaro Nature Reserve extends over 1600 hectares, with 7 kilometers of unspoiled coast, a scenario of extraordinary charm on the western side of Sicily. Located between San Vito Lo Capo and Scopello, along a marvelous coast, behind it opens a hilly territory in which more than 650 plant species typical of the Mediterranean maquis are located. The Reserve also constitutes the ideal habitat for hawks and eagles, which come to reproduce.

It is possible to visit the Reserve through several paths, some simpler, others a little more busy, so don't forget your hat and bottle of fresh water. The Zingaro Reserve, established in 1980, was the first Nature Reserve to protect the Sicilian territory.



Favignana island - Optional tour (not included)

Favignana island is known as the pearl of the archipelago of the **Egadi islands**, off the western tip of Sicily, in the province of Trapani. Favignana is 9 kilometers long and 4 wide, for a total of 33 kilometers of coastal development, all cliffs and caves - and all obviously spectacular. The tour will start early this morning, the first stop will be the fish market. We continue with a stop at the **oldest pastry shop** on the island where you can taste typical sweets, such as **cannoli, cassate** and much more made according to ancient recipes. **The tonnara** and the ex factory must be absolutely visited, to learn more about the history of the island, to understand its true identity and the importance that the tuna slaughter had for Favignana.



FavignanaFavignana, SICILIA, IT

May 31 - Day 25 Trapani - Marsala - Agrigento



Private transfer - Mercedes Class V

Transfer from Trapani to the Hotel in Agrigento with a stop in Marsala. Pick up at the hotel.



Marsala - Wine experience

Today you will travel along the "Via del Sale" (salt way) toward Marsala, stopping to admire the windmills on the seaside. On the way you will also stop in **Marsala** where you will visit a winery and cellars to learn more about the production of Marsala wine. You will enjoy a guided tour and taste this famous local wine. The **Marsala** is the oldest Italian DOC wine, with an average alcohol content of about 18 degrees. The aromatic and sugary richness of the grapes of Marsala is born from the method of growing them in a 'sapling' style, a very ancient method, dating back to the culture of vine itself. **Enjoy your tasting!**



Marsala Marsala, Sicily, IT, 91025



Agrigento - Optiona 1. Check in at Euterpe LHT

4 star hotel

N. 2 Deluxe rooms (20 sqm)

Breakfast included - City tax not included



Euterpe LHT

111 Viale della Vittoria, Agrigento, Sicilia, IT, 92100



Agrigento - Option 2. Check in at Hotel Villa Athena (extra cost)

5 star hotel

Breakfast included - City included



Hotel Villa Athena

Via Passeggiata Archeologica 33, Agrigento, Sicilia, Italia, 92100



Agrigento - Valley of the Temples by night (optional tour not included)

The archaeological and landscape park of the **Valley of the Temples** is one of the most representative sites of classical Greek civilization. The temples are illuminated every night year round at nightfall. In the summer season (schedule changes every year), the archaeological park stays open late for evening and night visits. You will enjoy the summer night cool, observe the changing colors of the temples sandstone- between twilight and nightfall- and finally admire them lit up by lights.



Valley of the Temples Agrigento, Sicily, IT, 92100 0922 621657

June 1 - Day 26 Agrigento - Syracuse



Agrigento - Valley of the Temples guided tour

This morning you will meet your guide to enjoy a **walking tour** to visit **the Valley of the Temples** which is certainly one of the most outstanding sites of the ancient world and one of the highlights of the tour. A string of imposing temples stands on a ridge facing the sea designed both to be visible to sailors and to signify that the gods protected the sacred city from danger. You will explore the Temple of Juno built around 450 BCE, the Temple of Concord c.440 archaic Doric style in 520 BCE, and the Temple of Zeus. The tour takes from 2 to 3 hours walking on a track.



Agrigento
Agrigento, SICILIA, IT, 92100
+39 0922 595923



Private transfer - Mercedes Class V

Transfer from Agrigento to Syracuse. Pick up at the hotel



Syracuse - Option 1. Check in at Algilà

4 star hotel

N. 2 Superior rooms (21 sqm)

Breakfast included - City tax not included



Charme Hotel Algilà Ortigia

Via Vittorio Veneto, 93 +39 0931 465186



Syracuse - Option 2. Check in at Ortea Palace Luxury Hotel (extra cost)

5 star hote

Breakfast included - City tax not included.



Ortea Palace Luxury Hotel

1 Riva Nazario Sauro, Siracusa, Sicilia, IT, 96100



Agrigento and province - Optional tour (not included)

Optional tour: Walking tour of Agrigento City Center. Today you enjoy a half day private guided tour of the most beautiful quarter of Agrigento city center, the pretty Via Atenea: convent, narrow streets, baroque churches, the beautiful opera house, squares and boulevard. You will explore Via Atenea, which is the place where locals go for shopping or enjoy an ice cream, an espresso or the aperitive.

Optional tour: Gourmet tour. Today you will enjoy an authentic food experience in Agrigento in the best places of the city. It is amix of a gastronomic and cultural experiences tasting local delicacies in the best pastry shops, wine bars of the city and discovering the beauty of the most beautiful neighborhood of Agrigento. Don't miss the Sicilian cannoli, the pastry shop where you can taste the freshly made cannoli. At the end you will enjoy a glass of local wine ans Sicilian finger food.

Optional tour: Valley of the Temples and Kolymbetra Garden. This morning you will meet your personal guide to enjoy a walking tour to visit the Temple's Valley which is certainly one of the most outstanding sites of the ancient world and one of the highlights of the tour. A string of imposing temples stand on a ridge facing the sea designed both to be visible to sailors and to signify that the gods protected the sacred city from danger. You will explore the you to Agrigento. Temple of Juno built around 450 BCE, the Temple of Concord c.440 archaic Doric style in 520 BCE, and the Temple of Zeus. The tour takes from 2 to 3 hours walking on a track. After the tour of the Valley of the Temples we will visit the beautiful Garden of Kolymbetra, an old water reservoir dating back the Greek time today a beautiful sicilian style garden rich in citrus, pomegranate, olives, pistachio, vegetables and many varieties of Mediterranean trees and plants.



Piazza Armerina - Private guided tour (optional tour not included)

On the way to Syracuse you will stop in Piazza Armerina.

Piazza Armerina is a splendid art city woven into the heart of Sicily. It boasts a slew of monuments that tell of its glorious past. Meanwhile, the apple of the citizens' eyes is the **Villa Romana del Casale**; originally the property of a powerful Roman family, it dates back to the 4th Century A.D.

This majestic Imperial villa, standing tall in the Province of Enna (perhaps the most "Roman" of places on the Island), is a magnificent rural abode, fascinating, above all, for its captivating mosaics, considered the most beautiful and best-preserved of their kind. The fruits of meticulous labor, these precise yet moving images make for a significant adornment to what remains of this extravagant residence – made a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1997.



Piazza Armerina Piazza Armerina, Sicilia, IT

June 2 - Day 27 Syracuse



Syracuse - Private Guided tour

This morning you will meet your personal guide at the hotel to enjoy a half day guided walking tour of Syracuse.

Syracuse is one of the great ancient capitals of Western civilization. More than any other city, Syracuse (Siracusa) encapsulates Sicily's timeless beauty. Ancient Greek ruins rise out of lush citrus orchards, cafe tables spill onto dazzling baroque piazzas, and honey-hued medieval side streets lead down to the sparkling blue sea. It's difficult to imagine now, but in its heyday this was the largest city in the ancient world, bigger even than Athens and Corinth. Its 'once upon a time' begins in 734 BC, when Corinthian colonists landed on the island of Ortygia (Ortigia) and founded the settlement, setting up the mainland city four years later. Almost three millennia later, the ruins of that then-new city constitute the Parco Archeologico della Neapolis, one of Sicily's greatest archaeological sites. Across the water from the mainland, Ortygia remains Syracuse's most beautiful corner, a deeply atmospheric quarter with an ever-growing legion of fans enamoured with its beautiful streetscapes and attractive dining, drinking and shopping options. The birthplace of Archimedes, Syracuse attracted one of the several Baroque Hill towns which are listed as UNESCO World Heritage sites and located at the foot of the Iblean Mountains.



Siracusa



Half day Mercedes Class V Half day. Pick up at the hotel



In the afternoon you will reach a winery in Noto area where an expert will explain all secrets about the local famous wine: the **Nero d'Avola**.

Nero d'Avola grape variety, as the prince of Sicilian viticulture with its own different nuances, reveals its personality noble and ductile at the same time. A wine tasting based on different Nero d'Avola wines is followed by a tasty food-wine pairing experience of Sicilian delicacies.

You will enjoy visit of the vineyards and the winery and guided tasting.

June 3 - Day 28 Syracuse - Mt Etna - Taormina



Private transfer - Mercedes Class V

Transfer from Syracuse to Taormina with a stop in Mt. Etna. Pick up at the hotel.



Mt. Etna: Wine tasting in a typical Agriturismo

Before reaching the hotel in Taormina, you will stop on Mount Etna for an excursion. Then you will stop in a typical *Agriturismo* to taste local **wine and food.** After lunch you will reach **Taormina**, an elegant town situated at the foot of Mount Etna, the highest active volcano in Europe.



Etna



Taormina - Option 1 - Check in at Hotel Villa Taormina

4 star hotel

N. 2 superior rooms

Breakfast included - City tax not included



Hotel Villa Taormina

39 Via Tommaso Fazzello, Taormina, Sicilia, IT, 98039 0942 620072



Taormina - Option 2 - Check in at NH Collection Taormina (extra cost)

5 star hotel

Breakfast included - City tax not included



NH Collection Taormina

Via Circonvallazione 11, Taormina, Sicilia, Italia, 98039 +39 0942 625202

June 4 - Day 29 Taormina



Taormina - Cooking class with a professional chef

This morning you will head into the kitchen for your hands-on cooking class featuring Sicilian specialties, such as fresh egg pasta. Each hands-on cooking class includes the preparation of a full Sicilian menu including a typical Sicilian dessert. Lunch follows featuring the foods prepared in class and is accompanied by local Sicilian wines, dessert included.



Taormina

Taormina, Sicily, IT, 98039



Taormina - Private guided tour

In the afternoon you will meet your personal guide at the hotel lobby to have a walking tour around Taormina. From the **Greek theatre**, you will be able to see a blend of architectural influences of old Greek, Roman and Etna. Look out over the magnificent Bay of Naxos and Mt Etna.

Don't miss the walk along the main street of Corso Umberto, an excellent place to visit interesting boutiques.



Taormina



Taormina - Optional tour (not included)

Optional tour: this morning your personal driver will pick you up at the hotel lobby to participate in a **cooking class** to learn how to prepare Sicilian dishes. In a pasta making class they will show you how to prepare handmade pasta. Lunch included.

Optional tour: weather conditions permitting, you will reach a height of 1800 meters on the **Volcano Etna by Jeep**, where you will enjoy a fantastic panorama of the Ionic Sea.

Optional tour: wine taste in the upcoming wine region of the Etna mountain.

Optional tour: this morning you will meet your personal driver to reach the pier to enjoy a half day of **private boat** with a professional English speaking skipper. You will admire Naxos Bay, Day Cave, Capo Taormina, Isola Bella, Blue Cave, Mazzarò Bay, Siren Bay, Capo Sant' Alessio

June 5 - Day 30 Taormina - Catania - Malta



Private transfer - Mercedes class V

Transfer from the hotel in Taormina to Catania airport to catch your flight to Malta.



Flight from Catania to Malta



Private transfer - Mercedes class V

Transfer from the airport to the hotel in Malta



Malta - Option 1. Check in at La Falconeria Hotel

4 star hotel

N. 2 Superior rooms (29 sqm)

Breakfast included - City tax not included



La Falconeria Hotel

5 Melita Street, Valletta, Valletta, MT



Malta - Option 1 - Check in at Casa Ellul Boutique Hotel (extra cost)

Boutique hotel

Breakfast included - City tax not included.



Casa Ellul Boutique Hotel

81 Old Theatre St, Valletta, Valletta, MT, VLT 1429 +356 2122 4821



Malta - private guided tour

Today you will meet your private driver and personal guide at the hotel lobby. Inscribed on **UNESCO's World Heritage List** is **Valletta** with its 320 historic monuments situated within a concentrated area of 55 hectare. It was ruled successively by the Phoenicians, Greeks, Carthaginians, Romans, Byzantines, Arabs and the Order of the Knights of St John. It is inextricably linked to the history of the military and charitable Order of St John of Jerusalem. Today, you will visit to the Grand Master's Palace. After that explore in the impressive St John's Co-Cathedral and the National Museum of Archaeology.



Malta Semaları Malta, MT



Malta - Gozo and Comino islands private boat tour - Optional tour (Not included)

This morning you will enjoy a boat tour of the enchanting Comino and Gozo islands.

Bejn il-kmiemen, in the Maltese **blue lagoon**, is located on the island of **Comino** and really deserves a day. Imagine a bright bay, overlooking transparent waters full of fish, white sand, shallow waters. Discover Malta's two smaller islands Gozo and Comino on this full-day boat tour. Cruise along the rugged coastline to reach the Crystal and Blue lagoons with their turquoise waters and ideal swimming and snorkeling spots. Then explore the island of Gozo on your own or with a private guide to see its key landmarks and cities such as Victoria and Xlendi before heading back to Malta.



Comino MT



Gozo Rabat, IR-RABAT, MT

June 7 - Day 32 Malta



Malta - Hypogeum of Hal Saflieni - Optional tour (Not included)

The Hal Saflieni Hypogeum is located in Paola, about 5 km away from Valletta, and is the only underground prehistoric temple in the world. It was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO and its construction dates back to 3600 BC.

More than 7,000 skeletons have been found here: the hypogeum was discovered by chance in 1902 after some work and is worth a visit because it goes down three levels underground. The first level is the oldest; the second conceals many rooms, including the Main Room, where the famous statuette of the Sleeping Woman and the Oracle Room were found: in this room there is a hole from which the voice of a man (but not a woman)) manages to make itself heard throughout the hypogeum. All the rooms on the level, including the ceilings, are decorated and painted. The third level does not contain bones and therefore is thought to have served as a deposit of wheat.



Hypogeum Hal-Saflieni Triq Hal Saflieni, MT, PLA 1116



Malta - optional tour (not included)
- POPEYE VILLAGE

It is a theme park, also known by the name of Sweethaven Village, located in the bay of Anchor, in the northwest corner of the island, just 3 km from the village of Mellieha. In 1980 a film set was produced here for the production of the Hollywood film Popeye-Popeye (played by the late Robin Williams). Once the shooting was over, the village remained and it was transformed into a sort of open-air museum. It remains today and is a highly recommended destination for families with children or simply for lovers of entertainment parks. The park consists of 19 colorful wooden houses, naturally themed with the famous cartoon.

Inside you can make trips and attend shows, such as the puppet show. There is also space for museums (some houses keep interesting objects and articles from the filming) and to attractions of different kinds. For example, there are areas where children can climb or meet entertainers disguised as cult characters from the cartoon, namely Popeye, Olivia, Bluto and Poldo. Furthermore, in the center of Popeye Village there is the Lower Complex, a cinema hall (capacity of 40 seats) where you can see videos of about twenty minutes that tell the story of the park.

- FOOD TOUR

The cuisine of Malta is a treasure trove of Mediterranean influences and flavors and is affected by the proximity of Italy and Africa and of all the populations that have passed through here. It is difficult to choose a representative dish: with this tour you will test some of the most famous dishes.

Among the local delights you can find **pastizzi**, small savory puffs stuffed with ricotta or peas: they are eaten at all hours and the best ones are sold on the street, freshly cooked. **Fish** reigns supreme in the Maltese archipelago, always fresh: in Malta you can taste **Aljota**, a soup made with garlic and fresh fish. Among the earthen dishes the local **rabbit** served with tomato and potatoes gives life to **fenkata**, the most famous dish. Do not miss the **zalzett**, pork sausages flavored with coriander, and the timpana, a tasty timbale of baked pasta with mixed meat enclosed in puff pastry. Malta is also famous for its **cheeses and sweets**: Malta's most renowned cheese is **Gbejnet**, made from sheep's milk. It is natural, fresh or seasoned or enriched with pepper and aromatic herbs. Among the most delicious desserts we find the **Kanoli**, very similar to the Sicilian cannoli with ricotta and chocolate chips, and the **Qaghaq tal-ghasel**, a dessert of Arab origin with black sugar, figs and cinnamon. The Maltese drink par excellence is Cisk beer, a local blonde beer; if you want to end the meal with a typical liqueur, ask for the prickly pear or carob one.

- TOUR OF PREHISTORIC TEMPLES

Go back in time and visit Malta's prehistoric temples dating back to 3150 BC. Tour the megalithic temples of Hagar Qim and Mnajdra with an expert guide and discover the works of art engraved in stone. Visit the ancient cave of Ghar Dalam.

- LOCAL MARKETS TOUR

One of the main attractions of malta are the local markets. it's a great way to see local customs. In Malta there are several outdoor markets, where you can enjoy the typically Mediterranean flavors and aromas. In the villages between the island of Malta and Gozo, local markets take place a few times a week that offer artisan products, culinary, textile and much more.

- JEEP 4X4 EXPERIENCE IN GOZO INSLAND

Explore the island of Gozo by jeep, on a day tour from Malta. Discover the places of interest and hidden corners of Gozo, aboard a jeep that can travel through small country roads, where larger vehicles cannot venture. Visit the main attractions such as Victoria, Belvedere Qala, UNESCO World Heritage Site, the temples of Ggantija, along with many other destinations for the whole island.

June 8 - Day 33 Malta - Departure



Private transfer - Mercedes class V

Transfer from the hotel to the airport.