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Our mission

Our goal is to create bespoke itineraries that give you the opportunity to experience a custom-designed journey with **unforgettable and life-enriching moments** and incredible **unique experiences** of our beautiful Country.

Rome – 2 nights



Accommodation booked independently:

THE STYLE HOTEL

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Sunday, April 30th 2023

Arrival in Rome

- upon your arrival, meet your personal concierge at the arrival hall of Fiumicino Airport
- head by private transfer to your hotel

Welcome to Italy!! After customs meet your personal concierge at the arrival hall after the landing of your flight, and then you will be privately transferred to your hotel. Check in and relax.

According to legend, Rome was founded by brothers Romulus and Remus in 753 B.C.E. atop Rome's Palatine Hill. The long-time center of the powerful Roman Empire, Rome boasts nearly 3,000 years of architecture, history, and culture. These days, Italy's capital is considered one of Europe's top cities thanks to its ancient monuments, incredible art masterpieces, and cosmopolitan vibe. It's a center for fashion with buzzing food culture and has a growing nightlife scene.

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Monday, May 1st 2023

Day at leisure

During your free time in Rome, you can explore the city on your own with one of these suggested activities:

- Visit the **Museo Nazionale di Castel Sant'Angelo** history museum.
- Tour the **Renaissance Villa Farnesina** in the Trastevere district.
- Head out of the city for a day at the **Ostia beach** for miles of sand and warm sea.
- Visit the historic and fascinating neighborhood of Testaccio to see the giant **Monte Testaccio**, an ancient pile of discarded olive oil jars from the 2nd century CE.

Sorrento – 3 nights



HOTEL CORALLO 4* or similar

<https://www.hotelcorallosorrento.com/>

Check in May 2nd 2023 – Check out May 5th 2023

1 Double Room Sea View

BB basis

- *City tax to be paid on the spot*

Tuesday, May 2nd 2023

Depart Rome – Arrival in Sorrento

- Meet your English speaking driver at the reception of your hotel and head by private transfer to the train station
- board your High Speed Train (2nd class) from Roma Termini to Napoli Centrale
- meet your private assistant at your arrival platform
- Private transfer from train station to your hotel in Sorrento

Wednesday, May 3rd 2023

Capri by boat



- meet your private driver at the reception of your hotel
- Private transfer to meeting point
- Small group tour of Capri by boat (8 hours – max 8 people)

Spend the day enjoying the sunshine, summer villas, and clear blue waters of Capri Island, known locally as the Pearl of the Mediterranean. Capri sits on the south side of the Gulf of Naples and is a popular destination. Ancient Romans used the island for summer villas for the Empire's rich and famous, while the Greeks called Capri the 'Isle of Sirens.' To discover Capri from the sea, you will join an 8-hour boat tour. Onboard a typical Sorrento boat called Gozzo, you and your guide will sail all along the coast admiring all the most important attractions of the island. You will sail all along the coast admiring majestic reefs, arches in the rock, and all the famous attractions of the coast, such as the Faraglioni rocks, the lighthouse of Punta Carena, the famous Blue Grotto*, and the amazing White Grotto and Green Grotto. Enjoy the blue sea of Capri, swimming in the most crystalline waters of the world, and relax with a happy hour, with the beauty of Capri before your eyes.

** The stop at the Blue Grotto may not be included in the itinerary of this tour due to the long waiting time. It is possible to visit it, but it has to be paid cash on the spot.*



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Thursday, May 4th 2023

Day at leisure

Today is free for you to relax or explore on your own your surroundings.

Maratea – 2 nights



HOTEL SANTAVENERE 4* or similar

<https://santavenere.it/>

Check in May 5th 2023 – Check out May 7th 2023

1 Double Room Sea View

BB basis

- *City tax to be paid on the spot*

Friday, May 5th 2023

Visit of the Amalfi Coast villages

- Reach on your own the rental car office
- Take your car (ford kuga or similar)
- Drive along the Amalfi Coast, taking your time to discover these little towns with dramatic views on the sea

Drive along the stunning Amalfi Coast to discover some of its more beautiful villages.

Dramatic, deluxe and more than a little dashing, Positano is the Amalfi Coast's front-cover splash, with vertiginous houses tumbling down to the sea in a cascade of sun-bleached peach, pink and terracotta. No less photo-worthy are its steep streets and steps, flanked by wisteria-draped hotels, smart restaurants and fashionable retailers. Stop in Piazza dei Mulini (the most famous square in

Positano), and walk through the narrow streets leading to the waterfront. These streets also lead to the cathedral and are characterized by shops selling lemons, shoes and clothing.



Continue to Amalfi: it is hard to grasp that pretty little Amalfi, with its sun-filled piazzas and small beach, was once a maritime superpower. For one thing, it's not a big place – you can easily walk from one end to the other in about 20 minutes. For another, there are very few historical buildings of note. The explanation is chilling: most of the old city, and its inhabitants, simply slid into the sea during an earthquake in 1343.

Now head to Ravello, where you can visit two villas (*entrance fees to be paid on the spot*), each with the most beautiful gardens. The Villa Rufolo once belonged to one of the major families of the area and boasts rich gardens overlooking the precipitous coastline and is home to a series of chamber concerts. The Villa Cimbrone once welcomed members of the Bloomsbury Set as well as Greta Garbo and it's not hard to see why when wandering through these gorgeous gardens, set on two levels, dotted with statues and delightful little temples, before arriving at the belvedere, which must be one of the most stunning views on the entire coast.

Finally continue till Maratea, check in and relax.

Optional activity

Lunch and wine tasting at Tenuta San Francesco

Enjoy a wine tasting at the Tenuta di San Francesco In Tramonti , in the heart of the Amalfi Coast, which produces rare, unique and authentic wines, from ancient and pre-phyllloxera vines. (Wine



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tasting and light lunch included). Tramonti, green and fertile valley of the Amalfi Coast, recognized as a Unesco World Heritage Site, is rich of terraces stolen from the mountains, planted with vineyards, lemon and olive groves. The steep slopes, sunny weather, warm breeze that blows from the Gulf of Salerno make the region perfect for growing wine grapes. Tour the vineyard, one of Italy's most renowned, and learn about the traditional techniques and dedication to excellence which has earned Marisa Cuomo Winery both national and international recognition. Enjoy a superb lunch paired with local wines.

Saturday, May 6th 2023

Maratea

Today is free for you to explore your surroundings or just relax.

Villa San Giovanni – 2 nights



HOTEL ALTAFIUMARA 4* or similar

<https://altafiumararesort.com/>

Check in May 7th 2023 – Check out May 10th 2023

1 Double Room Sea View

BB basis

- *City tax to be paid on the spot*

Sunday, May 7th 2023

Maratea - Paola - Pizzo Calabro - Villa San Giovanni

Today after a relaxing breakfast take your rental car and enjoy your day at leisure, you may wish to see the beautiful coastline of Calabria, where wooded hills tumble down to spectacular cliffs above an azure sea. A stop is made at Paola to visit the large monastery dedicated to St Francis of Paola, set up in the hills. The buildings include a basilica with a gorgeous baroque façade that contains the relics of the saint, fine cloisters and a 'hermitage' hewn out of the rock with striking 'votive' offerings. After lunch (payable locally), continue through Calabria stopping at the picturesque medieval hill village of Pizzo Calabro and enjoy one of its ice creams – claimed to be the best in Italy! Later you'll arrive at your elegant hotel set beside the sea.

Monday, May 8th 2023

Tropea

Today after a relaxing breakfast take your rental car and enjoy your day at leisure, you may wish to see the beautiful village of Tropea.

The name Tropea alone signals (to Italians and foreigners alike) sun, sea and unforgettable sceneries. This splendid setting lies within the Province of Vibo Valentia, along the Coast of the Gods, also known as the "Beautiful Coast" (Costa Bella) for its inspiring panoramas and for its vicinity to the splendid Aeolian Islands. Facing the Tyrrhennian Sea, Tropea, in fact, is one of the most enchanting spots on the Calabrian Coast. Already frequented during Roman times, Tropea was eventually made a bishopric in the 8th Century. Then it was the Normans, and above all the Angevins and the Aragonese, that made the Calabrian town prosper. No doubt that the crystalline waters and white sand are Tropea's calling card, catering to those in search of summertime relaxation, as well as to those wanting to explore its fascinating underwater world, replete with numerous fish species. Aboveground, citrus and olive groves, and vineyards abound throughout the entire zone, serving as charming backdrop for excursions beyond the city walls. But of course, the city center of Tropea eventually beckons its visitors to return for a stroll through its streets and past its characteristic churches and noble palaces, stopping every now and then for a unique view onto the natural elements that frame it.





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Tuesday, May 9th 2023

Reggio di Calabria – Scilla

Today after a relaxing breakfast take your rental car and enjoy your day at leisure, you may wish to see Reggio di Calabria, the region's largest city to admire the 5th century BC Greek statues known as the 'Warriors of Riace' at the Museo Nazionale della Magna Grecia. Standing nearly seven feet tall, with eyes of ivory, and eyelashes and teeth made of silver, these bronze statues exude a potent virility and rank among the greatest productions of antiquity to have come down to us. Lunch will be at your leisure. Later you drive along the coast to visit the seaside town of Scilla, prettily set below its medieval castle perched high on a rock that plunges into the sea.

Taormina – 4 nights



HOTEL VILLA BELVEDERE 4* or similar

<https://www.villabelvedere.it/en/>

Check in May 10th 2023 – Check out May 14th 2023

1 Double Room Sea View

BB basis

- *City tax to be paid on the spot*

Wednesday, May 10th 2023

Depart Villa San Giovanni – Messina – Arrival in Taormina

- Head with your car towards the ferry boat to Messina
 - o Tickets included
- Disembark your ferryboat and head to your hotel in Taormina

When the Greeks settled in this scenic land, they called it Zancle, which means sickle, for the shape of its natural harbor. Its current name comes from Messenia, the Greek town from which the colonists who inhabit it later came. Many other populations lived there over the centuries, leaving signs of their passage into language and culture. The best way to start your tour is to take a walk in the historic area around the Duomo and let you inebriate by the scent of the sea while admiring the passage of typical horseback carriages, an expression of the Belle Epoque of Messina. Messina's Cathedral has the largest and most complex mechanical and astronomical clock in the world. At noon let's move to the square and raise our eyes to the golden bronze statues carousel, placed on

the Bell Tower. The Cathedral, with its three late-Gothic portals and its great mosaic of Christ Pantocrator over the apse, can also surprise you inside with its impressive polyphonic organ, one of the largest in Europe, still perfectly functioning. Not to be missed is also the Treasury of the Cathedral containing sacred vestments by the famous goldsmith school of Messina and a collection of items dating back to the Middle Ages. Messina had many silver mines, from which the Spanish government got the raw material to mint its own coins. At the left side of the Duomo's bell tower, there is the most beautiful European fountain of the 1500s, as defined by art historian Berenson: it is the monumental Fountain of Orion, dedicated to the mythical founder of the city. It is one of the five historical Messina fountains built by a disciple of Michelangelo, the Florentine Montorsoli. Take a break in the central Piazza Cairoli and have some shopping on Viale San Martino. In the parlour of the city, nestled among the trees and cooled by the charming fountain, take a taste of the typical salty lemonade and other delicacies such as syrups, horchata, tamarind, gazzosa (soda), orange juice with granita and sciampagnino (alcohol-free beverage, based on fruit syrup), made at the Old Kiosk. Built-in 1871 in one of the city's foundries, this once was a meeting place for Messina's nobility. After shopping, you might need to recharge your energy reserves: so make a stop downtown at one of the delis and try the "arancino", the typical fried rice balls filled with ragù sauce, or the traditional focaccia, with curly endive, salted anchovies, tuma cheese and grape tomatoes, or try the "pitone", a type of calzone with escarole, tomato, first salted cheese and anchovy. Don't forget to try the typical Messina cannolo with ricotta.



Finally, head to Taormina to check in in your hotel.

Taormina is a sophisticated and famous resort town located on the Ionian Sea. The town's incredible views and ancient Greek theater, often used for operatic and theatrical performances, make it the perfect destination for fans of the arts. Visit the 10th-century **Palazzo Corvaja**, named after one of the city's most influential families, the restored 17th-century Catholic **Santa Caterina Church**, and stroll along the **Vicolo Stretto**—the narrowest street in town. For more on where to go and what to do, consider these recommended activities to make the most of your time in this elegant city:

- Visit the **Museo Tradizioni Popolari** art museum, the **Museum and Archaeological Area of Naxos**, and the **Casa Cuseni**, a combination history museum and artist hotel.
- Walk along a seafront promenade and enjoy the beautiful old gardens of the **Villa Comunale**.
- Go shopping on the **Corso Umberto**, Taormina's main street with options for every budget, from luxury boutiques to small vintage storefronts.
- Visit the **Chiesa Madonna della Rocca** to enjoy a bird's eye view of the city and see the Greek theater and small chapel which is partially dug into the rock.

Thursday, May 11th 2023

Mt Etna



Discover one of the most iconic landmarks of Sicily with independently with your rental car: Mount Etna, Europe's largest active volcano.



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Marvel at the lunar landscapes with infinite expanses of lava that are lost in the horizon of the volcano, and enjoy truly unique panoramas.

Optional activity

Wine tasting at Mount Etna

After the excursion on the volcano, we will reach the Gambino Winery, an ancient winery on the slopes of Etna, the ideal conclusion of this journey to discover Sicily's treasures. The tasting menu includes 5 types of white and red wine carefully selected by the sommeliers to enhance and enhance the uniqueness of the typical Sicilian products: appetizers, selection of cheeses, meat and side dishes.

Friday, May 12th 2023

Day at leisure

Today after a relaxing breakfast take your rental car and enjoy your day at leisure, you may wish to see Siracusa.

For 27 centuries the city of **Syracuse** has been of great economic and cultural importance. From the prehistoric populations to the **Corinthians** who founded the **Greek city**, to the introduction of **Baroque architecture**. The Greek Theatre in Syracuse is one of the most important examples of theatre architecture anywhere and for centuries it was the center of **Syracusan life**. The site also served as a stone quarry and orchard, see the vast chambers dug out of the rock including the 'Dionysos' Ear' a cave with amazing acoustic qualities. A visit is completed with the **Roman Theatre**, a venue for entertainment over the **Greek Theatre** which served a religious purpose.

Lose yourself in Syracuse's winding streets and discover hidden gems like the late 19th-century Palazzo Impellizzeri, done in the indulgent Rococo style. There's also the Temple of Apollo in Piazza Pancali, and the underground San Giovanni Crypt and Catacombs, which date to the 6th century. Alternatively, if you're in need of a little relaxation, laze on the golden sands of Arenella Beach, just 20 minutes south of Syracuse.

Saturday, May 13th 2023

Self explore the surroundings

Here are some other options for activities in the surrounding area with your rental car:

- Visit the Church of San Francesco d'Assisi, which was built in 1254, during the Angevin period. Designed in Gothic Sicilian style it is the first temple of the Franciscan order in Sicily and hosts the tomb of the king of Sicily, Frederick III of Aragon. The temple is depicted in the painting Pietà with Three Angels, by Antonello da Messina. If you go down Viale Bocchetta, one of the green hearts of the city, you find the 1832 Villa Mazzini and on its left, the Church of San Giovanni di Malta, designed by Giacomo Del Duca, one of Michelangelo's pupils.
- north of Messina, at the foot of the Peloritani mountains, you can visit the ruins of an ancient Norman church with an attached convent dedicated to Santa Maria Della Valle, better known

as “Badiazza”. The wedding between King Frederick III of Aragon and Eleanor of Anjou took place in this three-nave basilica.

- In the ancient village of Briga Marina, you can visit the little Church San Paolo, built-in 1200, and the stone where St. Paul paused and sat down to preach to the people of Messina in the year 38 AD.
- Visit the Sacrario di Cristo Re, the monumental tomb of the fallen, with the great bell; the Santuario di Montalto, built on the Capperina hill, wherein 1282, the people of Messina organized an uprising against the Anjou’s siege.
- Overlooking both the Ionian and Tyrrhenian Seas, there is the Pilone d’acciaio, rightly dubbed the Eiffel Tower of Messina, a listed building located in the village of Faro. It is 232 meters high and its 1,250 steps are almost suspended in the air. It is a disused trellis of the old electrical line, now accessible, illuminated at night by 32 headlamps.
- Ganzirri is the perfect place to eat typical seafood dishes. There are farms here and around the lakes of the Natural Reserve, where you’ll find the typical Messina cuisine.
- Drive to Contesse, where you'll find Villa De Pasquale. A wonderful example of Liberty Style, surrounded by a beautiful park. Its houses laboratories are famous for the production of refined essences.

Matera – 2 nights



SANT'ANGELO LUXURY RESORT 4* or similar

<https://www.santangeloresort.it/>

Check in May 14th 2023 – Check out May 16th 2023

1 Double Room Standard

BB basis

- *City tax to be paid on the spot*

Sunday, May 14th 2023

Depart Taormina – Arrival in Matera

- *Head with your car to the ferry port in Messina*
 - o *Tickets of the ferry boat included*

Once you disembark your ferry, begin your journey towards Apulia, and delve into Calabria countryside, and finally reach the city of Matera. Check in and relax

Monday, May 15th 2023

Matera

Today is free for you to explore the beautiful town of Matera.

The Sassi of Matera are two districts (called respectively Sasso Caveoso and Sasso Barisano)

characterized by houses partially dug in the limestone and partially built with the blocks extracted. The agglomeration developed from the Palaeolithic on the sides of a deep ravine, at the bottom of which still today flows the torrent Gravina.

In 1993, the Sassi of Matera were inscribed in the World Heritage of Humanity, as they represent, according to the definition of Unesco, The most remarkable and comprehensive example of a troglodytic housing complex in the Mediterranean region, perfectly adapted to its terrain and ecosystem. The first inhabited area dates back to the Palaeolithic era and the later dwellings illustrate a number of important milestones in human history.”

Another characteristic of the territory of Matera is the presence of numerous churches carved into the rock, in most cases they date back to a period between the VIII and the XIV centuries.

Another extremely interesting aspect to observe in the Sassi of Matera and the surrounding territory is the complex system of rainwater recovery: in the city and the surroundings are scattered canals (underground or cut on the surface of the plateau of “Murge”), settling ponds, cisterns, (called “palombari”) gutters to recover water from roofs etc., which forms a troglodytic water distribution system.

Bari – 2 nights



GRANDE ALBERGO DELLE NAZIONI 4* or similar

<https://ihgrandealbergodellenazioni.com-hotel.com/en/>

Check in May 16th – Check out May 18th 2023

1 double room Sea View

BB basis

- *city tax to pay locally*

Tuesday, May 16th 2023

Depart Matera – Arrival in Bari

After a strong coffee over breakfast, get on your car and head to Bari.

The city of Bari is famous for its port and university, and is southern Italy's second-most important economic center, after Naples.

Bari's old town, known as Barivecchia, was its center during Roman times and is now a popular

meeting place filled with restaurants, bars, and historic, medieval buildings. Notable churches include the 12th-century Basilica of Saint Nicholas, the 13th-century Bari Cathedral, the newer Russian Orthodox Church (a popular pilgrimage site for Russian and Greek Orthodox worshippers), the 11th-century San Giorgio degli Armeni, and the 17th-century Baroque Santa Teresa dei Maschi. The city is also home to the grand 19th-century Petruzzelli Theatre, the 12th-century Castello Svevo (now a museum), the Piccinni and Margherita Theaters (the latter is now a museum), and the Pinacoteca Provinciale di Bari museum of painting and art. When the weather is nice, the Orto Botanico di Bari (botanical gardens) is the perfect place for a stroll or an afternoon picnic.

Your day is free to explore the city. Perhaps spend some time diving into history and art at the following museums:

- View archaeological exhibits at the **Museo Archeologico di Santa Scolastica**, from prehistoric to Roman and Greek artifacts, up to the 20th century
- Explore recent history, as well as an excellent display of old photographs, at the **Museo Civico Bari**
- See religious artifacts and sacred artwork at the **Diocesan Museum of Bari**
- Dive into art and religious icons at the **Museo Nicolaiano**, which explores the history of the Basilica of St. Nicholas

Wednesday, May 17th 2023

Alberobello and Ostuni



Take your car and self-discover the amazing village of Alberobello. Here self explore the historical center of Rione Monti, which boasts over 1,000 iconic Trulli buildings. Marvel at the unique architecture of these fascinating buildings while learning about their history and significance. Continue with a visit to Rione Aia Piccola, an area that best represents the ancient medieval village where you can stop at the viewpoint to take some beautiful pictures. Make your journey end at the highest point of the city, where the Church of Saint Anthony of Padua is located. Notice the similarities between the church and the Trulli buildings and soak up the historical atmosphere of the site.



Continue to the the small hilltop city of **Ostuni**. Famous for its whitewashed buildings (and thus nicknamed the White City), Ostuni has ancient Greek and Norman roots, but it really thrived during the Italian Renaissance in the Middle Ages. Many buildings date to this period, which you can see on a walking tour of the city's historic center. Part of the fun of any visit to Ostuni is wandering the labyrinthine streets and alleyways at your leisure, getting lost and popping into little shops, cafés, and trattorias. One of the most incredible sights in town is its 15th-century Gothic **Cathedral**, and you can walk up to the hillside road of **Corso Vittorio Emanuele II** for great panoramic views of the city.

- Upon your return in Bari, stop to drop off your car at the office

Venice – 3 nights



HOTEL AI REALI 4* or similar

<https://www.hotelaireali.com/>

Check in May 18th – Check out May 21st 2023

1 double room Classic

BB basis

- *city tax to pay locally*

Thursday, May 18th 2023

Depart Bari – Arrival in Venice

- meet your English speaking driver at the reception of your hotel and head by private transfer at the airport
- **domestic flight (booked independently) from Bari to Venice**
- upon arrival meet your private assistant at the arrival hall of Venice Airport
- head by private water taxi to your hotel

Venice in northern Italy is famous for both industry and tourism. With nicknames like "Queen of the Adriatic", "City of Water", and "The Floating City", it's clear that the city's myriad canals are its main draw. Stretching across 117 small islands in the marshy Venetian Lagoon along the Adriatic Sea, the city has long been a commercial and cultural hub thanks to its strategic



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placement. Silk, grains,spices, and art were traded through the Middle Ages, making Venice very wealthy.

Venice is well known for several artistic movements, particularly from the Renaissance period. The city's many musicians, like Antonio Vivaldi and others, played important roles in the shaping of symphonic and operatic music. Numerous artists have called Venice home, and their work continues to draw visitors worldwide.

Friday, May 19th 2023

Venice

Today is a free day to explore Venice. Make the most of your time in the city with some of these following suggestions:

- Discover art at the Ca' Pesaro Galleria Internazionale d'Arte Moderna, Peggy Guggenheim Collection Modern Art Museum, and La Biennale di Venezia Art Museum
- Explore San Giorgio Maggiore, one of Venice's smaller islands that stands separate from the main canals
- See an opera show at the Teatro La Fenice
- Go shopping for luxury items on Le Mercerie and Salizada San Moisè
- Browse textiles, craft shops, unique boutiques, and galleries in the bohemian San Samuele district

Saturday, May 20th 2023

Venice

Today is free for you to self explore the city or just relax.

Verona – 1 night



GRAND HOEL DES ARTES 4* or similar

https://www.ihg.com/hotelindigo/hotels/gb/en/verona/vrindi/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps_-_IN_-_IT_-_VRNDI

Check in May 21st 2023 – Check out May 22nd 2023

1 Double Room Standard

BB basis

- City tax payable locally

Sunday, May 21st 2023

Depart Venice – Arrival in Verona

- meet your assistant at the reception of your hotel
- head by private water taxi to the train station
- High Speed Train (2nd Class) from Venezia Santa Lucia to Verona Porta Nuova
- Meet your English speaking driver at the arrival platform and head by private transfer to your hotel



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Today you may wish to independently see the romantic city of Verona. You may wish to see the central Piazza Bra, the quaint market Piazza delle Erbe, and the former political center Piazza dei Signori. See the Roman Arena, the typical Roman houses of the Mercato Vecchio, and the gothic Scaliger tombstones, which house the remains of the Della Scala family. End the tour with a visit to Juliet's balcony and the Casa di Giulietta, said to have inspired Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet". Afterwards, shop for souvenirs and gifts or simply stroll around the narrow city streets.

Trento – 1 night



HOTEL BUONCONSIGLIO 4* or similar

<https://www.hotelbuonconsiglio.com/>

Check in May 22nd 2023 – Check out May 23rd 2023

2 Double Room Standard

BB basis

- City tax payable locally

Monday, May 22nd 2023

Depart Verona – Arrival in Trento

- meet your English-speaking driver at the reception of your hotel and head by private transfer to the train station
- High speed train (2nd class) from Verona Porta Nuova to Trento
- Meet your English speaking driver at the arrival platform and head by private transfer to your hotel

Tuesday, May 23rd 2023

Depart Trento



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- Meet your English speaking driver at the arrival platform and head by private transfer to train station

SWITZERLAND TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS MADE INDEPENDENTLY FROM 23RD TO 31ST MAY 2023

Varenna – 2 nights



HOTEL DU LAC 4* or similar

<https://www.albergodulac.com/>

Check in May 31st 2023 – Check out June 2nd 2023

2 Double Room

BB basis

- City tax payable locally

Wednesday, May 31st 2023

Arrival in Varenna

- Meet your English speaking driver at the arrival platform of Como train station and head by private transfer to your hotel in Varenna

Welcome back to Italy! Check in and relax or stroll through the narrow streets of the village, enjoying the beautiful views over the lake.



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Thursday, June 1st 2023

Varenna

Today is free for you to explore your surroundings or just relax.

Varenna is a charming traditional Northern Italian village on the eastern shore of Lake Como, divided into a grid of streets that slope steeply down towards the lake. Go for a walk among the colorful houses that brighten the village streets and along the beautiful waterfront path that connects the ferry dock and the heart of the village. In the late afternoon, visit Villa Monastero, one of the area's most iconic villas. The sprawling property features impeccable landscaping and a terraced botanic garden. Spend a peaceful few hours in the fragrant gardens and enjoying the shaded benches and pavilions as the sun descends towards the mountains across the lake. After exploring the villa and its grounds, there are lots of good restaurants along the waterfront to watch the sunset over dinner.

Orta San Giulio – 1 night



HOTEL SAN ROCCO 4* or similar

<https://www.hotelsanrocco.it/>

Check in June 2nd 2023 – Check out June 3rd 2023

2 Double Room

BB basis

- City tax payable locally

Friday, June 2nd 2023

Depart Varenna – Lake Orta

- Meet at the reception of your hotel your English speaking driver and head by private transfer to your hotel in Lake Orta

Time free to self explore your surroundings or just relax.

Levanto – 2 nights



PARK HOTEL ARGENTO 4* or similar

<https://www.parkhotelargento.com/>

Check in June 3rd 2023 – Check out June 5th 2023

2 Double Room

BB basis

- City tax payable locally

Saturday, June 3rd 2023

Depart Lake Orta – Arrival in Levanto

- Meet at the reception of your hotel your English-speaking driver and head by private transfer to your hotel in Levanto

Cinque Terre is a rugged strip of the Liguria coastline made up of five old fishing villages—Monterosso al Mare, Vernazza, Corniglia, Manarola, and Riomaggiore. The coast, villages, and surrounding hillsides are all part of the Cinque Terre National Park and are a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The region is renowned for its beautiful natural surroundings and its abundance of Mediterranean plants, covering the scrubby hillsides that tumble down to the turquoise water. The historic villages and breathtaking beauty of the region make it a popular choice for travelers. The well-preserved towns prohibit vehicles so as not to destroy the traditional charm, and most travelers



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arrive by the train that runs along the coast or by tour boat. The area's coastline hiking trails are some of the world's best, linking the small villages together on a beautiful footpath. The path from Riomaggiore to Manarola is called the Via Dell'Amore (Italian for Lover's Walk) and its midpoint—The Lover's Lock, a statue of two people kissing—is a favorite place for couples to copy the gesture for a photo. Bring a small lock to attach to one of the gates or rails on the way to seal your eternal love.

Sunday, June 4th 2023

Cinque Terre

Explore Cinque Terre on your own. Whether it's soaking in the sunshine on a beach, hiking through its breathtaking trails, or wandering around the colorful villages, you'll find plenty to be enchanted by in this unique area.

We recommend some of these activities to make the most of your day:

- The Cinque Terre has no shortage of churches—visit a few of them, including the Santuario di Nostra Signora di Montenero in Riomaggiore and the Church of San Giovanni Battista in Corniglia.
- Explore the 13th-century Castello Di Riomaggiore, which dominates the Cinque Terre coastline. Built to protect the town from seafaring pirates, the castle is now simply a throwback to a different time, as well as a great place for photographs. Head inside the castle to see the museum exhibit on centuries of town history.
- Walk up to the Torre Aurora, a medieval castle that stands on the intersection of Monterosso's Old Town and New Town.
- Pay a visit to Cantina 5 Terre winery in Riomaggiore, to learn about how ancient traditions mix with modern-day production techniques to produce a unique and flavorful wine. Sample the wines, especially the local white, and enjoy a relaxing time.

Milan – 1 night



HOTEL ROSA GRAND 4* or similar

<https://collezione.starhotels.com/en/our-hotels/rosa-grand-milan/>

Check in June 5th 2023 – Check out June 6th 2023

2 Double Room

BB basis

- City tax payable locally

Monday, June 5th 2023

Depart Levanto – Arrival in Milan

- Meet at the reception of your hotel your English speaking driver and head by private transfer to your hotel in Milan

Check in to your hotel and then take your time to self discover the city.

Depending on your interests, we recommend the following options to make the most of your time:

- Learn about Leonardo da Vinci's works, scientific and technological advancements in the

Leonardo da Vinci National Museum of Science and Technology.

- Stroll leisurely around the cobbled streets of the bohemian Brera District to see art academies, galleries, and fine dining restaurants and bars. Find a nice place you'd like to return to for dinner and make a reservation.
- Go shopping for luxury brands in the fashion district, on the Via della Spiga, Via Sant'Andrea and Via Montenapoleone shopping streets.
- A visit to the 16th-century Royal Palace, a sprawling neoclassical palace turned art museum, is a great way to explore the city's history and art. The palace has been restored to its original glory and is now a renowned cultural center.
- Castello Sforzesco is a castle located in the middle of the city. The Duke of Milan built this magnificent structure in the 15th century which now contains historic and artistic masterpieces from around the world.

On your way, stop to enjoy a local lunch. Arancini (delicious deep-fried risotto balls) are great as an on-the-go snack. Refuel and build up your energy with an after lunch café, typically an espresso. The evening is all yours to find a great restaurant for dinner. Milanese food is quite rich and luxurious, and they are known for delicious risottos. Try out a local osteria or a trattoria in the Brera district.

Tuesday, June 6th 2023

Depart Milan

- meet your private driver at the reception of your hotel
- Private transfer from your hotel to the airport
- depart with your flight

Have a good and safe journey, and we hope to see you soon in Italy again!



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TOTAL PRICE EURO 21.346,00

The price includes:

Inclusions:

- Breakfast
- Private transport by Deluxe 8-seater for transfers with bags and sedan for sightseeing
- Basic English-speaking driver for stated transfers
- Expert local English-speaking guides for stated sightseeing
- Entrance fees to all stated sights and museums
- Rental car
- 2nd class Train tickets from Venice to Verona Verona to Trento
- The services of the YCJ Concierge including welcome at the airport, telephone monitoring at each apartment, reconfirmation of arrangements with all service providers and assistance at the train stations (where stated)
- Vehicles, drivers, guides available for the stated amount of sightseeing as applicable, i.e. 3-4 hours for half day tours and up to 9 hours for full day tours, starting from the time indicated in the itinerary
- Taxes
- 24-hour emergency contact service

Exclusions:

- All air travel and associated costs
- City Taxes
- Breakfasts, lunches and dinners unless otherwise stated
- Gratuities
- All items of a personal nature (e.g. beverages, telephone calls, laundry, personal insurance)
- Anything not specifically mentioned in the "Inclusions" list above.

Please note...

- All rates are subject to reconfirmation if an actual booking is made
- Accommodation is subject to availability unless otherwise stated
- No actual reservations have been made yet unless stated

Terms and conditions

- **Upon confirmation** a non-refundable deposit of 20% is required. The remainder of the tour cost is payable 60 days prior your arrival in Italy. If the reservation is made within 60 days of departure, the entire tour price must be paid at the time of confirmation.
- **All the cancellations** received between the date of booking and 60 days prior to departure will result in the loss of the deposit.
- **Cancellations** received 59 - 30 days prior to departure will be subject to a cancellation charge of 50% of the tour price.
- **Cancellations** received 29 - 8 days prior to departure will be subject to a cancellation charge of 75% of the tour price.
- **Cancellations** received 7 days or less prior to departure will be subject to 100% of the tour price.
- **PAYMENT METHOD:** Payments may be made by the following methods:
- Credit card **(2.5% credit card fee)**
- Bank transfer
- **Organizer:** The tourist services and/or package of the contract are organized by Customized Srl Limited liability company situated in Via Bruno Maderna 7 – 30174 Mestre / Venezia - Italy — Tel +39 041 5041037.
- **This contract is regulated** by the dispositions according to the art.2 n.1 legal decree no. 111 of 17 March 1995 in performance Directive the EEC 314/90 and from the international conventions in matter and the convention of Brussels of the 20 April 1970.
- **Responsibility of the organizer:** The responsibility of Customized S.r.l. in comparisons of the travelers for eventual endured damages because of the lacked or inexact fulfillment of the obligations expected from this agreement, is regulated from the laws and the international conventions recalled to "the Organizing" paragraph. It excludes in any case the responsibility of Customized S.r.l. in case the non-fulfillment complained from the traveler depends on the traveler itself.
- **Hotel Classification:** The category of Hotels supplied by Customized S.r.l. is the official category of the local authorities, based on the standard established in each mentioned country.
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