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the ITALIAN
INCOMING SPECIALIST



AMALFI DELIGHTS

4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS

A shortbreak to live the vibrant Naples
and the breath-taking Amalfi Coast.



Program



Day 1 – Arrival

Arrival in Naples airport (or train station), meeting with your driver and transfer to your hotel.

Naples is thousands colors.... this is what a popular song in Italy says. Naples is one of the largest and most captivating art cities on the Mediterranean Sea. Capital of the Region of Campania, it is the third-largest commune in Italy after Rome and Milan. The city dominates the Gulf of Naples, expanding from the Sorrentine Peninsula to the volcanic area of the Phlegraean Fields. It offers an extremely evocative vista of not only the imposing Vesuvian mount but also the three magnificent islands of Capri, Ischia and Procida – three jewels that rise like Venus from the sea. Besides its gorgeous scenery, Naples owes its much-deserved fame to the charm and intrigue of its historic center – a historic center that counts 2500 years of a fascinating existence, and that was therefore added to the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1995. Naples is this and much more: incredible food traditions (two of the most iconic Italian delicacies are from here: pasta and pizza), breath-taking scenaries and surroundings, warm hospitality, incredible monuments, museums and archeological sites.

Freetime at leisure to discover Naples and its wonders.

Overnight in Naples.

Day 2 – CAPRI



Breakfast in hotel. Today we'll visit the wonderful island of Capri.

Capri, a small island made of limestone carved with steep cliffs and caves, has been considered for centuries a gem of the Mediterranean Sea. Going back to the past, the island has been occupied by Greeks, Romans, Western and Eastern emperors, as well as pirates and tyrants.

Traces of these occupants are still visible at present. In the second half of the 19th century, Capri became a popular resort for European artists, writers and other celebrities. The tour manager will meet you up at the nearest pick up point to your accommodation between 8 and 9 am and will take you to the harbor where you will board the hydrofoil with your fellow passengers. Tickets will be purchased before departure with the assistance of the tour leader (hydrofoil fee not included in this quote so please prepare on time cash). Once in Capri, you will be taken around the main attractions of this small and loved island. Minibus from Capri harbor to Anacapri, from here to Capri and back to the harbor. Lunch break to a local restaurant. In the afternoon, return to Naples and drop off to your hotel.

Overnight in Naples.

Day 3 – POMPEI AND AMALFI DRIVE



Breakfast in hotel and check out. We will have an intense day visiting Pompeii excavation and the Amalfi Coast. Bring your luggages with you because at end of excursion you'll move to the Amalfi hotel. Pick up at your hotel or at the nearest meeting point and departure to Pompeii. Pompeii was a town that disappeared from the maps and from people's memories as it got completely buried under the ashes erupted by the volcano in 79 AD. That dramatic day, in a

matter of few hours, stopped the lives of an entire bustling city to only come unearthed many centuries later. These ruins give an incredible picture of ancient Romans' daily life and their original urban setting:



homes, shops, frescoes, thermal baths, mosaics and much more. Included in this tour there is a stop to a Cameos and Corals workshop, to learn more about this ancient art-craft, for which the Neapolitan school is still considered of great importance. Cameos in particular are carved sea shells representing scenes of mythological deities. Lunch in a local restaurant. Continue the tour to the Amalfi drive. This tour will take you to a 30 miles scenic road along the Amalfi Coast,

also known as the "light blue ribbon" (Nastro Azzurro). Built in 1832 by the bourbons, this road hasn't changed much ever since. It runs along the Lattari Mountains coastline, passing by a number of small villages nestled in the rocks and considered amongst the prettiest in the Mediterranean. Inhabited since the VI century BC by the Greeks and previously by local indigenous people, this area mainly shares the same history of neighboring Naples. Tourism, fishing and farming are the main source of income for locals. The most popular products are: the Limoncello liqueur; the colorful ceramic art-crafts from the traditional school of Vietri and the famous Carta d'Amalfi, an exclusive type of paper made out of cloths (linen, cotton and hemp). All these items are sold by the many shops available in Amalfi. During the road trip, the driver will stop one or two times to the nicest spots to let you enjoy the view and take pictures. In Amalfi you will have some time on your own to stroll around and do your favorite activities, such as shopping, or simply relax by sipping a cappuccino or else. Sorrento & Positano will be seen from the top.

At end of excursion, drop off at your hotel in Amalfi.

Enjoy free time in Amalfi.

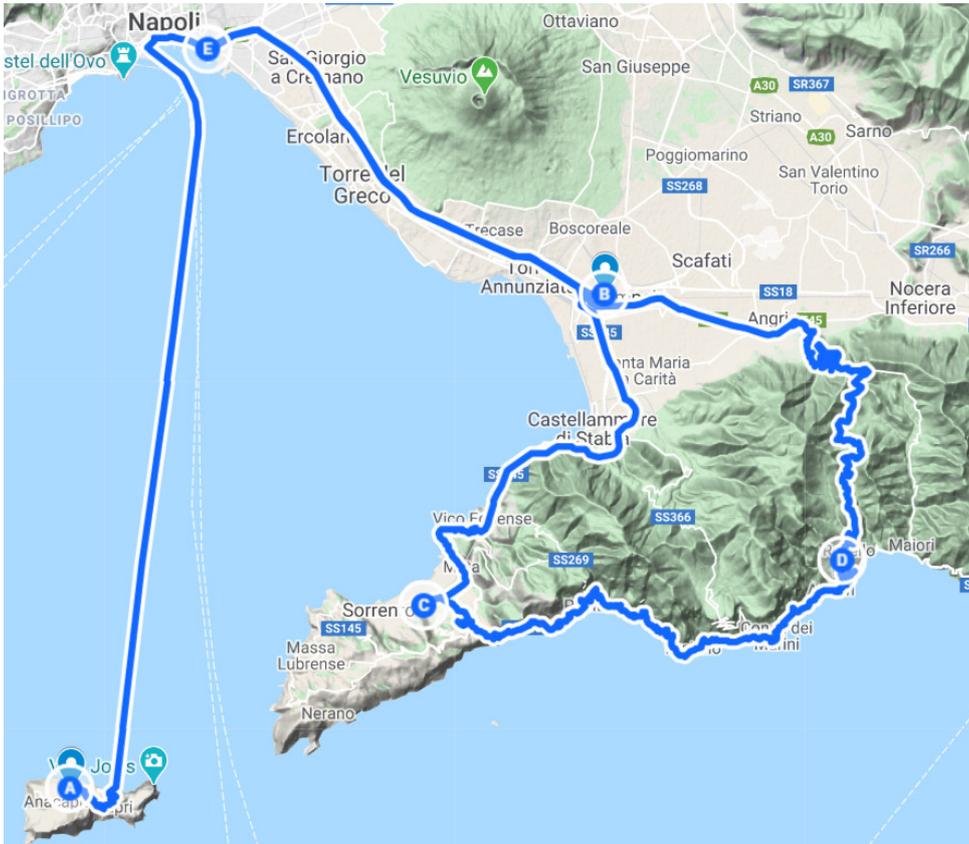
Overnight in Amalfi.

Day 4 – DEPARTURE

Breakfast in hotel and check out. Private transfer to Naples airport or train station.

End of services.

Map and distances



Naples → Capri (A): approx 1hr by jetfoil

Naples → Pompeii (B): approx 30mins by car

Pompeii → Sorrento (C): approx 50mins by car

Sorrento → Amalfi (D): approx 40mins by car

Amalfi → Naples (E): approx 1hr by car

BEST OF APULIA



8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

Exploring the heel of Italy, where
the nature is color

Program



Also known as "Le Puglie" in the plural form, this region contains, in fact, many souls. The "heel of Italy's boot," Apulia is a charming region that can be visited all year round and is suspended among nature, history, tradition, tastes and spirituality.

Apulia, the spur of the Italian Boot, is an enchanting region that spreads lengthwise along the sea - marvelous beaches that will delight every traveler, from the sandy **Torre dell'Orso** and **Porto Cesario**, to the rocky, boulder-encrusted Riviera of **Otranto** and Santa Maria di **Leuca**. At Santa Maria di Leuca the calm and crystalline waters of the Ionian Sea mix with those of the intense and azure Adriatic. Sea lovers have multiple options in Apulia, from **Gallipoli**, the "Gem of Salento," to Gargano, "Italy's Buttress," which protrudes out into the clear sea, where one finds the the beautiful Tremiti Islands.

Nature is the protagonist again in the Murgia National Park, and in Gargano's wild Umbra forest, its salt pans and lakes. Visit the marine reserve of Torre Guaceto and the deep ravines of Laterza and wide dolines (depressions in the terrain) of **Altamura** characterize the hinterland of the region with their charming landscapes. For those who want to travel through history, Apulia offers a wide range of places that testify to the ancient origins of this land: from prehistory to Magna Graecia, from the Imperial Age to the Renaissance and the Baroque splendor of Lecce and of Salento. The trulli, for example those of **Valle d'Itria**, offer an evocative testimony to the rural past of the region. Meanwhile, numerous castles dot the coasts of the southern coast, hinting at an era when both perils and commerce landed on these shores.

For who is interested in tradition and folk music, should attend the numerous festivals and fish "sagre" that in summertime run throughout the region..

Day 1 – ARRIVAL in BARI

Arrival in Bari airport (or train station), meeting with your driver and transfer to your hotel by private transfer. Overnight in Bari.

Day 2 – BARI – MONOPOLI - ALBEROBELLO



Breakfast in hotel.

Meeting in hotel with the driver and departure to **Monopoli**, after a panoramic tour of the city.

Monopoli is a small village lying on the Adriatic Sea with a dramatic beauty: its historical centre done by narrow streets and beautiful churches, suddenly open its windows to a turquoise sea and very vibrant colors. The guide will take by hands clients into this fisherman borgo. Amazing corners where to taste a delicious

Mediterranean cuisine. In the afternoon continue to **Alberobello**, the capital of Trulli area.

Trulli have been designated as a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1996. The history of these very particular buildings is linked to an edict of the 15th-century Kingdom of Naples that subjected every new urban settlement to a tribute.

The Counts of Conversano D'Acquaviva D'Aragona from 1481, owners of the territory on which Alberobello stands today with the summer "domus" that was called Difesa De Le Noci on the border with the territory of the duchy of Martina Franca, then imposed on the peasants sent in these lands they built their dwellings dry, without using mortar, so that they could be configured as precarious buildings, easily demolished. Therefore, having to use only stones, the peasants found in the round form with self-supporting domed roof, composed of overlapping stone circles, the simplest and most solid configuration. The guide will explore and explain the city to the clients.

Overnight in Alberobello.



Day 3 – ALBEROBELLO – OSTUNI - GALLIPOLI



Breakfast in hotel.

Departure to the southern part of Apulia. First stop will be "Old Town", Ostuni, a citadel built on top of a hill and still fortified by the ancient walls. Ostuni is commonly referred to as "the White Town" (La Città Bianca in Italian) for its white walls and its typically white-painted architecture. Monuments in their own right, the town's largest buildings are the Ostuni Cathedral and the Bishop's Palace, together with a number of palazzi of local aristocratic families: Aurisicchio, Ayroldi, Bisantizzi, Falghieri, Ghionda, Giovine, Jurleo, Marseglia, Moro, Palmieri, Petrarolo, Siccoda, Urselli and Zaccaria. In the surrounding countryside there are typical Pugliese "masserie", fortified large estate-farms, one of which, San Domenico, was once held by the Knights of Malta.



A guide will reveal all corners of the city. Continue to the Salento area, continue to Gallipoli.

To visit Gallipoli's old town, crouched on its characteristic islet, head clockwise down the street that leads from the bastions to the Church of San Francesco da Paola with its simple façade. Continue on to the Church of Santa Maria della Purità, the city's oldest church and home to the homonymous confraternity, as well as a valuable

art gallery. As you turn towards the sea, you'll come across a series of religious buildings, one after the other. Complete your way by taking Via De Pace, which bisects the old town, down to the Cathedral of Sant'Agata, one of the best examples of Salento's baroque architecture. Overnight in Gallipoli.

Day 4 – GALLIPOLI – LECCE - GALLIPOLI



Breakfast in hotel.

Departure to Lecce, capital of Baroque and defined as “Florence of the South” for its richness in monuments. A guided visit will give clients the chance to admire the city. This is a city of rose windows, stone flourishes, garlands, Solomonic columns, small piazzas, and unexpected alleyways. Start your visit by walking under the arch of Porta Napoli and heading into the historic centre along Via Palmieri, flanked by aristocratic palazzos as it leads to Piazza Duomo. Alternatively, if you start at Porta Rudiae, you can abandon the paving stones of Via Libertini and dive into the ancient and intricate labyrinth that is the multi-ethnic Giravolte district, a crucible of ethnicities and cultures today, as it was in the past. You could then continue your tour by exploring the charming alleys and small piazzas, where the local Lecce stone glows pink as the sun sets.

Paper, straw, rags, glue, and plaster - these poor materials gave life to Lecce’s papier-mâché, shaping many saints and Madonnas statues between the 17th and the 18th centuries. Some say it originated as a humble barbers' hobby, but the fact remains that the refined art of moulding papier-mâché rapidly gained in popularity and numerous craft shops were set up. These produced saints with highly expressive faces and poses for the city’s churches and to be displayed during religious processions. Today, the long history of Lecce’s papier-mâché production is recounted at the Museum of Papier-Mâché, in the Castle of Charles V.

Return to Gallipoli and free time.

Overnight in Gallipoli.

Day 5 – GALLIPOLI – LEUCA - OTRANTO



Breakfast in hotel.

Departure by private driver to Leuca, the extreme part of the Italian Peninsula.

Santa Maria di Leuca is famous for its iconic lighthouse. With its height of 47 metres, and position at 102 metres above sea level, is the second most important lighthouse in Italy, after Genova. Next to the lighthouse is the large Sanctuary, or Basilica, De Finibus Terrae ("End of the Land", 1720-1755), built to commemorate the passage of St. Peter here during his travel to

Italy. Continue to Otranto.



The city can be considered a privileged balcony of the crystalline Adriatic sea. With its monuments (the Cathedral, The Aragonese Castle, The Catacombs of Torre Pinta and the lighthouse of the Palascia) is a place that worths to be visited and enjoyed.

Overnight in Otranto.

Day 6 – OTRANTO - BRINDISI

Breakfast in hotel.

Departure by private driver to Brindisi, one of the main harbor to the Greece since Roman Empire times. Brindisi was the ending point of Via Appia, one of the consular roads departing from Rome. Its harbor was one of the most important of the empire because was the port of Orient where all ships carrying spices, wine, salt and a lot of precious goods, landed.

Overnight in Brindisi.

Day 7 – BRINDISI



Breakfast in hotel.

Enclosed by Aragonese walls dating to the mid-15th century, Brindisi's vibrant historic centre houses archaeological artefacts and splendid Romanesque churches. Examples include the Rotonda of the Templar Kings, also known as the Church of San Giovanni al Sepolcro (9th – 12th century); the Roman-Gothic Church of Santa Maria del Casale (near the airport); and the Cathedral, which keeps some parts of its original mosaic pavement. The Church of San Benedetto has a beautiful cloister with small columns and carved capitals dating to the 11th century. The church was later transformed and adapted to 18th century tastes. The royal seat of the Messapian civilization, Brindisi was conquered by the Romans in 267 B.C. Connected to the imperial Roman capital by the Appian Way and by the Trajan one, it became a flourishing commercial centre and, since the Apostolic era, an episcopal see. It was subsequently conquered by the Goths, controlled by Byzantium, and destroyed by the Lombards in 674. In the following centuries, it was subjugated by the Byzantines, Normans, Swabians, Angevins, and Aragonese, before becoming part of the kingdom of Naples. Its heyday came after it was annexed to the Kingdom of Italy, and, for five months between 1943 and 1944, served as the capital of Italy.

Free time at leisure. We recommend to visit the beautiful Cathedral Maggiore, Museo Ribezzi full of archeological items, the Via Appia column, milestone of the ancient road and the modern Monumento al Marinaio (Seaman's Monument): a giant helm 68mtr high. Don't miss to taste the various and delicious gastronomy of the city. Overnight in Brindisi.

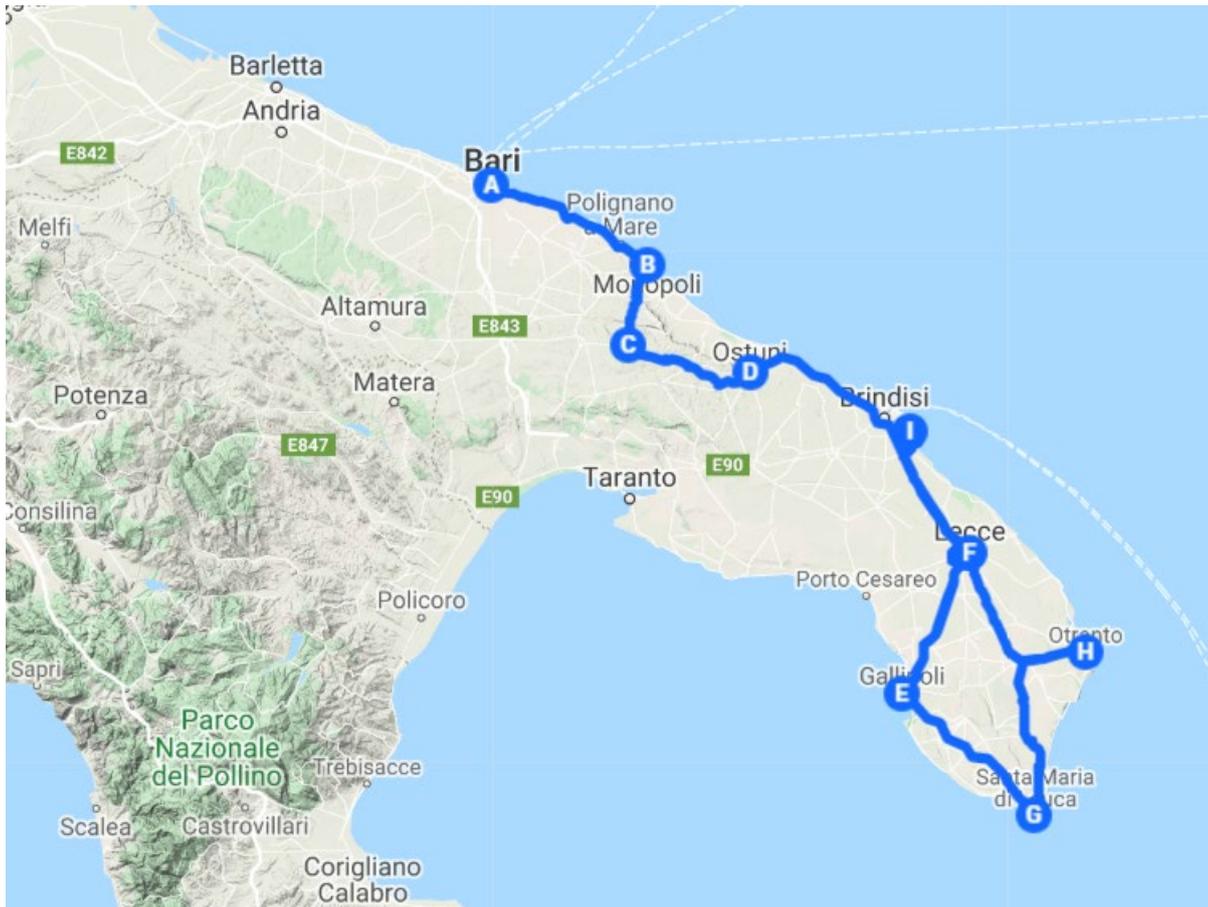
Day 8 – DEPARTURE DAY

Breakfast in hotel.

Transfer to Brindisi International airport by private transfer.

End of services. Arrivederci Italia !

Map and distances



Bari (A)

Bari → Monopoli (B): approx 40 mins by car

Monopoli → Alberobello (C): approx 30 mins by car

Alberobello → Ostuni (D): approx 50 mins by car

Ostuni → Gallipoli (E): approx 1hr 20 mins by car

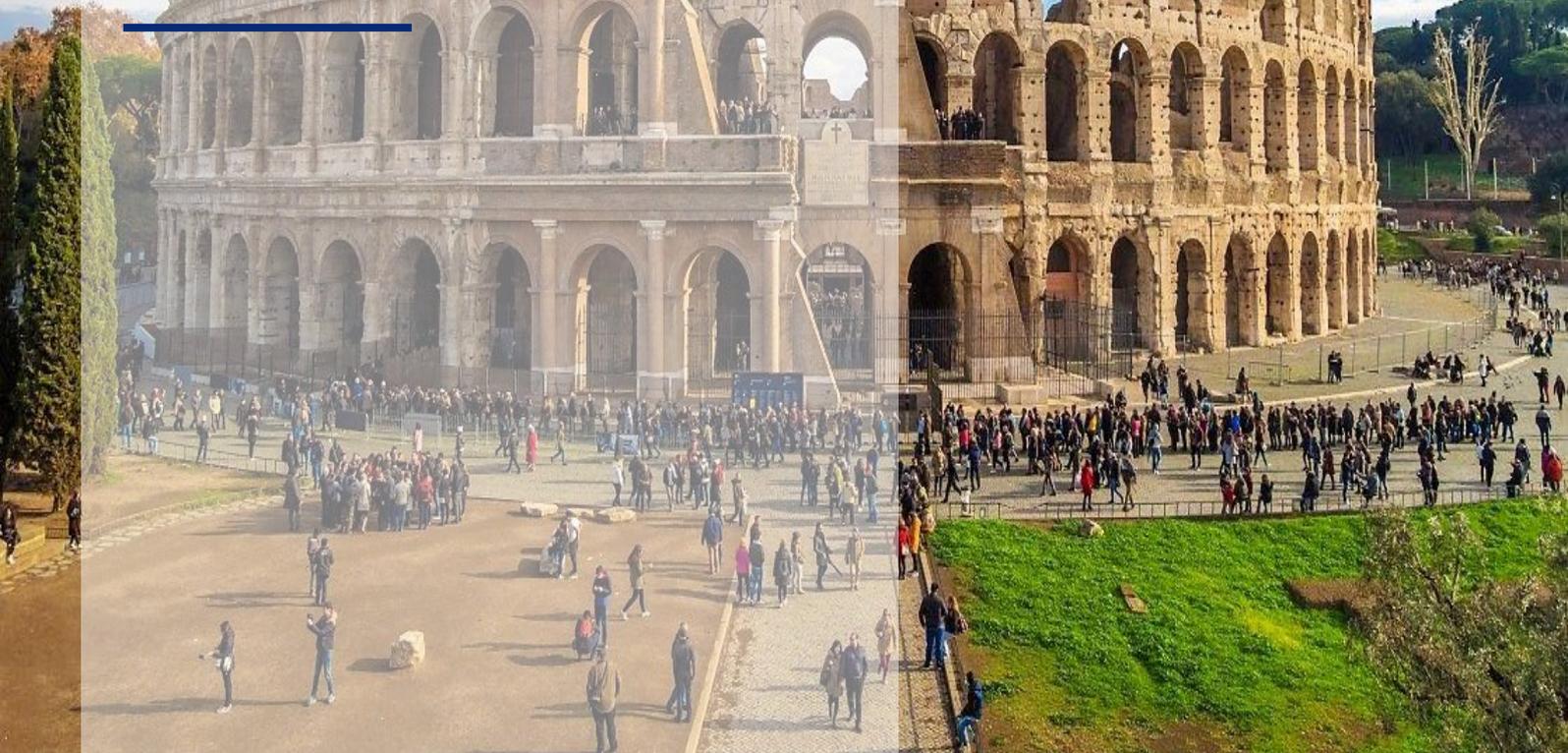
Gallipoli → Lecce (F): approx 30 mins by car

Gallipoli → Leuca (G): approx 40 mins by car

Leuca → Otranto (H): approx 1hr by car

Otranto → Brindisi (I): approx 1hrs 10 mins by car

DISCOVER ROME & FLORENCE



5 NTS / 6 DAYS

**A two-centres package between Rome
the eternal city and the cradle of
Renaissance, Florence.**



Program



21 May – ARRIVAL DAY

Arrival at Rome international airport. Meeting with your driver and transfer to your hotel.
Overnight in Rome.

Hotel EMPIRE PALACE



With a classy, elegant design, embellished by valuable architectural elements and precious marbles, the Empire Palace Hotel is a refined 4 star superior hotel located in Rome's historical center, just a few steps from the famous Via Veneto. The hotel was built from the charming spaces of the palace erected in 1870 by the Mocenigo, a noble Venetian family, as their own residence.

The Empire Palace welcomes its guests in comfy rooms and suites, tempts their taste buds with its restaurant that reinterprets the best Mediterranean cuisine and cheers them up with a suggestive cocktail bar for drinks and aperitifs and a fine courtyard where to enjoy lunches and dinners or pamper themselves to relaxing moments. Business clients may count on modern meeting rooms with natural light and view on the city roofs that can be modulated according to the different needs.

22 May – IMPERIAL FORUM AND COLOSSEUM



Breakfast in hotel. Today we invite you to a full immersion in the Roman history in our small group excursion to Imperial Forum and the magnificent Colosseum. The tour starts from your hotel and continues with the visit to the famous Colosseum, whose correct name in reality is Flavian Amphitheater, due to the imperial family who built this oval shaped structure in only eight years, from 72 to 80 AD. This huge monument, whose nickname comes from Colossus, a 35 meters statue representing the emperor Nero, was able to seat up to 70,000 spectators. It has been immortalized over the centuries as the scene of wild and ferocious games between man and beasts gladiators vs animals & gladiators vs gladiators as well represented in the movie Gladiator. Close to the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, considered the real political – commercial – social –religious center of Rome at the time of the Monarchy and the Republican period. At the center of the Forum, even after 20 centuries, it is possible to walk on the same cobble-stones of the “Via Sacra” (Sacred Way) leading to the Capitol Hill and admiring the remaining of with its ancient basilicas, triumphal arches, honorary columns, ancient markets. Reaching Venice Square you will have the chance to admire the imposing monumental complex, inaugurated in 1911, dedicated to our first King of Italy, Victor Emmanuel II.

Overnight in Rome.

23 May – ROME

Breakfast in hotel. Free time at leisure to explore Rome.

We suggest to join one of our optional tours to the Vatican Museums or to the ancient Tivoli with the two roman villas: Villa Adriana and Villa d’Este.

Overnight in Rome.

24 May - FLORENCE



Breakfast in hotel. Transfer by private car and driver to Rome Termini station located at walking distance from your hotel and departure by Frecciarossa highspeed train to Florence with reserved car and seat. After approx 1 hr ride arrival and transfer to your hotel by private car and driver. Afternoon free time at leisure.

Overnight in Florence.

GRAND HOTEL BAGLIONI



The Grand Hotel Baglioni, located in the heart of Florence, has been synonymous with hospitality and quality for over 100 years. It is housed in a magnificent 19th-century building, in which past and present coexist in perfect harmony, bearer of the values inherent to Florentine tradition. Our four-star hotel offers 192 guest rooms, equipped with all the comforts and facilities of a high-standard hotel, and is home to a renowned Conference Centre, consisting of nine conference rooms accommodating up to 400 people. On the fifth floor, you can discover the beauty of our splendid B-Roof panoramic restaurant from which you can admire the skyline of Florence, taking in the whole city with a single glance. With us, every event can become extraordinary.

25 May – FLORENCE TOUR with UFFIZI



Breakfast in hotel. Meeting with your guide and departure for a guided walking tour of the city: Piazza della Signoria, Ponte Vecchio and the main landmarks of the city. Our guide will lead you to the Uffizi Gallery to admire one of the most magnificent art collection of the world, with skip the line option.

Enjoy this one single opportunity to discover the Uffizi Gallery, Italy's most important museum.

With this UFFIZI MASTERCLASS, an art expert (professional English-speaking guide) will let you truly understand what's behind each painting, following the evolution of Italian art through the centuries, from the Middle Ages to Renaissance.

You will thus be able to view the main masterpieces by the greatest artists that turned Florence into the capital of a revolutionary cultural and artistic period.

With the personal touch and assistance of our guide, you will not just see those masterpieces. You will understand them. You will see them coming to life. Discover Giotto's revolutionary art, admire the beauty of Botticelli's Primavera and the sensuality of his Venere, surprise yourself with Leonardo's mix of rational genius and artistic creativity, and many other unequalled artists. This masterclass is not just a museum visit: it will be a memorable experience that will immerse your eyes and soul in Art.

The Uffizi Gallery is undoubtedly Florence and Italy's most important and renowned museum. It houses the most incredible collection of artworks from the Middle Ages to Renaissance and beyond. A collection of masterpieces with no equals throughout the world, by artists like Giotto, Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci, Raffaello, Botticelli, and many more. A not-to-be-missed visit for your Florence stay.

At the end free time at leisure.

Overnight in Florence.

26 May – RETURN TO ROME

Breakfast in hotel. Transfer to Florence Santa Maria Novella to ride back to Rome by high speed train.

On arrival at Rome Termini, continue to Fiumicino airport by Leonardo express, the direct train taking just 30 mins to reach the terminal.

End of services.

DISCOVER ROME



5 NTS / 6 DAYS

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23 May – ROME, VATICAN MUSEUMS



Breakfast in hotel. Impossible being in Rome and not visiting the impressive collection of the Vatican Museums.

Take the chance to explore them with our guaranteed departure excursion.

2 departures a day: 9am and 2.30pm from Ufficio S.Pietro - Piazza della citta Leonina, 8

After the meeting entrance at Museums with skip the line, your guide will then lead you into the Vatican Museums. There you visit the Gallery of the Tapestries and the Gallery of the Geographical Maps. Next, you arrive in the famous Sistine Chapel, with its magnificent fresco of the Last Judgement by Michelangelo.

Overnight in Rome.

24 May – ROME, FREE TIME AT LEISURE

Breakfast in hotel. Enjoy freetime to explore Rome on your own, indulge in frenetic shopping or just relaxing at one of the caffè in Navona Square.

As optional we suggest our daily excursion to Tivoli to the magnificent Roman Villas, D’Este and Adriana.

Price per pax: 60 euro

Departure at 2.30pm from Via Amendola, 32 - Take a break from the crowds in Rome and head to Tivoli on this full-day excursion. Visit the ruins of Hadrian's Villa with its temples, theaters, and statues. Admire the romantic Villa d'Este and its garden's waterfalls, pools, and fountains. Following the ancient Via Tiburtina for 30 Kms. east of Rome, this tour Tivoli Afternoon allows you to visit and compare two very splendid villas from two different ages; the Villa Adriana, dating back to Roman times, and the Villa D'Este from the Renaissance period. At the foot of the Tiburtini hills, source of the springs that supply the spa town of Bagni di Tivoli, dominated by vast quarries of travertine marble, you will stop first to visit Villa Adriana. The ruins can only hint at the grandeur and beauty of this Villa built by Emperor Hadrian to remind him of the monuments and sites he had admired during his travels in the East. We then continue to the Villa D'Este, one of the most beautiful residences of the Renaissance. The Villa's countless fountains, set in the heart of magnificent Italian style gardens, create a delightfully graceful symphony of carved stone, shade, sunlight and water.

Inclusions: bus, licensed guide, admission tickets.

Optional: lunch

Overnight in Rome.

25 May – ROME, FREE TIME AT LEISURE

Breakfast in hotel. Enjoy freetime to explore Rome on your own, indulge in frenetic shopping or just relaxing at one of the caffè in Navona Square.

As optional we suggest our daily excursion to Capri Island.

Price per pax: 115 euro

Departure at 7.15am from Via Amendola, 32.

Capri is one of the most famous Italian islands. It is situated in Campania, more precisely in the Gulf of Naples or Bay of Naples that includes also other famous islands as Ischia and Procida. By joining this Capri tour, visitors will be immediately attracted by the charming and irresistible environment of this island; in particular, you will be able to admire: the vitality of its flourishing vegetation the beauty of the surrounding sea its peculiar white houses its particular and wonderful caves.

Inclusions: bus, licensed guide, hydrofoil to Capri island.

Optional: lunch, Blue Grotto visit

Overnight in Rome.

26 May – DEPARTURE

Breakfast in hotel. Transfer to Rome, Leonardo da Vinci airport by private van and driver.

End of services.



DISCOVER Sorrento & Rome

6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS

Rome, Naples and Sorrento at a glance.


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Rome, caput mundi (capital of the world), the eternal city, This city has been called in many ways. As a matter of fact Rome is the cradle of occidental civilization and Christian culture, a huge open air museum and a without doubt one the most beautiful cities in the world; every year millions of tourists come from around the world to admire the treasures and masterpieces of Roman art and architecture. Rome is an enchanting city where you'll discover a romantic blend of culture and history spiced up with a vibrant street and nightlife. Add in to the mix delicious gastronomy and excellent Italian wines, the typical and warm Italian hospitality, the dolce vita style, unique corners like Colosseum, Trevi fountain or St Peter Basilica and you'll get a dream destination impossible to miss. When you enter Rome's churches, cathedrals, museums, and galleries you'll find awe-inspiring paintings and sculptures that cover all the eras and great names of Western art. These range from Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel ceiling to frescoes by Raphael and paintings that show the skill of Caravaggio to the glorious fountains of Bernini. A trip to Rome, though, encompasses much more than a stroll through art and architecture. Sipping a coffee or aperitif in street cafes, or enjoying a glass of beer while you take in the vistas from terraces and piazzas are just as much a part of the tourist experience in this most romantic of cities. Enjoy Rome on your own in the morning.

Day 1 – ARRIVAL

Arrival in Rome airport (or train station), meeting with your driver and transfer to your hotel.
Overnight in Rome.

Day 2 – IMPERIAL ROME

Breakfast in hotel. Free time at leisure.



In the afternoon we'll have a guided visit to the ancient ruins of the Roman empire, visiting the masterpieces of the city. Departure from a very centrally located meeting point. We'll pass by coach at Piazza Venezia, where the Imperial Rome of Augusto meets the latest building as a majestic Altare della Patria. The walking on Imperial Rome continues on foot to the famous Piazza Del Campidoglio, designed by Michelangelo. From here you will have a fantastic view of the Roman Forum. We will then drive by

coach by the Circus Maximus and the Aventino Hill. From there it will take us 5 minutes to reach the symbol of the Imperial Rome like the Eternal city: The Colosseum. Here you could ready to this Skip The Line Tour, include also journey internal one and an external one.

Return to hotel to collect luggage and departure to Naples by highspeed train.

After approx 1hr ride arrival in Naples, transfer on your own to the hotel, check in and overnight in Naples.

Day 3 – NAPLES & POMPEII EXCAVATIONS

Breakfast in hotel. Departure to a full day excursion to enjoy the Roman city of Pompeii and the vibrant Naples. Pick up at your hotel or at the nearest meeting point and departure to Pompeii. Pompeii was a



town that disappeared from the maps and from people's memories as it got completely buried under the ashes erupted by the volcano in 79 AD. That dramatic day, in a matter of few hours, stopped the lives of an entire bustling city to only come unearthed many centuries later. These ruins give an incredible picture of ancient Romans' daily life and their original urban setting: homes, shops, frescoes, thermal baths, mosaics and much more. Included in this tour

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Return to hotel.

Overnight.

Day 4 – NAPLES FREE & EASY



Naples is thousands colors.... this is what a popular song in Italy says. Naples is one of the largest and most captivating art cities on the Mediterranean Sea. Capital of the Region of Campania, it is the third-largest commune in Italy after Rome and Milan. The city dominates the Gulf of Naples, expanding from the Sorrentine Peninsula to the volcanic area of the Phlegraean Fields. It offers an extremely evocative vista of not only the imposing Vesuvian mount but also the three magnificent islands of Capri, Ischia and Procida – three jewels that rise like Venus from the sea. Besides its gorgeous scenery, Naples owes its much-deserved fame to the charm and intrigue of its historic center – a historic center that counts 2500 years of a fascinating existence, and that was therefore added to the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1995. Naples is this and much more: incredible food traditions (two of the most iconic Italian delicacies are from here: pasta and pizza), breath-taking scenarios and surroundings, warm hospitality, incredible monuments, **museums** and archeological sites.

Freetime at leisure to discover Naples and its wonders.

We suggest to enrich your Neapolitan stay with **one of our Optional SIC tours:**

AMALFI COAST



Discover the pearls of the coast. Enjoy your time to the historic center, the harbor and the terraces of the beautiful Sorrento and enjoy a lunch of typical products of the Mediterranean gastronomy. After, drive to a panoramic tour of the Amalfi Coast. The route offers wonderful views of steep cliffs, natural bays and picturesque towns. You'll see Positano (only panoramic photostop) and Amalfi, where you can stop to admire the famous "Duomo" and stroll

through the characteristics streets of the town, among artisan and souvenir shops.

CAPRI & ANACAPRI



Visit of Anacapri and Axel Munthes Belvedere, lunch in a typical restaurant and continue to Capri centre with the famous "Piazzetta". You will admire the Augustus Gardens, with the magnificent view of the "Faraglioni", and you will have time to walk in the picturesque streets (Via Camerelle, Via Tragara, Via La Botteghe) full of lively coffee bars and exclusive boutiques.

WANNA BE PIZZAIOLO



Learn how to prepare a pizza like an expert pizzaiolo. First you'll have a theoretical lesson then you'll prepare and bake your own pizza. Dinner with appetizer and the pizza you prepared. Drinks are excluded)



Only MAY to OCT: MINICRUISE in the GULF OF NAPLES with DINNER

The tour starts from the meeting point at the scheduled time and transfer to the Molo Beverello.

The departure is at 8.30 pm. During the navigation you will admire the ancient islet of Megaride, where the famous Castel dell'Ovo rises, the building is linked to several legends and old stories, and Via Partenope, the marvellous seafront of Naples. You will navigate to Mergellina, one of the most romantic and

suggestive areas of all the Gulf. Surrounded by the beauty of the Gulf of Naples and the majestic Vesuvius, enjoy a romantic candlelight dinner. The return to the Molo Beverello is around 12.30 am. Once arrived at the dock, there will be the transfer back to the starting point

Overnight in Naples.

Day 5 – NAPLES TO ROME

Breakfast in hotel. Transfer on your own to Naples train station and departure to Rome by high speed train. After 1 hr ride arrival in Rome and transfer on your own to the hotel, check in.

You will have chance to enjoy Rome on your own or to enrich your stay visiting one of the most celebrated museums in the world, Vatican Museums with our optional SIC tour.



After the meeting entrance at Museums with skip the line, your guide will then lead you into the Vatican Museums. There you visit the Gallery of the Tapestries and the Gallery of the Geographical Maps. Next, you arrive in the famous Sistine Chapel, with its magnificent fresco of the Last Judgement by Michelangelo. At end of the tour you can choose to go by bus to a central meeting point nearby the train station or to remain at Vatican area to walk around on

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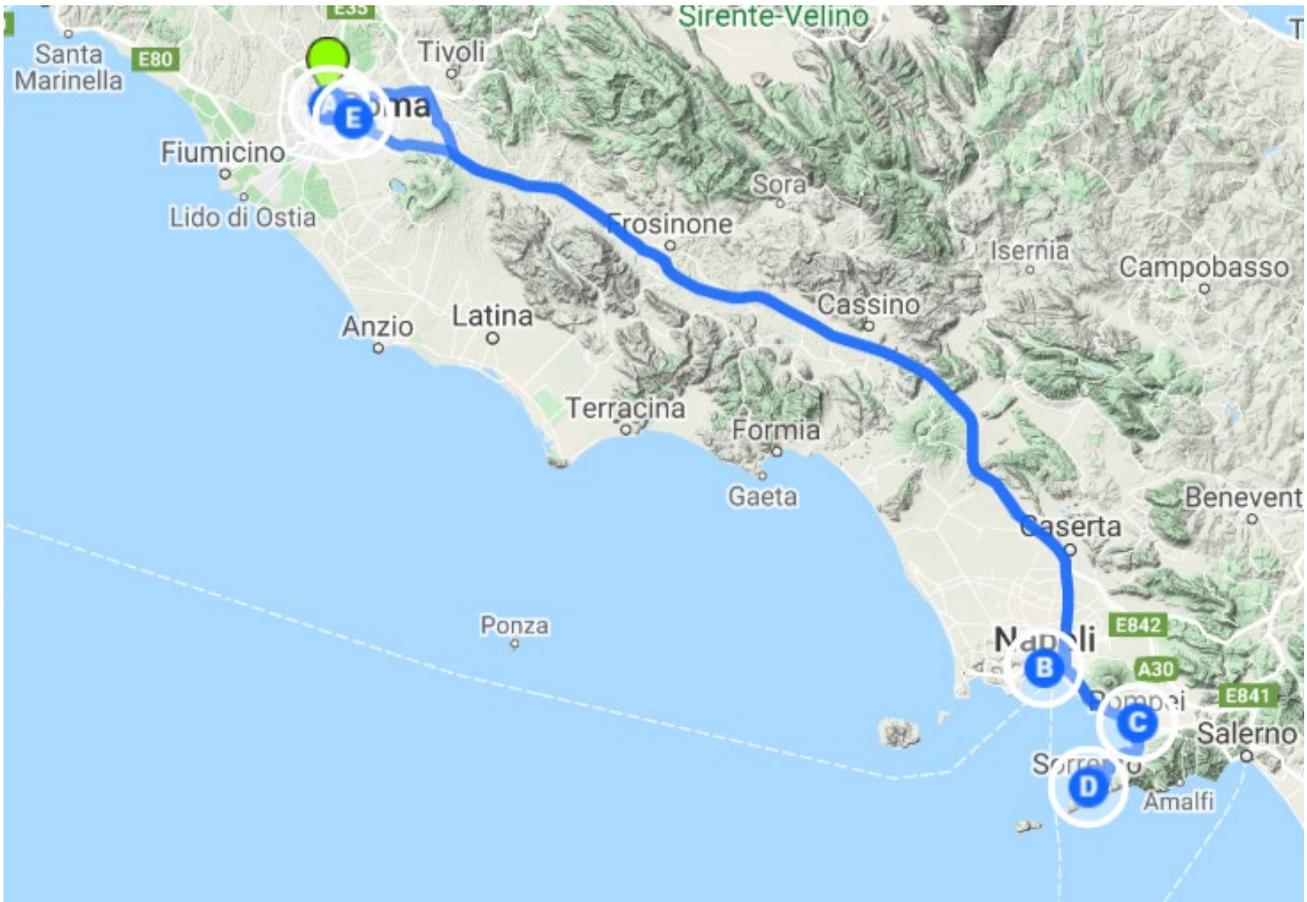
Day 6 – DEPARTURE

Breakfast in hotel.

Transfer by private car to Rome Fiumicino airport for your departure flight.

End of services.

Map and distances



Rome (A)

Rome → Naples (B): approx 1hr by highspeed train

Naples → Pompeii (C): approx 30mins by car

Naples → Sorrento (D): approx 60mins by car

Naples → Rome (E): approx 1hr by highspeed train



ESSENCE OF ITALY

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

**From Rome to Venice
on the path of the Classics**

Program



Rome, caput mundi (capital of the world), the eternal city, This city has been called in many ways. As a matter of fact Rome is the cradle of occidental civilization and Christian culture, a huge open air museum and a without doubt one the most beautiful cities in the world; every year millions of tourists come from around the world to admire the treasures and masterpieces of Roman art and architecture.

Rome is an enchanting city where you'll discover a romantic blend of culture and history spiced up with a vibrant street and nightlife. Add in to the mix delicious gastronomy and excellent Italian wines, the typical and warm Italian hospitality, the dolce vita style, unique corners like Colosseum, Trevi fountain or St Peter Basilica and you'll get a dream destination impossible to miss. When you enter Rome's churches, cathedrals, museums, and galleries you'll find awe-inspiring paintings and sculptures that cover all the eras and great names of Western art. These range from Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel ceiling to frescoes by Raphael and paintings that show the skill of Caravaggio to the glorious fountains of Bernini. A trip to Rome, though, encompasses much more than a stroll through art and architecture. Sipping a coffee or aperitif in street cafes, or enjoying a glass of beer while you take in the vistas from terraces and piazzas are just as much a part of the tourist experience in this most romantic of cities.

Day 1 – ARRIVAL in ROME

Arrival in Rome airport (or train station), meeting with your driver and transfer to your hotel by private transfer.

Overnight in Rome.

Day 2 – ROME Vatican Museums and Imperial Rome with Colosseum

Breakfast in hotel.

In the morning departure for a SIC excursion to **Vatican Museums**.



The tour begins by coach, passing through Piazza della Repubblica with the Fountain of the Naiadi. We then follow the ancient Aurelian Walls, which once surrounded the ancient city. At Piazza del Popolo you will see an Egyptian obelisk dating back to the time of Ramses II. Finally, on arrival at the Vatican Walls, your guide will then lead you into the Vatican Museums. There you visit the Gallery of the Tapestries and the Gallery of the

Geographical Maps. Next, you arrive in the famous Sistine Chapel, with its magnificent fresco of the Last Judgement by Michelangelo. At the end of the tour, you will have time free to visit the St. Peter's Basilica.



Our Roman stay includes also another SIC excursion to **Colosseum and Imperial Rome** departing in the afternoon just after lunchtime (approx. 3 hours). Departure from a very central meeting point at 13.15 and arrival by coach at Piazza Venezia you then continue on foot to the famous Piazza del Campidoglio designed by Michelangelo from where you will have a fantastic view of the Roman Forum. By coach we

will then drive by the Circus Maximus and the Aventino Hill. Stop to admire the beautiful statue of Moses by Michelangelo located in the Church of St. Peter's in Chains from where it will take us 5 minutes to reach the symbol of the eternal city: The Colosseum (visit inside, the entrance fee is included). Due to seasonal opening times the itinerary may be altered without notice.

Return to hotel.

Overnight.

Day 3 – ROME TO FLORENCE



Breakfast in hotel.

Transfer on your own to the train station and departure to Florence via highspeed train.

Arrival in Florence and check-in at hotel.

Free time at leisure.

Overnight in Florence.

Day 4 – FLORENCE walking tour with Uffizi and Accademia



Breakfast in hotel.

Florence feels like an open-air museum in which you can touch the artefacts in the form of the architecture and preserved statues, its charm and splendid past have remained unaltered. With its museums, palaces and churches is home of the most important artistic treasures in the world. The birthplace of the Renaissance pulls some 10 million visitors each year for its frozen-in-time palaces and legendary attractions, to say nothing of its tourist-friendly Tuscan cuisine and gelato stands. The beating heart of Florence is Piazza del Duomo, with its monumental complex of the Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore surmounted by Brunelleschi's majestic dome; the San Giovanni or St. John's Baptistery, a magnificent example of the Florentine Romanesque; and Giotto's Campanile or Bell Tower, a Florentine Gothic architectural master work.

Behind the Duomo stands the Museo dell'Opera di Santa Maria del Fiore, with various works from the Cathedral on display; visitors can admire pieces intended for all the structures of the complex, from the Baptistery to the Bell Tower. Piazza della Signoria represents the historical hub of civil and political life, and hosts the 13th-Century Loggia dei Lanzi, the Fountain of Neptune and the Palazzo della Signoria or Palazzo Vecchio, one of the city's most symbolic monuments. In front of the Palazzo, statues, including a copy of Michelangelo's famous David, stand tall.

Next to the Piazza is the marvelous Uffizi Gallery, home to one of the most important museums in the entire world, hosting works by Botticelli, Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci and numerous other master artists. A remarkable architectonic element of the Uffizi Gallery is the Vasari Corridor, realized by Giorgio Vasari himself around the mid-Fifteenth Century; the Corridor connects the Gallery to the Palazzo Vecchio and Palazzo Pitti.

Discover Florence through the beautiful streets of the old town. Walk to the Arno, on the romantic Ponte Vecchio and continue to Oltrarno, the newest part of Florence. Florence and its magnificent treasures await your visit!

After breakfast, departure to a city walking tour. Our visit will start inside the **Academy Gallery**, where you will admire some of the most important Michelangelo's sculptures as 'The Prisoners', 'Saint Matthew' and obviously the well renowned 'David'. Discover also important Gothic works and Renaissance paintings by Botticelli, Ghirlandaio and Perugino and the original plaster of 'Rape of Sabine Women' by Giambologna. At the end of the visit you will have free time for lunch until 1.30 p.m. when we'll meet for the second part of the tour in Repubblica Square in front of 'Hard Rock Café'. We'll continue with a pleasant walk through the most fascinating and interesting places of Florence as the Cathedral (exterior) with Brunelleschi's Dome, the Baptistery (exterior) with its famous Gates of Paradise,

Signoria Square with its Palazzo Vecchio (exterior) and Loggia dei Lanzi. We will conclude the tour discovering **Uffizi Gallery** with its famous collections of Italian Renaissance paintings. You will have the opportunity to see the works of the greatest artists from the Middle Ages to the Renaissance, as Giotto, Leonardo da Vinci, Botticelli and Michelangelo. It is possible to remain into the museum until closing time.

Overnight in Florence.

Day 5 – FLORENCE Excursion to Pisa



Breakfast in hotel.

Departure to a SIC excursion to Pisa (entrance fees at Leaning Tower included).

Pisa is one of the most visited cities in Tuscany and it is famous for its Leaning Tower. The beautiful Piazza dei Miracoli is among the most beautiful monumental complexes in the world. The town's most prosperous period was undoubtedly the 12th century and this is witnessed by the urban shape of the old town centre with many buildings, squares and alleyways that run along the river Arno, which was

for centuries the major communication route. It has always been an estuary town and was already an important naval base in Roman times intensifying trade in the Mediterranean. Pisa is also famous for one of the most prestigious higher learning institutions of Europe: the Scuola Normale Superiore. An authorised city guide will accompany you in the visit of the interior of the Cathedral and the exterior of the Leaning Tower and Monumental Cemetery. At the end of the tour you will also have free time to wander in the square and take plenty of pictures.

Return and overnight in Florence.

Day 6 – FLORENCE TO VENICE



Breakfast in hotel. Departure to Venice via highspeed train.

Arrival in Venice and check-in at hotel. Free time at leisure.

Walking around Venice feels like a dream. The impossible blue of the canals, the fine mist that sometimes hangs over the city, the experience of turning a corner and seeing an all-white church on an island of its own, or a spindly tree sprouting directly out of the lagoon, give the place a “wait, is this real?” quality that’s hard to shake. With its 150 canals, 400 bridges and magnificent 16th- and 17th-century palaces and piazzas, it is no surprise that Venice is considered one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Gloriously romantic in spring, triumphant in summer, noble in autumn and seductive in winter, it is a popular city break destination all year round.

It’s also a city of contrasts: You can see Renaissance masterpieces in dark, moody churches or cutting-edge contemporary art on the repurposed grounds of a Byzantine shipyard, drink prosecco on the terrace of a Grand Dame hotel or sip plastic cups of “Spritz” across the canal from a gondola repair shop. And although it’s notoriously easy to get lost, that’s part of the joy of discovery. You never know where you might find the next romantically crumbling palazzo, secret garden, or plate of perfect “cicchetti”.

Don't miss the chance to admire: Rialto Bridge; Piazza San Marco and its wonderful Basilica, renowned worldwide for its priceless treasures and fascinating secret places, Doge’s Palace, the Bridge of Sighs, a

beautiful sight, stretching high above the canal, generally known as one of the finest examples of bridge architecture in the world. If you want to have the most romantic views of the city, take the time to do a gondola trip along the canals of Venice and you will live a dream..

Overnight in Venice.

Day 7 – VENICE – walking city your



Breakfast in hotel.

In the morning departure for a SIC walking excursion of Venice (entrance fees are not included).

An unforgettable tour to discover Venice through its narrow alleys called “calli”, countless bridges and wide traditional and picturesque squares, still the heart of Venetian people's social life.

Let our professional guide take you into an unforgettable journey among Venice's beauties

and history. Discover the famous sites as well as hidden gems mixed with interesting facts about the city of the Serenissima and its everlasting history. The first highlight of the walking tour is St. Mark's square, with the description of the majestic St. Mark's Basilica, the elegant Doge's Palace, the Clock Tower and the Procuratie. From St. Mark's square we will move forward to Campo Santa Maria Formosa, where we will admire the SS. Giovanni e Paolo church with the famous Pantheon. Follow the Scuola Grande di San Marco also knowns as “Great School of Charity” (the Captains of Fortune). Last but not least, head back to St. Mark's and admire the Malibran Theatre, step through the famous Mercerie, once the pulsing heart of commercial life back in time, nowadays Venice's main shopping district between Rialto Bridge and St Mark's Square.



At the end chance to have an optional tour (not included) **GONDOLA RIDE**

30 romantic minutes on a typical gondola in the narrow canal of this amazing city. The gondola is synonymous with Venice, a bit like pizza in Naples, but few know that the gondola really carries the symbol of the city with it. Symbol that is found in the bow iron, or that kind of comb that is found in the bow and that has the function to balance the weight of the gondolier. Its shape, in fact, has nothing random: the S-shaped trend resumes the path of the Grand Canal; the six

forward facing teeth correspond to the six districts of Venice; the tooth facing inwards is the island of Giudecca; the arch above the last tooth is the Rialto Bridge; the top end symbolizes the Doge's hat.

Return to hotel.

Overnight.

Day 8 – DEPARTURE DAY

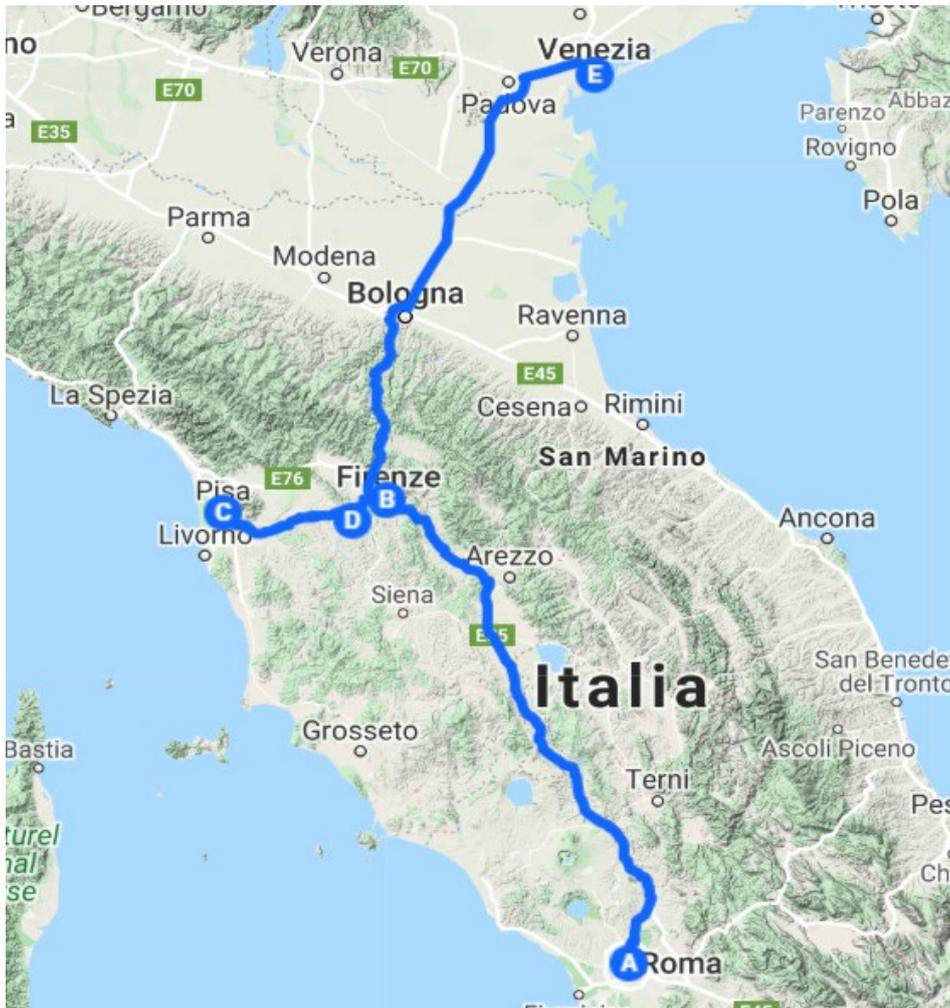
Breakfast in hotel.

Transfer to Venice International airport via our combo transfer including boat, assistant and baggage handling.

End of services.

Arrivederci Italia !

Map and distances



Rome (A)

Rome → Florence (B): approx 1hr 30 mins by highspeed train

Florence → Pisa (C): approx 1hr 30 mins by car

Pisa → Florence (D): approx 1hr 30 mins by car

Florence → Venice (E): approx 2hrs 15 mins by highspeed train

ITRIA VALLEY & MATERA



4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS

The fairy tale Valle d'Itria and Matera

Program



Also known as "Le Puglie" in the plural form, this region contains, in fact, many souls. The "heel of Italy's boot," Apulia is a charming region that can be visited all year round and is suspended among nature, history, tradition, tastes and spirituality.

Apulia, the spur of the Italian Boot, is an enchanting region that spreads lengthwise along the sea - marvelous beaches that will delight every traveler, from the sandy Torre dell'Orso and Porto Cesario, to the rocky, boulder-encrusted Riviera of Otranto and Santa Maria di Leuca. At Santa Maria di Leuca the calm and crystalline waters of the Ionian Sea mix with those of the intense and azure Adriatic. Sea lovers have multiple options in Apulia, from Gallipoli, the "Gem of Salento," to Gargano, "Italy's Buttress," which protrudes out into the clear sea, where one finds the the beautiful Tremiti Islands.

Nature is the protagonist again in the Murgia National Park, and in Gargano's wild Umbra forest, its salt pans and lakes. Visit the marine reserve of Torre Guaceto and the deep ravines of Laterza and wide dolines (depressions in the terrain) of Altamura characterize the hinterland of the region with their charming landscapes. For those who want to travel through history, Apulia offers a wide range of places that testify to the ancient origins of this land: from prehistory to Magna Graecia, from the Imperial Age to the Renaissance and the Baroque splendor of Lecce and of Salento. The trulli, for example those of Valle d'Itria, offer an evocative testimony to the rural past of the region. Meanwhile, numerous castles dot the coasts of the southern coast, hinting at an era when both perils and commerce landed on these shores.

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Day 1 – ARRIVAL in BARI or BRINDISI airport

Arrival at Bari in the afternoon. Accommodation at the hotel.
Welcome dinner and overnight.

Day 2 – BARI / POLIGNANO A MARE



Breakfast in hotel and departure to Bari Vecchia. Meeting with the guide and visit of St. Nicholas Basilica, in the Apulian Romanesque style, where the relics of the Saint are preserved, and the Cathedral of St Sabino. Walk through the streets of the centre where you can meet the housewives who make handmade pasta.

Free lunch.

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Day 3 – MATERA / ALBEROBELLO



Breakfast in hotel. Meeting with guide and driver, and departure to **MATERA**, the Capital of Culture 2019. Pure charm... this is what Matera, with its colours, light and views, offers visitors. Largely carved

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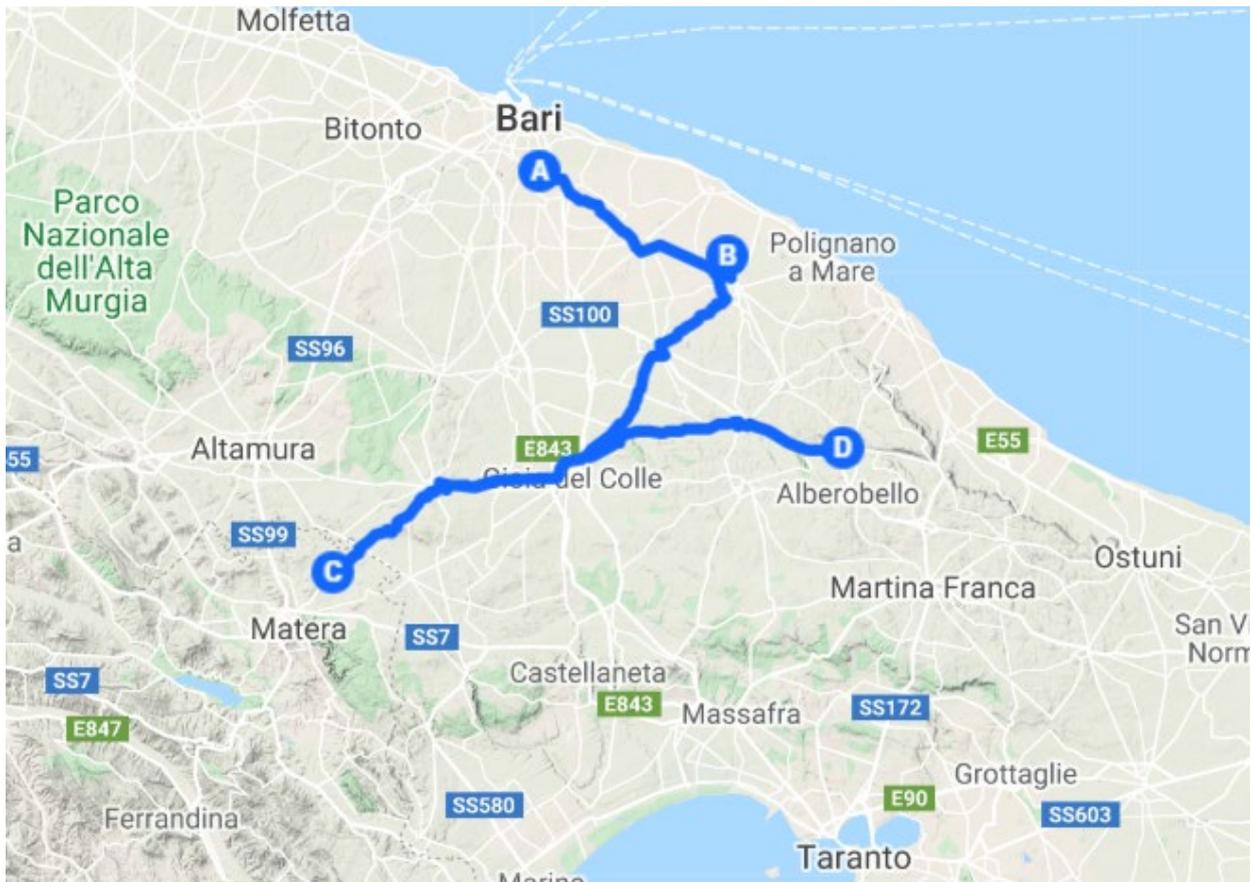
Dinner on your own and overnight in Alberobello.

Day 4 – DEPARTURE DAY

Breakfast and departure or continuation of the stay in Puglia.

Arrivederci Italia !

Map and distances



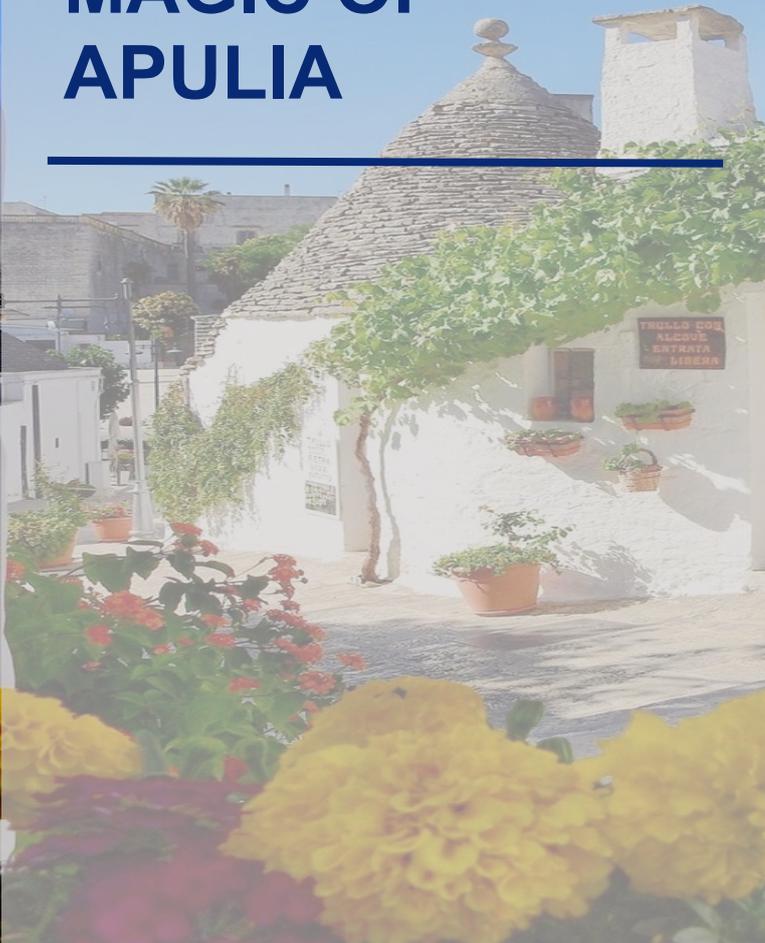
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MAGIC OF APULIA



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Masterpieces of Apulia & Matera

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Dinner on your own and overnight in Alberobello.

Day 4 – OSTUNI / LECCE



Breakfast in hotel. Breakfast. Meeting with the driver and stop at Ostuni.

The guide will meet in this charming village for a walking tour through the white narrow streets.

Ostuni is One of Puglia’s most picturesque enclaves, Ostuni is known as “the White City” thanks to its plenitude of white-washed houses.

A quick trip from the coast, the city is also celebrated for its labyrinthine streets, cathedral (called the Concattedrale), and ancient defensive walls. Ostuni offers also some of the most beautiful beaches of the Puglia, characterized by a

crystalline sea. Free lunch. Continue to Lecce, the Florence of the South Italy. Accommodation at the hotel. Dinner and overnight.

Day 5 – LECCE/GALLIPOLI



Breakfast in hotel.

Lecce, capital of Baroque and defined as “Florence of the South” for its richness in monuments is a city of rose windows, stone flourishes, garlands, Solomonian columns, small piazzas, and unexpected alleyways. Paper, straw, rags, glue, and plaster - these poor materials gave life to Lecce’s papier-mâché, shaping many saints and Madonnas statues between the 17th and the 18th centuries. Some say it originated as a

humble barbers' hobby, but the fact remains that the refined art of moulding papier-mâché rapidly gained in popularity and numerous craft shops were set up. These produced saints with highly expressive faces and poses for the city’s churches and to be displayed during religious processions. Today, the long history of Lecce’s papier-mâché production is recounted at the Museum of Papier-Mâché, in the Castle of Charles V.



Meeting with the guide and walking tour through the old city: the Cathedral, with its two facades, St Oronzo Square, the Roman Amphitheatre, Santa Croce Basilica etc. Stop in a papier-mâché shop to discover this ancient activity and wine aperitif. Lunch at leisure in one of the restaurant in the centre. Return to the hotel.

In the afternoon, excursion to **Gallipoli**, once an island now connected with the mainland by a 16th century bridge. Visit of the Cathedral and

stroll along the ramparts. Return to the hotel. Dinner on your own and overnight in Gallipoli.

Day 6 – OTRANTO / GRECIA SALENTINA



Breakfast in hotel and departure to Otranto, the easternmost city of Italy. Visit of the Cathedral with its floor mosaic representing the tree of life and walk through the old city streets until you reach the Aragonese castle. Free lunch. Continue to the Grecìa Salentina, a linguistic minority area where people speak, even today, an ancient Greek dialect; visit of a hypogean mill and introduction to the uses and traditions of the

community. Return to the hotel. Farewell Dinner. Overnight in Otranto.

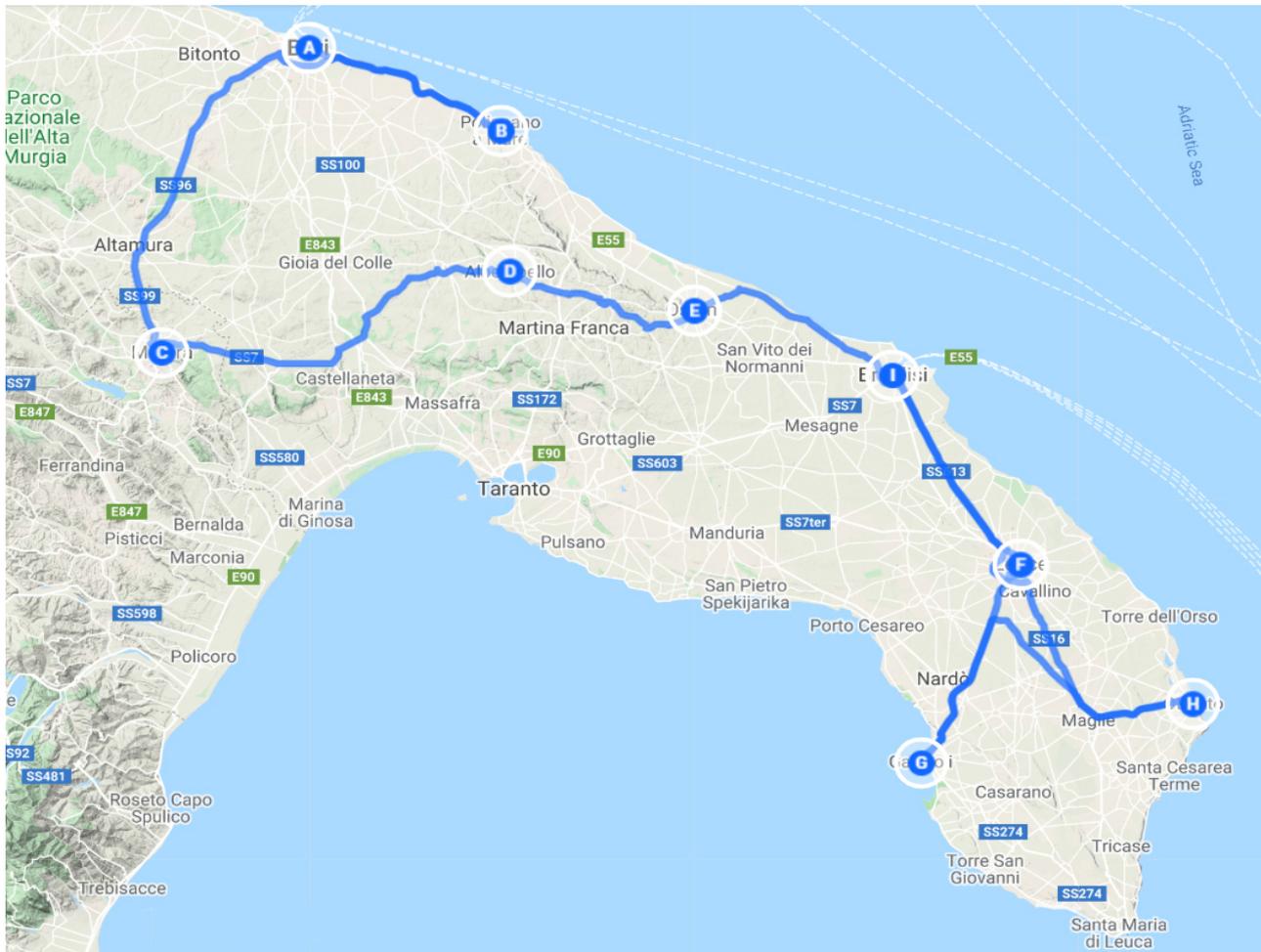
Day 7 – DEPARTURE DAY

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End of services. Arrivederci Italia !

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Lecce → Gallipoli (G): approx 40 mins by car

Gallipoli → Otranto (H): approx 1hr by car

Otranto → Brindisi (I): approx 1hrs 10 mins by car

NAPLES AT A GLANCE



3 DAYS / 2 NIGHTS

A shortbreak to know the magic of Naples.



Program



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Return on board and departure back to Naples. Our driver will take you back to your hotel.

Overnight in Naples.

Day 3 – POMPEI and DEPARTURE

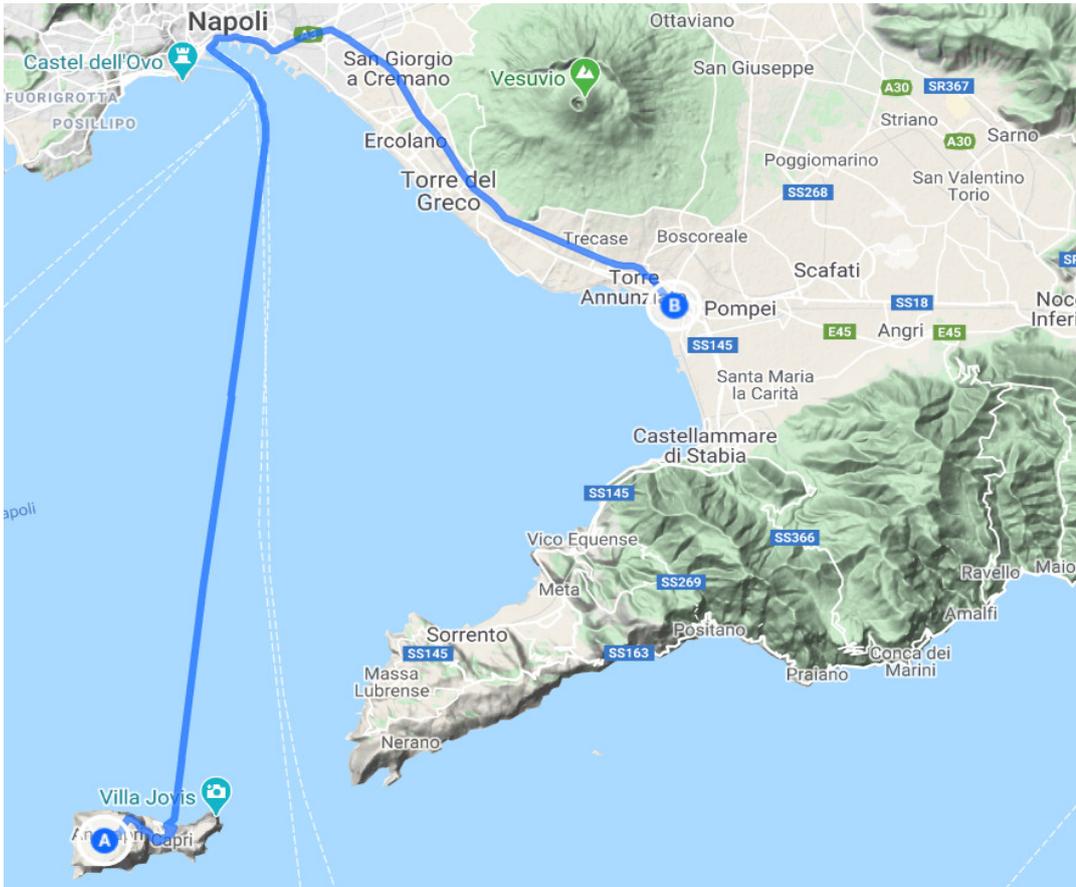


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walking visit of around 2 hours in history! Discover how everything here has remained intact, preserved over time by the lava of Vesuvius, learn the interesting story of the daily life of the ancient Romans and admire the unique buildings, houses and temples made with advanced architectural techniques. Return to Naples and transfer to airport or train station.

End of services.

Map and distances



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NAPLES AT A GLANCE

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Overnight in Naples.

Day 3 – POMPEI and DEPARTURE



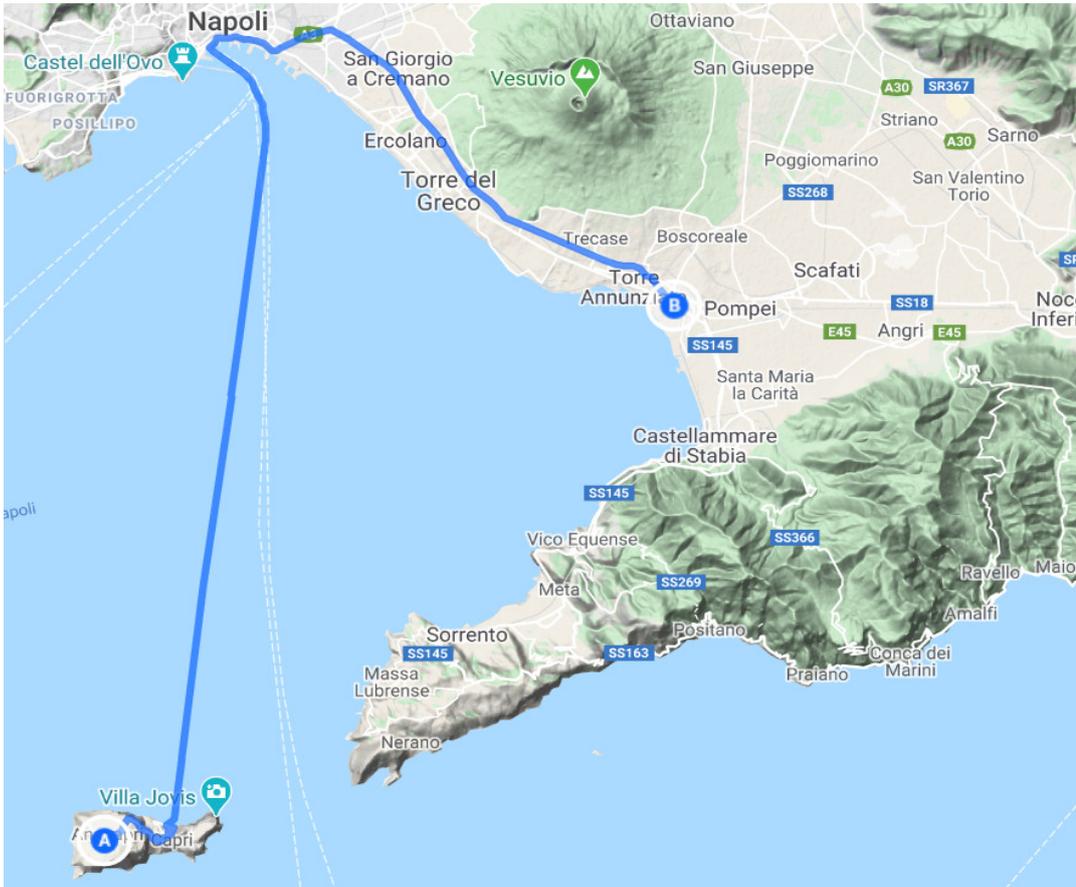
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light. Stop along the way to a local factory to learn more about the process of Cameos and Corals craft, jewels made out of corals and seashells. The tour manager will meet you by the nearest pick-up point to your accommodation between 08:00 and 09:00 am and this tour will last approximately 4 hours in total.

Return to Naples and transfer to airport or train station.

End of services.

Map and distances



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TOUR OF SALENTO

4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS

Salento at a glance

Program



A sun-kissed territory all year round, Salento is a treasure trove of unique art, exquisite Mediterranean cuisine, and genuine hospitality. The area boasts a fabulous landscape, ranging from the Adriatic coast along Melendugno, Santa Cesarea Terme and Otranto, to the Ionian Sea and the golden beaches of Porto Cesareo, Portoselvaggio and Gallipoli.

Tinged with a Middle Age Oriental hue, the area called Grecìa Salentina is a magical land of ancient nursery rhymes in the Griko dialect, while in towns like Melpignano primeval rhythms are turned into contemporary beats at the Notte della Taranta folk music festival.

In this green peninsula fringed by two seas, mysterious primeval monuments like dolmens and menhirs lead to millenary olive groves, and drystone walls dot the countryside between Giurdignano and Minervino di Lecce. Take a hike across century-old masserie (manor farms), often turned into sophisticated hotels, and discover Early Christian churches and underground olive-mills. While here, do not miss the amazing sea caves in Castro and Santa Maria di Leuca.

Day 1 – ARRIVAL in LECCE

Arrival at Lecce in the afternoon. Accommodation at the hotel.

Welcome dinner and overnight.

Day 2 – LECCE / GALLIPOLI



This is a city of rose windows, stone flourishes, garlands, Solomonian columns, small piazzas, and unexpected alleyways. Start your visit by walking under the arch of Porta Napoli and heading into the historic centre along Via Palmieri, flanked by aristocratic palazzos as it leads to Piazza Duomo. Alternatively, if you start at Porta Rudiae, you can abandon the paving stones of Via Libertini and dive into the ancient and intricate labyrinth that is the multi-ethnic Girivolte district, a crucible of ethnicities and cultures today, as it was in the past. You could then continue your tour by exploring the charming alleys and small piazzas, where the local Lecce stone glows pink as the sun sets.

Paper, straw, rags, glue, and plaster - these poor materials gave life to Lecce's papier-mâché, shaping many saints and Madonnas statues between the 17th and the 18th centuries. Some say it originated as a humble barbers' hobby, but the fact remains that the refined art of moulding papier-mâché rapidly gained in popularity and numerous craft shops were set up. These produced saints with highly expressive faces and poses for the city's churches and to be displayed during religious processions. Today, the long history of Lecce's papier-mâché production is recounted at the Museum of Papier-Mâché, in the Castle of Charles V.

Breakfast in hotel. Meeting with the guide and walking tour through the old city: the Cathedral, with its two facades, St Oronzio Square, the Roman Amphitheatre, Santa Croce Basilica etc. Stop in a papier-

mâché shop to discover this ancient activity and wine aperitif. Lunch at leisure in one of the restaurant in the centre. Return to the hotel.

In the afternoon, excursion to Gallipoli, once an island now connected with the mainland by a 16th century bridge. "Kalè Polis" or Città Bella, so the ancient Greek navigators called it in the past, seeing it placed on an island immersed in the Ionian Sea and connected to the mainland by a very characteristic bridge. The city of Gallipoli, the pearl of the Ionian Sea, is an island connected to the modern city by a seventeenth-century bridge, at the ends of which stands the Angevin castle with the Rivellino and the beautiful ancient Greek fountain. In the city of Gallipoli, there are numerous churches in the characteristic Baroque. The buildings of the old city are beautiful, tangible signs of the splendor of historic noble families; the Greek Fountain and the Angevin Castle testify to the different historical and cultural matrices of the city.

Visit of the Cathedral and stroll along the ramparts.

Return to the hotel. Dinner on your own and overnight.

Day 3 – OTRANTO / GRECIA SALENTINA



Breakfast in hotel and departure to Otranto, the easternmost city of Italy. Visit of the Cathedral with its floor mosaic representing the tree of life and walk through the old city streets until you reach the Aragonese castle. Free lunch. Continue to the Grecia Salentina, a linguistic minority area where people speak, even today, an ancient Greek dialect; visit of a hypogean mill and introduction to the uses and traditions of the

community. Return to the hotel. Farewell Dinner.

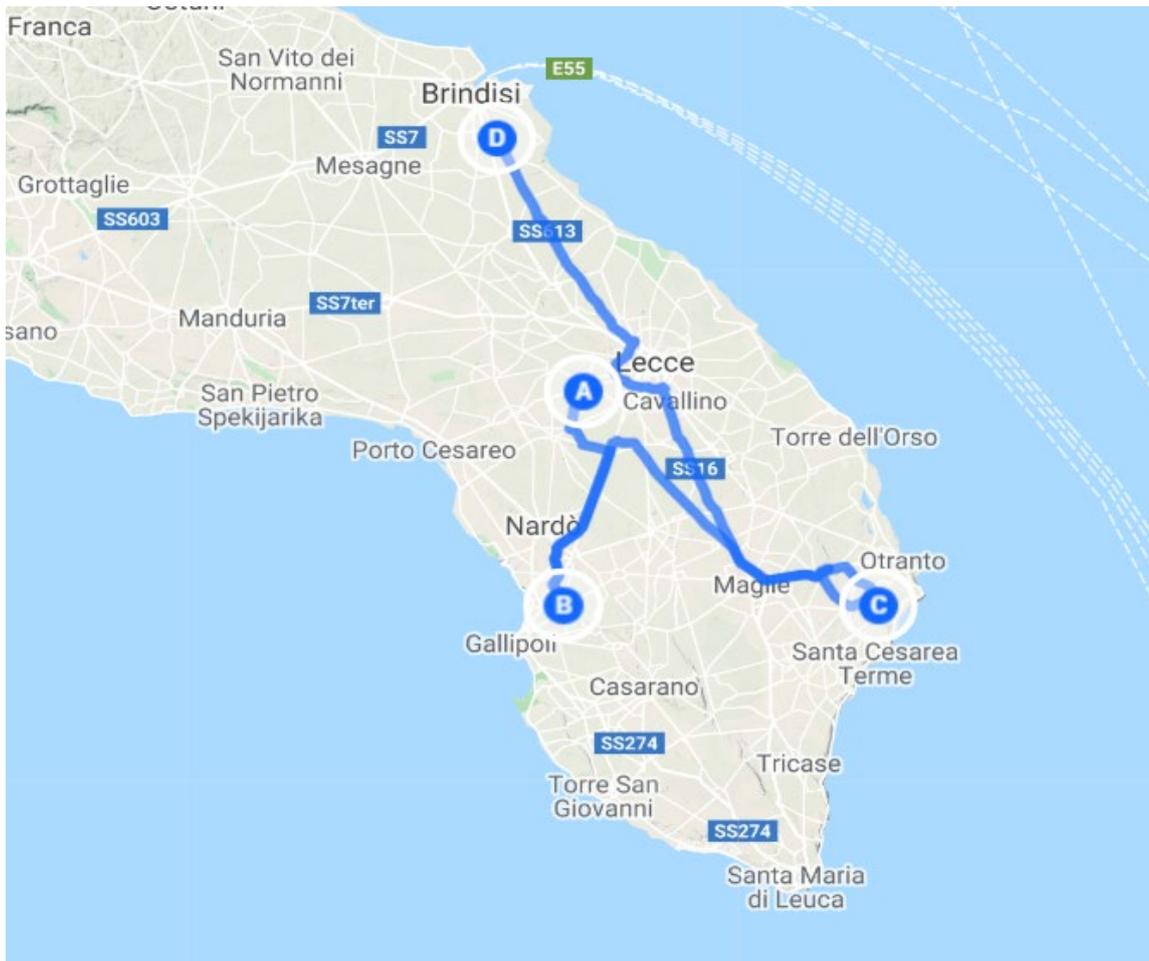
Overnight in Otranto.

Day 4 – DEPARTURE DAY

Breakfast and departure or continuation of the stay in Puglia.

Arrivederci Italia !

Map and distances



Lecce (A)

Lecce → Gallipoli (B): approx 40 mins by car

Gallipoli → Otranto (C): approx 1hr by car

Otranto → Brindisi (D): approx 1hrs 10 mins by car



TUSCANY & CINQUETERRE

10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS

**From Rome to Milan
Including the scenary Cinqueterre
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Day 1 – ARRIVAL in ROME

Arrival in Rome airport (or train station), meeting with your driver and transfer to your hotel by private transfer.

Overnight in Rome.

Day 2 – ROME Vatican Museums and Imperial Rome with Colosseum

Breakfast in hotel.

In the morning departure for a SIC excursion to **Vatican Museums**.



The tour begins by coach, passing through Piazza della Repubblica with the Fountain of the Naiadi. We then follow the ancient Aurelian Walls, which once surrounded the ancient city. At Piazza del Popolo you will see an Egyptian obelisk dating back to the time of Ramses II. Finally, on arrival at the Vatican Walls, your guide will then lead you into the Vatican Museums. There you visit the Gallery of the Tapestries and the Gallery of the

Geographical Maps. Next, you arrive in the famous Sistine Chapel, with its magnificent fresco of the Last Judgement by Michelangelo. At the end of the tour, you will have time free to visit the St. Peter's Basilica.



Our Roman stay includes also another SIC excursion to **Colosseum and Imperial Rome** departing in the afternoon just after lunchtime (approx. 3 hours). Departure from a very central meeting point at 13.15 and arrival by coach at Piazza Venezia you then continue on foot to the famous Piazza del Campidoglio designed by Michelangelo from where you will have a fantastic view of the Roman Forum. By coach we

will then drive by the Circus Maximus and the Aventino Hill. Stop to admire the beautiful statue of Moses by Michelangelo located in the Church of St. Peter's in Chains from where it will take us 5 minutes to reach the symbol of the eternal city: The Colosseum (visit inside, the entrance fee is included). Due to seasonal opening times the itinerary may be altered without notice.

Return to hotel.

Overnight.

Day 3 – ROME TO FLORENCE



Breakfast in hotel.

Transfer on your own to the train station and departure to Florence via highspeed train.

Arrival in Florence and check-in at hotel.

Florence feels like an open-air museum in which you can touch the artefacts in the form of the architecture and preserved statues, its charm and splendid past have remained unaltered. With its museums, palaces and churches is home of the most important artistic treasures in the world. The birthplace of the Renaissance pulls some 10 million visitors each year for its frozen-in-time palaces and

legendary attractions, to say nothing of its tourist-friendly Tuscan cuisine and gelato stands. The beating heart of Florence is Piazza del Duomo, with its monumental complex of the Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore surmounted by Brunelleschi's majestic dome; the San Giovanni or St. John's Baptistry, a magnificent example of the Florentine Romanesque; and Giotto's Campanile or Bell Tower, a Florentine Gothic architectural master work.

Behind the Duomo stands the Museo dell'Opera di Santa Maria del Fiore, with various works from the Cathedral on display; visitors can admire pieces intended for all the structures of the complex, from the Baptistry to the Bell Tower. Piazza della Signoria represents the historical hub of civil and political life, and hosts the 13th-Century Loggia dei Lanzi, the Fountain of Neptune and the Palazzo della Signoria or Palazzo Vecchio, one of the city's most symbolic monuments. In front of the Palazzo, statues, including a copy of Michelangelo's famous David, stand tall.

Next to the Piazza is the marvelous Uffizi Gallery, home to one of the most important museums in the entire world, hosting works by Botticelli, Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci and numerous other master artists. A remarkable architectonic element of the Uffizi Gallery is the Vasari Corridor, realized by Giorgio Vasari himself around the mid-Fifteenth Century; the Corridor connects the Gallery to the Palazzo Vecchio and Palazzo Pitti.

Discover Florence through the beautiful streets of the old town. Walk to the Arno, on the romantic Ponte Vecchio and continue to Oltrarno, the newest part of Florence. Florence and its magnificent treasures await your visit!

Free time at leisure.

Overnight in Florence.

Day 4 – FLORENCE Excursion to Pisa



Breakfast in hotel.

Departure to a SIC excursion to Pisa (entrance fees at Leaning Tower included).

Pisa is one of the most visited cities in Tuscany and it is famous for its Leaning Tower. The beautiful Piazza dei Miracoli is among the most beautiful monumental complexes in the world. The town's most prosperous period was undoubtedly the 12th century and this is witnessed by the urban shape of the old town centre with many buildings, squares and alleyways that run along the river Arno, which was for centuries the major communication route. It has always been an estuary town and was already an important naval base in Roman times intensifying trade in the Mediterranean. Pisa is also famous for one of the most prestigious higher learning institutions of Europe: the Scuola Normale Superiore. An authorised city guide will accompany you in the visit of the interior of the Cathedral and the exterior of the Leaning Tower and Monumental Cemetery. At the end of the tour you will also have free time to wander in the square and take plenty of pictures.

Return and overnight in Florence.

Day 5 – FLORENCE Tuscany in a day



Breakfast in hotel.

Free time at leisure.

Departure to a SIC excursion in the Tuscan Countryside: The excursion begins with a visit to Siena the city of the “Palio Horse Race”. Here you’ll get an guided walking tour to admire the main attractions of the historical center, highlighting important monuments, buildings but also traditions and anecdotes. You will visit Piazza del Campo (where the Palio di Siena horse race is held), and Piazza del Duomo, where you will see the exterior of the magnificent Cathedral. After you’ll have free time to explore the city on your own. Then the tour continues with the visit of a winery where you’ll have a wine tastings and a typical Tuscan lunch. After, the wonders continue with a visit to San Gimignano, the splendid Medieval town declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site due to its amazing Towers, narrow roads and typical shops. Then, following the panoramic roads the group will reach Pisa and its stunning Piazza dei Miracoli, where you will admire the Baptistery, the Cathedral and, of course, the famous Leaning Tower. Take the iconic photos and after some free time you will be driven back to Florence where the tour will end.

Overnight in Florence.

Day 6 – FLORENCE TO CINQUETERRE

Breakfast in hotel. Departure to Cinqueterre area: by train from Florence to La Spezia and via private transfer till hotel.

Overnight in Cinqueterre/ La Spezia

Day 7 – CINQUETERRE



Breakfast in hotel. Free day at leisure.

OPTIONAL:

Cinqueterre card: daily pass to visit the area by train.

Unlimited travel in both directions, on second class local trains, between the stations of La Spezia and Levanto.

Daily “Cinque Terre Card Treno” Adults – valid for travel at any time of the day of validation until midnight: € 16.00

Two Days “Cinque Terre Card Treno” Adults – valid for travel at any time until midnight of the day after validation: € 26.00

Overnight in Cinqueterre/La Spezia.

Day 8 – CINQUETERRE TO MILAN

Breakfast in hotel.



Walking transfer to La Spezia train station and by departure by Intercity train till Milan.

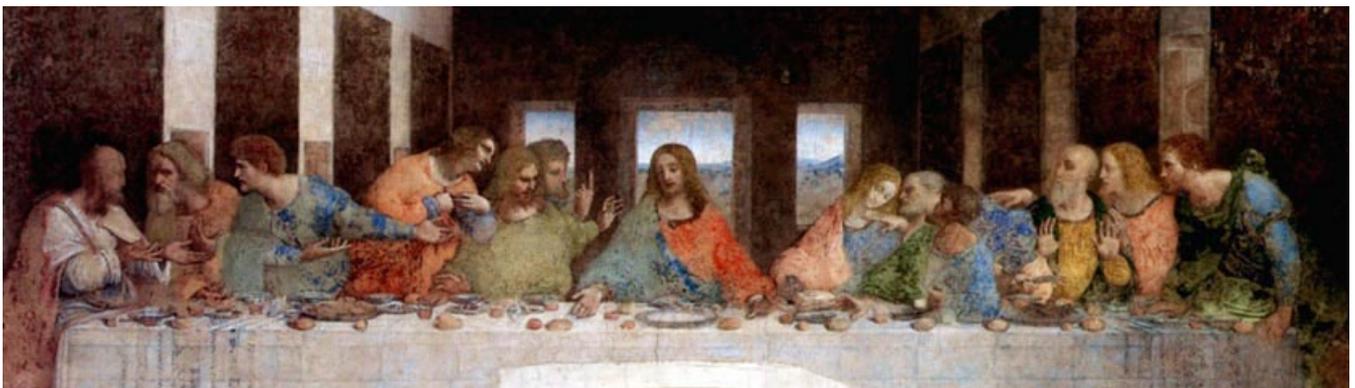
Overnight in Milan.

Day 9 – MILAN – Grand tour of Milan



From the Last Supper to Michelangelo's Pietà, Milano is a city to be discovered.

The City is the pulse-quickenning proof that Italy was not cryogenically frozen six centuries ago. After all, visitors flock here not only for La Scala opening nights or to visit the Duomo, but also for spring and fall fashion weeks, chic designer showrooms and modern art fairs. Milan is one of the top fashion cities in the world, the city of glamour, magnetic point for designers, artists, photographers and models. But there is much more to see in this trendy, urban metropolis – it is also home to an incredible patrimony of art and culture which includes one of Leonardo Da Vinci's greatest masterpieces: the Last Supper. Milano is also a top culinary destination: Milanese cooking is a product of a rich urban culture, which includes: cotoletta (burnished, buttery veal), saffron risotto and modern mixology with excellent and stylish cocktails.



Breakfast in hotel.

Departure to a SIC excursion of the city.

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But there is plenty more to Milan than just Leonardo's masterpiece! Your half-day sightseeing tour of Milan also includes a walking tour, introducing you to Italy's most stylish city.

Overnight in Milan.

Day 10 – DEPARTURE DAY

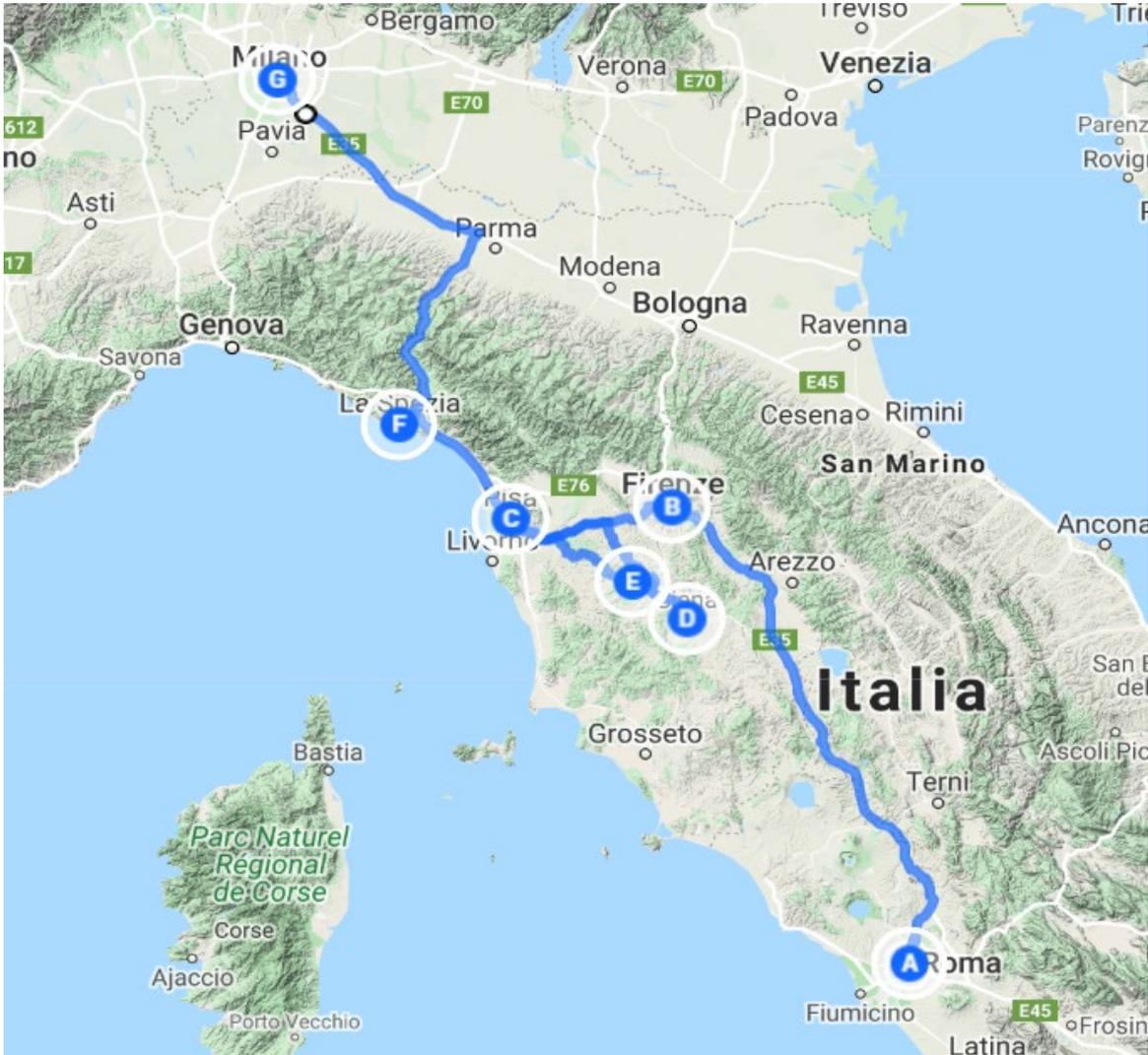
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Transfer to Milan International airport by private transfer.

End of services.

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Map and distances



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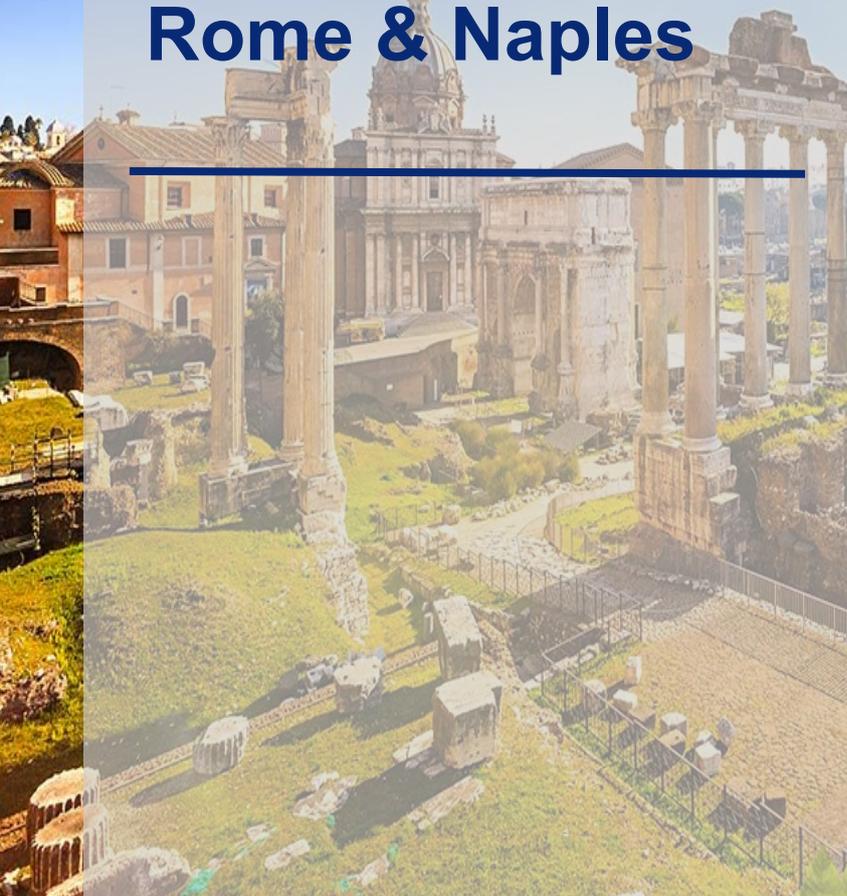
Firenze → Siena (D): approx 1hr by car

Siena → San Gimignano (E): approx 50 mins by car

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La Spezia → Milan (G): approx 3hrs 15 mins by train

TWO CAPITALS Rome & Naples



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Day 3 – POMPEI AND AMALFI DRIVE



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matter of few hours, stopped the lives of an entire bustling city to only come unearthed many centuries later. These ruins give an incredible picture of ancient Romans' daily life and their original urban setting:



homes, shops, frescoes, thermal baths, mosaics and much more. Included in this tour there is a stop to a Cameos and Corals workshop, to learn more about this ancient art-craft, for which the Neapolitan school is still considered of great importance. Cameos in particular are carved sea shells representing scenes of mythological deities. Lunch in a local restaurant. Continue the tour to the Amalfi drive. This tour will take you to a 30 miles scenic road along the Amalfi Coast,

also known as the "light blue ribbon" (Nastro Azzurro). Built in 1832 by the Bourbons, this road hasn't changed much ever since. It runs along the Lattari Mountains coastline, passing by a number of small villages nestled in the rocks and considered amongst the prettiest in the Mediterranean. Inhabited since the VI century BC by the Greeks and previously by local indigenous people, this area mainly shares the same history of neighboring Naples. Tourism, fishing and farming are the main source of income for locals. The most popular products are: the Limoncello liqueur; the colorful ceramic art-crafts from the traditional school of Vietri and the famous Carta d'Amalfi, an exclusive type of paper made out of cloths (linen, cotton and hemp). All these items are sold by the many shops available in Amalfi. During the road trip, the driver will stop one or two times to the nicest spots to let you enjoy the view and take pictures. In Amalfi you will have some time on your own to stroll around and do your favorite activities, such as shopping, or simply relax by sipping a cappuccino or else. Sorrento & Positano will be seen from the top. Return to Naples and drop off at Naples train station to take a ride on a comfortable highspeed train to Rome, your next destination.

After approx 1hr ride, you'll reach Rome.

Walking transfer on your own to hotel, check in and overnight.

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In the afternoon we'll have a guided visit to the ancient ruins of the Roman empire, visiting the masterpieces of the city. Departure from a very centrally located meeting point. We'll pass by coach at Piazza Venezia, where the Imperial Rome of Augusto meets the latest building as a majestic Altare della Patria. The walking on Imperial Rome continues on foot to the famous Piazza Del Campidoglio, designed by Michelangelo. From here you will have a fantastic view of the Roman Forum. We will then drive by coach by the Circus Maximus and the Aventino

Hill. From there it will take us 5 minutes to reach the symbol of the Imperial Rome like the Eternal city: The Colosseum. Here you could ready to this Skip The Line Tour, include also journey internal one and an external one.

Return to departure point or continue from here on your own.

Overnight in Rome.

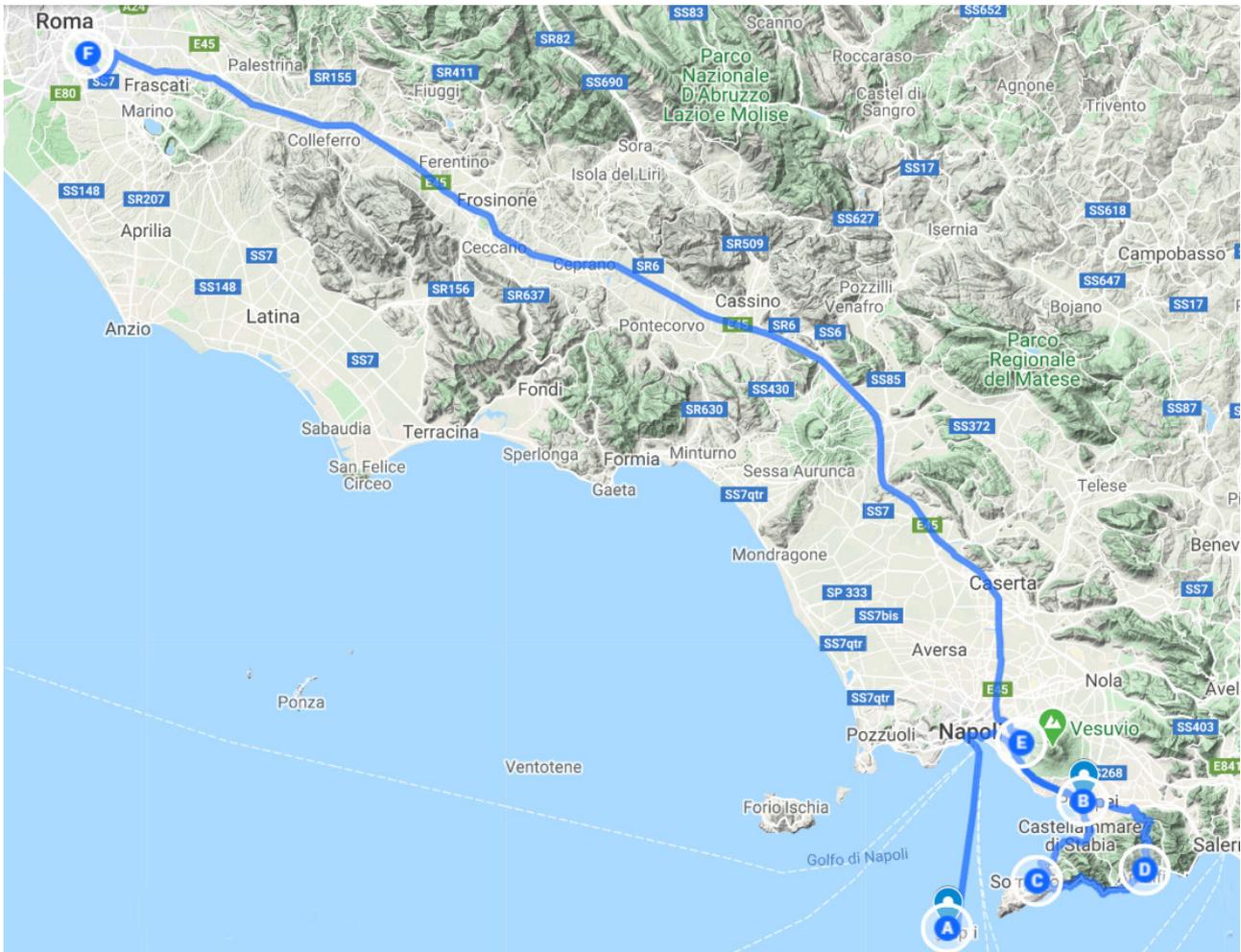
Day 5 – DEPARTURE

Breakfast in hotel.

Transfer by private car to Rome Fiumicino airport for your departure flight.

End of services.

Map and distances



Naples → Capri (A): approx 1hr by jetfoil

Naples → Pompeii (B): approx 30mins by car

Pompeii → Sorrento (C): approx 50mins by car

Sorrento → Amalfi (D): approx 40mins by car

Amalfi → Naples (E): approx 1hr by car

Naples → Rome (F): approx 1hr by highspeed train

UNDISCOVERED ITALY

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

**From Venice to Rome, enjoying a different
Italy.**


EXCELLENCE
the ITALIAN
INCOMING SPECIALIST

Program



Walking around Venice feels like a dream. The impossible blue of the canals, the fine mist that sometimes hangs over the city, the experience of turning a corner and seeing an all-white church on an island of its own, or a spindly tree sprouting directly out of the lagoon, give the place a “wait, is this real?” quality that’s hard to shake. With its 150 canals, 400 bridges and magnificent 16th- and 17th-century palaces and piazzas, it is no surprise that Venice is considered one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Gloriously romantic in spring, triumphant in summer, noble in autumn and seductive in winter, it is a popular city break destination all year round.

It’s also a city of contrasts: You can see Renaissance masterpieces in dark, moody churches or cutting-edge contemporary art on the repurposed grounds of a Byzantine shipyard, drink prosecco on the terrace of a Grand Dame hotel or sip plastic cups of “Spritz” across the canal from a gondola repair shop. And although it’s notoriously easy to get lost, that’s part of the joy of discovery. You never know where you might find the next romantically crumbling palazzo, secret garden, or plate of perfect “cicchetti”.

Don't miss the chance to admire: Rialto Bridge; Piazza San Marco and its wonderful Basilica, renowned worldwide for its priceless treasures and fascinating secret places, Doge’s Palace, the Bridge of Sighs, a beautiful sight, stretching high above the canal, generally known as one of the finest examples of bridge architecture in the world. If you want to have the most romantic views of the city, take the time to do a gondola trip along the canals of Venice and you will live a dream.

Day 1 – ARRIVAL in VENICE

Arrival in Venice airport (or train station), meeting with your driver and transfer to your hotel by private watertaxi.

Overnight in Venice.

Day 2 – VENICE Walking tour of the city



Breakfast in hotel.

In the morning departure for a SIC walking excursion of Venice (entrance fees are not included).

An unforgettable tour to discover Venice through its narrow alleys called “calli”, countless bridges and wide traditional and picturesque squares, still the heart of Venetian people's social life.

Let our professional guide take you into an unforgettable journey among Venice's beauties

and history. Discover the famous sites as well as hidden gems mixed with interesting facts about the city of the Serenissima and its everlasting history. The first highlight of the walking tour is St. Mark's square, with the description of the majestic St. Mark's Basilica, the elegant Doge's Palace, the Clock Tower and the Procuratie. From St. Mark's square we will move forward to Campo Santa Maria Formosa, where we will admire the SS. Giovanni e Paolo church with the famous Pantheon. Follow the Scuola Grande di San Marco also knowns as “Great School of Charity” (the Captains of Fortune). Last but not least, head back to St. Mark's and admire the Malibran Theatre, step through the famous Mercerie, once the pulsing heart of commercial life back in time, nowadays Venice's main shopping district between Rialto Bridge and St Mark's Square.

At the end chance to have an optional tour (not included)



GONDOLA RIDE

30 romantic minutes on a typical gondola in the narrow canal of this amazing city. The gondola is synonymous with Venice, a bit like pizza in Naples, but few know that the gondola really carries the symbol of the city with it. Symbol that is found in the bow iron, or that kind of comb that is found in the bow and that has the function to balance the weight of the gondolier. Its shape, in fact, has nothing random: the S-shaped trend resumes the path of the Grand Canal; the six forward facing teeth correspond to the six

districts of Venice; the tooth facing inwards is the island of Giudecca; the arch above the last tooth is the Rialto Bridge; the top end symbolizes the Doge's hat.

Return to hotel.

Overnight.

Day 3 – VENICE TO BOLOGNA



Breakfast in hotel.

Transfer on your own to the train station and departure to Bologna via highspeed train.

Arrival in Bologna and check-in at hotel.

Free time at leisure.

Overnight in Bologna.

Day 4 – BOLOGNA CITY TOUR



Breakfast in hotel.

Among the most creative European cities, Bologna will captivate you by offering emotions and genuineness.

Take the time to visit and discover the city, wandering and 'getting lost' through arcades, squares and market stalls, where human relationships and urban charm are inseparable. Starting from Piazza Maggiore, enclosed by the beautiful ancient palaces of Accursio, Re Enzo, Podestà and Notai and by the majesty of Basilica di San Petronio, you will then continue your visit discovering the many towers in Bologna, and not only the “two sisters” Garisenda and Asinelli. From the top of the Asinelli tower you can admire the red roofs and the hills around the city. Once back on the ground, you will be embraced by kilometers of arcades, the longest in the world, animated by the voices of many Italian and foreign students who attend the oldest university in Europe. When visiting the museums, you will appreciate all the history of Bologna from the Etruscan and Roman origins to its modern and contemporary artists' paintings and writings.

Don't leave Bologna if you haven't tasted the famous and unbeatable traditional dishes as well as its cooking proposals open to the new tastes coming from different cultures. Last “but not least”, be enchanted by the magic of Bologna night life and events made of all kind of music, cinema, theater ...

Departure to a SIC excursion of the city. When you join us for our Welcome to Bologna Tour, you'll be able to sample the best Italian flavors in the historic city centre and climb the tallest preserved medieval tower in Italy! We'll begin with an introduction to Bologna from Piazza Maggiore, the hearth of the city and you'll learn some interesting facts about its history.

Then we'll climb the Asinelli Tower the best preserved tower from the Middle Ages from which we'll enjoy a breathtaking view over Bologna. Next we'll pop into Bologna traditional food market called

Quadraltero and enter an historical family-run deli-store to savor the city favorites: Parma ham, Parmesan cheese, salami, mortadella, balsamic vinegar, and more! Finally we'll visit an ancient "Drogheria", a family-run shop that's hidden in plain sight. Here we'll taste local wine, chocolate and a pastry. Return to hotel.

Free time at leisure.

Overnight in Bologna

Day 5 – BOLOGNA EXCURSION TO MOTORVALLEY



Breakfast in hotel.

Live a full day in close contact with the Legend of cars. An incredible tour that will take you inside the Ferrari world, from Ferrari Museum in Maranello, a guided tour by bus of Fiorano racetrack and Enzo Ferrari House Museum in Modena. Includes a delicious lunch in a typical agritourism.

Return to hotel.

Overnight in Bologna.

Day 6 – BOLOGNA TO ROME



Breakfast in hotel. Departure to Rome via highspeed train.

Arrival in Rome and check-in at hotel. Free time at leisure.

Rome, caput mundi (capital of the world), the eternal city, This city has been called in many ways. As a matter of fact Rome is the cradle of occidental civilization and Christian culture, a huge open air museum and a without doubt one the most beautiful cities in the world; every year millions of tourists come from around the world to admire the treasures and masterpieces of Roman art and architecture. Rome is an enchanting city where you'll discover a romantic blend of culture and history spiced up with a vibrant street and nightlife. Add in to the mix delicious gastronomy and excellent Italian wines, the typical and warm Italian hospitality, the dolce vita style, unique corners like Colosseum, Trevi fountain or St Peter Basilica and you'll get a dream destination impossible to miss. When you enter Rome's churches, cathedrals, museums, and galleries you'll find awe-inspiring paintings and sculptures that cover all the eras and great names of Western art. These range from Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel ceiling to frescoes by Raphael and paintings that show the skill of Caravaggio to the glorious fountains of Bernini. A trip to Rome, though, encompasses much more than a stroll through art and architecture. Sipping a coffee or aperitif in street cafes, or enjoying a glass of beer while you take in the vistas from terraces and piazzas are just as much a part of the tourist experience in this most romantic of cities.

Overnight in Rome.



Included in the package there is a SIC excursion to Colosseum and Imperial Rome departing in the afternoon just after lunchtime (approx. 3 hours). Departure from a very central meeting point at 13.15 and arrival by coach at Piazza Venezia you then continue on foot to the famous Piazza del Campidoglio designed by Michelangelo from where you will have a fantastic view of the Roman Forum. By coach we will then drive by the Circus

Maximus and the Aventino Hill. Stop to admire the beautiful statue of Moses by Michelangelo located in the Church of St. Peter's in Chains from where it will take us 5 minutes to reach the symbol of the eternal city: The Colosseum (visit inside, the entrance fee is included). Due to seasonal opening times the itinerary may be altered without notice.

Return to hotel.

Overnight.

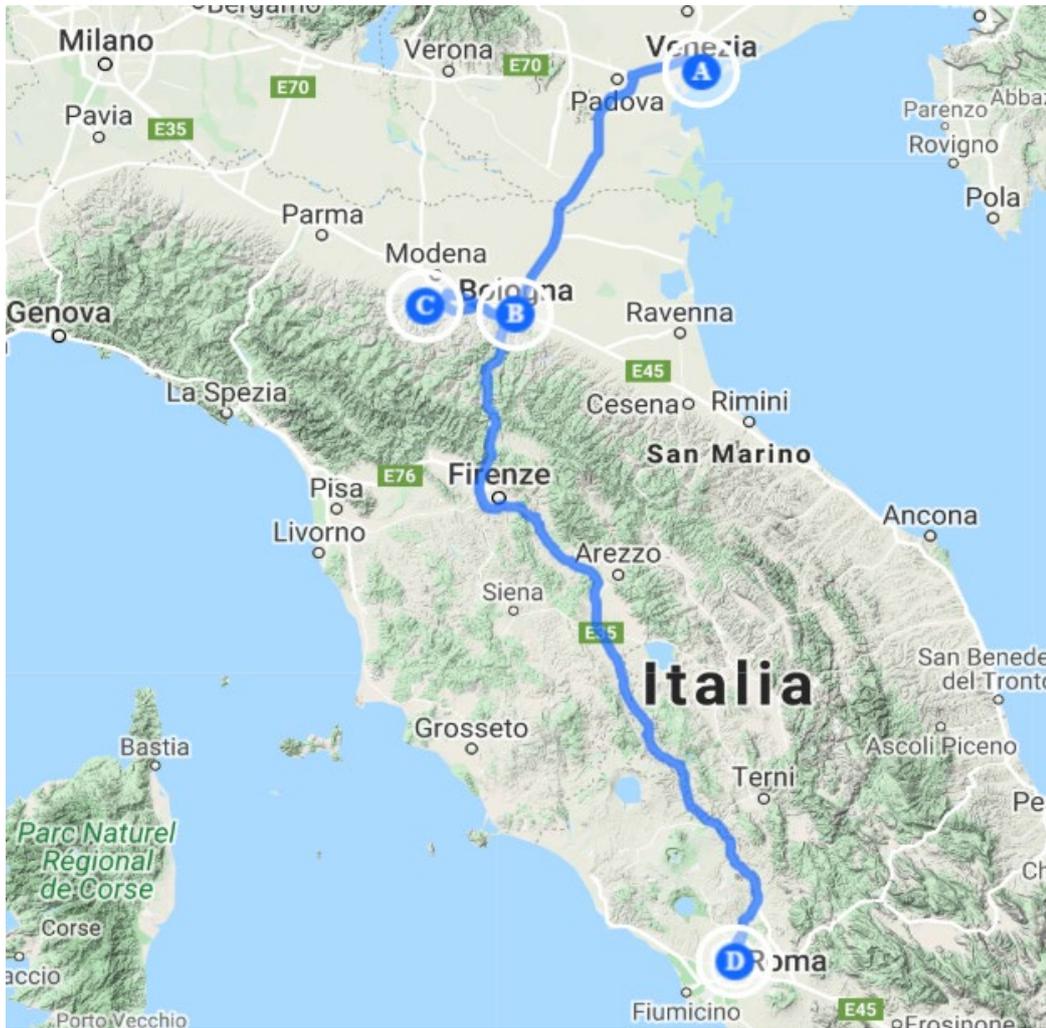
Day 8 – DEPARTURE DAY

Breakfast in hotel.

Transfer by private car to Rome Fiumicino airport for your departure flight.

End of services.

Map and distances



Venice (A)

Venice → Bologna (B): approx 1hr 30 mins by highspeed train

Bologna → Maranello (C): approx 40mins by car

Bologna → Rome (D): approx 2hrs 20 mins by highspeed train



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