

The Five Senses of Italy

Small Luxury Groups

OUR PHILOSOPHY

Italy is one of the most beautiful country of the world, keeping more than 70% of entire World Heritage Sites protected by UNESCO and having in just one country quite all elements of a perfect vacation: culture, art, food, traditions, amazing landscapes, warm hospitality, sea, mountains, shopping and so on.

A destination that will delight your five senses!

These are the reasons why **EXCELLENCE DMC** gives you the right tips and formulas to enjoy it at best: its escorted tours.

Offering a different image of Italy and giving the right value for money inspired us. Brand new coaches, expert and friendly tour hosts, centrally located hotels, no hidden costs!

Our mission is to make your clients traveling like Italians, leading them by hands into the most authentic atmosphere, far from the fake touristic experiences.

This will leave them an unforgettable image of Italy.

The maximum number of guests for each tour is fixed in 15 pax, in order to grant an intimate atmosphere and to combine the conveniences of a small group with the plus of an individual treatment. Itineraries and concept are so flexible that can be adjusted to your needs and clients' requirements.

Italy awaits you!



TOPICS

Centrally located charme hotels

Maximum 15 pax

One language tour

Unique experiences

De luxe coaches

FIVE SENSES OF ITALY Escorted itineraries in Italy

Castles of Italy

Cinqueterre, Food & Motor land

TrainItaly

Rome and the Sunny Amalfi

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Italy is the land of the 100 cities but also of Castles. The rich middle-ages times left in our country a wide heritage of monuments and sites. Live the magic of Italy overnighting in real castles.

castles of italy



Milan

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Parma

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Florence

San Gimignano/Siena

Orvieto/Greve in Chianti (Siena)

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Nerola

Rome

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1 Arrival in Rome

Arrival at Rome international airport. Transfer to your hotel in Rome on your own (or ask for our private operated transfers) and check in. Overnight.

2 Rome visit/Nerola

Breakfast in hotel. Meeting with the driver at hotel lobby and departure to one of the following half day tour. Guide, will be met in Rome.

- **ANCIENT ROME:** enjoy a magnificent tour of the eternal city's most fascinating ancient monuments.
- **CLASSIC ROME:** visit Rome's most beautiful treasures on this traditional overview of the city.
- **CATHOLIC ROME:** visit to Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel.

At the end continue to your first castle, nearby Rome.

Castello Orsini: built in the 10th century on the ruins of an ancient Sabina fortress, after having been an impregnable rampart during the incursions of the Saracens and the Hungarians, the Castle was given in feud to Francesco Orsini at the end of the 13th century. The castle has also a SPA and a covered heated pool where is possible to relax. Dinner at the castle. Overnight.

3 Nerola/Orvieto/Greve in Chianti (Siena)

Breakfast in hotel. Guided visit of the castle. Departure to Tuscany for your next Castle located in Greve in Chianti, in the wonderful Siena countryside. En route stop in **Orvieto** to visit the wonderful city without guide. Arrival in **Greve in Chianti** at Castle of Vicchiomaggio. During its long and glorious history,

Vicchiomaggio Castle has hosted various famous artists, including Leonardo da Vinci and Francesco Redi. Leonardo stayed at the castle while he was painting his masterpiece, Monna Lisa, and he also drew a charming and impressive picture that is still preserved among his personal documents. Francesco Redi, a member of the Accademia della Crusca (Florentine Literary Academy), wrote his famous poem "Bacco in Toscana" (Bacco in Tuscany) while staying at Vicchiomaggio in 1865. Dinner and overnight.

4 Greve/San Gimignano/Siena/Greve

Breakfast in hotel. Meeting with the driver and departure to **San Gimignano**, the Tuscan "Manhattan" due to the many towers.

Leaving San Gimignano we will reach a farm for a guided wine tasting: of local wines (red and white wines, vintage wines or for long ageing) and Vin Santo (typical Tuscan dessert wine)—Tenuta Torciano.

In the afternoon depart to **Siena**, the city of Gothic for excellence.

Meeting with the guide. We'll start with a cappuccino at Nannini, Siena's most famous coffee bar, and sample their panforte, a dense cake laced with nuts, candied fruits, and spices. We'll then tour Siena's Palazzo Pubblico, which houses masterpieces of Italian Gothic fresco painting by Simone Martini and Ambrogio Lorenzetti. We'll also visit Siena's striped cathedral, home to artworks by Michelangelo and Pinturicchio. Return to the castle. Dinner and overnight.

5 Greve

Breakfast in hotel. Visit of **Greve in Chianti** and **Montefioralle**. Greve is often considered the entrance gate into the Chianti region since it is the first major town you reach as you head south of Florence toward Siena.

Highlights in Greve: Piazza Matteotti is the **main piazza in Greve** and even if it isn't "square", it is still the focal point of the town, every **Saturday morning the weekly market** still takes place on this same square; **Palazzo del Comune**, the city hall built in neo-Renaissance style on the site of the ancient Renaissance building. In the square near city hall is the large **statue of Giovanni da Verrazzano**, famous explorer that discovered the Hudson Bay in New York and who was born just a few kilometers to the north of Greve; **Santa Croce Church** with a neo-classic facade. In the afternoon return to the Castle and full immersion in its activities: **grapes plant, wine cellar visit with tasting and finally cooking class** (OPT for those who want to go deeper in the Tuscan culture and life). Overnight.

6 Florence

Breakfast in hotel. Departure to our next castle located in Emilia Romagna, land of great food traditions. En route stop in **Florence** and visit of the city. Enjoy a guided half-day walking tour of Florence among the landmarks of the city: **Uffizi Museum and Vasari Corridor**.

The exclusive opportunity to visit the Vasari corridor, along the Medici Walk, together with an English speaking guide (option). Hidden between city houses and even passing through a church, the **Vasari Corridor** has evolved as one of the most astounding architectural masterpieces of the Renaissance.

At the end continue to our next Castle: **Castello di Compiano**. Located in Compiano, member of the "Most Beautiful Villages in Italy" association, the castle is perched on the top of a hill that dominates the Val di Taro area, along the river that gives the valley its name. This castle has everything to amaze you: fairy tales rooms, a museum and a relaxing SPA, not forgetting the fabulous restaurant and the enchanting surroundings. Dinner and overnight.

7 Parma

Breakfast in hotel. Departure to **Parma**, the capital of the Italian food valley.

Parma is an affluent and culturally rich city. It is no wonder that Parma is known for its discerning opera patrons: it is the birthplace of the famous Italian composer Giuseppe Verdi. Parma has given the world two of its greatest culinary inventions: Parma ham (**prosciutto di Parma**) and Parmesan cheese (**Parmigiano Reggiano**, known as "King of Cheeses"). Today we'll delight our senses having a full immersion in these delicious foods.

Departure at 09.30am from the hotel to visit a Parmigiano factory with explanation and testing, then continue to prosciutto factory and finally a farm where to taste amazing local sparkling wine: Sangiovese.

For dinner we do suggest a special restaurant, the place where Verdi used to have rehearsal with his orchestra, nowadays a gourmet restaurant with local specialties in the heart of Parma (optional). Return to the castle and overnight.

8 Departure day

After breakfast in hotel. Transfer to **Milan** international airport for return flight on your own.

End of services.
Arrivederci Italia

HOTELS

Hotels can be changed with similar category in case of need. The name of the hotel (if changed) will be communicated 30 days before.

Rome city: Mediterraneo or similar
Castle in Rome area: Castello Orsini
Castle in Chianti area: Castello di Vicchiomaggio
Castle in Emilia Romagna: Castello di Compiano

THIS PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Private transportation for the entire trip (baggage on board is 1 per person);
- Tour escort for the entire trip;
- 7 nights stay: 4 nights with bed and breakfast and 3 nights in half board treatment (one in each castle)
- 4 lunches/tasting lunches including drinks: tasting lunch at agriturismo nearby Siena; tasting at Vicchiomaggio Castle; cakes tasting in Siena; tasting lunch in Parma at Parmigiano, Prosciutto factory and wine cellar;
- 1 HD excursion in Rome including transportation and licensed guide;
- 1 HD excursion in Siena including transportation and licensed guide;
- 1 HD excursion in Florence including transportation and licensed guide and Uffizi entrance fees;

NOT INCLUDED:

City taxi at hotel
Baggage handling
Extras
Tips
Insurances
Drinks at meals if not expressly mentioned
All not mentioned in "this package includes"

ENTRANCE FEES (NOT INCLUDED IN THE QUOTE)

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They must be paid cash on spot or can be paid at time of reservation, adding them to the participation quote.

They are not refundable.
• Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel 24 euro per pax

SUPPLEMENTS & REDUCTIONS

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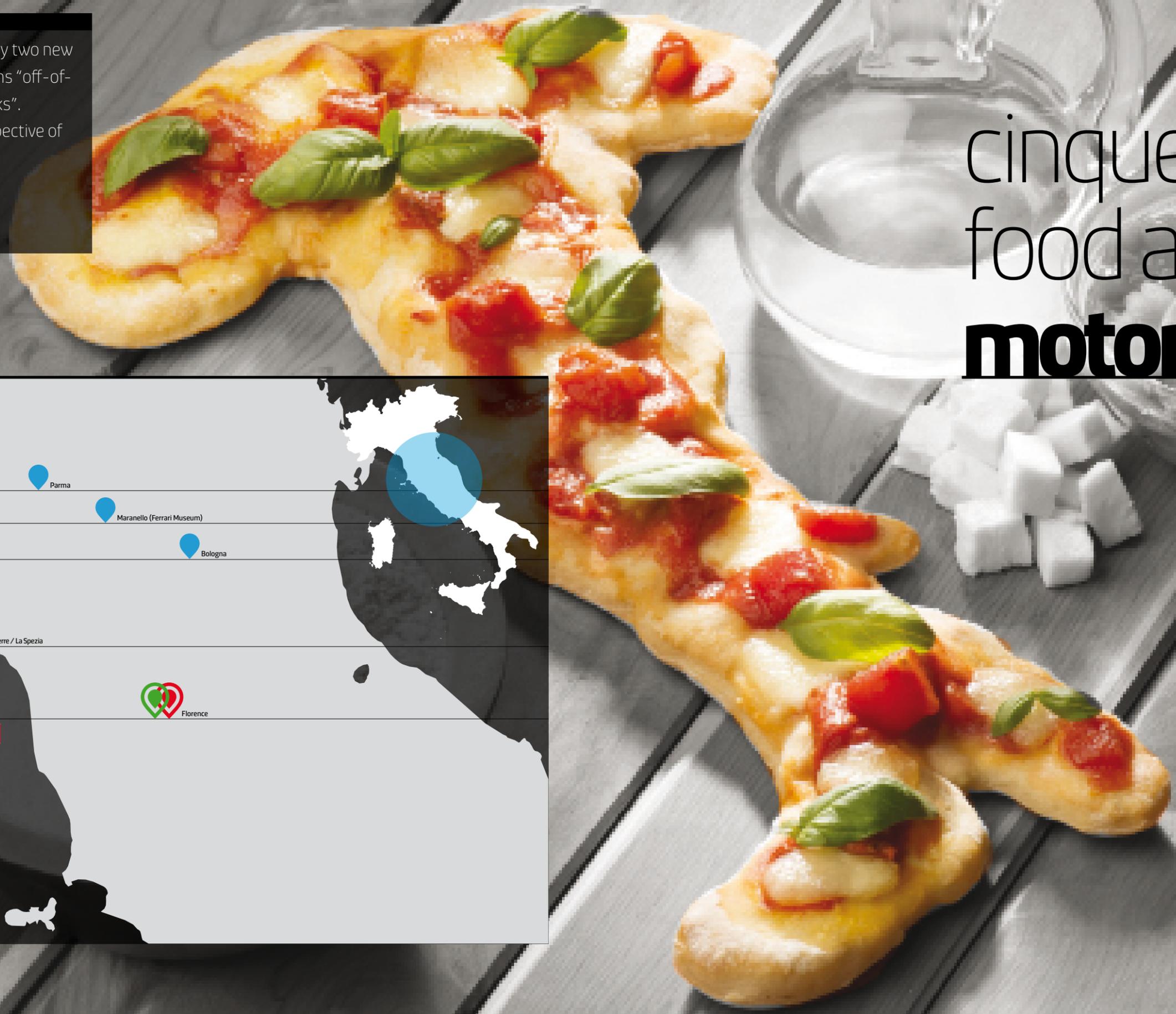
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From 6 days till arrival (no show) 100% of the quote (not applied on entrance fees if included in package)



A tour to discover two new Italian destinations "off-of-the-beaten-tracks". Have a new perspective of The Bel Paese!

cinqueterre, food and **motor land**



1 Arrival in Florence

Arrival at Florence international airport. Transfer to your hotel in Florence on your own (or ask for our private operated transfers) and check in. Overnight.

2 Florence

Breakfast in hotel.

Meeting with your guide at hotel lobby and departure for a half day guided visit of **Florence**. Impossible to miss one of the most celebrated Italian museums, **Uffizi**: originally built in 1560 to house the principal government offices of the State, the Uffizi Museum now contains some of the greatest treasures of the Renaissance, with works by masters such as Botticelli, Raphael, Michelangelo, Da Vinci, Caravaggio and Titan. Enjoy a tour of the gallery's masterpieces, followed by a walking tour of the Piazza della Signoria and its famous statues. Reserved entry to the museum.

In the afternoon choose among one of our **OPT** tours:

- PISA'S LEANING TOWER
- SIENA and CHIANTI AREA

Return to hotel. Overnight.

3 Florence/Cinqueterre/La Spezia

Breakfast in hotel.

Meeting with the driver and depart for the **Cinque-terre** area. "The Five Lands" is composed of five villages: **Monterosso al Mare, Vernazza, Corniglia, Manarola, and Riomaggiore**. The coastline, the five villages, and the surrounding hillsides are all part of the Cinque Terre National Park and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The landscape is quite unique all over the world and the scenery than worth a visit. During summer the villages can be visited by the sea with a minicruise stopping in each one of them, in winter time by train. Continue to **La Spezia**, check in and overnight.

4 La Spezia/Parma

Breakfast in hotel.

Departure to **Parma**, the capital of the Italian food valley.

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Return to Parma.

Dinner tonight will be in a special restaurant, the place where Verdi used to have rehearsal with his orchestra, nowadays a gourmet restaurant with local specialties.

Overnight.

5 Parma surroundings

Breakfast in hotel.

Meeting with the driver and departure to Parma surroundings by private car.

We'll visit the interesting surroundings of the city full of traditions related to food and music.

Busseto, Verdi's birthplace, with visit to his theatre, **Fontanellato** where is possible to visit one of the most beautiful fortress of the entire region, **Rocca Sanvitale** dated 12th century and **Felino** famous for its salami, here the Museum of Salame located in a castle and **Torrechiara Castle**.



Return to Parma. Overnight.

6 Parma/Maranello /Bologna

Breakfast in hotel.

Meeting with the driver and departure to **Bologna**. On the way stop in a famous balsamic vinegar factory where we'll learn everything on the black gold of the area, **the Traditional Balsamic Vinegar of Modena**.

Continue to **Maranello**, this small town is headquarters of the most prestigious car manufacturer in the world: Ferrari. Each year thousands of enthusiasts from all over the world converge on this corner of Emilia to visit the Galleria **Ferrari** and the Factory tour visit by bus inside the Ferrari factory. Included also a test drive of 10 minutes on a Ferrari supercar in the streets of Maranello. Only our guests will have a special gadget to make their "Ferrari day" unforgettable. Continue to Bologna. Arrival in hotel. Overnight.

7 Bologna

Breakfast in hotel.

Half day tour of the city. **Bologna** is so famous for its tradition of hospitality and the friendliness of its citizens, that it is seen as one of the most cordial and pleasant cities in Italy. Shopkeepers are no exception as they are heirs to the traditional courtesy shown by merchants in times gone by.

Here specialties such as **tortellini, lasagne, tagliatelle, passatelli** can be tasted in the numerous restaurants but also in the ancient grocers, delicatessens and bakers where you can buy your wine and

food. Food here is so important that the Bologna Chamber of Commerce has registered the official recipes of several local dishes such as the Ragù Bolognese, Tagliatelle e Tortellini starting from the seventies. In the afternoon we'll leave Bologna to reach **Lamborghini Factory** where we'll enter to admire the production line: will be possible to see with your eyes how these dream cars are hand made! After not to miss the visit at the annex Museum. Return to Bologna. Overnight.

8 Bologna/Florence

Breakfast in hotel.

Departure to **Florence**.

On the way stop in a fashion outlet where is possible to find Italian and International brands at unbelievable prices.

Continue to Florence.

Time at leisure.

Once in Florence we give our suggestions **OPT**

TOURS:

- THE MEDICI ACCADEMIA
- FLORENCE JEWISH HERITAGE

Overnight.

9 Departure day

Breakfast in hotel.

Transfer to Florence international airport on your own.

End of services.
Arrivederci Italia!



HOTELS

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Florence: Grand Hotel Mediterraneo or similar
La Spezia: NH La Spezia or similar
Parma: Maria Luigia or similar
Bologna: 4 Viale Masini or similar

THIS PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Private transportation for the entire trip (baggage on board is 1 per person);
- Tour escort for the entire trip;
- 8 nights stay with bed and breakfast treatment
- 1 lunch/tasting including drinks: tasting lunch in Parma at Parmigiano, Prosciutto factory and wine cellar;
- 1 dinner at Opera restaurant in Parma
- 1 HD excursion in Florence including bus, licensed guide and entrance fees at Uffizi;
- 1 FD excursion in Cinqueterre including bus, licensed guide, train card (cruise during summer);
- 1 HD excursion in Parma surroundings including bus, licensed guide and admission fee to Salami Museum;
- 1 HD excursion in Bologna including bus and licensed guide
- Visit of Ferrari Museum and factory tour (with assistant no guide)
- Visit of Lamborghini Museum and factory (with assistant no guide)
- 10 mins Ferrari test drive inside Maranello streets with a Ferrari supercar.

NOT INCLUDED:

City taxi at hotel
Baggage handling
Extras
Tips
Insurances
Drinks at meals if not expressly mentioned
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IMPORTANT NOTICES

Ferrari and Lamborghini museums could be not available for the visit for internal organization problems, this will be communicated at time of confirmation.

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Grand tour of Italy by train.
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moving by comfortable,
modern and fast trains,
enjoying the wonderful
landscapes.

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1 Arrival in Milan

Arrival at Milan international airport. Transfer to your hotel in **Milan** on your own (or ask for our private operated transfers) and check in. **Travel tip:** we suggest a drink in a trendy bar in the city centre. Milan is a very posh city with many exclusive corners and bars. Overnight.

2 Milan visit

Breakfast in hotel. As a city with a millennium long history, Milan has an amazing array of architecture. Over the centuries, the city of Milan has been home to some of the best artists and architects of the world. Masterpieces of Baroque, Neoclassical, and Renaissance styles make Milan a city of unparalleled architectural value. Free time to enjoy Milan with one of our suggested **OPT tours**.

- TRENDY MILAN
- CLASSICAL MILAN

Afternoon free for shopping at the Fashion District called "Quadrilatero della Moda", the famous Via Montenapoleone and Via della Spiga where all brands have their stores and boutiques.

Departure to **Venice** by highspeed train. On arrival transfer to hotel, check-in and overnight in hotel.

3 Venice

Breakfast in hotel. Meeting with the guide at hotel lobby for a special half day walking tour.

- We can choose one of the following **OPT tours**:
- ST. MARK'S SQUARE, THE BASILICA AND DOGE'S
 - JEWISH GHETTO IN CANNAREGIO TOUR
 - BOATS, BATTLES AND FOREIGNERS
 - MURANO and BURANO

Return to hotel.

Afternoon free for shopping. Overnight.

4 Venice/Florence

Breakfast in hotel. Our assistant will take clients to railway station with private watertaxi and will assist them in boarding to the highspeed train to **Florence**.

At arrival transfer to hotel. Check in.

Enjoy a guided half-day walking tour of Florence including the landmark of the city: Uffizi Museum, skipping the usual long line as we will enter from a reserved side entrance.

• **OPT tour:** Upon availability chance to visit Vasari Corridor, The corridor is rarely open to the public, so take advantage of this unique opportunity to view Florence and its artistic pleasures on this exclusive walking tour. Overnight.

5 Florence

Breakfast in hotel. Today free time at leisure to enjoy Florence then this evening a real Italian experience:

• **OPT tour:** **how to make PIZZA & GELATO:** our expert chef will meet clients at San Lorenzo central market and will start shopping of fresh products needed to make a cooking lesson. Learn how to do at home two of the Italian iconic food. Overnight.

6 Florence/Rome

Breakfast in hotel. Meeting with our assistant at hotel lobby and transfer by private car to railway station and departure by highspeed train to **Rome**. On arrival, meeting

with the driver and transfer to hotel. Check in. Meeting with the guide at hotel lobby and departure to one of the following **OPT tour**:

- **ANCIENT ROME:** enjoy a magnificent tour of the eternal city's most fascinating ancient monuments.
- **CLASSIC ROME:** visit Rome's most beautiful treasures on this traditional overview of the city
- **CLASSIC TOUR with GELATO:** visit Rome's most beautiful treasures tasting 2 of the most delicious "gelaterie".

For kids we do suggest

• **TIME ELEVATOR:** the coolest way to learn the history of Rome from the origins till today through a technological journey. Kids traveling in the party will have great time. Free time to explore on own Rome. Overnight.

7 Rome

Breakfast in hotel. Meeting with the driver and the guide for the tour of the **Vatican Museums** and the **Sistine Chapel**. The Vatican Museums and their immense wealth of art, resulting from centuries of papal collections, offer an extraordinary experience.

We suggest two special half day **OPT tours**:

- **Cinema in Rome by Vespa**
- **Crazy for shopping**

Return to hotel. Overnight.

8 Departure day

Breakfast in hotel. Transfer to Rome international airport by your own (or ask for our private operated transfers).

End of services.
Arrivederci Italia!



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- Milan:** Sheraton or similar
- Venice:** Bonvecchiati or similar
- Florence:** Grand Hotel Mediterraneo or similar
- Rome:** Mediterraneo or similar

THIS PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Private transfers in each city by private car (watertaxi in Venice);
- Tour escort for the entire trip;
- Speed train tickets as per program in 2nd class;
- Baggage handling in all stations and trains (1 piece per pax);
- 7 nights stay with bed and breakfast treatment;
- 1 HD excursion in Florence including licensed guide and entrance fees at Uffizi Museums;
- 1 HD excursion in Rome including licensed guide and entrance fees at Vatican Museums;

NOT INCLUDED:

- City taxi at hotel
- Baggage handling
- Extras
- Tips
- Insurances
- All not mentioned in "this package includes"

ENTRANCE FEES (NOT INCLUDED IN THE QUOTE)

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Time Elevator	12 euro adt/9 euro chd
Caserta Royal Apartments	15 euro per pax
Villa Rufolo in Ravello	6 euro per pax

SUPPLEMENTS & REDUCTIONS

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CANCELLATION POLICIES

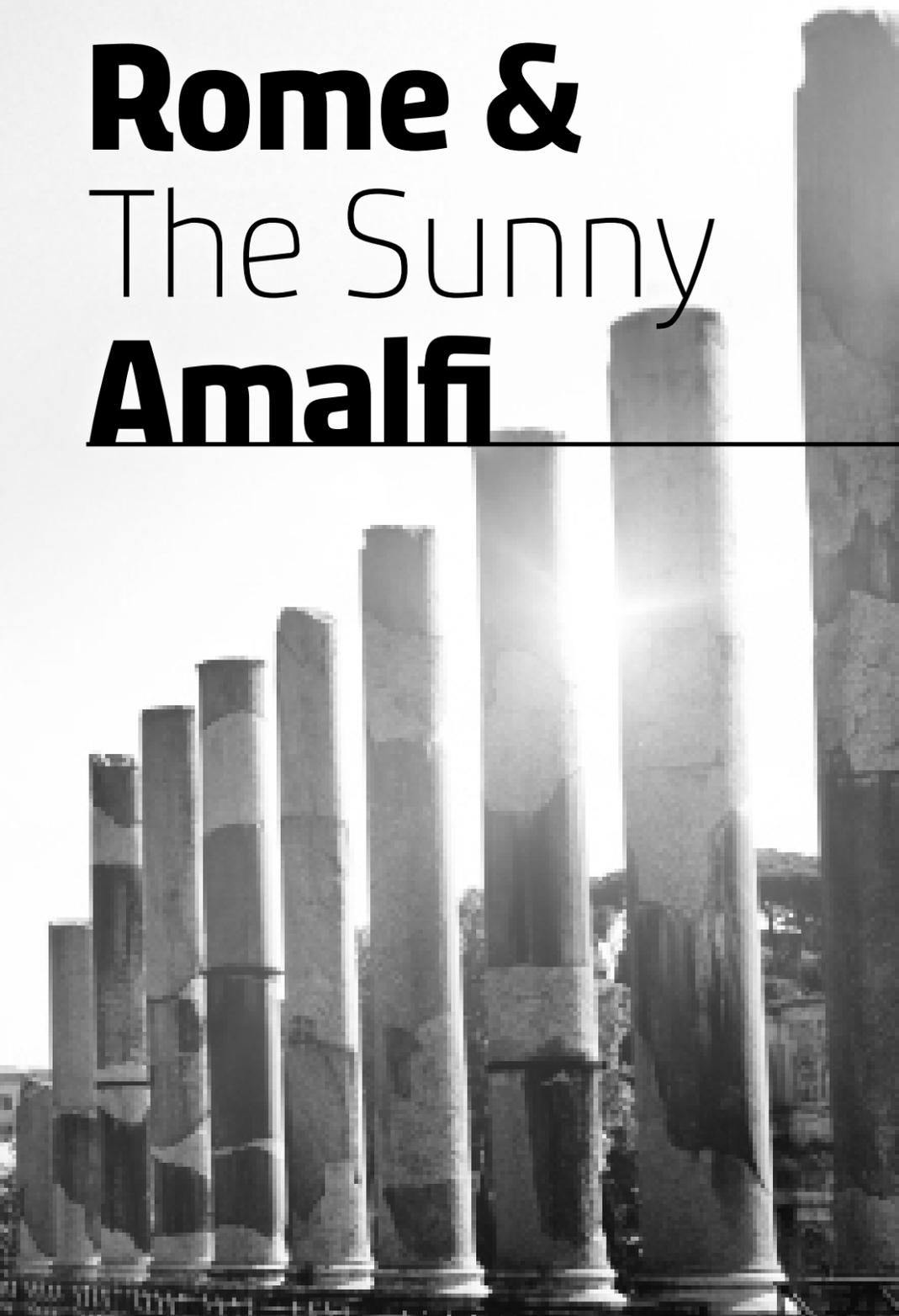
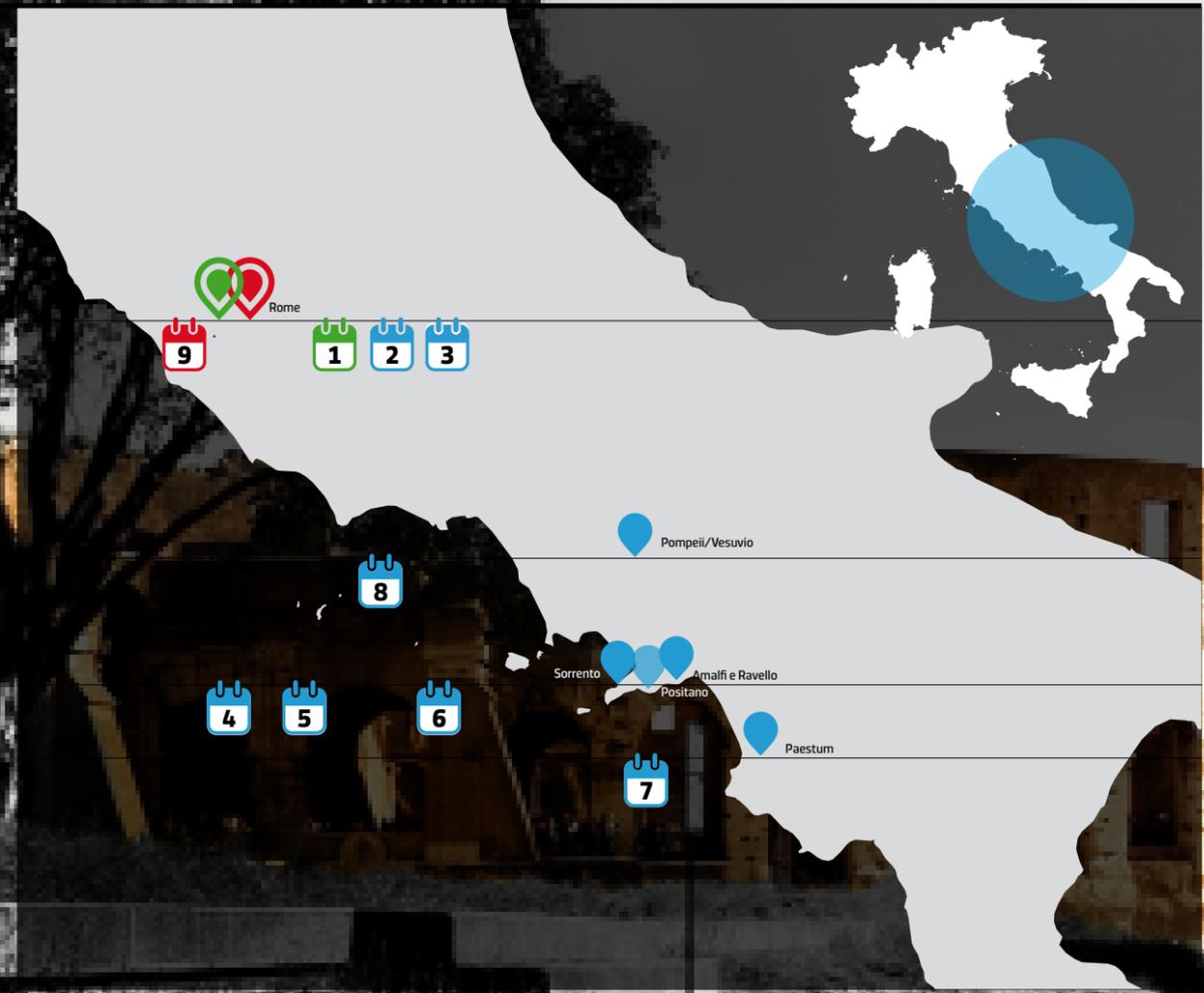
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Tour of the Eternal City and the breath-taking Amalfi Coast. A sojourn in the Eternal city to live the real roman atmosphere followed by a relaxing and surprising stay on the Amalfi Coast.

Rome & The Sunny Amalfi





1 Arrival in Rome

Arrival in Rome international airport.
Transfer to your hotel in Rome on your own (or ask for our private operated transfers) and check in.
Overnight.



2 Visit Rome

Breakfast in hotel.
Meeting with the guide at hotel lobby and departure to one of the following **OPT tours**:

ANCIENT ROME: enjoy a magnificent tour of the eternal city's most fascinating ancient monuments.
CLASSIC ROME: visit Rome's most beautiful treasures on this traditional overview of the city
CLASSIC TOUR with GELATO: visit Rome's most beautiful treasures on this traditional overview of the city, tasting 2 of the most delicious "gelaterie"

For kids we do suggest

• **TIME ELEVATOR:** the coolest way to learn the history of Rome from the origins till today through a technological journey. Kids traveling in the party will have great time.
Overnight.



3 Visit Rome

Breakfast in hotel.
Meeting with the driver and the guide for the tour of the **Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel**. The Vatican Museums and their immense wealth of art, resulting from centuries of papal collections, offer an extraordinary experience. Afternoon free time for shopping in Rome.
While in Rome we suggest a special half day **OPT tour**:
• **Cinema in Rome by Vespa.**
• **Rome Food Tour**
Return to hotel.
Overnight.



4 Rome/Amalfi Coast

Breakfast in hotel.
Meeting with the driver and departure to **Naples** by private car.
En route stop in **Caserta** to visit the marvellous **Royal Palace** created by the famous architect Vanvitelli. Continue to Naples but not before a stop for shopping in a very nice and elegant shopping outlet where is possible to find at very convenient prices the most celebrated Italian fashion brands. Continue to the **Amalfi Coast**. Arrival in your hotel on the Sorrento Coast and check-in at your hotel.
Overnight.



5 Positano, Amalfi and Ravello

Breakfast in hotel.
Today visit of the 3 pearls of the **Amalfi Coast: Positano, Amalfi and Ravello**.
Positano a picturesque small village of fishermen set as a jewel into the coast. Then continue to Amalfi, once one of the 4 maritime republics together with Venice, Genoa and Pisa was a wealthy city ruling on the entire coast with its powerful fleet. Continue to the timeless town of Ravello, loved by Goethe, he expressively said that for "Amalfitan people the day they die is nothing different from their life as they always lived in Paradise". Return to hotel.
Overnight.



6 Pompei and Sorrento

Breakfast in hotel.
Departure to the ancient Roman city of **Pompeii** to admire the ruins. After the visit continue to Sorrento, the second and bigger town famous since the 17th century as one of the destination of The Grand Tour, the trip that the young European aristocrats used to do. While in Sorrento free time at leisure or we suggest an OPT activity:

Sorrento Food Experience
Once in your life experience the farm life in the sunny Sorrento learning how to do limoncello liquor, pizza and a typical cheese, "provolone del Monaco" by yourself.

Return to hotel.
Overnight.



7 Rome

Breakfast in hotel.
Departure to **Rome** stopping in the vibrant city of Naples.
Naples is also the birthplace of the Italian iconic food so we cannot miss a stop in an amazing food gallery where will be possible to taste (and to buy) all Neapolitan delicious foods.
Continue to Rome and check-in at hotel.

Optional: Rome by night
Overnight.



8 Departure day

After breakfast in hotel.
Transfer to Rome international airport by your own (or ask for our private operated transfers).

End of services.
Arrivederci Italia!



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- Tour escort for the entire trip;
- 7 nights stay with bed and breakfast treatment
- 1 HD excursion at Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel including bus, guide and entrance fees;
- 1 HD walking tour excursion in Rome including licensed guide;
- 1 HD excursion at Caserta Royal Apartments including bus, licensed guide and entrance fees;
- 1 HD excursion at Pompeii excavations including bus, licensed guide and entrance fees;
- 1 FD excursion at on Amalfi Coast including bus;
- 1 HD panoramic excursion in Naples including bus;

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Crossroad of cultures and traditions, Sicily is the real beating soul of Italy. A land where landscapes, food, warm hospitality are at their maximum level. Do not miss this corner of La Bella Italia.

Colors of **Sicily**





1 Arrival in Palermo

Arrival at **Palermo** international airport. Transfer to your hotel in Palermo on your own (or ask for our private operated transfers) and check in. Overnight.

2 Palermo and Monreale

Breakfast in hotel. Meeting with our driver and transfer the city centre where we'll meet with the guide and will start a full day walking tour. In the afternoon continue to the historical centre with visit to the Cathedral, the Palatine Chapel and The marvellous Cloister in **Monreale**. Return to hotel. Overnight.

3 Mozia, Marsala and Agrigento

Breakfast in hotel. Departure to **Agrigento** via the **Salt Road**. The coastline from Trapani to Marsala is characterized by the salt-pans. Large pools of salt water, divided by narrow strips of land, form an irregular and multi-coloured flats, where for centuries the salt has been produced. This route is called la Via del Sale (the Salt Road) and is remarkable for its numerous Dutch-style windmills, used for pumping sea water and grinding salt, and for the mountains of salt covered with terracotta tiles.

Continue to the small Phoenician island of **Mozia**. At the end of the past century, a rich businessman - Giuseppe Whitaker, bought the island of Mozia and organized first archaeological excavation campaign. His house on the island, now the Whitaker Museum, became a small antiquarium where the excavation findings were exhibited. Continue to **Agrigento** Overnight.

4 Agrigento / Piazza Armerina / Siracusa

Breakfast in hotel. Visit of the **Temples' Valley**, where, among hundreds of almond trees, the rests of the ancient Akragas rise. It was defined by Pyndar "the most beautiful city of mortals". You will see the Temple of Hera, the Temple of Concordia and the Temple of Heracles. Continue to the Archeological Museum. Departure to the eastern part of the island visiting amazing villages like **Piazza Armerina**, where is possible to visit a unique Roman Villa adorned with very well preserved mosaics (Villa Romana del Casale). Arrival at your hotel located in **Siracusa**. Overnight

5 Noto and Siracusa

Breakfast in hotel. Visit of this wonderful valley recently appointed as UNESCO world heritage site. We'll first touch the city of chocolate, **Modica** visiting one of the oldest factory Antica Dolceria Bonajuti, then we'll proceed to **Noto**, the capital of Baroque in Sicily. Here after a very interesting visit of the totally underground cellar, we'll have a complete tasting with several wines and finger Sicilian food. Simply amazing. After our soul and body are both satisfied, we'll return to Siracusa. Overnight

6 Siracusa, Catania and Taormina

Breakfast in hotel. Meeting with the guide and guided visit of the city. Founded in 734 B.C. by colonists from Corinth, it became a major sea power of the Mediterranean. In one of history's great maritime battles, the Athenian fleet was sunk offshore. Continue to Catania, amazing city full of real pieces of art. **Catania** has had a long and eventful history, having been founded in the 8th century BC. In 1434 it witnessed

7 Taormina

Breakfast in hotel. Free time at leisure to enjoy the pearl of the Mediterranean, **Taormina**. Here culture, art, gastronomy find their best.

- OPTIONAL activities:**
- Visit of **Taormina and Castelmola**
 - **Etna excursion**
 - **Cooking class "Wanna be Siciliano"**

Overnight.

8 Departure day

Breakfast in hotel. Transfer to Catania international airport by private car.

End of services. Arrivederci Italia!



HOTELS

Hotels can be changed with similar category in case of need. The name of the hotel (if changed) will be communicated 30 days before.

- Palermo:** Palazzo Sitano or similar
- Agrigento:** Dioscuri or similar
- Siracusa:** Grand Hotel Ortigia or similar
- Taormina:** Montetauro or similar

THIS PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Private transportation for the entire trip (baggage on board is 1 per person);
- Tour escort for the entire trip;
- 7 nights stay with bed and breakfast treatment
- Welcome cocktail at arrival;
- 3 lunches/tasting including drinks;
- 1 FD excursion in Palermo and Monreale including bus and guide;
- 1 FD excursion in Trapani and Mozia island including boat and bus;
- 1 HD excursion in Agrigento including bus and licensed guide;
- 1 FD excursion in Piazza Armerina, Caltagirone including bus and licensed guide;
- 1 HD excursion in Siracusa including bus and licensed guide;

NOT INCLUDED:

- City taxi at hotel
- Baggage handling
- Extras
- Tips
- Insurances
- All not mentioned in "this package includes"

ENTRANCE FREE (NOT INCLUDED IN THE QUOTE)

Amount of ticket might change without prior notice, the exact amount will be communicated at time of reservation. They must be paid cash on spot or can be paid at time of reservation, adding them to the participation quote. They are not refundable.

- Palatine Chapel in Palermo 14 euro per pax
- Monreale Cloister 6 euro per pax
- Agrigento Temples' Valley 10 euro per pax
- Villa Romana del Casale 14 euro per pax
- Siracusa Archeological Park 10 euro per pax

SUPPLEMENTS & REDUCTIONS

Chd till 2yrs free of charge
 From 2 to 11yrs reduction 30% on adt quote (1 chd in a DBL room shared with parents)

CANCELLATION POLICIES

Cancellation without penalty are possible till 30 days before departure
 From 29 to 20 days before 30% of the quote (not applied on entrance fees if included in package)
 From 19 to 15 days before 50% of the quote (not applied on entrance fees if included in package)
 From 14 to 7 days before 70% of the quote (not applied on entrance fees if included in package)
 From 6 days till arrival (no show) 100% of the quote (not applied on entrance fees if included in package)



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