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**LUCANIA**  
*Luxury Tours & Culture*

## 1st DAY

Arrival in Genoa, first visit to the city.

In the morning: arrival of participants at the Bristol Palace Hotel.

**12.30/13.00 a.m.:** light lunch at the hotel.

**2.00 p.m.:** Meeting with the guides: short presentation of the tour.

**2.30 p.m.:** Departure on foot from the hotel and visit to the historic center and the Carlo Felice Theater, overlooking the beautiful Piazza De Ferrari, Piazza San Matteo with the homonymous church, the Doria Palaces and the Cathedral of San Lorenzo. Return to the hotel.

**6.30 pm.:** Departure on foot from the hotel and aperitif at the palace of the Marquises Giacomo and Emanuela Cattaneo Adorno, which houses one of the most extraordinary Italian private libraries.

**8.00 p.m.:** Dinner at Terrazza Colombo, an exclusive location at the top of the Piacentini skyscraper, from where you can enjoy a magnificent view of the city. Return to the hotel.



# GENOA THE MAGNIFICENT

## 2nd DAY

The day is dedicated to the visit of the historic Via Garibaldi, a UNESCO heritage site, one of the most beautiful streets in Italy where you can admire the most majestic buildings of Genoa.

**9.00 a.m.:** Departure on foot from the hotel and visit to Palazzo Lomellino, with the frescoed room on the noble floor, the hanging gardens and the historic shop in Via Garibaldi 12.

**12.30 p.m.:** Transfer by bus to Villa Balbi Durazzo Gropallo, Lo Zerbino, received by Count Marcello Castelbarco Albani who would illustrate the history of this magnificent villa and its park.

**2.30 p.m.:** Transfer by bus and visit to the marvelous palaces Palazzo Bianco, Palazzo Rosso, Palazzo Tursi. Return to the hotel.

**7.45 pm.:** Transfer on foot from the hotel and dinner at Palazzo Spinola received by the Marquises Roberto and Carlo Clavarino. Return to the hotel.



## 3rd DAY

The day is dedicated to the sea, the port and navigation.

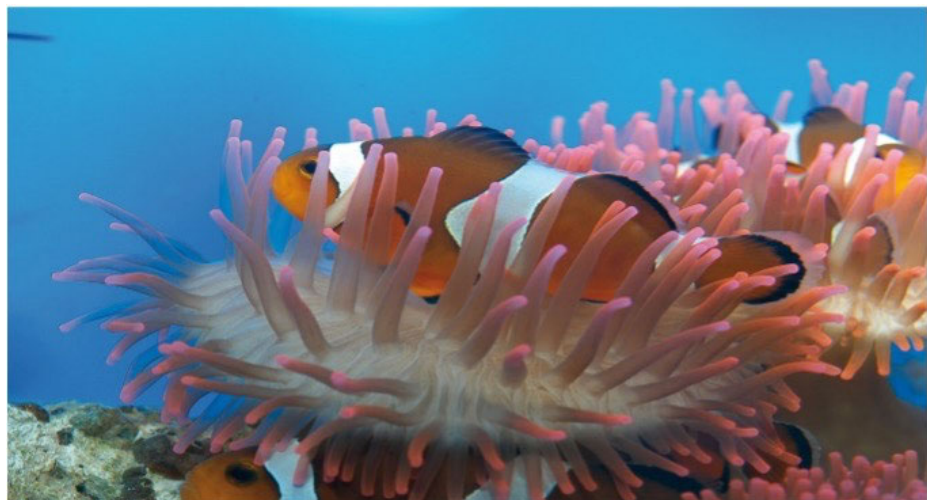
**9.00 a.m.:** Transfer by bus to the Museo del Mare, the largest maritime museum in the Mediterranean, housed in the oldest existing building of the arsenal of the Republic: the Galata. Today, it is a place that allows you to retrace the echos of the past and discover the centuries-old relationship between man and the sea.

**12.30 p.m.:** Lunch at the Yacht Club, the oldest sailing club in the country and one of the oldest in the Mediterranean, received by our friends and members of the Club Eugenio and Marina Kielland.

**2.30 p.m.:** Visit of the port by boat.

**4.30 p.m.:** Transfer by bus and return to the hotel.

**7.00 p.m.:** Transfer by bus to the Acquario di Genova, the largest exhibition of aquatic biodiversity in Europe with 70 tanks, more than 12,000 animals of 600 different species, with the magnificent Gulf of Genoa as a backdrop. Surprise dinner. Return to the hotel.



# GENOA THE MAGNIFICENT

## 4th DAY

The day is devoted to exhibitions, seaside villages and wonderful old shops.

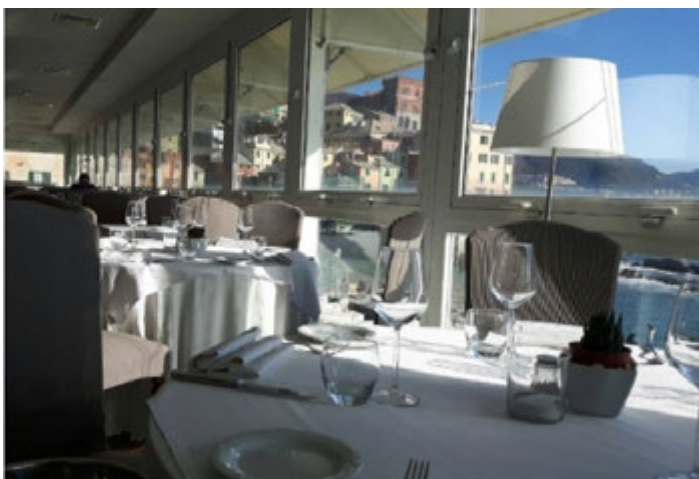
**9.00 a.m.:** Departure on foot from the hotel and visit to the Palazzo Ducale.

**12.00 a.m.:** Transfer by bus to Boccadasse - an enchanting village on the sea - and lunch at Da Vittorio al Mare restaurant.

**2.30 p.m.:** Transfer by bus to the hotel.

Afternoon: Free time or visit of the Botteghe Storiche, which Genoa has preserved like few other Italian cities, accompanied by our guides.

**8.00 p.m.:** Departure on foot from the hotel and dinner at the Circolo Artistico del Tunnel, a very old private club, many of whose members occupy eminent positions in industry, finance, or the Genoese liberal professions. Return to the hotel.



## 5th DAY

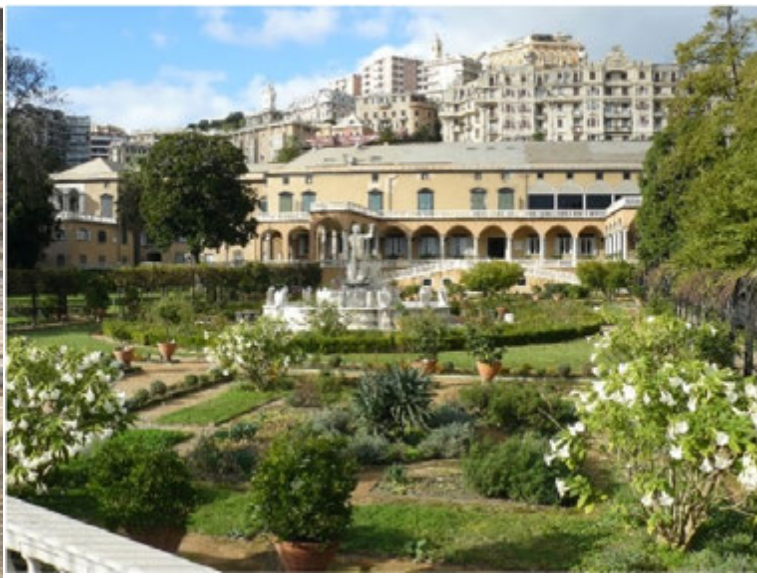
From a historic building to a beautiful private residence with 360° views of the city and the port.

**9.00 a.m.:** Transfer by bus to the Palazzo del Principe Andrea Doria, a museum full of hidden treasures: visit to the halls with magnificent frescoes and incredible tapestries and gardens.

**12.00 a.m.:** Transfer by bus to the liberty lift that will take us to the Spianata Castelletto, an amazing "balcony" suspended above the historic center.

**1.00 p.m.:** Lunch in Castelletto received in the beautiful house of Mr. Giovanni Guicciardi.

**3.00 p.m.:** Transfer by bus, return to the hotel and end of the trip.

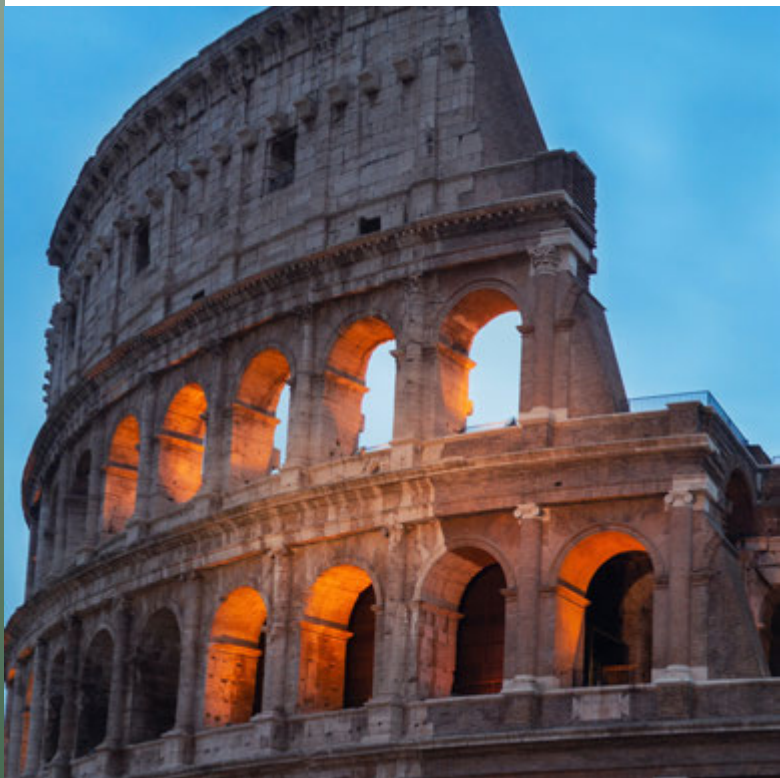


## 1st DAY

**Arrival in Rome** of the participants in the afternoon.  
Transfer to the Hotel Sina Bernini Bristol and check-in.

**7.00 p.m.:** Meeting in the hotel lobby to go to the Palazzo Taverna where the Marquise Violante Guerrieri Gonzaga will welcome us to her apartment on the top floor of the family home in the heart of Rome. Marquise Violante Guerrieri Gonzaga has always been passionate about cooking and for years she has been organizing courses attended by great personalities from all over the world. In his apartment, overlooking a superb view of Rome, we can taste old family recipes and some of the best specialties of the Italian culinary tradition.

Return to the hotel.



## 2nd DAY

**8.45 a.m.:** Meeting in the hotel lobby and departure for Orvieto.

**10.45 a.m.:** Arrival in Orvieto and guided tour of the historic center: the Rocca Albornoziata with its marvelous panorama of the surrounding hills, the Pozzo di San Patrizio, the Duomo where we can admire the magnificent frescoes by Fra Angelico and Luca Signorelli, the Palazzo del Popolo and the Torre del Moro.

**1.30 p.m.:** Transfer to the Palazzone, country residence of Anne and Alvise Chiari Gaggia, where we will have lunch.

**3.30 p.m.:** Departure for Perugia and check-in at the Hotel Brufani Palace.

**8.30 p.m.:** Dinner at Antonio Coaccioli and his wife Nives - President of FAI Umbria - who will welcome us to their beautiful residence located in the historic center a few minutes walk from the hotel.

Return to the hotel.



## 3rd DAY

**09.00 a.m.:** Meeting in the hotel lobby with our guides for a walking tour of the city of Perugia: we will visit the Rocca Paolina, the Etruscan Porta Marzia, Piazza Italia, the Palazzo dei Priori where the Sala is located. dei Notari, the Cattedrale, the Fontana Maggiore and the Porta del Sole.

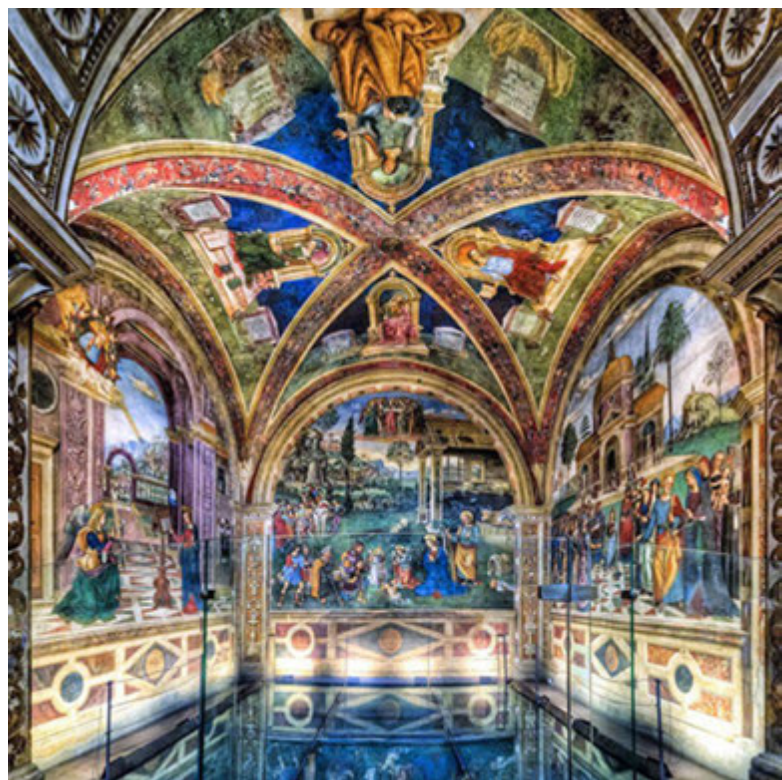
**1.00 p.m.:** Lunch at the restaurant “Caffè di Perugia”, one of the most typical cafés in the city, located in the historic centre.

**2.30 p.m.:** Visit to the Galleria Nazionale dell'Umbria.

**4.00 p.m.:** Return to the hotel.

**6.30 p.m.:** Meeting in the hotel lobby and departure for Villa Alfani Silvestri, also called Villa San Martinello, where Tales Clara and Paolo Caucci Von Saucken will welcome us for dinner. This beautiful residence was built in 1730, when the Donini Counts decided to build a country house in their agricultural estate.

Return to the hotel.



**4th DAY**    **09.00 a.m.:** Meeting with our guides in the hotel lobby and departure for Assisi.

Visit of the city and its unmissable tourist sites: the Basilica di Santa Chiara, the Piazza del Comune where the Roman temple of Minerva is located, the Basilica di San Francesco d'Assisi decorated with frescoes by Cimabue, Giotto, Simone Martini and Pietro Lorenzetti.

**12.30 p.m.:** Departure for the Monastero Sant'Angelo in Panzo, where Lavinia and Alessandro Marconi will welcome us for lunch. This superb historical residence was the first convent of Santa Chiara and is one of the most interesting residences in Umbria and Assisi.

**2.30 p.m.:** Departure for Spello, one of the most beautiful medieval towns in Italy. We will visit the Augustee walls, the Porta Consolare, the Porta Venere, the most characteristic alleys, if it is reopened the Cappella Baglioni, decorated with Pinturicchio's frescoes, or otherwise the Villa Romana dei Mosaici (which houses more than 500 square meters of refined polychrome mosaics of extraordinary beauty).

**6.00 p.m.** Return to the hotel.

**8.00 p.m.** Dinner at the restaurant “La Taverna” one of the best tables located in the historic center.

Return to the hotel.



## 5th DAY

**09.00 a.m.:** Departure for Spoleto where we will visit the Rocca Albornoziata, the Ponte della Torri, the Duomo decorated with frescoes by Filippo Lippi, Piazza de Mercato, the Arco di Druso e Germanico, the Teatro Romano.

**12.30 p.m.:** Departure and transfer to La Villa della Genga, built in 1673, where the Marquis Alessandra and Paolo Montani de la Fargna will welcome us for lunch in their cottage "Le Terre di Poreta".

**3.00 p.m.:** Departure by coach and return to Rome.

The tour includes: tourist tax, room and breakfast at the hotel, all breakfasts and lunches in the historic houses as provided by the program (meals always include drinks), transfer by private bus, (when specified by the program), certified French-speaking tourist guide for all the visits of the program, all the tickets for the museums and monuments provided for in the program.



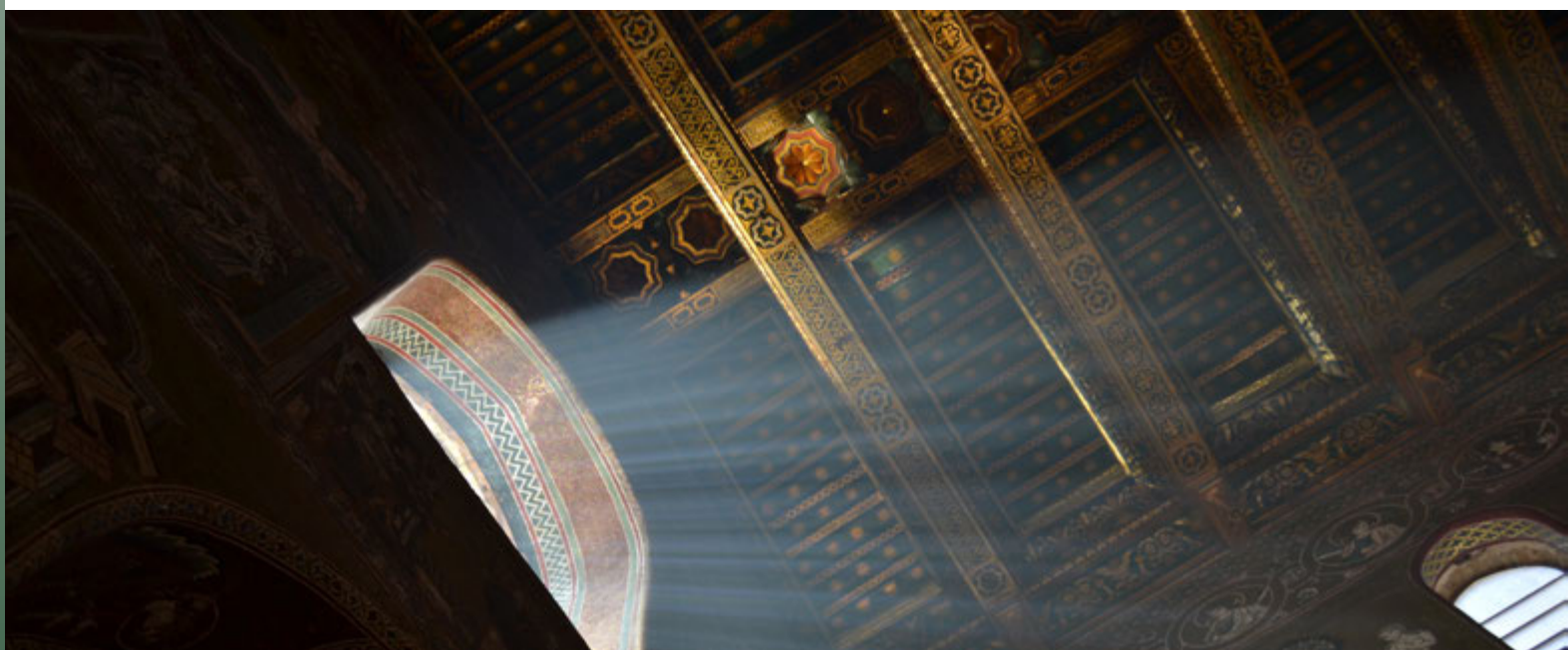
## 1st DAY

Arrival of participants at Hotel Piazza Borsa.

**8:30 p.m.:** dinner at the Trattoria del Brodo



- 2nd DAY**
- 08:45 a.m.:** Meeting with the tourist guide and start of the walking tour.
- 09 h 30 min:** Visit to the Palace of the Normans, seat of the Sicilian Regional Assembly. Royal seat for centuries, today it is the seat of the Regional Parliament. Guided tour.
- 11:00 a.m.:** Visit to the Norman Church of Saint John of the Hermits, one of the most interesting examples of Arab-Norman architecture in Sicily which houses the only pre-existing mosque, with its green garden inspired by Arab tradition .
- 12:00 p.m.:** Visit to the Cathedral of Palermo.
- 12:30 p.m.:** Visit to Pretoria Square and the Palace of the Senate of Palermo.
- The Palace, located in the heart of the city, houses the Town Hall which at one time was the seat of the Senate. The 17th century sculpture, located in the center of the square popularly called "Place de la shame" (Piazza della Vergogna, in Italian) because of the nudity of its statues, is very fascinating.
- 1:30 p.m.:** Light refreshments served in the "Osteria Ballarò" with a tasting of Sicilian specialties.
- 6:00 p.m.:** aperitif at the Palazzo Gangi di Valguamera.
- This palace, a magnificent example of 17th century architecture, is the private residence of the Princes of San Vincenzo.
- In the Palace, the famous film "Le Guépard" was made.
- Return to the hotel.
- 8:30 p.m.:** meeting in the hall from where we will leave on foot towards Palazzo Lanza di Mazzarino.
- 9:00 p.m.:** dinner at Palazzo Lanza di Mazzarino, received by the Marquis Annibale and Marida Berlingieri.



## 3rd DAY

**08:30 a.m.:** Meeting the tour guide.

**09:00 a.m.:** Departure for Monreale by private bus and visit to the Norman Cathedral of Monreale and the adjoining Cloister.

**12:30 p.m.:** transfer by private bus to Villa Tasca.

**1:00 p.m.:** Lunch at Villa Tasca d'Almerita, hosted by Franca Tasca D'Almerita.

**4:00 p.m.:** Transfer by private bus to the Massimo Theater.

**4:30 p.m.:** Visit to the Massimo Vittorio Emanuele Theatre.

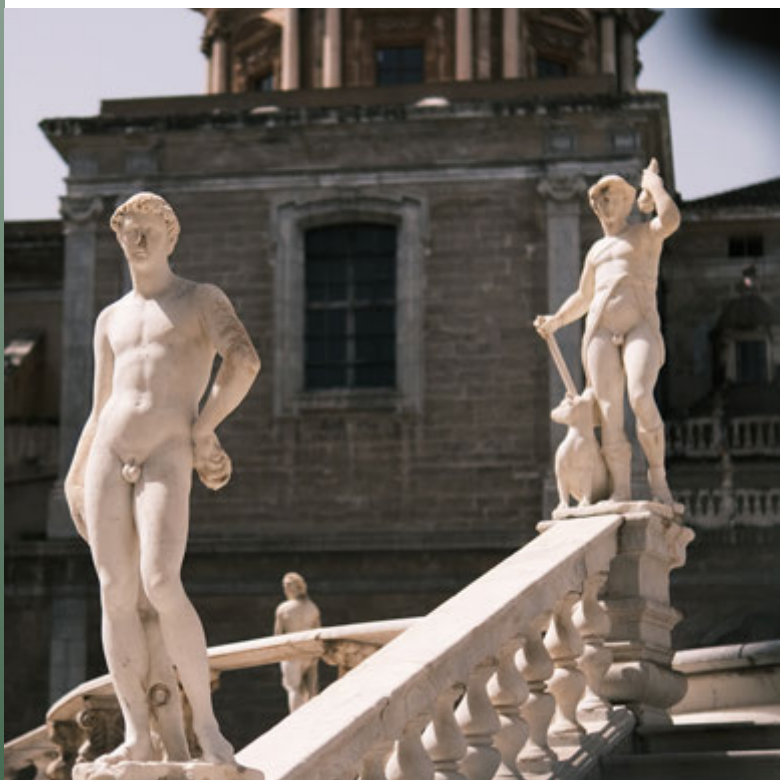
The theater is the second largest in Europe. Return to the hotel by private bus.

**8:00 p.m.:** Meet in the lobby and transfer by private bus to Raffadali Palace.

**8:30 p.m.:** dinner at Palais Raffadali, received by Princess Stefania Raffadali. Return to the hotel by private bus.



- 4th DAY**
- 8:30 a.m.:** Meeting with the tourist guide, departure on foot to Palazzo Branciforte.
- 9:30 a.m.:** Visit of the Branciforte Museum magnificently restored by Gae Aulenti.
- 10:30 a.m.:** Transfer by private bus to the Capo Market. Visit of the market and the baroque church of Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Capo. The Capo Market is one of the markets rooted in the Arab culture of Palermo.
- 11:00 a.m.:** Transfer by private bus to the Palazzina alla Cinese. 11 h 30 min: Visit to the Palazzina alla Cinese.
- 1:00 p.m.:** Lunch at Villa Bordonaro, received by Baroness Antonella Bordonaro. Or by Villa Lanza di Scalea ai Colli.
- 4:00 p.m.:** Private bus transfer to Palazzo Abatellis and guided tour. The Abatellis Palace Museum is certainly one of the most important collections of Sicilian museums. The Palace notably takes up the architecture of the Catalan Gothic monuments of Spain. Return to the hotel.
- 8:00 p.m.:** Meeting in the hall and departure on foot to the Palais Alliata.
- 8:30 p.m.:** Dinner at Palazzo Alliata, received by Princes Biagio and Signoretta Licata di Baucina.



**5th DAY**    **8:45 a.m.:** Meeting with the tour guide and start of the walking tour to the Galleria di Arte Moderna

**9:00 a.m.:** Visit to the Modern Art Gallery located in the Bonet Palace in Sant'Anna square.

The Palace is a spectacular example of Catalan Gothic architecture from the 15th century and today it is the seat of the Modern Art Gallery of Palermo.

Return to the hotel by private bus. The rooms must already be vacated. Baggage collection and autonomous transfer to the airport.

**The tour includes :**

- Stay in a hotel, as indicated in the program, in a double or single room
- Tourist tax
- Room and breakfast at the hotel
- All breakfasts and lunches in the historic houses as provided by the program (meals always include drinks)
- Transfer by private bus, when specified by the program
- Authorized French-speaking tourist guide for all visits of the program - All tickets for museums and monuments included in the program
- JustSicily H24 support



## 1st DAY

Arrival in Naples in the morning and check-in at Hotel Palazzo Alabardieri, very well located near Piazza del Plebiscito, Palazzo Reale and the seaside.

**12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.:** Light lunch at the hotel.

**2:30 p.m.:** Meeting the tour guides and start of the walking tour. Walk to Castel dell'Ovo and Piazza del Plebiscito overlooking the Palazzo Reale and the Church of San Francesco di Paola. Visit to the Opera San Carlo.

**5:30 p.m.:** Return to the hotel (15 min walk).

**8:00 p.m.:** Dinner at Palazzo Cellamare where we will be received by Princess Manora Acton di Leporano.



## 2nd DAY

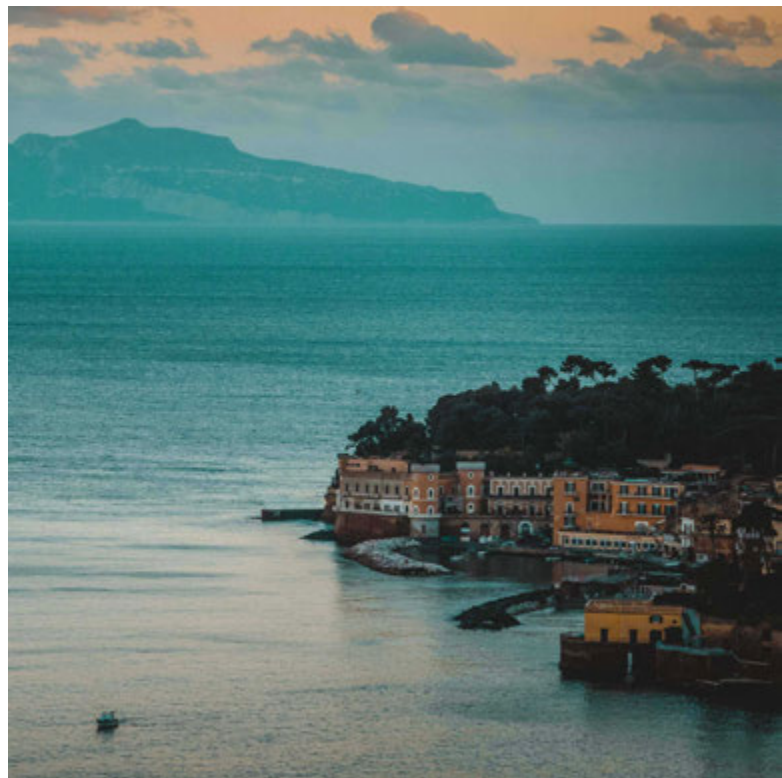
**08:45 am:** Departure by coach for the visit of the Reggia di Caserta and its gardens.

**2 p.m.:** Lunch at Villa Filangieri, a typical 18th century residence, with its amazing Italian gardens. We will be received by Countess Fulvia Filangieri di Candida.

**4:30 p.m.:** Return to the hotel.

**6:00 p.m.:** Visit to the Conservatorio San Pietro a Maiella, followed by a concert.

**8:00 p.m.:** Dinner at the Leon d'Oro pizzeria.



## 3rd DAY

**09:00 a.m.:** Departure from Piazza Vittoria for the visit of the historic center starting with the Gesù Nuovo, then the Santa Chiara church and its cloister, the Spaccanapoli district, San Domenico Maggiore square, the Cappella San Severo where the Veiled Christ is. Then we will take via dei Presepi visiting the marvelous cloister of San Gregorio Armeno, San Lorenzo and its excavations, the Duomo and the treasure of San Gennaro. We will conclude the morning with the visit of the Pio Monte della Misericordia and its magnificent Caravaggio painting.

**1.30 p.m.:** Lunch in Posillipo at Palazzo Donn'Anna, received by Princess Marina Colonna Amalfitano.

**3:30 p.m.:** Return to the hotel. Free afternoon.

**5:00 p.m.:** For those who wish, it's possible to visit the Ascione showroom and the Coral Museum in the Umberto I Gallery. Return on foot to the hotel via Via Chiaia (15 min).

**8.30 p.m.:** Dinner at Villa Poggiofiorito received by Count and Countess Gianpaolo Leonetti.



## 4th DAY

**09:00 a.m.:** Check-out from the hotel, departure from Piazza Vittoria for the visit of the National Archaeological Museum, the most important in Italy.

**12:00 p.m.:** Visit to the Grotto of Seiano and the Pausilypon Park through an 800mt tunnel to reach Villa Diana alla Gaiola, where the Marquis Alfredo Diana will receive us for lunch.

**4:00 p.m.:** Return to Place Vittoria and end of stay.

For those who have chosen to extend:

**4.30 p.m.:** Visit to the Museum of Capodimonte where the Pinacoteca Farnese and the Galleria Napoletana are located.

**8:00 p.m.:** Dinner at the Stella restaurant by the sea.



## 5th DAY

**8.30 a.m.:** Check-out from the hotel, departure from Piazza Vittoria to visit the excavations of Pompei and Oplontis where the magnificent Villa of Poppaea is located.

**1:00 p.m.:** Lunch in a restaurant in Pompei. Return to the hotel and departure. Free transfer to Naples airport.

The tour includes:

- Tourist tax - Room and breakfast at the hotel - All breakfasts and lunches in the historic houses as provided by the program (meals always include drinks) - Transfer by private bus, when specified by the program - French-speaking authorized tourist guide for all the visits of the program - All tickets for the museums and monuments provided for in the program.



## 1st DAY

Arrival at Catania airport, transfer to Syracuse and accommodation at Hotel Des Foreigners.

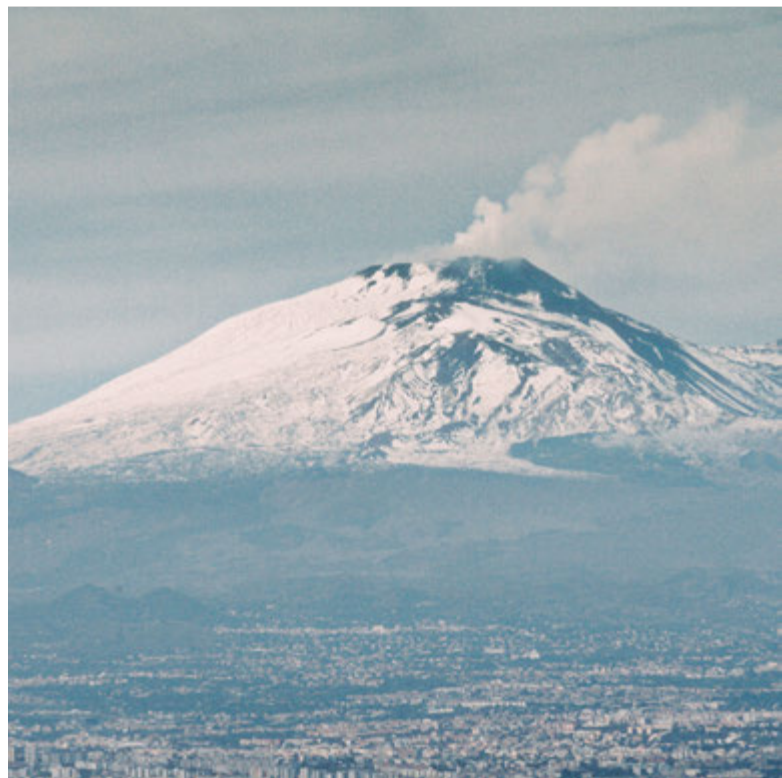
**4:30 p.m.:** Meeting with the tourist guide and start of the walking tour through the beautiful island of Ortigia, ancient historic center of Syracuse, between its narrow streets and breathtaking sea views.

**7:00 p.m.:** Return to the hotel.

**8.30 p.m.:** Dinner at Palazzo Beneventano del Bosco, received by Baron del Bosco.

The palace, located in the Cathedral square on the island of Ortigia in Syracuse, is considered to be one of the most beautiful elements of the Baroque style in the city. It is characterized by an elegant inner courtyard with elements in Baroque style and houses rooms richly decorated with polychrome frescoes and stuccos, as well as a chapel with a large wooden crucifix.

Return to the hotel.



**2nd DAY 08:45 a.m.:** Meeting in the hall with the tourist guide and start of the visit to the archaeological site of Syracuse by private bus.

**09:00 a.m.:** Guided tour of the archaeological site of Syracuse rich in remains dating from different periods in the history of Syracuse. By the number and importance of its monuments, it is one of the largest in the Mediterranean basin. We will visit the Macaw of Lero II, the Greek Theatre, the Roman Amphitheatre, the Arc de Triomphe of Augustus and the Latomies of Neapolis.

**1:00 p.m.:** lunch at Villa Borghese, received by Princess Maria Carla Borghese, and visit to the Biviere garden, in an atmosphere of a thousand unusual and suggestive moments, between the aloes and the agaves, the old pier and the burgeoning trunks of the trees. The Biviere garden is one of the most beautiful rose gardens in Italy and is part of the Great Italian Gardens.

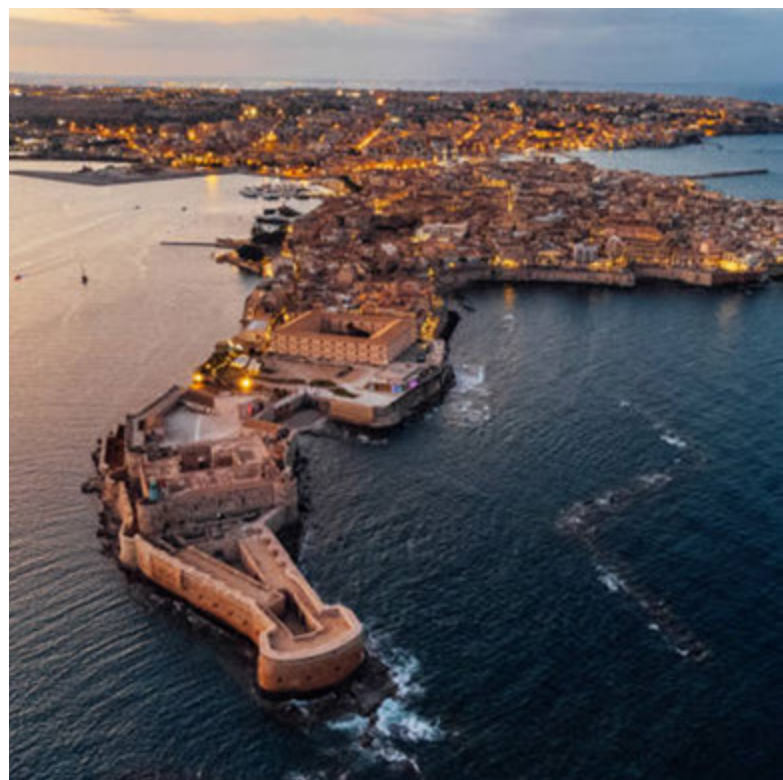
**4:00 p.m.:** Guided tour of the Eurialo Castle, top of the fortification of Syracuse.

The building, equipped with a highly effective defensive system of internal connections that made it easy and quick to move inside and outside the fortress, is a wonderful example of ancient Greek fortification.

**6:00 p.m.:** Visit to the Basilica of Saint Lucia at the Sepulchre, accompanied by Baron Beneventano to discover the mysteries of Caravaggio's painting.

**7:30 p.m.:** Return to the hotel.

**9:00 p.m.:** Dinner in a famous restaurant in Syracuse.  
Return to the hotel.



**3rd DAY**    **8:00 a.m.:** Meeting with the guide and departure to Noto.

Guided tour of this wonderful Baroque city, rich in churches and mansions of the nobility.

Brief stop to taste the ancient flavors of tradition and savor one of the best artisanal ice creams in Sicily at the famous Caffè Sicilia.

After that we will continue to Vendicari and admire the crystal clear waters of the nature reserve.

**12:30 p.m.:** Lunch at Feudo del Castelluccio in Vendicari.

**2:00 p.m.:** Brief stop at Marzamemi, a former fishing village, with breathtaking landscapes, old "tonnare" and pristine beaches.

**2:30 p.m.:** Departure for Ragusa Ibla. Arrival in Ragusa and reception at the De Stefano Palace hotel, a historic residence in the city center.

**4:30 p.m.:** Meeting with the tourist guide and visit of the baroque city of Ragusa Ibla, UNESCO heritage, and its magnificent historic center. We will admire the Cathedral of San Giorgio and the old "Archi" district, so called because it was surmounted by arches of an aqueduct.

**6.30 p.m.:** Aperitif in a historic baroque house.

**9:00 p.m.:** Dinner at the famous Duomo restaurant (2 Michelin stars) in the heart of the historic center of the city.

Return to the hotel.



## 4th DAY

**8:30 a.m.:** Check-out, meeting in the hall and departure for Modica, for a walk through the oldest neighborhoods of the city to discover the Baroque and authentic flavors.

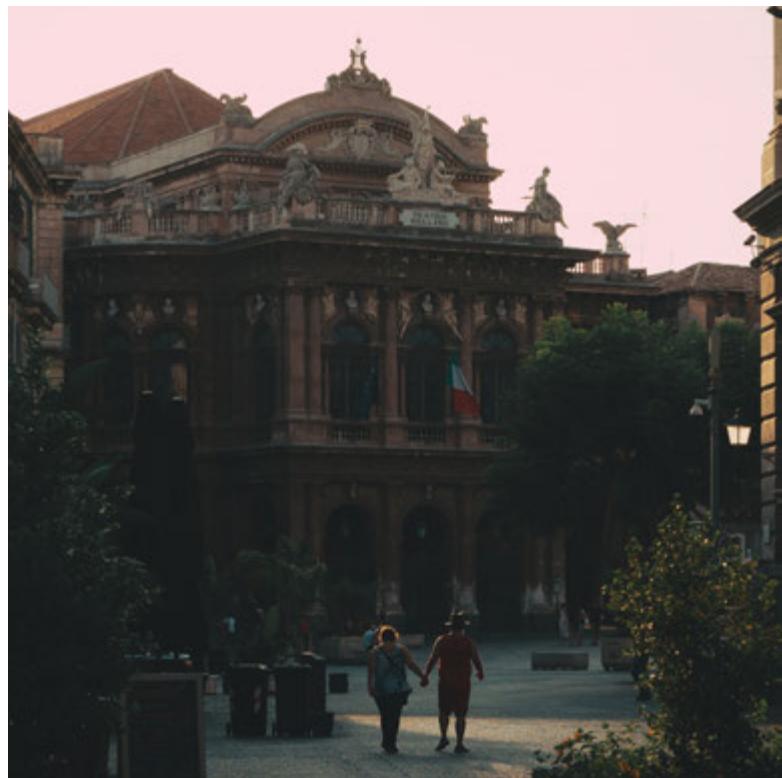
**1:30 p.m.:** Lunch in Modica in a typical tavern.

**3:00 p.m.:** Departure for Scicli, one of the most beautiful and ancient Baroque towns, which looks like a real living nativity scene with its huddled houses and narrow streets. Since 2002 its historic center has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

**4:00 p.m.:** Departure for Catania. Arrival in Catania and reception at the UNA Hotel, located in the artistic and commercial heart of the city.

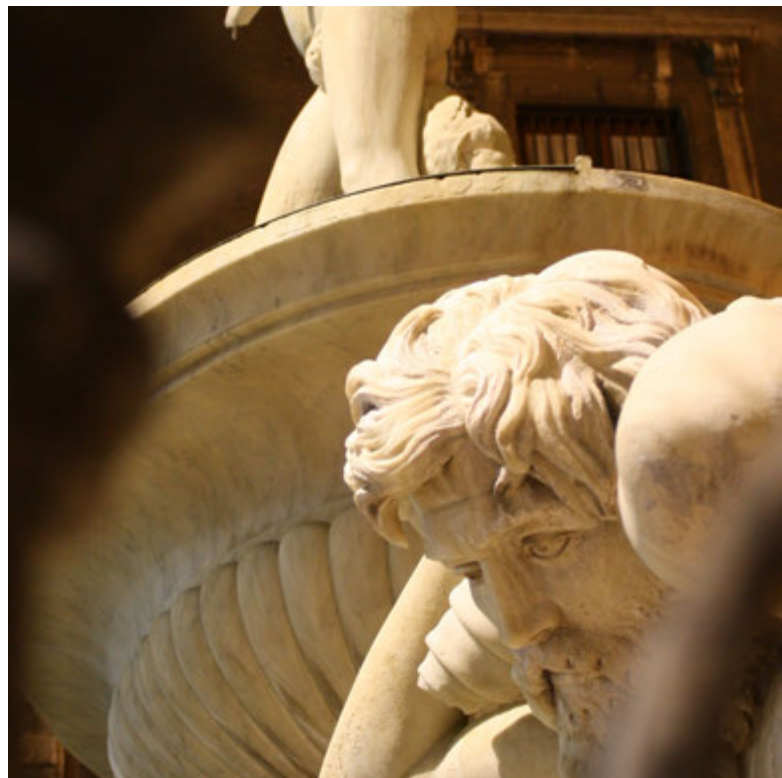
**8:00 p.m.:** Dinner at Palazzo Biscari in the imposing baroque style built on the 16th century ramparts of Catania. This palace, considered one of the finest examples of Baroque architecture in Catania, occupies an entire block of houses.

Return to the hotel.



## 5th DAY

8:00 a.m.: Check-out and meeting with the guide for a walking tour of the historic center of Catania, a guided tour of its marvelous monuments and palaces and its old market where the flavors and colors of tradition mingle. Visit to the famous United Libraries "Municipale and A. Ursino Recupero". Free transfer to Catania airport.



**1st DAY** Arrival in Naples and transfer to the hotel. Accommodation in reserved rooms for free time, dinner and overnight stay.

**2nd DAY** Breakfast at the hotel, meeting with the guide and visit of the city that rises in the bay next to Vesuvius. The active volcano is known today for having destroyed the ancient Roman city of Pompeii. Once in the center, you will enjoy a guided walking tour through the historic center: Via Duomo, San Lorenzo and San Gregorio Armeno. We will reach "Spaccanapoli" passing through San Domenico Maggiore near the Chapel of San Severo with its masterpiece the "Veiled Christ", finally we arrive to the Piazza del Gesù.

Lunch in a typical restaurant.

In the afternoon: panoramic bus ride, with a stop for photos from the Posillipo Hill. Continue on foot from the monumental Piazza del Plebiscito where you will have free time to admire the exterior of the Royal Palace, the Opera di San Carlo, Galleria Umberto I, via Toledo, Piazza Trieste and Trento. It will be possible to taste a typical Neapolitan dessert and coffee in the famous and historic Gambrinus bar, before returning to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.



## **3rd DAY**    NAPLES / POMPEII / SORRENTO

Breakfast and departure for Pompeii, arrival, meeting with the guide and visiting the excavations which extend for about 440,000 square meters, an entire city buried with all its squares, temples, spas, gyms, houses, restaurants. It is possible to follow short routes that still manage to condense the symbolic places of the ancient city, giving a fairly complete idea of the life that took place every day in a Roman city.

Visit of the Teatro Grande, the Garden of the Fugitives, Praia Giulia Felice, Villa of the Mysteries, House of the Faun. Tasting lunch at Cantina del Vesuvio - Trecase, native quality producers of piedirosso and caprettone with a small production of extra virgin olive oil. Proceeding to Sorrento, hotel accommodation, dinner and overnight stay.



## **4th DAY** ISLAND OF CAPRI / ANACAPRI / SORRENTO

Breakfast and transfer to the Port of Sorrento, boarding by hydrofoil to Capri, an island in the Gulf of Naples famous for its breathtaking cliffs, exclusive hotels and shopping which ranges from haute couture, to limoncello, to handcrafted leather sandals. On this tour we will admire the mythical charm of the island and its natural treasures, through the writings and legends of ancient Greece. Arrival on the island and transfer by minibus (not private) to reach Anacapri which is located at the top. After the guided tour of Villa San Michele which hosted the famous Swedish doctor Axel Munte, free time will be provided in the early afternoon.

Lunch in a typical restaurant and a walking tour of Capri, along the famous Via Camerelle reaching the Gardens of Augustus. Stop in the famous "Piazzetta" and free time for shopping or visiting the Blue Grotto. Boarding in Sorrento, transfer to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

## **5th DAY** AMALFI COAST / AMALFI / RAVELLO

Breakfast at the hotel and departure by bus for the "Amalfi Coast" magically suspended between the blue of the sky and the iridescent sea, the Amalfi Coast seems to have been born from the palette of a painter who wanted to use the most amazing shades of color to create a landscape that enchants the visitor at the first shot.

There are thirteen cities scattered over a strip of land kissed by the sun and declared by Unesco "World Heritage Site". We will visit Amalfi, crossing the villages of Paiano, Furore and Conca dei Marini.

Visit on foot, with particular attention to the Paper Museum, handmade paper production, to the Duomo-Cathedral of S. Andrea, a place of greatest worship in the city, now a bishop's seat. Free time for shopping. Lunch in a typical restaurant and in the afternoon continuation to Ravello, located 365 meters above the Tyrrhenian Sea is known for its extraordinary gardens on the cliffs: Villa Rufolo, in Moorish style and dating back to the 13th century, offers a wide view from the terraced gardens and hosts internal concerts and exteriors during the famous summer Ravello Festival. Villa Cimbrone, a medieval-style estate perched on a rapid rise is surrounded by another famous garden. Then we proceed to Maratea for dinner and overnight stay.

## **6th DAY** ISLAND OF CAPRI / ANACAPRI / SORRENTO

Breakfast and visit of Maratea the "Pearl of the Tyrrhenian".

Visit of the Basilica of San Biagio, following the winding provincial 103 made up of highly panoramic bends. With his white silhouette, the Redeemer embraces sky, sea and earth. From this position you can admire the beautiful natural terrace overlooking the sea surrounded by greenery.

Visit of the Basilian Grotto present under the statue of Christ. Return to the hotel for lunch. In the afternoon free walking tour of the historic center: founded in the late Middle Ages on the slopes of the mountain to make it safe from attacks by the Saracens, it is called the city of 44 Churches, by the number of places of worship that dot the territory, several of which are custodians of suggestive treasures. Visit Church of the Immaculate Conception, Church of San Pietro, Church of S. Maria Maggiore. dinner and overnight at the hotel.

## **7th DAY** POLLINO PARK / PIANO RUGGIO / VIGGIANELLO

Breakfast and departure for Piano Ruggio - Pollino National Park. Meeting with the excursion guide Piano Ruggio-Belvedere del Malvento, the path is simple, very panoramic and interesting to tackle (4 Km. A / r-difference in altitude 10 meters-tourist difficulty). among the most beautiful mountain plateaus in Europe, up to Belvedere Malvento to discover the Coricato Pine, symbol of the Pollino National Park. From Belvedere you will enjoy an enviable view overlooking the ridge of the Serra del Prete, Valle del Cosciale and the Orsomarso Mountains. Lunch at the La Baita restaurant with typical local products. In the afternoon continue to Viggianello, walk in the historic center of the town. Listed among the most beautiful villages in Italy, we will visit the Castle of the Princes of Sanseverino Bisignano, the Church of the Assumption of the sixteenth century, the Mother Church dedicated to St. Catherine.

Return to Maratea, dinner and overnight stay.



## 8th DAY SASSO DI CASTALDA - PONTE ALLA LUNA / BRIENZA

Breakfast and departure for Sasso di Castalda, a small village in the Lucan hinterland. The path of the Tibetan Bridges - Ponte alla Luna develops on the banks of the "Fosso Arenazzo" which opens right at the foot of the charming village. Through the narrow streets that branch off between the characteristic stone houses of the historic center, you reach the start of the first "Petracca Bridge", 95 meters long and suspended 30 meters high. Along the path along the bank of the Fosso you pass the Votive Chapel "Madonna delle Grazie" to reach in 10 minutes the start of the impressive "Ponte alla Luna".

Through a single span of 300 meters and suspended in the void at 102 meters of height from the stream below, literally walking in the air you arrive at the ruin of the Castle which dominates the village from a suggestive panoramic point. Tasting lunch at the Voce del Fiume - Brienza, welcomed by the owner Rocchina Addobbato who manages this particular structure among the most evocative of the region. Visit of the medieval village with particular attention to the Caracciolo Castle which makes Brienza a place to be scrutinized to learn about its past and its environmental beauties.

Return to Maratea for dinner and overnight stay.



## 9th DAY CERTOSA DI PADULA

Breakfast at the hotel and departure for the Certosa di Padula or San Lorenzo, the largest monastic complex in Southern Italy and one of the most interesting in Europe for its architectural magnificence and abundance of artistic treasures. First we visit the Multimedia Civic Museum: divided into three floors, within which the history of the Vallo di Diano territory is told on the ground floor and above all the history of those three peoples: the Enotri, the Lucanians, the Romans, whose vestiges can be visited at the Archaeological Museum of Western Lucania housed in some rooms of the Certosa di Padula. A few meters away we will visit the House-Museum of Joe Petrosino, the Italian-American policeman, tutelary deity of the American police (the central nucleus of Central Park in New York is dedicated to Petrosino, he was the initiator of what we know today with the name of "fight against the mafia").

Visit to the historic center of Padula up to the Memorial of the Trecento, at a point where you can enjoy a particular panoramic view over the Carthusian center.

Lunch at a restaurant. In the afternoon visit of the Certosa di Padula with interiors and exteriors with adjoining Archaeological Museum.

Return to Maratea for dinner and overnight stay.



## 10th DAY PALACE OF CASERTA / NAPLES

Breakfast and departure for the "Royal Palace of Caserta", inaugurated in 1780 and included by Unesco among the famous World Heritage sites, the Palace was built by the Bourbons of Naples, kings of the Kingdom of the two Sicilies, taking up the style and splendor of the Palace of Versailles and the El Escorial Palace in Madrid.

The residence features four magnificent courtyards and a sumptuous park embellished with numerous fountains and waterfalls. The Park of the Reggia and the "Via d'Acqua" wine press fed by the Carolino Aqueduct, is the destination of thousands of tourists every day. In the park we will discover splendid sculptures inspired by classical mythology, water games, pools and waterfalls, including the Great Waterfall of the Fountain of Diana and Actaeon.

Together with the park that alone extends for 2.5 km, the Palace occupies an area of 45,000 square meters, the residence itself is arranged over 5 floors, for a total height of 36 meters. Leaving for a moment the beauty of the park and gardens, we will discover the elegance and splendor of the interiors: 1200 rooms, 134 stairways and countless stuccos, bas-reliefs, frescoes, sculptures and inlaid floors of amazing beauty. Continue for the tasting lunch at the famous Azienda Sclavia wine producers of the Terre del Volturno.

In the afternoon, we are going to Naples for the hotel accommodation, dinner and overnight stay.



**1st DAY** Arrival at Bari airport and transfer to Matera.  
Accommodation at Palazzo Gattini and Palazzo del Duca.  
**8.00 p.m.:** Dinner at the Vitantonio Lombardo Restaurant  
(1 Michelin star).

**2nd DAY** **09.00 a.m.:** Visit of Matera and the famous "Sassi", declared Unesco World Heritage since 1993. An unforgettable landscape, characterized by houses carved in the stone and by frescoed rock churches that make this city unique in the world. This natural conformation of the Sassi, which evokes biblical scenarios, has always made Matera ideal location for important films such as The Gospel according to Matthew by Pasolini and The Passion of Christ by Mel Gibson.

During the walk we will visit: Casa Noha, the first FAI property in Basilicata, the Casa Grotta, an old typically furnished peasant house that illustrates the reality described in the book Christ stopped at Eboli, the historic cellar, the frescoed church of S. Lucia alle Malve.

**12.30 p.m.:** Lunch at the Abbondanza Lucana Restaurant. Continuation of the visit of the city.

**4.00 p.m.:** Departure for Marconia di Pisticci and accommodation in the reserved rooms of the Agriturismo Il Filaro of the San Basilio Castle.

**8.00 p.m.:** Transfer to Tenuta Visconti, aperitif and dinner, received by Maria Xenia D'oria.



**3rd DAY 09.00 a.m.:** Departure for Policoro and visit to the National Museum of Siritide.

Proceeding to the Sanctuary of S. Maria di Anglona, one of the most famous medieval monuments in the region, which was founded in the 12th century on the site of the Greek Pandosia. The hill where the Sanctuary is located dominates the entire valley of the Sinni and Agri rivers from a height that offers the possibility of glimpsing suggestive and enchanting views.

Continuing to Tursi, a small town built by the Goths between the 4th and 5th centuries. The first group of houses appeared on the hill where the Torre di Tursico, its founder, was erected by the Saracens, who gave the town its name.

Visit of the "Rabatana or Arabatana", located on the highest point of the town and lunch at the Borgo Albergo Palazzo dei Poeti.

In the afternoon proceeding to Craco - the Ghost Town: it has become a real ghost town, one of the rare examples in Italy that for some years has been thrilling travelers and numerous directors who have chosen the Lucanian town to shoot their films: King David by Bruce Beresford, Saving Grace by Tom Conti, La Lupa by Alberto Lattuada, The Sun Even at Night by Paolo and Vittorio Taviani.

**17.00 p.m.:** Return to the hotel.

**7.00 p.m.:** Visit to the Castle of San Basilio and its one of the most important Italian private collections of contemporary art, owned by the Marquis Berlingieri of Valle Perrotta. Following dinner, received by the Count and Countess Leopardi Dittaiuti.



## 4th DAY CASTELMEZZANO AND VOLO DELL'ANGELO

**09.30 a.m.:** Departure for Castelmezzano, a small town that rises to a height of 900 meters, included among the most beautiful villages in Italy.

Visit of the Mother Church of Santa Maria dell'Olmo dating back to 1544, of Piazza Emilio Caizzo, a natural terrace overlooking the wonderful surrounding landscape.

The visit continues through the very characteristic alleys until you reach the remains of the Norman Fortress, where you can admire the steps carved into the rock that lead to a panoramic point from which the view can sweep up to the Gulf of Taranto.

Above the Lucanian Dolomites, suspended between the peaks of the two villages Castelmezzano and Pietrapertosa, the bravest can experience the thrill of the Angel's Flight, safely tied with a special harness attached to a steel cable.

**1.00 p.m.:** Lunch at the Becco della Civetta restaurant.

In the afternoon: Departure for the return to the hotel, stop along the way to visit the Essenza Lucano-Amaro Lucano Museum.

**8.00 p.m.:** Transfer to Tenuta Visconti for dinner at the Agriturismo San Teodoro.

## 5th DAY **09.00 a.m.:** Departure for Bari and visit of the Old Town and the Cathedral of San Nicola.

**1.00 p.m.:** Lunch at the Black and White restaurant in Bari Vecchia.

Transfer to the airport and end of the trip.



# Art, Nature & Culture: from landscape to contemporary Art

## **1st DAY    Matera, European Capital of Culture**

Breakfast and departure for Matera with visit to MUSMA, museum dedicated entirely to sculpture. Inserted in the evocative setting of Palazzo Pomarici (built in the XVI century), it is the only "cave" museum in the world, where you can experience a perfect symbiosis between sculpture and the characteristic Sassi of Matera. The museum spaces covers the built-up areas of the Palace where the vast collection of works of art is strengthened from Matera's unique scenery. The MUSMA collection comprises about 400 works, including sculptures, ceramics, jewels, drawings, engravings and books. It highlights national and international expressive research from the late nineteenth century to today.

Following the visit to the MUSMA the trip continues with a stopover to the "Crypt of the Original Sin", considered "The Sistine Chapel of the South" for its valuable frescoes dating from the late eighth and early ninth century AD. Lunch is at Azienda Dragone; famous producers of a Doc Matera wine. In the afternoon visit of the "Sassi" declared UNESCO World Heritage since 1993. During the walk we will stop at the typically furnished Casa Grotta, an ancient peasant house - perfect example of what Carlo Levi describes in his book "Christ stopped at Eboli"; a Rupestrian Church and Casa Noha. The day is concluded with a lovely dinner at the hotel.



## **2nd DAY    Latronico / San Severino L. (Earth Cinema + RB Ride)**

Breakfast and departure for Latronico; the drive will be through the picturesque Sinni Valley. Arrival and visit to the Museum and Library of Latronico (MULA), followed by a walk in the Calda di Latronico district; visit of the prehistoric caves; the mineral springs and the remains of the old hydroelectric power plant. Lunch at Parco delle Terme, with visit to Anish Kapoor's site-specific installation Earth Cinema. The visit continues with a bus ride to Timpa della Guardia to visit Carsten Holler's installation RB Ride. Return to the hotel, dinner Cantine Battifarano Nova Siri.



## **3rd DAY    SAN COSTANTINO A. / TERRANOVA DEL P. (Teatro Vegetale)**

Breakfast and departure for San Costantino Albanese, with visit of the town: from the Greek-Byzantine church to the Arbereshe museum. The visit continues by bus to the junction for Noepoli - Casa Cantoniera to explore Giuseppe Penone's site-specific installation Teatro Vegetale, where nature becomes a set for contemporary art. Lunch in Terranova del Pollino at Luna Rossa by Federico Valicenti, followed by a return to the hotel and dinner at Tenuta Visconti, a nineteenth-century Masseria, where past and present blend in perfect harmony. The ancient and elegant fortified farmhouse belongs to the noble Doria Visconti di Modrone family.



## 4th DAY    **POLICORO / ANGLONA / TURSI / CRACO**

Breakfast and departure for Policoro with a visit to the Museum of Siritide located within the archaeological site of Heraclea. The trip continues with a visit to the Sanctuary of Santa Maria di Anglona (one of the most famous medieval monuments in the region built during the 12th century on the site of the Greek Pandosia), and Tursi, a small town built between the 4th and 5th centuries by the Goths. Walk to the “Rabatana” or “Arabatana”, located on the highest point of the town; lunch at the Borgo Albergo Palazzo dei Poeti. In the afternoon visit to Craco, also known as the “Ghost Town”. Numerous film directors have used the town as set for their films. Examples include: King David by Bruce Beresford, Saving Grace by Tom Conti, La Lupa by Alberto Lattuada, Il Sole Anche di Notte by Paolo and Vittorio Taviani. Dinner is at Palazzo Margherita, in Bernalda, that was built in 1892 by the Margherita family. Bernalda was the birthplace and home of Agostino Coppola, Francis Ford Coppola’s grandfather, who has always called it “Bernalda Bella” (Beautiful Bernalda). Francis bought the Palazzo in 2004 with the desire of transforming it into a luxurious boutique hotel, believing it was time to introduce visitors to this beautiful region.



## 5th DAY **TARANTO / GROTTAGLIE (Crac Puglia - Museo Ceramica)**

Breakfast and departure for Taranto, also known as “the city of the two seas”. The trip begins with a visit to Crac Puglia; a Contemporary Art Center dedicated to research and social inclusion. The Center is owned by the Rocco Spani Foundation and is under the direction of the art critic Roberto Lacarbonara. The visit continues with a walk through the old city, that exudes history from every stone. Transfer and lunch in Grottaglie at Tenute Motolese, followed by a visit to the Grottaglie Ceramics Museum and the famous "ceramic district". Return to the hotel and visit of the Berlingieri Contemporary Art Collection at Castello di San Basilio, one of the most important Contemporary art collections in Italy started in the mid-sixties. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.



## **6th DAY    POLIGNANO A MARE (Fondazione Museo Pino Pascali)**

Breakfast and departure for Polignano a Mare, considered as one of the most beautiful villages in Southern Italy. Its streets, beaches and coves make it a destination on everyone's wish list. Polignano a Mare houses the Municipal Museum of Contemporary Art Palazzo Pino Pascali. Pascali is considered to be one of the most famous Apulian contemporary artists. After the visit, lunch in a panoramic restaurant, followed by a walk in Polignano a Mare's historic centre.

