

1 DAY

Arrival in Milan and transfer by bus to the hotel. In the afternoon possible visit of the Teatro alla Scala. Dinner in restaurant, overnight in hotel.

2 DAY

Breakfast at the hotel. Guided visit to the main symbolic places of the city: the Duomo, with a climb on the roof, the Royal Palace, the Sforzesco Castle, and the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele, a shopping paradise. Opportunity to taste a coffee at the Maini bar, where Giuseppe Verdi used to stop on his return from La Scala. Lunch in restaurant with typical tasting menu. In the afternoon possibility to visit the Last Supper, to admire the famous "Last Supper" by Leonardo da Vinci, one of the most important works of recent times. Free time and return to the hotel. Dinner and overnight.



3 DAY

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning departure for Vigevano, a splendid town, located on the right bank of Ticino, about 35 km from Milan. Guided tour of the historic center, with its majestic Ducal square, considered among the most beautiful squares in Italy. Founded in 1492 by Ludovico Maria Sforza called il Moro, as a noble anteroom to the castle, it is a true jewel of Renaissance architecture, still today the heart and living room of Vigevano. The visit then includes the Castello Sforzesco, built starting from the first half of the century. XIV, the Renaissance Cathedral, and the tour of the streets surrounding the ancient walls. At the end transfer to a typical restaurant in Ticino to enjoy a lunch of local specialties. In the afternoon we return to Milan with a stop in the Navigli area, the artificial canals that since the 12th century, with the construction of the Naviglio Grande, were the protagonists of Milan's economic and commercial fortune. The Navigli allowed navigation throughout an area that, from the areas of Lake Maggiore and Lake Como, crossing the whole plain, stretched from the Lower Ticino to the sea. Free time to savor some of the "Milanese" nightlife "in the numerous clubs that crowd the canals. Free return to the hotel. Dinner and overnight.



4 DAY

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure to Pavia. The guided tour includes a visit to the main monuments of the city: from the Visconteo Castle to San Pietro in Ciel d'Oro, from the University in Piazza della Vittoria, from the Broletto to Piazza Duomo and from San Michele to the Ponte Vecchio. After a short stop for lunch in a typical



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restaurant, we will continue towards the Certosa, to visit this splendid monument. At the end continuation towards the Cremona area, and accommodation in a typical farmhouse. Dinner and overnight in Cremona area.

5 DAY

Breakfast at Hotel. Departure for a beautiful day on Lake Iseo. Boat trip to the 3 islands and lunch with tasting in one of the numerous Franciacorta cellars. In the afternoon continuation to Bergamo. Climb the city by funicular and visit the main monuments: the Palazzo della Ragione, the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore, the Cathedral, the Colleoni Chapel. The beating heart of life in Piazza Vecchia, the military strength of the Rocca on the hill of S. Eufemia, the winding path of ancient streets covered with sturdy cobblestones spread between the palaces of the nobility, squares and churches far from the hype, full of unexpected treasures and, finally, a dream walk along the tree-lined gardens of the ancient Venetian walls, in the ecstatic contemplation of the plain in the golden autumn sunsets or in the dense darkness of the night lit by the endless electric carpet of the plain. The Lower City, with its art treasures scattered along the road axis of the "Sentierone", between the two historic villages of S. Leonardo and Pignolo, the most loved route by the Bergamo people, with the churches of S. Bartolomeo, S Spirito, S. Bernardino and the extraordinary altarpieces by Lorenzo Lotto. Centro Piacentiniano, the modern citadel reinvented under the skilful direction of the architect. Marcello Piacentini at the beginning of the 20th century Return to the Hotel. Dinner and overnight.



6 DAY

Breakfast at the hotel. Day dedicated to "music" and therefore to Verdian places. It will start from Roncole, where we will be able to visit the birthplace of Giuseppe Verdi, and the Church of San Michele Arcangelo which houses the organ on which Verdi, the child, played the first notes. At 6 Km from Roncole there is the city of Busseto where the young Verdi with the economic support and encouragement of Antonio Barezzi He began his musical studies with determination. In the ancient historic center of Busseto there is the "Giuseppe Verdi" Theater, the Verdi Museum of Casa Barezzi. Lunch today will be in a typical "salsamenteria", where in a warm and familiar environment, you can taste the local specialties served on yellow sheets of paper eating with your hands, all savored by a background of Verdi music and accompanied by typical local wines served in characteristic bowls. In the afternoon continue to Cremona, the city of Stradivari, where you can visit the museum which houses the most famous collection of ancient violins in the world. I'm going back to the hotel. Dinner and overnight.



7 DAY

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Breakfast. Departure for Castel'Arquato. Free visit of this beautiful medieval village. Starting from the bottom you can admire the powerful Farnesiano tower, the Palazzo del Duca, and continuing the climb the majestic Rocca Viscontea appears. In front of the Rocca, the gaze will be enchanted by the Collegiate church and the Palazzo del Podestà. At the end continue to Parma. Lunch in a restaurant and in the afternoon guided tour of the city. You can admire the historical and artistic beauties such as Piazza Duomo, with the Cathedral, a splendid example of Romanesque art enriched in the dome by the masterpiece of Correggio and the Baptistry, a unique jewel of medieval art by the great architect Benedetto Antelami. The visit can continue with the Farnese Theater, a unique example of large wooden theater in the world and the Regio Theater, a classic nineteenth-century theater of neoclassical taste, famous for its very passionate and warm audience, built by Maria Luigia in Nineteenth century and still the first theater in the city. Accommodation in hotel for dinner and overnight.



8 DAY

After breakfast visit a dairy in the Modena area. You will be able to see the master cheesemakers at work engaged in the ancient gestures of the transformation of milk, a special way to enter the productive culture of the area and discover how one of the most important products of our land is born. At the end tasting and possibility to buy. Our food tour will continue with a visit to a vinegar factory, where the famous balsamic vinegar of Modena is produced. Buffet lunch with tasting. At the end, continuation to Modena to visit the city, with its Piazza Grande, which offers a view of the splendid Cathedral, recognized as a World Heritage List, with the Ghirlandina tower, a jewel of Romanesque architecture.



On the square stands the Palazzo del Comune, of medieval origin, with rooms that reveal the frescoes by Nicolò dell'Abate (Sala del fuoco) from the mid-sixteenth century and other pictorial works of the following centuries. The visit will continue with the Doge's Palace, home of the Este family for more than two centuries, today the seat of the Military Academy. On Piazza Roma, dominated by the Palace and decorated with the statue of Ciro Menotti, there is also the church of San Domenico which contains a valuable

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sculpture by Antonio Begarelli and, not far away, here is the facade of the baroque church of San Giorgio. arcades that cover much of the historic center also allows you to admire the facades and courtyards of splendid noble residences. At the end, return to the hotel. Dinner and overnight.

9 DAY

Departure by bus to Sabbioneta, called "little Athens" or "little Rome". Renaissance citadel, created by its lord and patron, Vespasiano Gonzaga, belonging to a cadet line of the ruling family. Still entirely surrounded by walls, it was built according to the models of the ideal fifteenth-sixteenth-century cities. It has some noble palaces, Palazzo Ducale, Palazzo del Giardino, Vespasiano's private residence and a theater not to be missed, which recalls, in the work of its creator, Vincenzo Scamozzi, the best known Olympic theater in Vicenza, by the hand of the same architect. A few years ago it was named Unesco heritage together with Mantua after its enormous artistic and cultural value of the ideal city was recognized.) Continuation to Mantua. Stop for lunch in a typical restaurant. Visit of this beautiful town, birthplace of the Latin poet Virgil, lake city, chosen by Giuseppe Verdi to set his Rigoletto there. Rich in splendid monuments, it amazes for the wealth of pictorial-architectural works. In this widespread museum, the splendid Palazzo Ducale (residence of the ruling Gonzaga family for about four centuries, home to one of the most luxurious European courts, containing the undisputed pictorial masterpiece of A. Mantegna, the Camera degli sposi, one of the most extensive testimonies) of the work of Pisanello, works of PP Rubens and Giulio Romano) and the smallest but for this no less fascinating Palazzo Te, the result of the mannerist genius of G. Romano, orphan and favorite pupil of the great master Raphael, who brought him to Mantua splendor of the papal court. At the end, return to the hotel. Dinner and overnight.



10 DAY



After breakfast departure for the free visit of the Ferrari Gallery in Maranello. At the end continuation to Bologna. Arrival and lunch in a typical tavern. In the afternoon visit of the splendid historical center: the Garisenda and Asinelli Towers, symbols of the city, its arcades, its University, the Piazza Grande with the Cathedral. Opportunity to visit a typical shop, where it will be possible to buy typical Emilian products, among which the "tortellini" excel. Return

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11 DAY

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This day will be dedicated to the discovery of Ferrara, a fascinating Renaissance city. You will admire the Castle (outside) with its courtyard, Piazza Castello, Piazza Savonarola, Corso dei Martiri with the Municipal Theater, Archbishop's Palace, the Town Hall and its square, the Cathedral, Piazza Trento Trieste and the Jewish Ghetto. Lunch in a typical restaurant. Time at disposal and transfer to the hotel in Rimini. Dinner and overnight.



12 DAY

After breakfast, departure for Ravenna, the world capital of Byzantine art, which boasts 8 world heritage sites among its artistic riches. The guided tour includes San Vitale, Galla Placidia, Sant'Apollinare Nuovo, Mausoleum of Theodoric (external only), Piazza del Popolo and Dante's Tomb. Lunch in a typical restaurant. Free time and continuation to Rimini, dinner and overnight stay in hotel in Rimini.



13 DAY

After breakfast departure Rimini. Possibility of a short visit to the historic center to admire the most important monuments: the Malatesta Temple, the Piazza Tre Martiri, the Corso d'Augusto up to Piazza Cavour and the Tiberius Bridge. Fish lunch.



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In the afternoon continue to San Marino, the smallest republic in the world. His birth was due to Marino, a stone cutter, who in 331, to escape the persecutions of Diocletian against Christians, founded a community of faithful on the Titan mountain in 331, at the origin of the modern republic. San Marino for centuries is at the center of hard struggles for the conquest of the territory between the de Malatesta family and that of the Montefeltro family and this explains the fascinating fortified structure of the historic center, entirely surrounded by solid walls and watchtowers. Visit free. I'm going back to the hotel. Dinner and overnight.

14-15-16 DAY

Relaxing days by the sea in Rimini. dinner in hotel .



17 DAY

Transfer to the airport in Bologna in good time according to the flight schedule. End of services

ITINERARY

- 1 DAY – Arrival Milan Airport**
- 2 DAY - Milan: visit Duomo, Palazzo Reale, Sforzesco Castle, Galleria Vittorio Emanuele**
- 3 DAY - Vigevano- Milano i Navigli**
- 4 DAY- Pavia e Certosa**
- 5 DAY - Lago di Iseo- Bergamo**
- 6 DAY – Roncole-Busseto- Cremona**
- 7 DAY – Castel Arquato- Parma**
- 8 DAY –Visita Caseificio e acetiaia - Modena**
- 14 Giugno – Sabbioneta - Mantova**
- 9 DAY – Maranello -Bologna**
- 10 DAY – Ferrara**
- 11 DAY - Ravenna-**
- 12 DAY – Rimini - San Marino**
- 13/16 Day – Relax on the sea**

17 Day - Transfer in Aeroporto



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