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#MOSAICO

THE UNIQUE AND MAJESTIC BEAUTY, REALIZED BY DIFFERENT TESSERAE!



Alessandro Mancini - CEO Mancini Worldwide

I have been always captured and fascinated by mosaic's art.

I admired wonderful mosaics all over the world, especially in the Mediterranean area and I realized how the single beauty of a tile, with its own colour and its simplicity could become part of a great masterpiece.

A great and unique masterpiece such as ITALIA and its GRANDE BELLEZZA (great beauty)!

Connect2Italy is gathering all together these wonderful "tiles" that are Tour Operators, DMC's, Hotels, Villas, Experience's providers and much more. All them, together being part of these innovative and unique club are now demonstrating the greatest beauty of their services to all the world.

Over 150 international Tour operators focusing on the wonderful Italian products and promoting it in their own Countries are part of Connect2Italy club. All of them are looking for these wonderful and appropriate "mosaic tesserae" in order to realize their MOSAICO of experiences and unique opportunities in Italy.

#Mosaico as their Italian product with wonderful and unique experiences, stays, tours and suppliers. All the members of the unique club Connect2Italy are dealing directly one each other and organizing their work and services, granting high professionalism and a wonderful feeling of trust, reliability and long-term relation.

As all the Mosaics, these relations are lasting for long time, crossing difficult moments and surviving to tragical period as the pandemic one that is coming to its end.

Me and Vincenzo Pizzolante are very proud to drive on a constantly deep and focused research along Italy and its splendours, every day and before admitting members into Connect2Italy, we always check the unicity of the several Members of the platform, in order to set all the tiles displaying a unique great MOSAICO shining in its splendour!



Villa Romana del Casale **Piazza Armerina - Sicily**



Roman exploitation of the countryside is symbolized by the Villa Romana del Casale (in Sicily), the centre of the large estate upon which the rural economy of the Western Empire was based. The villa is one of the most luxurious of its kind. It is especially noteworthy for the richness and quality of the mosaics which decorate almost every room; they are the finest mosaics in situ anywhere in the Roman world.



Totò, Peppino and the Hussy (1956)

One of the most beloved works of the great Italian comedian Totò, who stars in this funny film along with Peppino De Filippo, Nino Manfredi, and the beautiful Dorian Gray. Totò and Peppino are two boorish landowners living in southern Italy, uncles of a student in love with a dancer. She, who does not enjoy a good fame, moves to Milan and the boy follows her. Thus begins the journey of the two uncles in Milan.



NEAPOLITAN RENAISSANCE!

AFTER DIFFICULT MONTHS OF CLOSURE, NAPLES BACK TO SHINE

Giuseppe Pipolo - Neapolitan Tour Guide and Travel Designer

Naples after covid era is going to restart, drawing from its talent to revive, between hopes and confirmations.

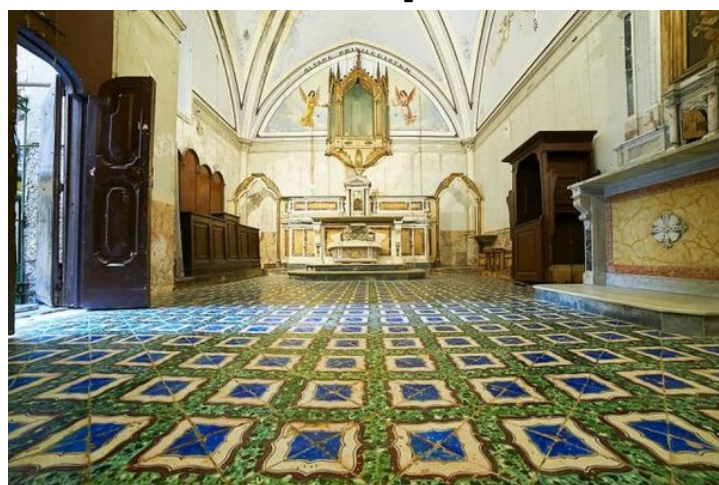
During the first great lockdown, from Spaccanapoli, the images of the suspended “paniere” (a wicker basket) with, written on a board, a sentence by S.Giuseppe Moscati (put if you can; if you can not, take) went around the world on main papers.

It's the umpteenth proof that Naples is a city of benevolent survivors: Plague, wars, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, during centuries has reinforced our resilience.

We use to arise from the ash... so here we are! Everybody has understood the importance of tourism now! We are fully aware that the touristic system must change, be sustainable, involve local artistic and artisan excellences, associations work on territory trying to recover ancient monument and lost memories.

That's my own mission for the next future: introduce my customers to hidden secret places, catching all senses including heart, without missing the most famous highlights.

Santa Luciella Church, Naples



So I want you to introduce two unusual sites in the Spaccanapoli Area, recently rediscovered and renovated.

The first one, Santa Luciella, a small gothic church, where a young association has opened it, through crowdfunding , after forty years of abandon. They found a crypta, full of treasures: peculiar ex-votos to Santa Lucia, protectress of the sight, and the famous skull with mummified ears, an exoteric object used in the tradition as connections with the afterworld ; in fact whispering words as message to its ears , these were send to deceased beloved.

The second one, the Doll Hospital, still working since the beginning of XIX sec at the 4th generation of Grassi Family, is a kaleidoscopic laboratory with a museum, where hundreds of dolls and puppets old and new will stare at you with something to say. Still today many children take broken toys to this place to make them resuscitated. ■

So come with me to the Neapolitan Dedalus and be part of it!

The Doll Hospital, Naples



About

Giuseppe Pipolo, tour guide and travel designer. Incoming services in Naples and Campania Region

For further informations:



Giuseppe Pipolo Travel Expert



Giuseppe Pipolo

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LE CALETTE: A GATEWAY TO HARMONY AND BEAUTY ON THE SICILIAN COAST

Gaia Miccichè - Chief Marketing Officer at Le Calette Hotel (ITA)

A breathtaking natural scenery where elegance, comfort and brightness emphasize Sicilian beauty

Founded in 1969 and run by my family till today, Le Calette is a boutique hotel that follows with its Mediterranean architecture the natural folds of the coast of the bay from which it takes its name. An idyllic oasis just 2 km far from the historic center of Cefalù, UNESCO site. A breathtaking natural scenery where elegance, comfort and brightness emphasize Sicilian beauty.

In a vast park rooms and suites characterized by refined design, a heated swimming pool, a spa and a gym; terraces and Mediterranean gardens overlooking the sea with restaurants, bars, beach club, yoga and wellness areas. The views are spectacular.

Three are the rocky coves with crystal clear waters together with a wooden solarium in teak with king size sunbeds, canoes and stand up paddles to enjoy the bay. On the seafront of Cefalù, a private beach with fine light sand reachable with a shuttle service.

A contemporary cuisine enhances the authentic flavours of the



Gaia Miccichè at Le Calette Hotel

extraordinary Sicilian culinary tradition, masterfully revisiting the combination of local ingredients.

The dishes are combined with labels selected among Italian wineries of excellence.

A breathtaking natural scenery where elegance, comfort and brightness emphasize Sicilian beauty

Tangible metaphor of harmony and beauty, Le Calette is a tailor-made hotel decorated with the charm of wise refinement, it offers every comfort and proposes authentic and exclusive activities all year round.

The ideal place for those who want to combine culture and art, relax and the seaside while living a totalizing experience of Sicilian sensuality. ■

About

Gaia Micciché represents the third generation at Le Calette Hotel: after years of studying and working around the world she has chosen to contribute to the management of the family business.

For further information:



Le Calette Hotel



Le Calette Hotel, Cefalù - Sicily





FLORENCE DESTINATION CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU – A GENERAL OVERVIEW

Carlotta Ferrari - President at Convention Bureau Italia (ITA)

For over 20 years we have been the official association for promoting Florence as a destination. Our mission is to attract top events, conferences, international weddings and quality tourism. We are a non-profit company with over 300 highly specialized partner companies operating in the local tourism sector.

We connect businesses with local institutions and international customers, as a facilitator in the area and the primary gateway to Florence as a destination. We are official partners of the City of Florence where teamwork between the public and private sectors has always been a major

benefit for promoting the city as a destination for events.

Our core business is in leisure tourism, MICE and destination weddings.

LEISURE - Concerning leisure tourism, there are already a hundred hotels in Florence on the 'Destination Florence Plus' platform, created to offer a unique and unified offer to relaunch Florence as a tourist destination after the health emergency of Covid-19, presenting the city "as not have you ever seen it". The participating hotels offer exclusive rates and for each room booked on 'Destination Florence Plus', the visitor is

All the operators have been selected following very high-quality criteria, compliance with a code of ethics and are strictly Tuscan companies.

entitled to a promotional code with discounts of up to 30% on a selection of tourist products. An example?

A sidecar tour with arrival at the splendid Gin 'Peter in Florence' distillery for a guided tour with tasting; an early morning tour to the Uffizi to enjoy the Gallery's masterpieces without the crowds; a horseback ride in Chianti with wine tasting.

All the operators have been selected following very high-quality criteria, compliance with a code of ethics and are strictly Tuscan companies. The digital tourism promotion campaign, put in place by Destination Florence Convention & Visitors Bureau, is also supported by the Municipality of Florence, the Florence Chamber of Commerce and the Cr Firenze Foundation.

MICE - For the MICE sector, to improve performance and acquire new international events, Firenze Convention Bureau presented "Florence Re: Start", the new study dedicated to congress tourism in Florence, and the new strategic plan implemented with the support of public and private partners to relaunch the sector. According to the Italian



Observatory of Congresses and Events, Florence in 2019 hosted almost 15 thousand events, for a total of 1.5 million visitors: within this dynamic, the goal is to relaunch the international congress sector. We are working on thirty applications as a priority for the immediate future, to stimulate the arrival of new international congresses in the next 3-5 years. The role of the Convention Bureau is fundamental, because it is the only entity capable of aggregate and coordinate the offer, create a dialogue with the institutions, interact with the large international associations promoting congresses . This was carried out thanks to the contribution of the Chamber of Commerce and the Municipality of Florence with the support of the consulting agency Gaining EDGE and conducted by Firenze Convention Bureau.

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WEDDING - Finally, Tuscany for Weddings, division of the Destination Florence Convention & Visitors Bureau, together with the Tourist Studies Center, won the regional call for 200 thousand euros for the promotion of the Tuscan territory as a destination wedding, and is ready to collaborate in the relaunch of the wedding sector.

The goal for the wedding sector is to reach and improve pre-pandemic data in 2022. In Tuscany (the region chosen as the first destination and which represents about 30% of the Italian market) in 2019 there were over 2800 events with a turnover of over 165 million euros and over 500 thousand tourist presences linked to the wedding.



FIRENZE
CONVENTION BUREAU

About

Carlotta Ferrari is the manager of the Florence Convention and Visitors Bureau, whose goal is to promote the destination of Florence and increase the quantity and quality of events and congresses organized in the city.

For further information:



Florence Convention Bureau





According to the analysis of Destination Florence Convention & Visitors Bureau, in the upcoming months, couples will prefer more intimate weddings, immersed in nature and with attention to sustainability, but they will also choose to rent the small Tuscan villages exclusively.

And thanks to targeted promotion work, the number of events could increase by 20% over the next four years. ■

"In the last few years, we have worked hard to promote tourism that is more sustainable and respectful. Florence is a place of extraordinary beauty, which is precisely why the number of tourists has increased, including mass tourism in which inattentive visitors have taken advantage of the city without fully experiencing or respecting it. [..]

These travellers buy from the botteghe of our craftspeople and explore established stores as well as everything that the Made in Florence culture has to offer. This tourism stays longer in the city and ventures out to the metropolitan area, for the leafy suburbs in search of lesser-known sights.

For this reason, as the city councillor for tourism, last year we launched a publicity campaign aimed at creating an alliance between the City of Florence, tour guides and tour operators to "relaunch sustainable tourism in the city" through awarding the "Feel Florence!" mark of quality to everyone who works according to certain standards. [..]

All these actions are being implemented so that we can welcome back everyone who chooses Florence for their next journey in the best and most sustainable ways."

Cecilia Del Re - Florence City Councillor for Tourism



The Flowering of Castelluccio di Norcia - Umbria

Castelluccio di Norcia is more than a simple little Umbrian town. Castelluccio is an emotion, a magic place where men and nature blend themselves and find their harmony.

Every year, during many weeks between May and July, an incredible mosaic of colours breaks the chromatic monotony of the grazing lands and it is able to fill eyes and heart. Despite the Feast of the Fiorita takes place every year the third and the last Sunday of June, there is not a best or worst time to admire the flowering. And not even a climax. All depends of the meteorological season, in base of it you will find more or less species, more or less colors.



FROM THE OCEAN TO THE ADRIATIC SEA TAKE IT EASY!

Fernando Rosiello - Founder and CEO, Mahi Sportfishing Puglia (ITA)

Mahi Sportfishing offers you a remarkable day on the water. Whether you want to have an aperitif on the sea or an adrenaline-pumping fishing trip: They are the ones for you!

Dear readers of the 2Italy Magazine,
It is Fernando Rosiello speaking, the Founder and Captain of Mahi Sportfishing Puglia. We are a sportfishing and sea excursions charter located in Ostuni (BR), Apulia...in the heart of Southern Italy. Even though I'm still quite young, I have experienced a lot of different situations that help me grow faster and faster in this business. I have had the great opportunity to fish, charter, and compete in sportfishing paradises such as Miami, FL, Sao Vicente, Cape Verde, Cancun, Mexico, and Flamingo, Costa Rica.

In these wonderful places, I have come face to face with the giants of the ocean, like barracudas, sharks, tunas, and marlins...what a great journey! After all these adrenalinic experiences in the ocean, the most common question that people ask me is:

"Why did you come back to the Mediterranean Sea and opened your charter there?"

Well, why?! I have had enough good reasons to do so.



Firstly: Giving Back.

I think that everyone should give back and be anchored to its roots. I was born and raised and I have spent most of my life in Southern Italy, and I am grateful for that...so I think that giving back to the territory is the right way to thank these beautiful places and people that helped me through the first years of my life.

Then: The Culture.

The Italian culture is something unique, something that I did not find anywhere else in the World.

The Italian people are capable of opening the doors of their houses for you and letting you be part of something, even though you have just met them a few minutes earlier. We have this kind of unique "customer care" that guides the tourist through all the experience, letting him/her enjoy every single detail.

Number 3: Strategical Geographic Position.

Italy, as you all know, has a very strategic position in the Mediterranean Sea and it is easily reachable from most of the European and North-African Countries. Speaking of strategic position, this can be also said in terms of fishing. The section of the Adriatic Sea in which we charter is a sort of channel, and it has a very relevant biodiversity, allowing the guest to choose between a very large number of fishes to target. Even our port's position is great! Our boats are located at the Port of Villanova, Ostuni, which is the only port of the "White City" and it is very close to several points of attraction such as Cisternino, Savelletri, Fasano, and Grottaglie. Ostuni itself is situated in a very comfortable position for tourists. In fact, It is just 30 minutes away from the Port of Brindisi and from the Airport of Brindisi and 1 hour away from three great Italian cities like Bari, Matera, and Lecce.

Number 4: The Weather.

The Weather in the area of Ostuni is great from spring to the end of Autumn, giving the possibility to the tourists to come at different times of the year. During the Summer season, it is sunny, with a delicate breeze, so the guests can enjoy the sunlight without getting too hot. In the central and northern part of Apulia, there are many natural rock pools in which the water is always calm and crystal clear, so that everyone can choose to have a relaxing day at the shore, without



Ostuni, the White City - Apulia

About

Mahi Sportfishing Puglia is a fishing charter located in Ostuni. It provides the best fishing trips and boat excursions in Italy. We know we are ambitious, we know that probably not all the ideas will go to plan, but this is our way...this is Mahi's way!

For further information:



Mahi Sportfishing Puglia



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Fernando Rosiello

having to worry about the water conditions. Thank to the strategic position and the culture of Ostuni, there are several experiences available in the range of very few kilometers. For example, just a few miles from our experience there is the possibility to do horse riding on the beach, and just a few miles in the opposite way you can find many more attractions like a golf court, yoga lessons, bike riding tours... there are just so many unique experiences...and they are all so close to one another! In conclusion, after all my International experience, I have identified Apulia as the best place in which I could open my charter and

share my knowledge with the locals while drinking a local beer and having a taste of famous Apulian focaccia. Well, that is more than enough for me!

I suggest you all to come here and try it yourself, so you can fall in love with this magical place. I will be waiting here with my crew...on Mahi Sportfishing Puglia.

We will take care of you, so you can just relax and...take it easy! ■



**Ostuni
Apulia department**



In terms of sportfishing, the Adriatic Sea has always been kind to the fishermen, so you're very unlikely to return home without any catch. The captain usually goes anywhere from 2-35 miles offshore.





Tropea: Italy's Most Beautiful Village - Calabria



"I paused for a moment, just long enough to look around. I dare not continue writing. How can one afford to describe such a town? Admire and be silent: that's what a man can do in front of the beauties of creation."

Astolphe De Custine, Letters to Calabria, 1830



ANTONIA SAUTTER



For over 25 years, Antonia Sautter fashion designer and luxury event planner in Venice, creator and artistic director of Il Ballo del Doge, the most exclusive masquerade ball of Venetian Carnival, has designed and hand-made hundreds of costumes.

Her Atelier, open for private visit all year round, hosts her collection of hand-made costumes in her Venetian workshop, available for purchase and rental all over the world.





ANTONIA'S WORLD. A TALE OF HISTORY, FASHION AND COSTUME MADE IN VENICE

Antonia Sautter - Owner & Creator of Il Ballo del Doge, Venice (ITA)

Situated at few steps from St. Mark's Square in Venice, Antonia Sautter's Atelier represents a journey across the tradition of the Venetian costumes and a real path of discovery of an authentic Venice which lives through artisan craftsmanship

Antonia Sautter Creations&Events, founded and directed by Antonia Sautter, was born from the creative soul of the Venetian entrepreneur and stylist leader in the field of fashion and large events. Known and loved for being the creator and artistic director of Il Ballo del

Doge, the most exclusive Carnival gala in the world, Antonia Sautter designs and creates historical and allegorical dresses, costumes for theatrical productions, purchased and rented by enthusiasts from all over the world. Many of these are kept in her Atelier a few steps from

**Each piece is customised
so as to make it authentic
and unique**

Piazza San Marco, evidence of her great passion for costume and manufacturing. A guided tour, with the opportunity to experience the costume fitting, is a real journey of discovery of an authentic Venice that lives through the high craftsmanship of which Antonia Sautter calls herself "tireless protector".

From her great love for the culture and tradition linked to her city, Antonia Sautter has given life to the homonymous fashion brand with a unique style. A passionate artisan, in over thirty years of activity she has made "Made in Venice" the mission of her entire professional career.

In her Venetia boutique behind St. Mark's Square and in the new e-commerce Antonia Sautter Boutique, you can find shoes, accessories, clothing and interior design made of fine velvets and precious silks.

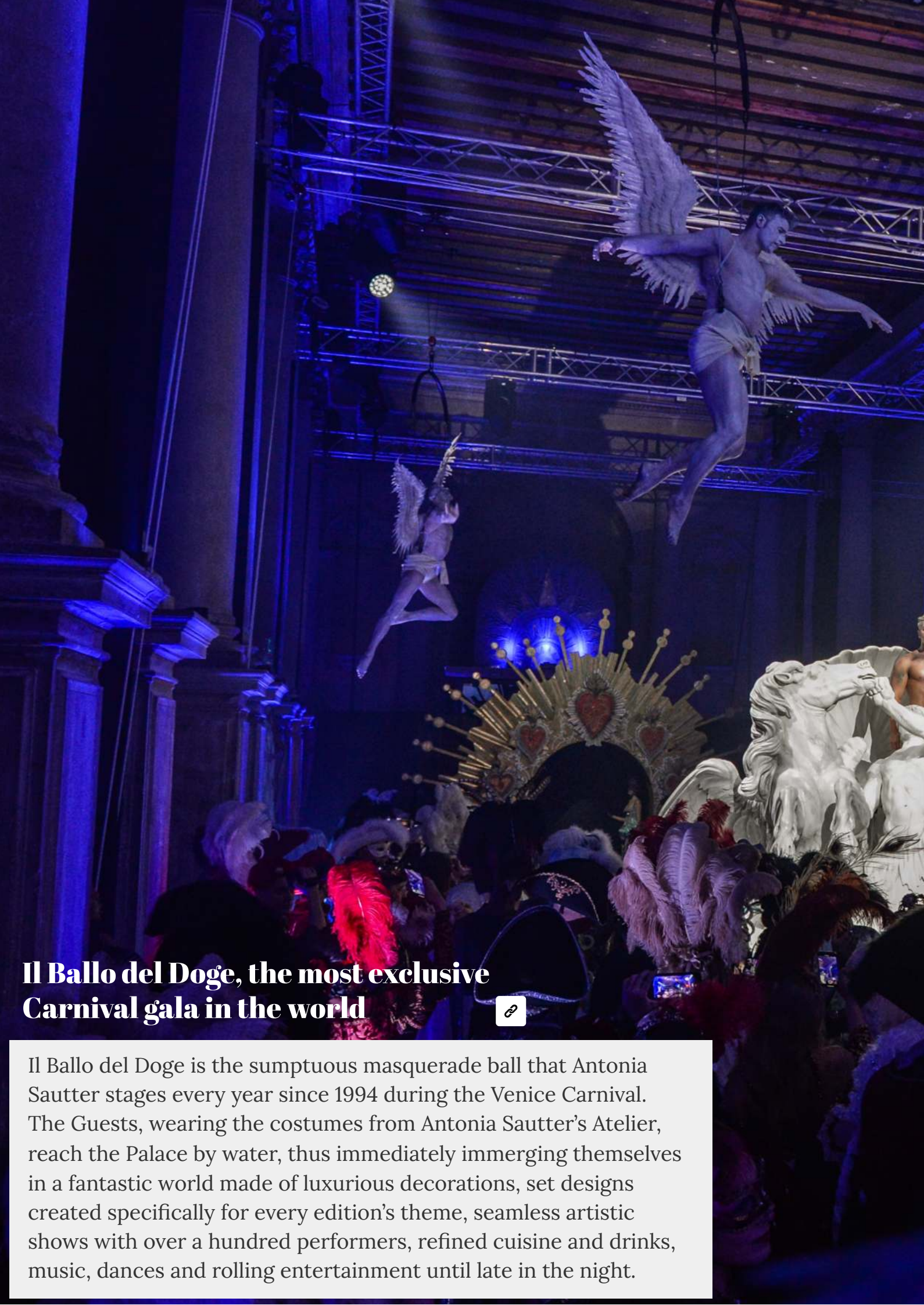
**A dream that lasts a whole
night and an
experience that remains in
the memory forever.**



Antonia's Creation in tribute to Cortina Alpine Ski World Championships 2021

The distinctive decorations of the maison, hand-printed in her workshop, enrich kimonos, scarves, iconic pieces such as the "Saccocci", refined wristbags in decorated velvet or the famous "Pantuffe", a neologism created to tell the tradition of "Venetian walking slippers" and reinterpreted in a unisex garment suitable for all occasions.

Craftsmanship, dexterity and experience are translated into original garments with a unique design signed by an excellence of Made in Venice, Antonia Sautter. ■



Il Ballo del Doge, the most exclusive Carnival gala in the world



Il Ballo del Doge is the sumptuous masquerade ball that Antonia Sautter stages every year since 1994 during the Venice Carnival. The Guests, wearing the costumes from Antonia Sautter's Atelier, reach the Palace by water, thus immediately immersing themselves in a fantastic world made of luxurious decorations, set designs created specifically for every edition's theme, seamless artistic shows with over a hundred performers, refined cuisine and drinks, music, dances and rolling entertainment until late in the night.

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Venezia



VAL D'ORCIA - A PROTECTED NATURAL AREA AND A UNIQUE UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE CENTRE

Giacomo Lombardo - Owner and Manager of Life in Tuscany DMC (ITA)

There are some territories that leave you stupefied. One of the most beautiful in the world is located two steps from Siena

We have to say it, sometimes human intervention, like this time, it did no damage, on the contrary it generated one of the most evocative and enchanting areas on the planet.

The Val d'Orcia, is a protected natural area and the close Val di Chiana, that host fascinating medieval villages like Pienza and Montepulciano. But the real wonder is nature: the typical postcards of Tuscan countryside, of the common imagination have been photographed here. Smooth hills full of color and contrasts, the green of the vineyards, olive and cypress trees mixes with the gold yellow of the fields in June: the beautiful landscape leave you thrilled.

The best way to visit Val d'Orcia is to get lost. It doesn't matter if with a car, with a bike or on foot, the important thing is to get lost. Each season has its own particularities, any season is ideal to visit this area.



Not only the sound of cicadas and the scent of Mediterranean scrub, another reason to visit this area is food and wine. Here you can taste Italian excellences like the Brunello di Montalcino and Vino Nobile di Montepulciano, the tuscan Pecorino di Pienza, Cinta Senese cured meats and the Pici.

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Landscapes of Tuscany sunrise, Val d'orcia



Also there are a lot of luxury spas, to enjoy wellness treatments or follow the thermal springs in their flow for a free outdoor bath. Val d'Orcia and Val di Chiana are full of old villages among the hills, with intact walls and towers that evoke a dip in the Middle Ages in the comfort of finely firestored farmhouses

and luxurious villas and castles, where to spend a holiday in good company. A true paradise. Words are not enough to describe the beautiful of this area, you must see it!

Life in Tuscany organize taylor made luxury tour and experiences in Tuscany mostly Val d'Orcia, Val di Chiana and Chianti. Thanks to our small and luxurious accommodations, we guarantee privacy and security. Finally in Italy masks are no longer necessary outside, to me this is the strongest signal to the exit of the pandemy. I'm sure good times are coming back for the tourism in Italy. ■



**Val D'Orcia
Tuscany department**



About

Life in Tuscany DMC can provide you all the different services to customize a journey through spectacular landscapes, food, wine, art, historic villages that will be the setting of your unique experience.

For further information:



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A SUMMER IN PINK

VENICE FROM ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW

Laurence Meccoli - The Venetian Travel Planner (ITA)

A pleasant simple summer day in Venice

When summer arrives in Venice, the lagoon is filled with new scents and flavors and the sea with its beaches becomes a destination along 12 kilometers of coastline, wild dunes WWF meet with the Adriatic sea, now from several years boasts the flag blue for the quality of its waters.

The sound of a typical summer day we start with a ride on a private boat to visit the Cini Foundation, the Green Theater and its new Borges labyrinthine gardens; Tintoretto shows his famous Ultima Cena, the well-known glass room and its museum.

From here you continue towards the Lido, a seaside destination where by bike along the Murazzi rocks you reach the Alberoni site, where dunes and flowers literally throw themselves into the sea; after a regenerating swim in the sea, small, simple and festive kiosks welcome guests with sautéed mussels and freshly caught fish accompanied by a delicious prosecco.

It is incredible how among the museums and splendors of Venice guests can enjoy the discovery



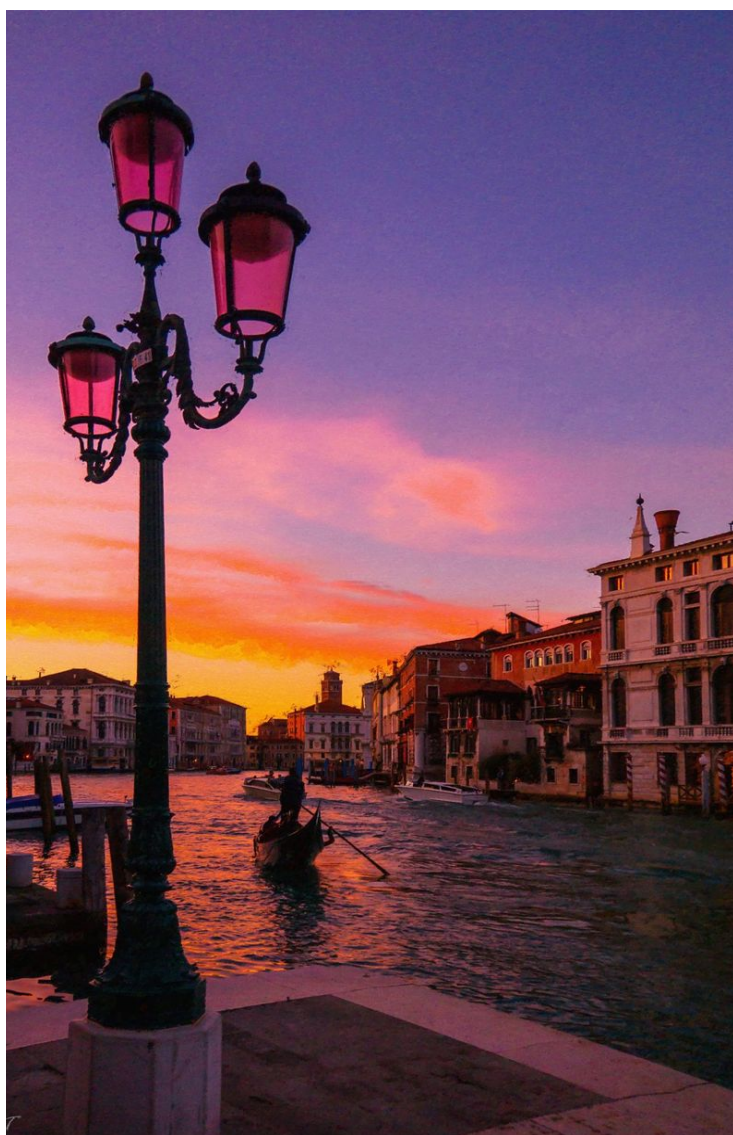
Laurence Meccoli in Venice

of nature and the joy of the sea.

After a stop at the champagne bar of Santa Maria Elisabetta, the return from the Lido to Venice at sunset always offers spectacular images of our city painting in pink and red the Doge's Palace. I have been a member of Connect2Italy for over a year; thanks to the platform and its creators and collaborators, I had the opportunity to meet many new operators who are dedicated to Italy as a destination of excellence. A great opportunity to make my Venetian and Veneto reality known

from different points of view; the creation of experiences for our guests is tailor-made and only for them, with strictly "Venetian" proposals for an experience of full immersion in the daily life of this beautiful thousand-year-old city and its inhabitants who have been gentle guardian of its traditions for centuries.

Let's continue through the Veneto along the Prosecco route up to the Dolomites, a Unesco World Heritage Site and unique mountains famous for the "enrosadira", the typical pink color that lights up at sunset in summer. ■



Events:

- **The Venice Simplon Orient Express**

has resumed traveling across Europe, departing from Venice every Wednesday. Every Wednesday enjoy the departure of the legendary train Venice Simplon Orient Express departing from Venice travelling all over Europe

- **The Biennale Architecture** between the gardens and the arsenal Biennale Architecture

Sunset in Venice - Arsenale



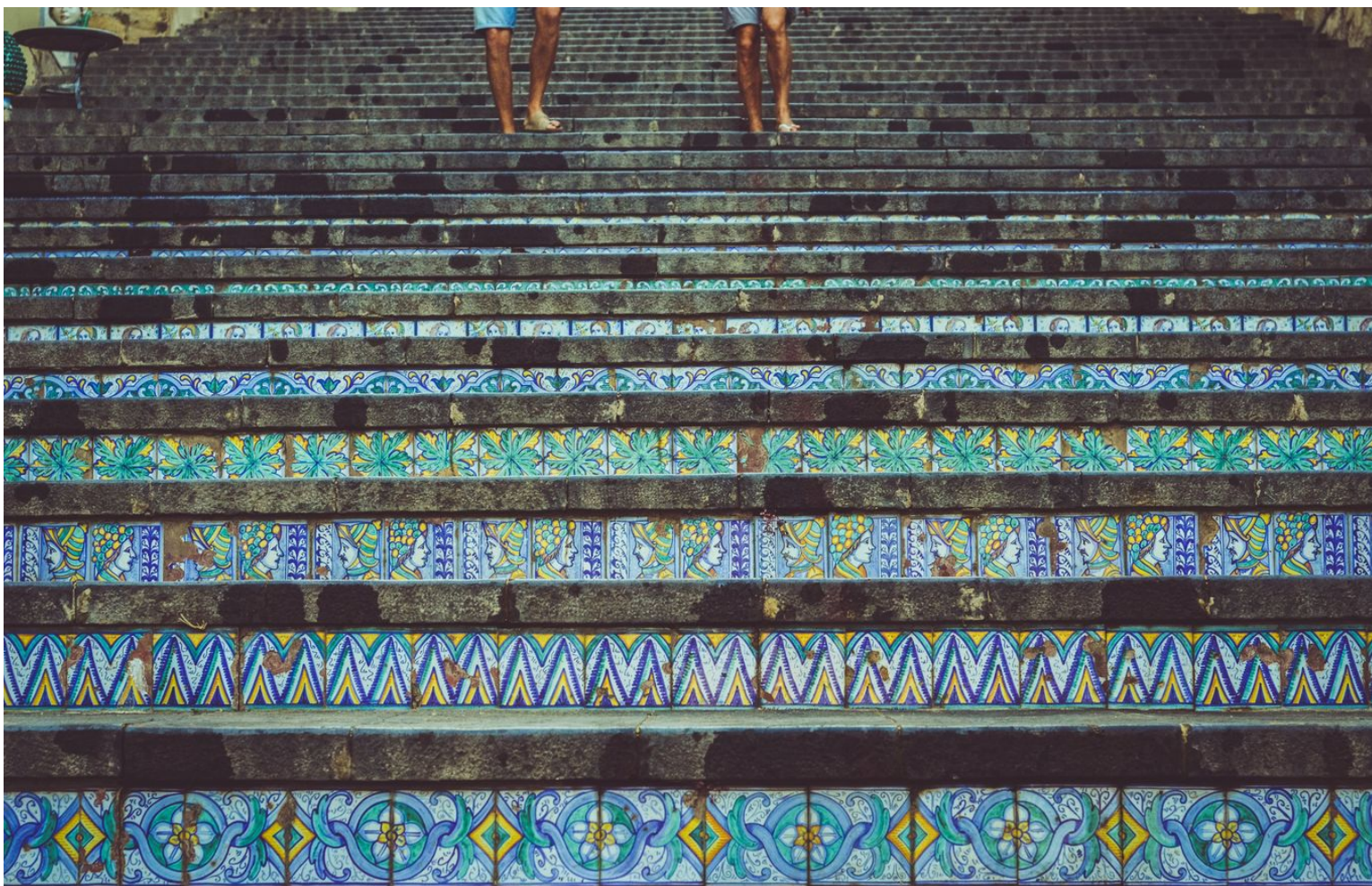
About

Laurence Meccoli is a Venetian travel planner whose mission is to accompany visitors traveling to Venice within authenticity, creating customized experiences upon guest's needs and wishes.

For further information:



The Venetian Travel Planner



Staircase of Santa Maria del Monte - Caltagirone, Sicily

SICILY

A MOSAIC OF EXPERIENCES

Giuseppina Macchiarella - CEO JustSicily DMC

Ancient crafts, history of conquests and old glories make this island a land of wonders.

JustSicily has been a member of Connect2Italy for a year now and it is proud to announce its first contract with a platform partner. We are happy to be part of this great family that in the midst of a pandemic has allowed us to open ourselves to the world and communicate the beauty of Sicily to new friends.

It was a pleasure to go around Palermo with our friends Alessandro Mancini and Vincenzo Pizzolante who visited in person the ancient stores of the old quarters among the splendor of the noble palaces. Alessandro and Vincenzo had the opportunity to speak with a couple of artisans who were proud that their handcrafted bag had

been reproduced by Dolce&Gabbana.

They visited the still existing laboratories of the silversmiths and tilers and then had an aperitif in the historic center of town in a place frequented by many nationalities where the welcome and hospitality is the rule and where, of course, you drink first and then pay.

To share these sensations we invented the Walking Tours through the streets of Palermo that allow our customers to relive the empires that have succeeded in our island, not to mention the Tour of the Florios, the Lions of Sicily, the most exciting family in the history of Sicily.

Giusi Macchiarella in her office in Palermo



There are many sensations and unforgettable flavors that Sicily offers and proposes, JustSicily and its founder Giusi Macchiarella know them all and make them unique, original and personalized. We listen to our guests, their needs and guarantee the best service. This is the kind of experience that will make the difference in the post-pandemic world. ■



Palermo, Sicily
Italian Department

About

JustSicily is a Boutique Tour Operator and DMC Specialist led by Giusi Macchiarella. Giusi is an expert in tourism and incoming, with over 30 years of experience. She was the first member to join Connect2Italy.

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SARDEGNA

AN ISLAND OF ENDLESS BEAUTY

Sardegna



Capo Testa, Santa Teresa di Gallura, Sardinia, Italy



The mining site of Porto Flavia, located near Iglesias



NOT ONLY ACCOMMODATION, THE DEBELLINI OF PALERMO STARTS AGAIN FROM THE "PIANO NOBILE": A SPACE FOR CULTURE AND EVENTS

Giusy Scola - Resident Manager at DeBellini Design Apartments (ITA)

Being present to keep on telling a story between nobility and modern design

In a period in which the hospitality sector has been brought to its knees by the Coronavirus pandemic, there are structures that manage to keep their presence alive on the market. This is the case of deBellini, a receptive structure that was born inside Palazzo Bellini, in the homonymous square of Palermo.

The deBellini, in despite the difficulties that have affected all the operators of the horeca sector, has never stopped and is ready for a relaunch that puts on the plate further services and an even higher quality of the offer. The noble floor becomes a museum space and prepares to host cultural events and entertainment.

In fact, in the structure there is a "piano nobile", where prestigious families used to entertain themselves before accessing the royal stages of the theater.



Giusy Scola in DeBellini - Palermo

This space, of about 400 square meters, will become a container of events and services. It overlooks Piazza Bellini, so the view is truly breathtaking.

On one side it will be functional to the accommodation, guests will be able to access it from breakfast to aperitif. On the other hand, the prestigious location closed for a long time will be returned to all citizens and visitors. The deBellini therefore continues to maintain its services of excellence, in full compliance with anti-Covid regulations.

The policy of the structure is not to adapt to the moment of crisis by lowering prices, but offering new services and further raising the quality of the offer.

Keeping a high level of optimism in a difficult moment like this one, is not always possible but thanks to the collaboration of different professionals we are able to look ahead in the long term. "We have a network of partners and collaborators who support us - concludes the director - from communication, to the management of works between architects and engineers, not to mention the valuable presence within the platform of international scope of C2I. We remain optimistic because ours is a special reality and we are the object of interest. We are happy, we remain united and we go forward". ■

deBellini

design apartments & event space

About

DeBellini Design Apartments is an ancient palace, expertly restored in the heart of the historic center of Palermo. DeBellini will welcome you with warmth and professionalism. Seven elegant design apartments, complete with all the necessary comforts to make your stay in Palermo unique.

For further information:



DeBellini Apartments



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CILENTO - AN HIDDEN JEWEL IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF ITALY

Domenico Cusati & Antonio Cavaliere - Cilento Viaggi DMC, Italy

Perhaps you've never heard of the Cilento. It's a secret. It's just south of the Amalfi Coast in the Salerno province of southern Campania.

We remember well the moment we met Vincenzo and Alessandro from Connect2Italy. We were looking for professionals who could help us make Cilento known internationally, and they...well you know them too, they are simply the best!

In the first meetings we talked about the difficulty of making Cilento known outside the Italian borders, since nationally it is already one of the most popular and searched destinations, according to Google data. Alessandro and Vincenzo reassured us, saying that it was just a matter of visibility, that working together we would succeed in making our beloved Cilento a destination known worldwide.

For many months we worked as a team, talking to many buyers and watching how interest in Cilento grew as we told them about our beauty: the buyers were amazed to discover that the Mediterranean diet was born here, we saw them open-mouthed looking at the photos of our beautiful sea or at the

and cultural wonders that abound in this area.

Today we are closing a circle, which is also the beginning of this wonderful journey. In fact, in these days you will receive our invitation to visit our Cilento. We invite you to be our guests for a few days in October to see for yourself the wonders of this land, to experience an Italy that is still the same as in the past, with genuine food and uncontaminated places! ■



**Cilento
Campania Italian
Department**

About

Cilento Viaggi is one of the most qualified DMCs in the Cilento area, specialized in incoming that provides all sorts of services throughout this region.

For further information:



Cilento Viaggi



Above: Stunning Sea Caves in La Masseta Marine Area, Cilento Below: Paestum Temple





CA' RANIERI TENTI A VENETIAN AUTENTIC MIRAGE

Alvise Ranieri Tenti

A loft suspended between water and infinity

Venice is a room of mirrors, where everything coexists with its opposite, where beauty breaks down and recreates itself until it becomes extreme, almost inconceivable. Somehow I thought of my home in the middle of the canals as a representation of this enchantment, between an inner search for my roots

and a look towards distant horizons.

Ca 'Ranieri Tenti, however, is not just a game of fantasies: it is a concrete project, which brings together the knowledge and sensitivity of my life as a tourism professional, sewn onto a reality that today is moving in precise directions..

Ca 'Ranieri Tenti means location: one of the most authentic corners in Venice, where the chatter of the dialect wins over the noises of the crowd; where people still live their city out of the world in serenity. Yet close to the main attractions: in particular, the Arsenale and the spaces of the Biennale are literally a few steps away.

Ca 'Ranieri Tenti means practicality: its exclusive water port allows convenient boat connections, for quick travel, in total autonomy and absolute privacy

in the city, at the Lido, or to any island in the lagoon.

Ca 'Ranieri Tenti means comfort: two bedrooms, two bathrooms, a fully equipped kitchen and a living area featuring a small loggia overlooking the canal, where you can have a drink or have breakfast in a truly unique setting. Ca 'Ranieri Tenti is my intimate vision, which I would like to make available to anyone who wants to share a real Venetian dream. ■



Above: An internal view of the apartment

Below: The private loggia



Ca' Ranieri Tenti
VENEZIA

About

"Whenever I look at the portraits of these ancestors of mine, I feel proud to be somehow part of the history of the most incredible city man has ever dared to invent."

Alvise Ranieri Tenti is the owner and the referral of this unique and charming location in Venice.

For further information:



Ca' Ranieri Tenti

THE PALERMO MOSAIC

Giulia Briguglia - Sales & Marketing executive, The HotelSphere

Not just a bi-dimensional picture, but a true portal able to take you through time, and space

By the time you reach Palermo, the expression “the city is a mosaic of cultures” will have stuck to your mind: your travel agent, your guidebook, your closest friend told you. Well, none of them prepared you just about to what you can experience in this multi-faceted city.

As the Sales Manager of two most iconic design hotels in the city – Hotel Plaza Opéra and Hotel Principe di Villafranca, from the Hotelsphere Hotel Collection - I often underline to guests how Palermo requires an open heart, vast curiosity and a great partner like Connect 2 Italy to guide you and help you experience such a grand diversity without losing the full picture.

The mosaic, its details and flamboyant whole, is after all the key element of that Arab-Norman art style that has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage in the eight Palermo historical city centre sites. These includes the flabbergasting Palatine Chapel, where Oscar Wilde said “one really feels as if one was sitting the in the heart of a great honeycomb looking at angels singing”.



And you can truly hear angels sing when, after leaving this space and time, you walk just a little bit to reach a different era and geography, wandering through the alleys of Ballarò and Il Capo street market, where locals shout their heads off selling their products right next to Senegalese hairdressers,

And so back and forth in time, East and West, you will travel, without ever leaving the city. Not even in your heart, after you've left.



About

The HotelSphere is specialized in Luxury Boutique and Design Hotels and Hospitality in Sicily, with two 4 star hotels in Palermo.

For more information:



thehotelsphere.com

Giulia Briguglia



Bengalese greengrocers and lace-like Baroque chapels.

Even such a simple gesture as drinking a glass of anise-aromatised water at your hotel bar can swipe you off your feet and take you back to the times of Sogehas Ben Ali, the Arab who invented the everlasting recipe of Acqua e Zammù before 1000AD. Of course, by the time you start your dinner with an aubergine caponata entrée, remember you have just entered the XVIII century, where the French cook of the house, the monsù, has prepared for you one of the most delicious dishes of their food arsenal.

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The Legend of the Lucky Bull Milan - Italy



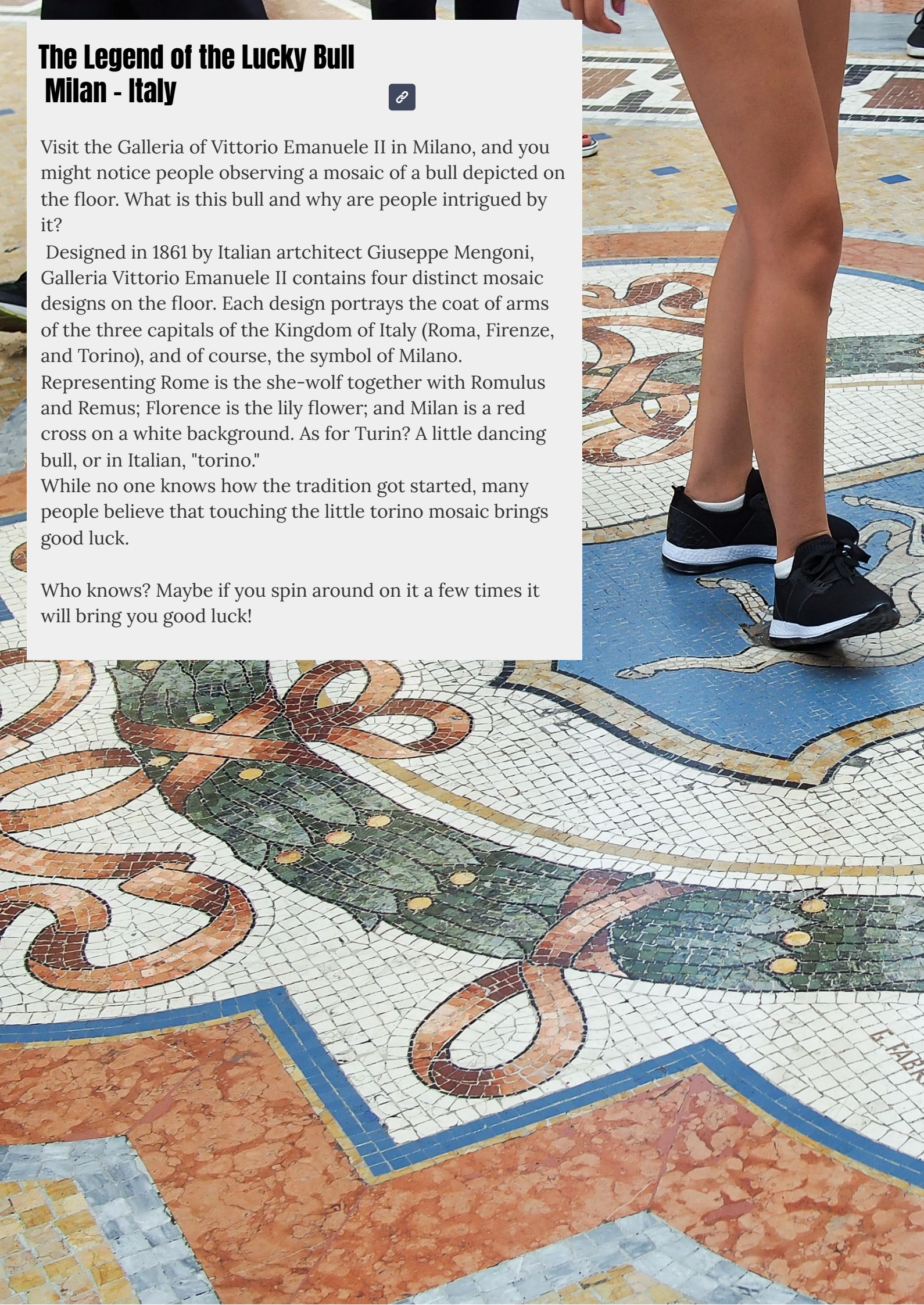
Visit the Galleria of Vittorio Emanuele II in Milano, and you might notice people observing a mosaic of a bull depicted on the floor. What is this bull and why are people intrigued by it?

Designed in 1861 by Italian architect Giuseppe Mengoni, Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II contains four distinct mosaic designs on the floor. Each design portrays the coat of arms of the three capitals of the Kingdom of Italy (Roma, Firenze, and Torino), and of course, the symbol of Milano.

Representing Rome is the she-wolf together with Romulus and Remus; Florence is the lily flower; and Milan is a red cross on a white background. As for Turin? A little dancing bull, or in Italian, "torino."

While no one knows how the tradition got started, many people believe that touching the little torino mosaic brings good luck.

Who knows? Maybe if you spin around on it a few times it will bring you good luck!





DUOMO VIAGGI - UNIQUE SKILLS IN RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL TRAVELS IN ITALY

Giorgio Trivellon - CEO Duomo Viaggi & Turismo (ITA)



We design custom pilgrimage itineraries to all the major Christian shrines and places of spirituality

With 50 years of experience and more than 1 milion tourists accompaigned into Italy and all over the world, Duomo Viaggi & Turismo offer the most wide and varied choice of pilgrimages and worldwide cultural tour. We design custom pilgrimage itineraries to all the major Christian shrines and places of spirituality in Italy and all over the world.

Quality is our mantra and we are born with the aim to let the entire religious, artistic and cultural heritage be known through a series of itineraries, tours and guided tours in cities like Rome, Milan, Venice, Padua, Florence, Pisa, Assisi and many others Christian shrines and place of spirituality . An accurate and personalized service Duomo Viaggi & Turismo for individuals and groups coming from all over the world !!

....." A pilgrimage to Italy is like walking into layers of history, art, human drama, and deep faith , says the CEO of the company Giorgio Trivellon.

Here your feet touch the soil left from Roman times 3,000 years ago as you venture into this land of martyrs, saints, popes, and ancient civilizations. Italy is

about experiencing the sacred bonds of the Catholic faith that enlighten the soul....".

Ours tours can also be combined with the main European countries and the Middle East to give the traveller an even more complete experience for example in places of spirituality like Holy Land, Lourdes, Fatima, Czestochowa, Medjugorje, Santiago de Compostela, Jordan, Lebanon, Cyprus. Thanks to our quality of service and the assistance of our team, your "experience" trip will satisfy all your expectations.

Incoming Italy by Duomo Viaggi & Turismo : traveling with eyes and heart

About

Duomo Viaggi & Turismo is the reference agency of the Diocese of Milan and developed unique skills in the field of travel motivated by religious and cultural reasons.

Fort further info:



Duomo Viaggi & Turismo



Above: Assisi, The City of Saint Francis. Below: Duomo in Milan



FEAST OF SANTA ROSALIA - FOLKLORE AND TRADITIONS ON THE STREETS OF PALERMO

Palermo Tourist Information - We are Palermo

The feast of Santa Rosalia is probably a famous example of such traditions – in Palermo, it is called 'u fistinu

There are customs and traditions that are timeless. There are traditions that involve tourists and take them to a different world, full of charm and beauty, between devotion and theater. The festival of Santa Rosalia is probably a famous example of such traditions. It takes place in the most beautiful places of Palermo in mid-July.

The origins of the Feast of Santa Rosalia have to do with miraculous episodes, especially related to the plague of the early 17th century, in which the epidemic spread rapidly in the city of Palermo. The main purpose of the celebration is to thank and worship the patron saint of the city Saint Rosalia: according to local faith, in 1624 she saved the city's residents from a dreadful plague after her relics were found in Monte Pellegrino.

The Feast starts on the 10th of July



but only during the night between 14-15 July reaches its peak: thousands of people follow the parade led by a giant iron made chariot, from the Cathedral to the Foro Italico; it follows a path full of references to pain that culminates in the joyful celebration of life, with a big show of fireworks, making you believe the sun

is shining. All around the, the people keep dancing, creating amazing choreographies with lighting effects, while praising "Hurray to Palermo and to Saint Rosalia!".

On July 15th, the relics of the Saint are carried around in a silver urn and Masses are celebrated in her honor; finally the urn returns to the Cathedral to be blessed by the Archbishop of Palermo. For those who want to discover the true Sicily, with an extraordinary set of faith, joy, sacred representations, and celebrations of the victory of life over death and of collective identity, The Feast of Santa Rosalia is a must. ■

Saint Rosalia Wallart in Palermo Sicily Italy
female saint with skull in her hand



MAGICAL MILAN

Shruti Amriwala - CEO of Mishutana Travels (IND)

My first trip to Italy, magical and simply out of this world. Personally, I have always been fond of Italy's art, history and culture since childhood. The experience was beyond my expectations.

Milan is the capital of the Lombardy region (known as Lombardia in Italian), located in Northern Italy. Till now I have had the pleasure of travelling in this place twice. Milan, known locally as Milano, is the city of the two big Fs – Finance and Fashion. Since childhood I had a deep desire to visit Milan this place because I was awestruck after reading so much about this stylish city.

I was invited here by Mr Alessandro Mancini, CEO of the travel boutique company Mancini Worldwide and Founder of the digital platform Connect2Italy, and his colleague and co-founder of Connect2Italy, Mr Vincenzo Pizzolante, along with Miss Francesca Donati from Promos Italia, as a part of the BUY LOMBARDIA 2019 event which was being hosted by Promos Italia.

Apart from being known as a prominent business center and for its humongous contribution to the fashion world, Milan has its share of art and

historical museums, whether it's the 15th century citadel Sforzesco Castle which has a special chamber dedicated to the works of Leonardo Da Vinci and also houses the 'Rondanini Pieta' - the last unfinished work of Michaelangelo, or the Santa Maria delle Grazie which is the home of the world famous The Last Supper (which I have been unable to view personally during my past 2 trips to Milan, a childhood dream which I strongly intend to fulfill during my next trip to Milano city), or the Museo Nazionale Scienza e Tecnologia which in English translates as the National Museum of science and technology. Da Vinci has also made a huge contribution to the field of physics and technology which left me amazed. A visit to the National Museum of Science and Technology is a treat especially for engineers and engineering students.

And as if the museums weren't enough, you have the Brera district of Milan, consisting of sidewalk cafes, restaurants and boutiques located in cobbled alleys,

which is also an individual neighborhood dedicated to art works from the 15th century. The Pinacoteca di Brera gallery (Pinacoteca meaning Picture Gallery in Italian) was founded in 1809 by Napoleon Bonaparte and is known as the 'Louvre of Italy'. It also consists of an elegant 10 feet high statue of Napoleon Bonaparte, which is spell binding.



At 15 minutes walking distance from Brera district is Porta Nuova which is the main business center of Milan. One cannot miss the twin residential skyscrapers Vertical Forest, located in the

centre of Milan (measuring up to 110 meters and 76 meters in height respectively) ,designed by Italian architect Stefano Boeri, at Porta Nuova . It consists of a vertical green, forestry patch on the entire skyscraper from the bottom to the top, hence it is an architectural marvel. Tourists who have seen it dream of purchasing residential property on the Bosco Verticale (Vertical Forest) someday.

The Teatro Alla Scala which is the famous Opera House located in Milan city center, and the Milan Cathedral/Milan Dumos are two other important points of sightseeing which should not be missed. The energy of the Piazza del Duomo is electrifying because here you encounter fashion designers, artists, models, tourists, fashion photographers , art students etc at one place , at this particular Piazza. After getting on the top of the terrace of Milan cathedral one can experience a tour of the roof tops of the Milan Cathedral, and enjoy aerial views of the Piazza del Duomo. The Galleria Vittorio Emanuel II which is a shopper's paradise , right next to the Piazza del Duomo, consists of boutiques of all the major designer brands such as Prada and Versace and has various dining options right from the high end, sophisticated 152 year old Savini café and restaurant (which has its own exclusive gelato counter), to McDonalds' to the famous

pizzeria Spontini which serves a giant slice of pizza, cut into smaller pieces and topped with authentic Italian toppings.

The Galleria is the oldest shopping arcade in Milan, and it looks exceedingly beautiful during the months of November-December when it is decked with Christmas decorations. An exquisite Swarovski Christmas tree is put up every year during the Xmas season at the Galleria Vittoriale Emanuel. At 2 kms distance from Duomo, is the Navigli district of Milan famous for its night bars and restaurants: it's a colorful place that gets lively post-sunset. You may hit the night clubs or enjoy a meal at one of the quaint restaurants at Navigli. So if you like to enjoy the night life of a city, then please head to Navigli district because it has the best night clubs in Northern Italy.



During my first trip to Milan, I was put up at the jazzy boutique hotel NYX , located in downtown Milan opposite Milano Centrale station. I was given a deluxe room on the 11th floor which provided picturesque views of the Milan city center.

During my second trip to Milan, I stayed at the UNA Hotel Expo Fiera Milano: it's a four-star hotel located close to the exhibition center RhoFiera Exhibition center where the BIT Milano event is held annually. The Fiera Milano Exhibition center is a sprawling venue for MICE and Congress events which covers an indoor area of 345,000 sq. m. and 60,000 sq. m. with several meeting booths /rooms , free wi-fi ,multiple canteens and refreshment facilities. So coming back to UNA Hotel , it has two restaurants and a bar. The hotel rooms were spacious , the staff was helpful & polite , and the food was delicious. This hotel is ideal for business travellers. During this last trip, I didn't get a chance to indulge in sightseeing and touristy activities since the hotel at which I was put up was away from the city center, and after a day full of meetings I wasn't feeling adventurous to explore the city. But being in Italy, you may skip the shopping and sightseeing (due to lack of time) but you cannot stay away from their impeccable and delicious cuisine. Indians love travelling to Europe, but Italy is a huge hit amongst the Indian community, one of the reasons being the – mouthwatering Italian cuisine

which the Indian population is very familiar with. I have been treated to the Milanese risotto/ Saffron risotto which is a sophisticated dish, just like the city of Milan itself. It is made from risotto rice grains, cheese and of course saffron which is the reason behind its rich yellow colour.

Although I am a vegetarian, I have tasted both the types of lasagna – the tomato and aubergine lasagna which tastes amazing, (but please make sure that you are not wearing anything in white or pastels while eating it if you happen to be clumsy like me) and the pesto lasagna which is rich in taste, layered with vegetables, cheese and contains nutmeg powder (highly recommended dish but not the ideal dish that one should have during lunchtime because the nutmeg powder might be responsible to make one feel drowsy. Hence it should be avoided during lunch unless you have time to catch a quick siesta post-lunch.

When I think of Milan, the word ‘sophistication’ comes to my mind. Even before I had visited Milan, I always had the image of Milan in my mind as a sophisticated city, which got confirmed after my frequent visits.

Paris is known as a “Fashion Paradise”, but yet Milan has a refined feel. Milan consists of commercial business districts, shopping districts, famous museums, lush green parks and gardens. Whether you are a fashionista

, a business traveller or a tourist, Milan is a versatile city that can entice and win over your heart. We are waiting for Italy to open up again so that they welcome Indian tourists and travellers since the Indian market is huge, and Indian travellers have always had a soft corner for Italy. In spite of multiple visits, the magic of Milan doesn’t seem to wear off. So here’s me looking forward to my next trip to Milan – Ciao, Milano! A presto ■



About

Founded in 1994 by Narendra Amriwala in India, Mishutana Travels aids in providing domestic and international travel solutions to global travelers all over the world.

Mishutana Travels mostly works with FITs, Corporates, M.I.C.E., as well as delegations and wedding events. Their main areas of expertise include leisure and luxury travel, student travel, medical travel, and more.

For further information:



Mishutana Travels

AND IF COVID FINALLY BENEFITED ITALY?

Gaëlle Bellec - Looking for Charly, Partner & Travel Designer (FRA)

With the normalization of the Pandemic people are willing to go back travelling.

I am a private tour operator and I have been designing trips for European and American clients for almost 20 years. My clientele is mainly composed of French and English speaking couples, families and multi-generational groups. Since the Covid happened, the American market has not yet reopened for this summer. Working between France and Belgium, I have noticed that the Belgian clientele has decided to take the road again for holidays to Southern Europe, in particular to Spain and Italy. The opening of the borders and the good progress of the vaccination campaigns make these two destinations easy to access and attractive. Ecological awareness had already reduced the number of air passengers in recent years. Sanitary constraints in airports have further accentuated this phenomenon. Similarly, the islands are still a dream destination, but their access by from the sea is increasingly holding back holidaymakers.

Italy still attracts as many people as ever for its gastronomy, its art of living, its accessibility and the cost of living, which



is considered lower than in Belgium or France. Moreover, the diversity of this country, its artistic heritage, its gastronomy and its accommodation capacities (hotels and villas for all budgets) make it a privileged destination.

The political and health situation no longer presents obstacles for short or long term travellers. The competition with its Spanish neighbour remains strong. This summer, holidaymakers are still settling on the coasts, but many have also opted for the mountains or the countryside. It is noticeable that holidaymakers have started earlier this year. This is due to the excitement and anticipation of going on holiday again. And it is better to take advantage of today than to postpone it until tomorrow, as the horizon is still rather uncertain. ■

About

Gaelle Bellec is a French Private Travel Consultant who works for Looking for Charly, a niche tour operator founded in 2017 and operating in tailor made and boutique travel industry. The purpose of Looking for Charly is to make people travel in the most authentic way. For further information:



Looking for Charly



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C2I – OPENING NEW, EXCITING DOORS TO INTERNATIONAL BUYERS

Luiz Fernando Chimanovitch - General Manager - EDU World Tours (CAN)

When in Italy, all I want is to savor those soul-touching moments that thrill your senses when they are embraced by the colors, sounds, tastes of the bel paese, its people, and history.

Eighteen months of fear and uncertainty were a heavy hit to our tourism industry. All our carefully manicured plans, projections, statistics went down the drain. Fortunately, the worst seems past us, and it is time to breathe (without a mask!) and go back to travel. Once our clients realize that they can leave the safety of their homes, the suppressed demand for tourism will certainly boom. It will be the perfect time to sell - and upsell - many trips to our favorite destinations, the places where we show confidence in promoting and provide top-class customer service.

Italy is my destination of choice once we hopefully get inundated by phone calls and e-mails. Primarily, it offers something for every tourist: the history, the culture, the vineyards, the food, the culture. Anywhere in Italy, you will find an option for the perfect time away, as a solo traveler or group. Also worth noting that niche groups, like Jewish heritage or LGBTQ trips, are becoming more evident and sought-after lately. These affinity



These affinity groups will request original, exciting itineraries and we need to be ready for the challenge.

Then I have to praise all the support and efforts of Connect2Italy team.





Riserva dello Stagnone, Marsala - Sicily

Their zoom meetings and webinars allowed me to learn even more about the destination from real people, from real experts. Sicily was the most gratifying surprise, I must confess: a land of old traditions, fantastic scenery, unique wines (Marsala!), and beautiful sunsets. After a series of meetings with local DMC and guides and their authentic, passionate stories, I feel not just enfranchised to sell the destination but also fell in love with the island - it provoked me the sense that life isn't complete until you visit Sicily.

I recently started to study Italian. I am looking forward to use this soon: "Ciao! Vorrei prenotare un tour per favore!" ■

About

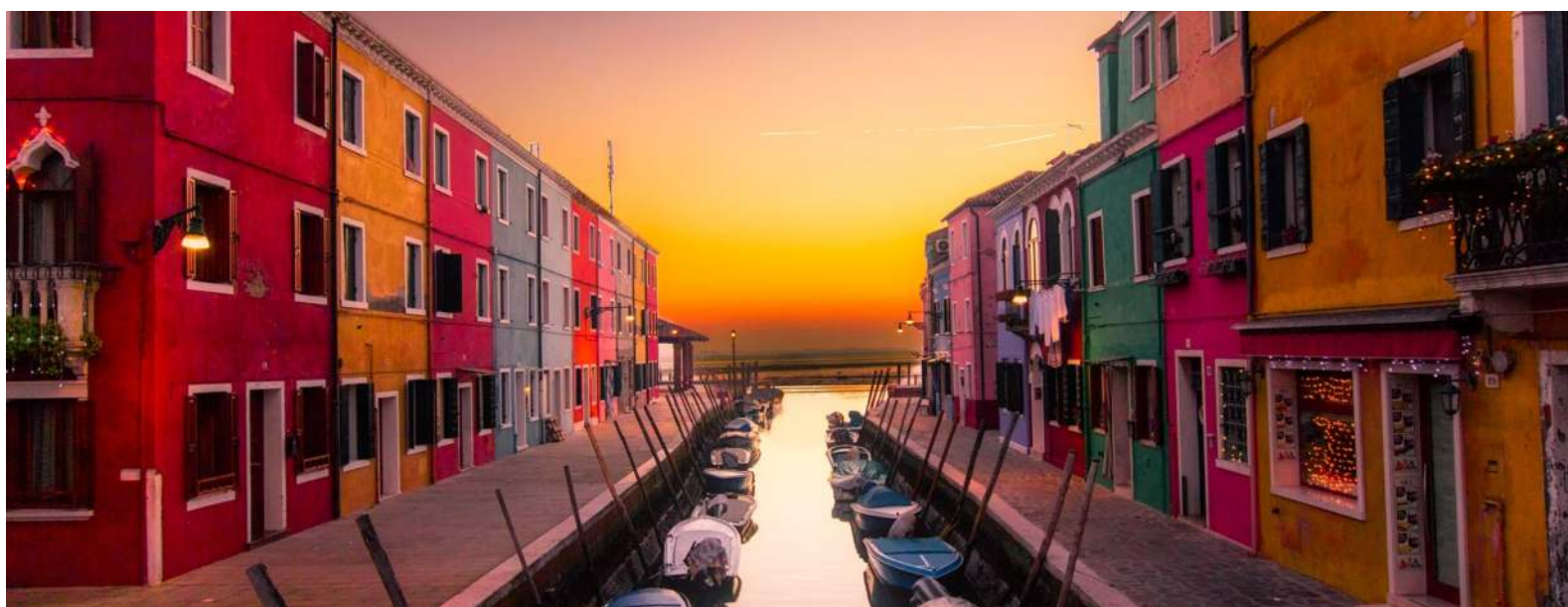
Educational World Tours has been partnering with educators, decision makers and leaders since 2002, collaborating to create custom travel itineraries to explore the different cultures, landscapes and lifestyles across Canada, the US and all over the world.

For further information



Educational World Tours

The Island of Burano; the pearl of the Venetian lagoon



LA VIDA ES UN CAMBIO CONSTANTE, EN LA CUAL TENEMOS QUE IRNOS ADAPTANDO O ADELANTADO

Henry Rubio, Índigo Travels Tours All Sport (GUA)

Desde Guatemala hasta El Salvador, nuestra mision es ser una agencia de viajes comprometida con nuestros clientes.

Life is a constant change, in which we have to adapt or anticipate to new challenges, and having the opportunity to meet Connect2Italy is one of the best way to be innovative in the tourism sector.

Italy is one of the most visited countries: with Connect2Italy platform I have the best option to make commercial ties to promote Italy in the short and medium term. The challenges are more and more constant, Connect2Italy is the ideal tool at this time that our sector is revolutionizing all the mechanisms to promote all tourism products.

Indigo Travels Tours All Sport is specialized in religious tourism, sports and vacation: we have adapted new methods of buying and selling all our products and for sure Connect2Italy has been our fundamental partner in our changes. ■



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SARDE IN SAOR FLAVORED SARDINES

Pierangelo Dal Ben - Italian cuisine expert

This hearty summer stew is a favourite all over southern Italy.

Marinating fried foods – particularly fish – in vinegar, onions and other sweet and sour elements is an ancient practice in Venetian cuisine, which holds the name of saor (literally, ‘flavour’). Today, the practice has spread to shellfish and vegetables, yet the most classic and popular involve sarde – sardines.

Now a year-round presence on Venice’s restaurant menus, sarde in saor is traditionally prepared on the occasion of the Festa del Redentore on July 15th.

Each household has a preferred way of preparing this dish: with white wine or just vinegar; with a touch of cinnamon; with pine nuts and raisins. The recipe below is how we make sarde in saor at home.



Ingredients

- 1 kg whole sardines, gutted, scaled and heads removed
- 40 g of plain flour, sifted
- Sunflower oil, for frying
- 1 kg white onion, finely sliced
- 160 ml of white wine vinegar
- 1 tsp caster sugar
- Fine salt
- Freshly ground black pepper

Step 1 - Rinse the sardines under cold water then pat dry with kitchen paper. Place the flour in a large bowl, add the sardines and toss to dust evenly. Shake off any excess

Step 2 - Fill two-thirds of a medium, high-sided frying pan with sunflower oil. Place it over a medium-high heat and wait until it reaches 180°C

Step 3 - Slip in a batch of sardines (6–8, depending on size). Fry for a couple of minutes on each side, or until crisp outside and opaque inside. Drain and transfer to a plate covered with kitchen paper. Salt generously and repeat with the remaining sardines, working in batches

Step 4 - Discard the oil with the exception of a very thin film – just enough to coat the bottom of the frying pan. Set this back over a medium heat, add the onions and sweat gently until very soft, stirring often so they don't brown



SERVES 6



30 MINUTES,
PLUS 24 HOURS RESTING TIME



EASY

REGION: Veneto



Step 5 - Next, whisk the vinegar with the sugar and pour it in. Reduce the liquid to about half its volume, remove from the heat, taste and season with salt and pepper

Step 6 - Arrange a layer of sardines in a large glass bowl. Cover with a layer of white onions and then repeat in layers until you have finished all the ingredients, finishing with onions. Pour any remaining cooking liquid on top. Leave to cool to room temperature before wrapping in cling film and setting in the fridge to marinate for 24 hours



"Spreading and promoting the beauty and the joy of Italy is our aim. It makes us proud and enthusiast to allow people from all over the world to know a different face of the Bel Paese."

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