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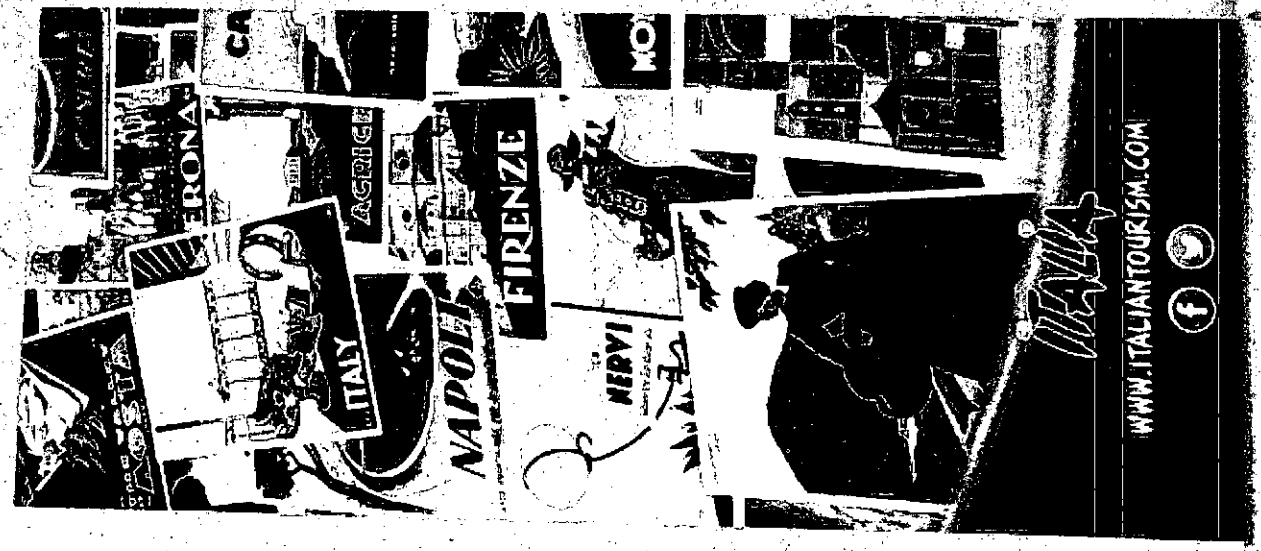
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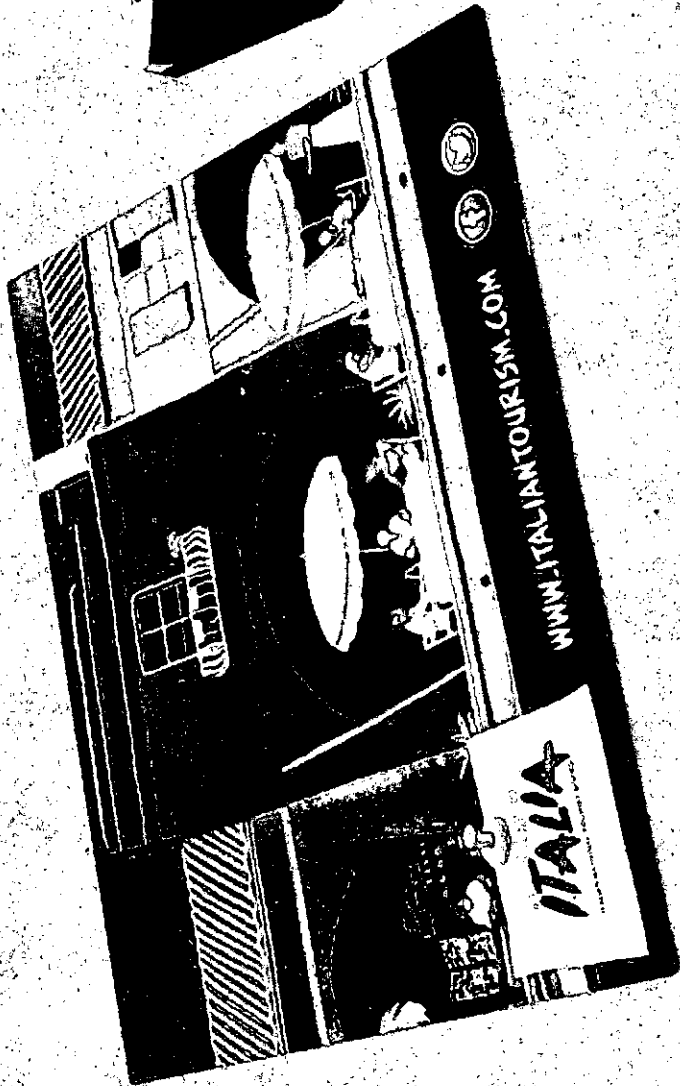


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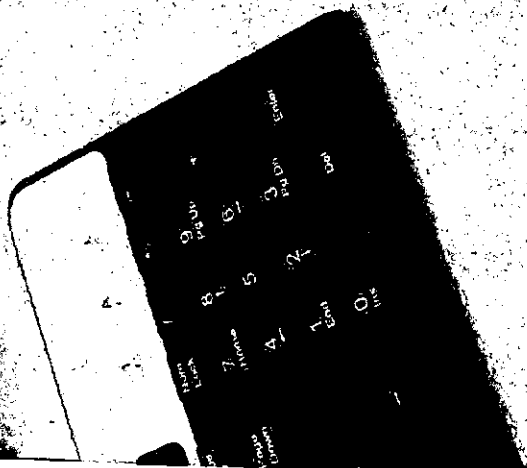
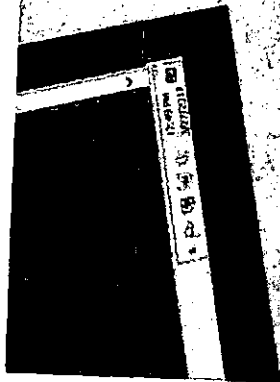
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Italia: Workshop MICE, Monday March 6, 5:30 pm - The Michelangelo, New York

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La bella Italia

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La Bella Italia: Workshop MICE, Tuesday March 7, 5:30 pm - Embassy of Italy Washington D.C.

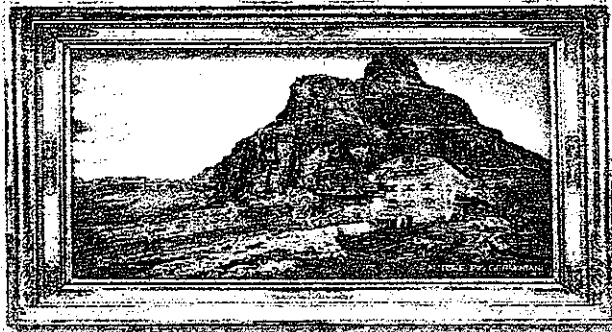


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Trentino Mountain Huts Event May 10, 2017

TRENTINO

ASSOCIAZIONE GESTORI RIFUGI DEL TRENTINO
AND THE ITALIAN NATIONAL TOURIST BOARD



WEDNESDAY
MAY 10
5:30PM

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ITALIAN NATIONAL TOURIST BOARD
686 PARK AVE
NEW YORK



List of attendees

Last name	First Name	Company
Blumenfeld	Fred	Travel Unlimited
Bruno +1 (Marcia)	Lou	Tuscan Table
Carfi	Chiara	ibridge LLC
Colarullo	Christina	Valerie Wilson Travel
Contestabile	Gabriella	Su Misura
Cutrone	Nick	Vista Travel/European Connection
Czark	Steve	Su Misura
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DeGraffenreidt	Sophia	White Orchid Travel and Events, LLC
DiMartino	Lucy	Hotels Around the World
Douvis	Stavros	Anemos Tours
Duhaney-Facey	Desna	Valerie Wilson Travel
Feinstein	Douglas	Bravo Italian Tours
Filarakos	Debbie	Euro Lloyd Travel, LLC
Frasca	John	Ski.com (cancellation)
Irizarry	Brenda	Tzell Travel
Kay-Streiter	Nancy	Protravel International, LLC
Lindenmeyr	Chips	Lindenmeyr Travel. Ltd.
Magnan	Rudy	Endless Italy
Mariani	Rosario	Europe By Choice

Mc Erlean	Bob	Holidaze Ski Tours
Melland	Michelle	Bella Vista Tours
Novak	Laurie	Tauck Tours
Peled	Ruth	Isram World of Travel (cancellation)
Pepe Sperrazza	Camille	TheWorldAwaitsTravel.com
Prentiss	Emily	Valerie Wilson Travel
Radulovic	Misha	Unique World Cruises
Schmidt	Tom	Tzell Travel
Scropo	Angelo	Hello Italy Tours
Sebi	Laure	Protravel International, LLC
Servin	Susan	Herzerltours (cancellation)
Sorrentino	Ann Maria	Shop Wine & Dine
Vorsovskaaya	Leonora	EuropeToo (The IsramWorld Portfolio of Brands)
Weaver	Mihaela	Tauck Tours
Weinstein	Virginia	Protravel International, LLC
Wollach-Staros	Frances	First In Service Travel (cancellation)
Cortez Hidalgo +1	Yerelyn	LUXXELIVING
Davidoff	Norma	Sante Communications
D'Elia +1	Valarie	(NY1) Travel Reporter
Erb	Rhonda	betterbetsny.tumblr.com
Fanta Shyer	Marlene	Book author travel writer
Grant	Jason	Webster Light Grant Communications
Haggins	Jon	Globetrotter TV
Harris	Linda	TheVicariousVoyager.com
Harroch	Mayer	NYJewishTravelGuide
Heifetz	Laurie	Freelance
King Hoge	Sharon	CondeNast Traveler Contributing Editor
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Pasquale	Anthony	Radio ICN WWW.icnradio.com
Paul	GARY +1	www.garypaulcompany.com
Perry	David	FL - LGBTQ 7 Luxury
Pice	Sebastian	Food Wine Travel writer
Prima	Victoria	Food Paradise TV
Sabino	Catherine	ItalyMagazine
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ITALIA Italian National Tourist Board North America added 4 new photos.
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Organized by ENIT-Italian National Tourist Board North America
The #Trentino's mountain huts open their summer season in New York with a presentation of their unique peculiarity and their importance for high level walkers, climbers, bikers and skiers.
An experience of #Italianhospitality sitting on the edge of the world in the spectacular scene of the #Dolomiti a #Unesco #WorldHeritage site
#RifugiNY ENIT - Agenzia Nazionale del Turismo
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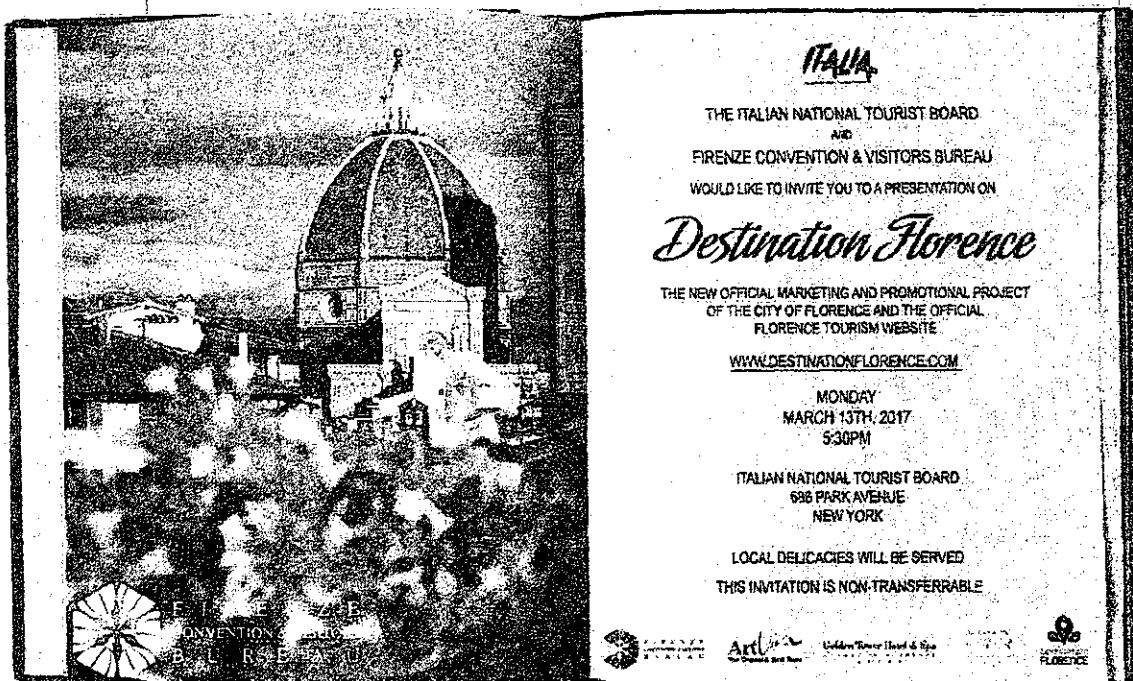
Meet the team from #Trentino they will present #RifugiNY a diversified offer of the #Dolomiti Mountains to American Professionals of the Tourism.
Associazione Rifugi del Trentino ENIT - Agenzia Nazionale del Turismo Val di Fassa #VimaPierobon #RobertaSilva #AngeloIellici I Suoni delle Dolomiti San Martino di Castrozza, Passo Rolle, Primiero e Vanoi - Apt Smart VisitTrentino

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Cornu	Francoise	Celestial Voyagers
Fleming	Haley	Pacific Holidays
Fleming	LiseLotte	ACPRail
Irizarry	Brenda	Tzell
Kliucininkaite	Ruta	Pacific Holidays
Marshall	Costa Carol	Marshall's World of Travel
Mascolo	Josephine	Endless Italy
Mauer	Jan	Exciting Vacations
Menahen	Neomie	Isramworld
Miradoli	Gianni	Central Holidays
O'Neill	Tim	EZ Italy
Peled	Ruth	Isramworld
Portuesi	Gary	Authentic Italy
Rodriguez	Walter	American Express Travel
Rossmeissl	Lisa	Boomerang Escapes

Invitation Piedmont Experience February 28, 2017

REGIONE PIEMONTE

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EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES
IN PIEMONTE - ITALY

Tuesday // 28 // Feb

Consulate General of Italy in New York - 690 Park Avenue - New York

You are invited to an exclusive media breakfast briefing to learn about the latest news and upcoming developments in Piemonte, Italy.

DETAILS
Date: Tuesday, February 28th
Time: 9.30am
Location: **Consulate General of Italy in New York - 690, Park Avenue - New York**

Hosted by Regione Piemonte and Piemonte Marketing

Ms Maria Elena Rossi, Piemonte Tourist Board Manager, will be in attendance to present exclusive travel experiences in Piemonte related to:

- Food & Wine - Barbaresco and Barolo; Alba white truffle; Torino chocolate
- Fashion - Biella Cashmere
- Sports - Juventus Museum & Stadium

Space is limited.
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For more information, please contact Ally Stoltz LaBriola at ally@myriadmarketing.com

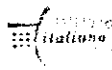
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Haywood +1	Denise	Vortex
Kapon	Ron	The Peripatetic Oenophile
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Glackin	David	DVG STUDIOS
Goldson	Albert	Indo-Brazilian Associates LLC
Gosalia	Darshak	Headstrong media
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Grant	Jack	United Hemispheres
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hernandez	Valentine	UBS
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Kamalfar	Ramin	Kims World Travel
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kaplan	steven	Talent in Motion magazine
Kelly	Gretchen	TravelHushHush.com
Kelly Stewart	Maureen	Budget travel
KNOTT	PATRICIA R.	IH TRAVEL SOLUTIONS LLC
Kowalke	Petergai	Protravel International
Krieger	Richard	The Isramworld Portfolio of Brands
Levin	William	Mediabistro
Levy	Gregg	Network Travel
Lewis	Sharyn	Lewis Travel Mgmt
Lindenmeyr	Chips	LINDENMEYR TRAVEL
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Lombardo	Angelo	T+L
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Raphael	Arthur	DB Inc
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Skye	Brinkley	Media
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stahl	martin	away we go travel
Stevens	Jackie	Savant Explorers
Suozzo	Daniel	Cruise Planners
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Wolfson	Neil	News USA
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Zuffolo	Michael	Lets Travel Radio

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Festival Verdi Event February 14, 2017



ENIT Italian National Tourist Board, and Festival Verdi

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the Cultural Department of Emilia-Romagna Region
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Parma Incoming Festival Verdi Tour Operator Partner
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invite you to the programme launch of the

FESTIVAL VERDI 2017

Tuesday 14 February 2017, 5 PM

ENIT Italian National Tourist Board 686 Park Avenue, New York

will introduce

Anna Maria Meo

General Manager of the Teatro Regio di Parma
to announce highlights of the 2017 edition of the Festival

Enzo Malanca

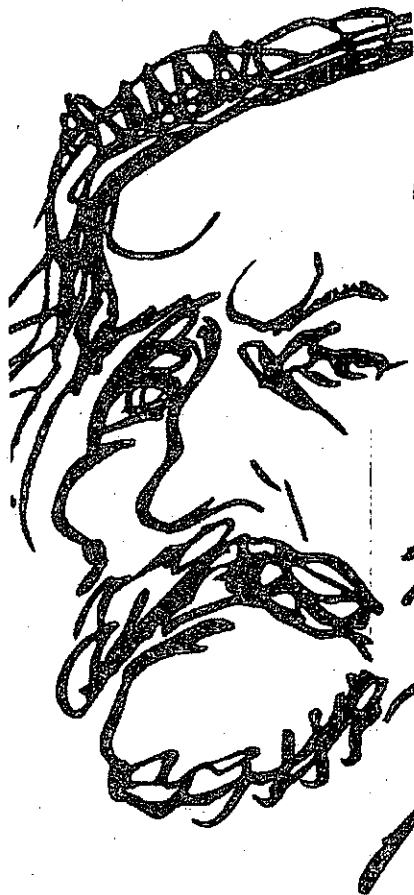
President of Parma Incoming
will introduce us to the richness of the city of Parma - a UNESCO
Creative City for Gastronomy - and its surrounding area, in one of
Italy's most beautiful regions

The presentation is accompanied by arie verdiane

Drinks and canapés from the Emilia-Romagna Region

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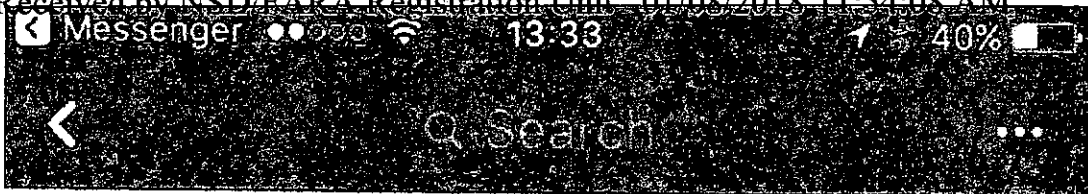


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Dunham	Royal	Allegro-Tours
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Visu	Marta	Pacific Holidays
Fleming	Hailey	Pacific Holidays
Sorrentino	Annamaria	Shop Wine & Dine
Merritt	David	Aria Tours
Thrappas	Christos	Act 1 Tours
Sale	Jacqueline	Act 1 Tours
Evangelista	Marco	Central Holidays
Panzini	Susanna	Concept Tours
Facey	Sophia	Dream Vacations
Lindenmeyr	Chips	Lindenmeyr Travel, Ltd.
Sino	Irene	Panorama Travel
Pemberton	Thomas Alva	TDE Tours Connection Inc.
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Scorca	Guest	The National Opera Center America
Menahem	Neomie	The Isramworld Portfolio of Brands
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Canepa	Anna	Anna Canepa International www.arttours.info
Cohn	Fred	Opera America Magazine (will confirm)
Garber	Michael	writer-photographer
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Goldsmith	Barry	JaxFax Magazine-Smithsonian
Gramanzini	Giada	LaVoce di NY
Kirkman	Alexandra	Luxury Travel writer
Marfe'	Luca	Repubblica - Vanity Fair
McGraft	Keith	KM Media Services
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Ridolfi	Giuliana	Italian Cultural Institute
Schneider	Edward	HuffingtonPost
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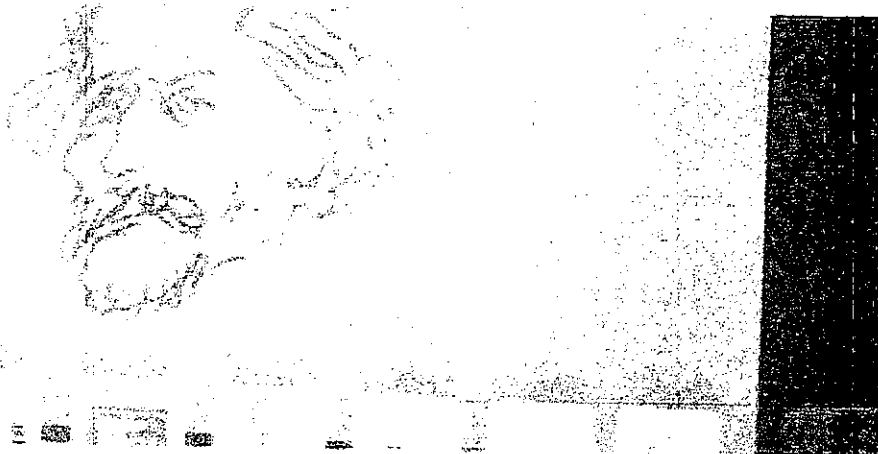
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Posted by Marzia Bortolin

February 14 · 🌐

Soprano Maria Agresta from NY
#Metropolitan #OperaTheatre sings for
the guests #VerdiFestival presentation
at The Italian National Tourist Board.
Many thanks to #AnnaMariaMeo
director #TeatroRegio #Parma
#StefanoBonaccini president
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HIGHLIGHTS WILL INCLUDE:

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- * LIVE MUSIC ACCOMPANIED BY A TASTING OF LOCAL WINES & DELICACIES

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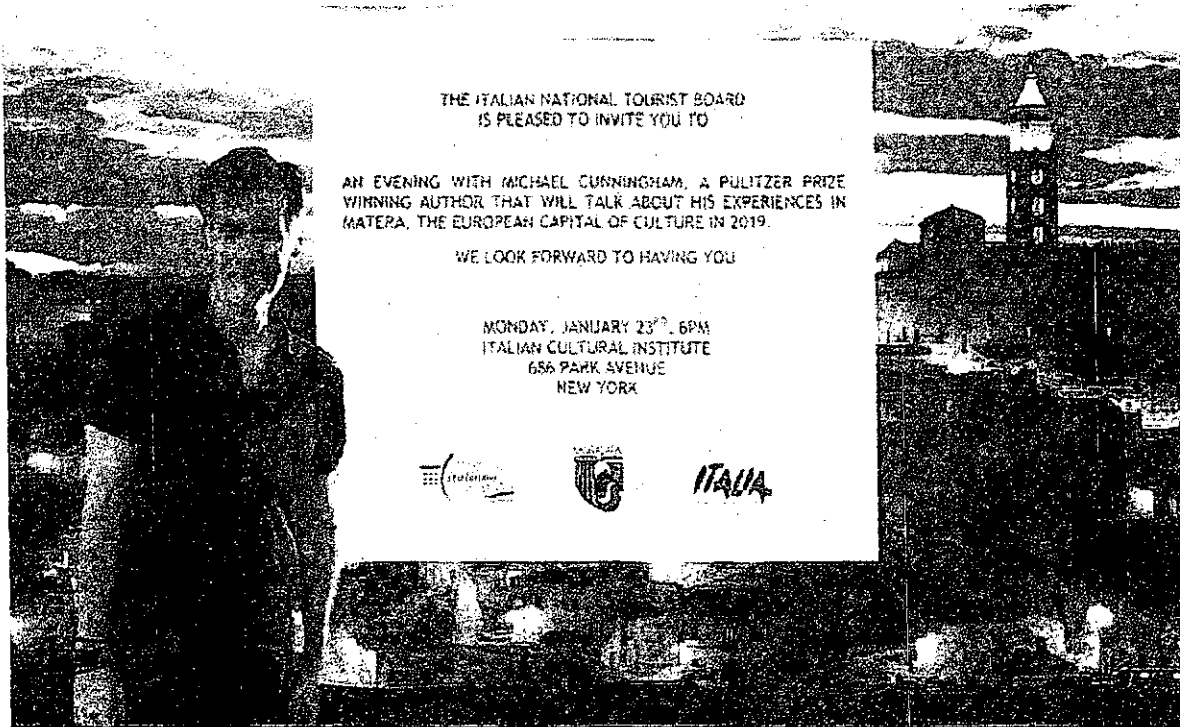
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Buescher	Wife	
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Fleming	Haley	Pacific Holidays
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Greif	Jeff	travelsquire.com - freeagentmedia
Gretchen	Kelly	NY Post, Frommers.com
Guest w/ Younghye Hwang		
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Scropo	Angelo	Hello Italy Tours
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Sino	Irene	Panorama Travel
Sladkus	Paul	President goodnewsbroadcast.com/goodnewsplanet.com
Sperrazza	Bernadette	The World Awaits Travel
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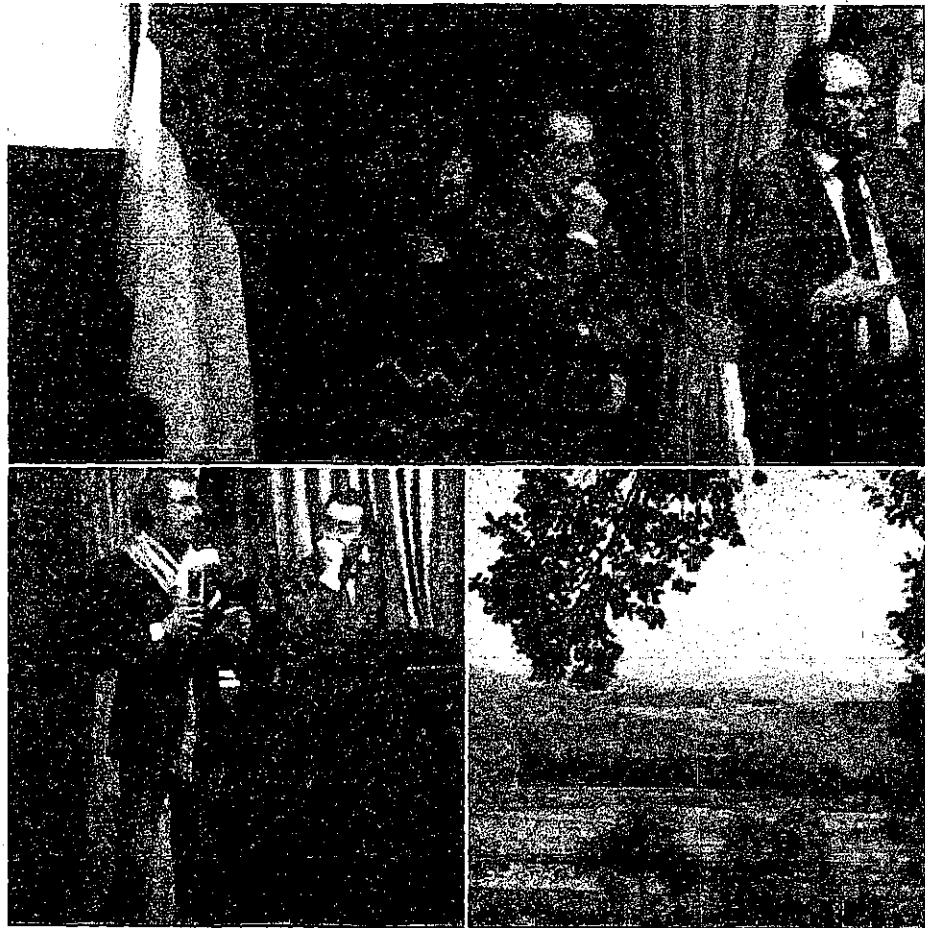
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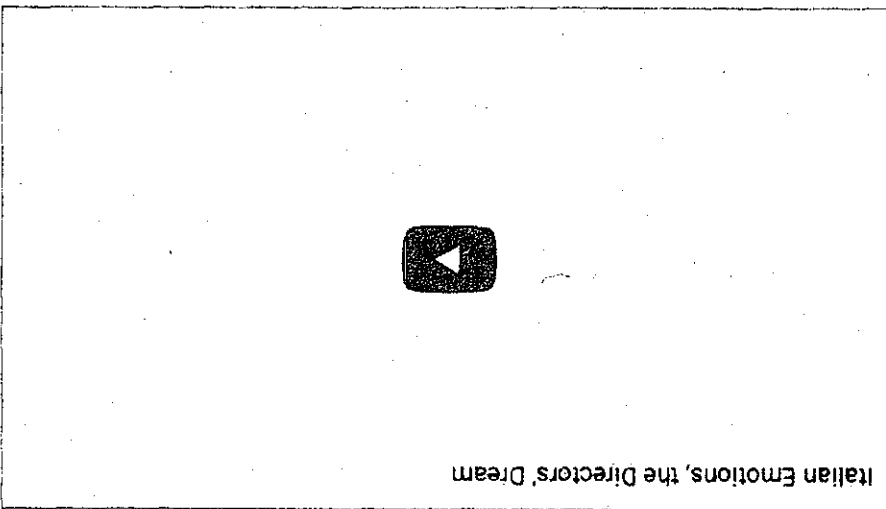
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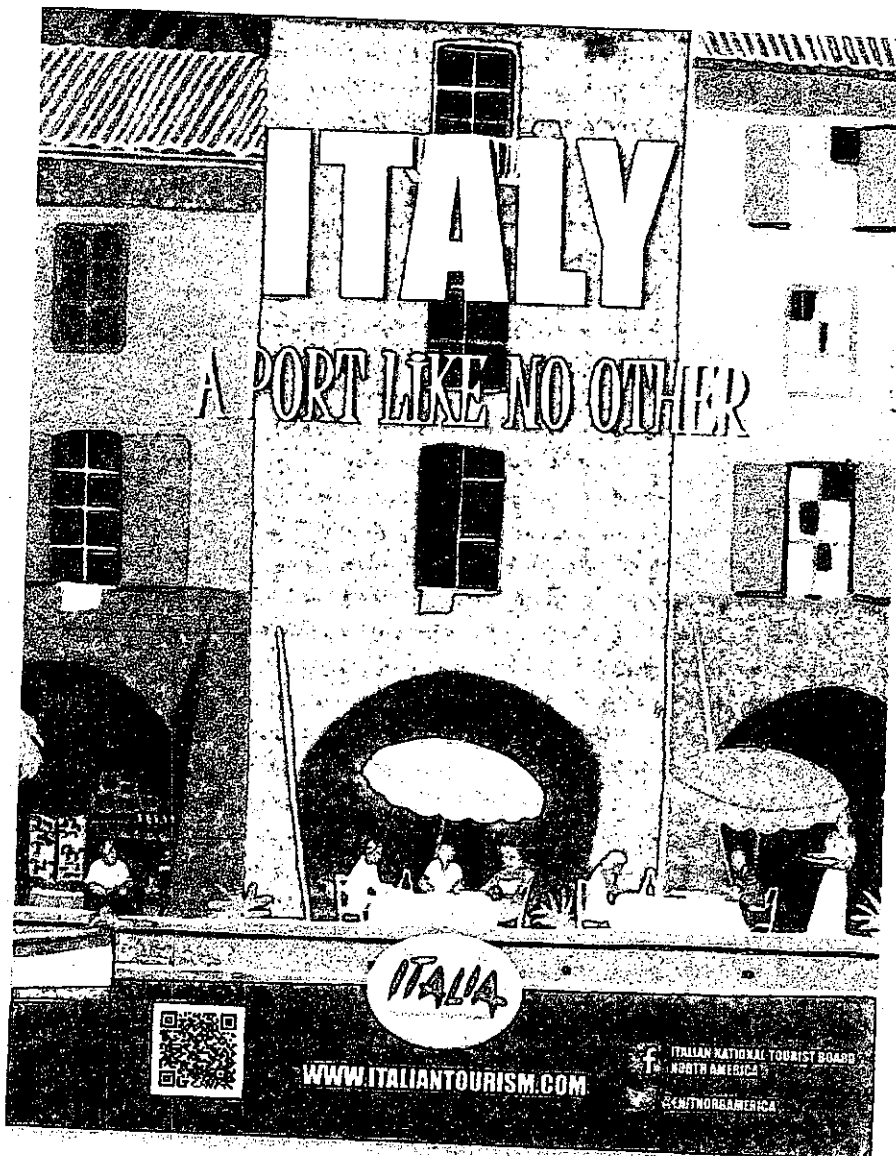
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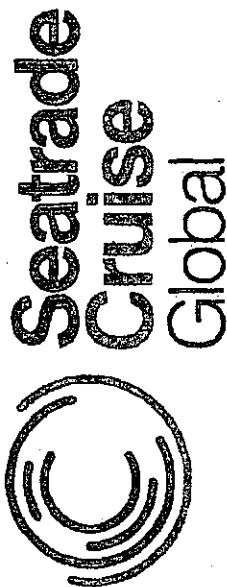
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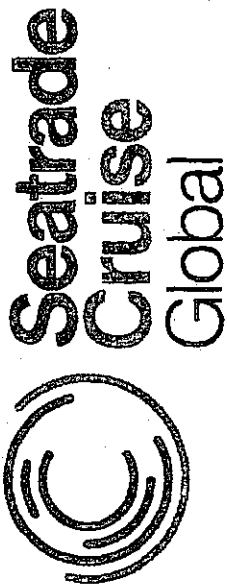
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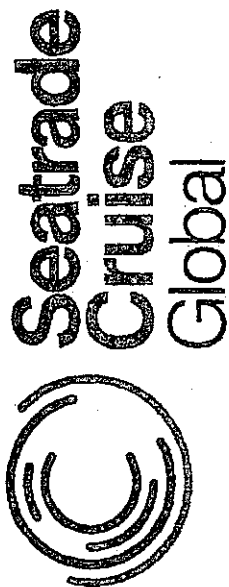
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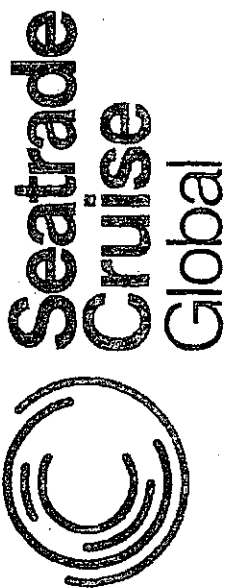
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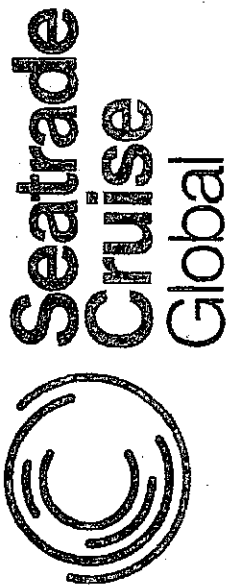
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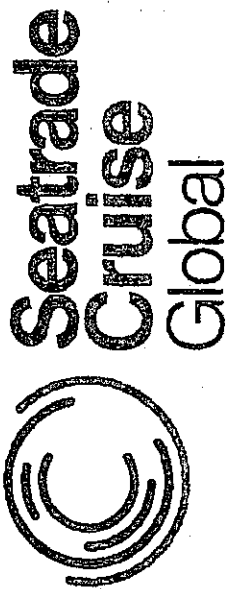
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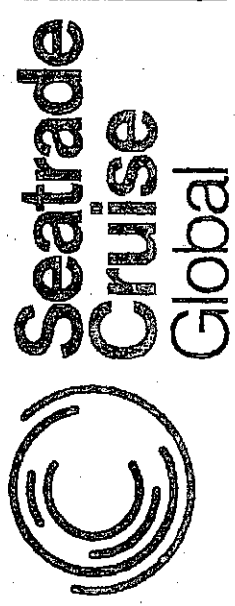
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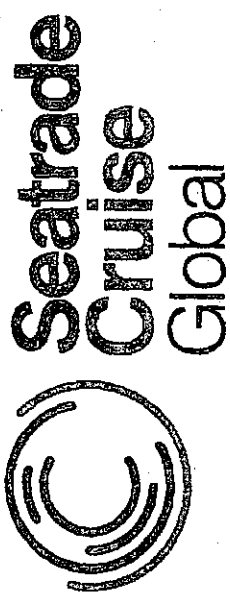
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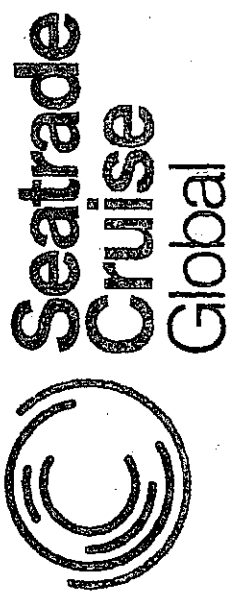
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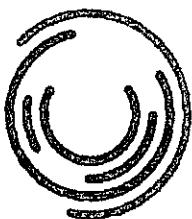
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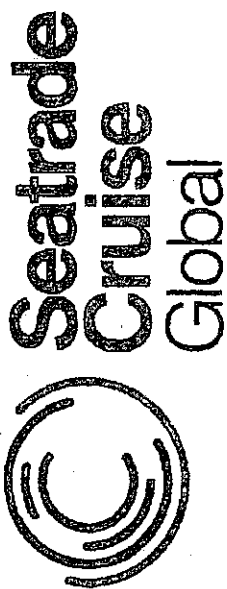
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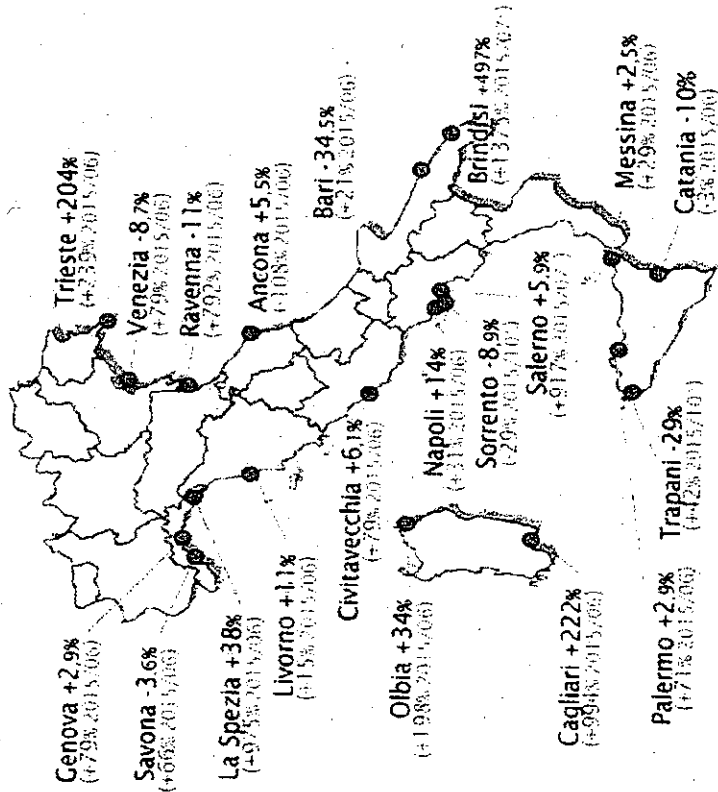
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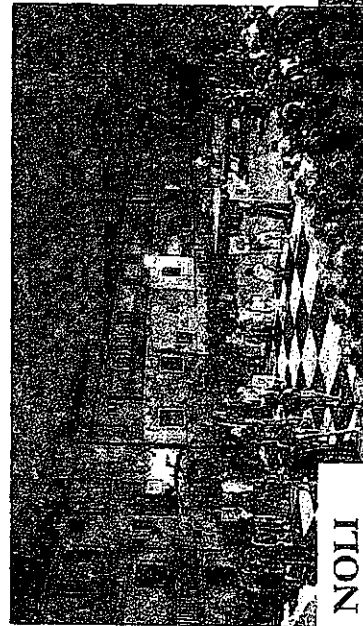


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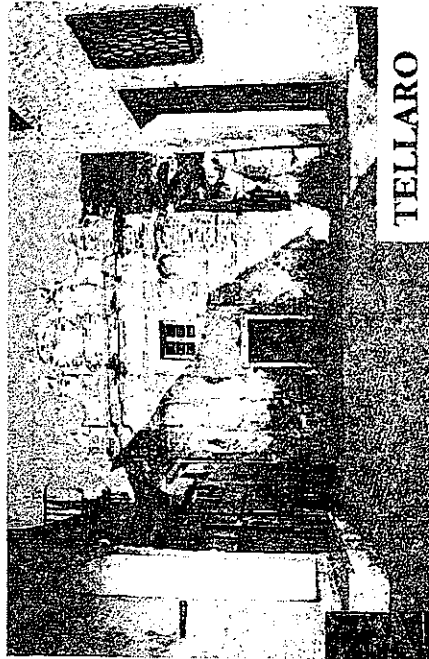
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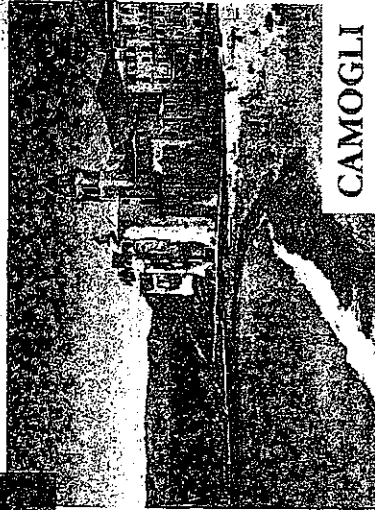
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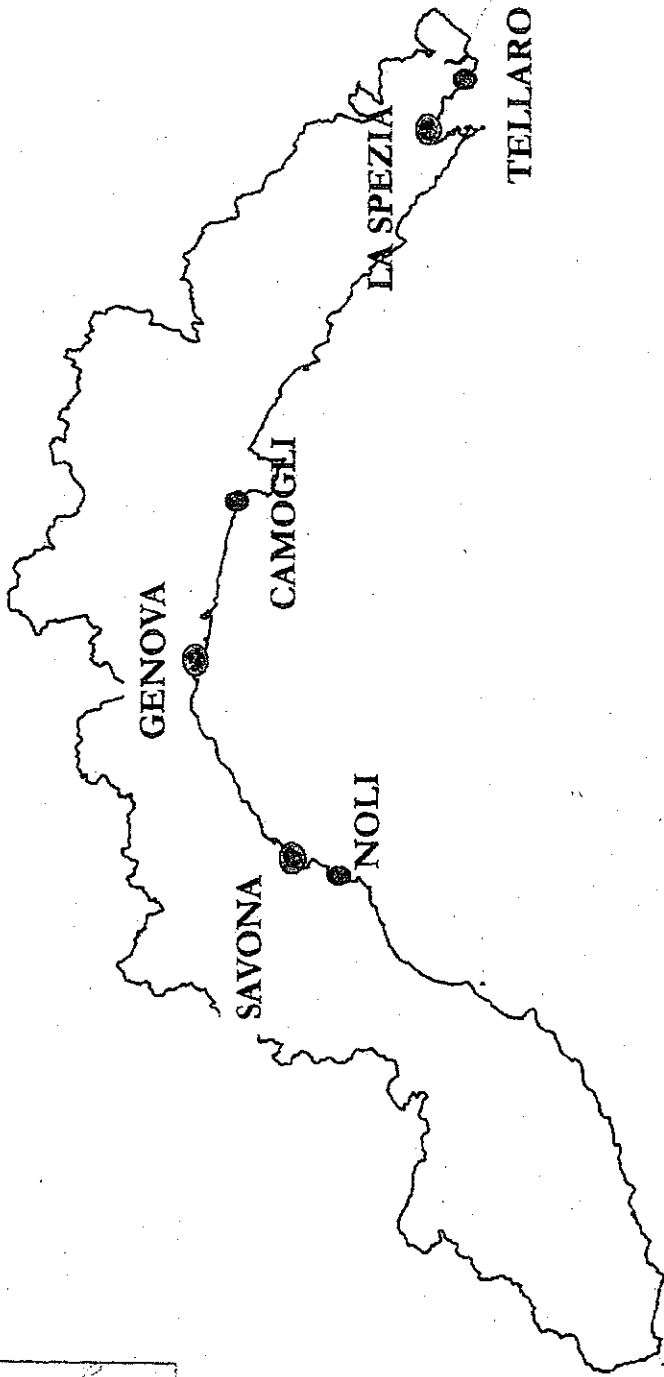
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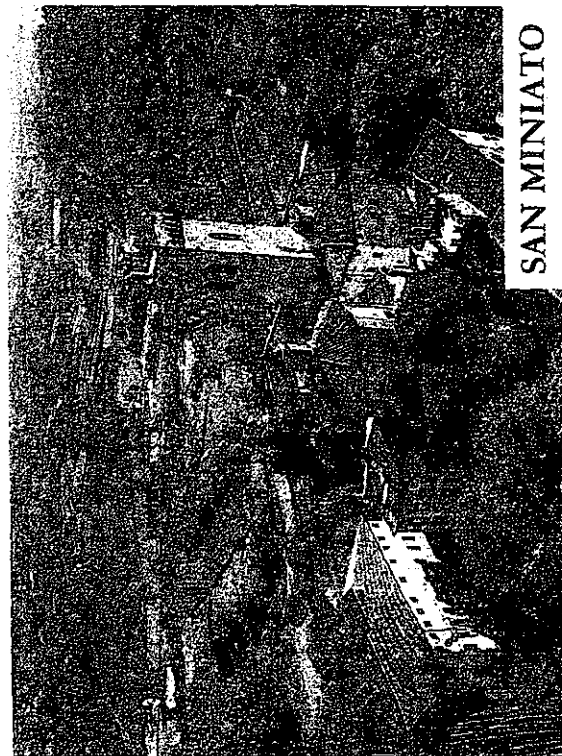
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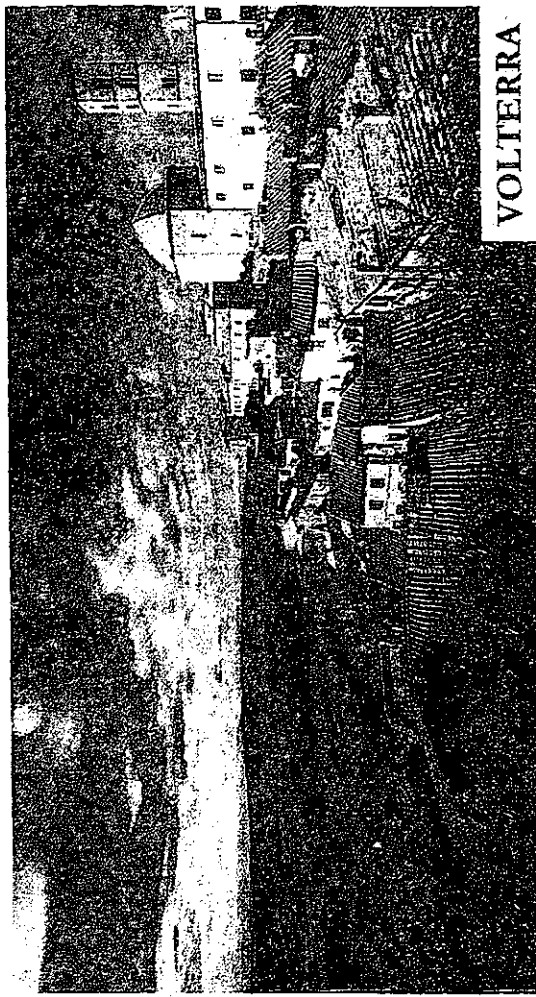


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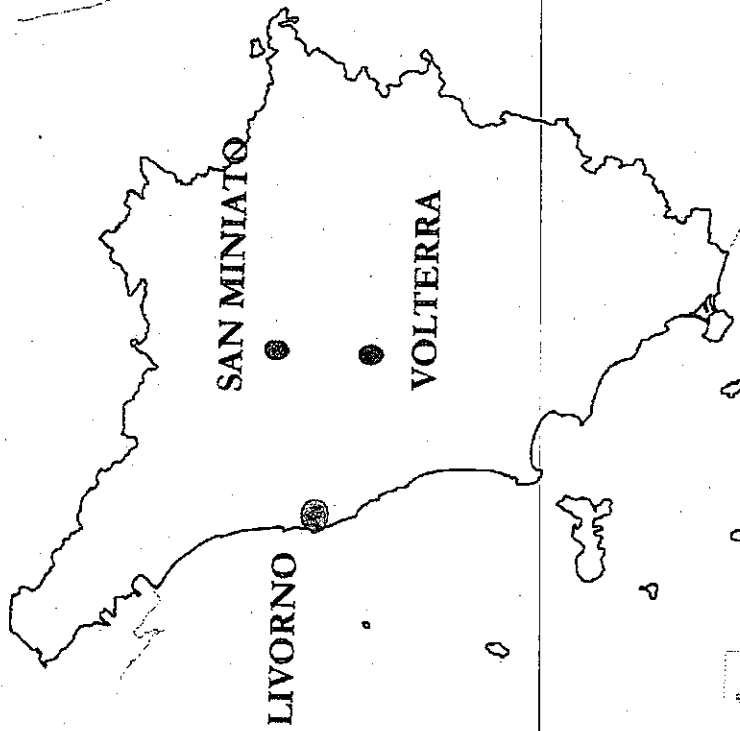
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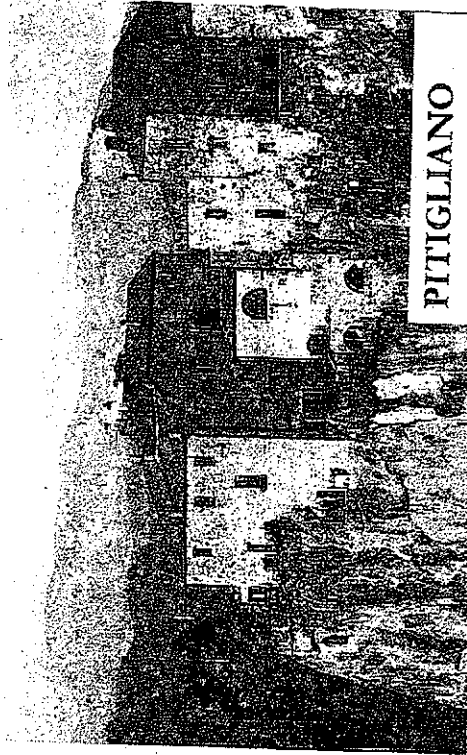


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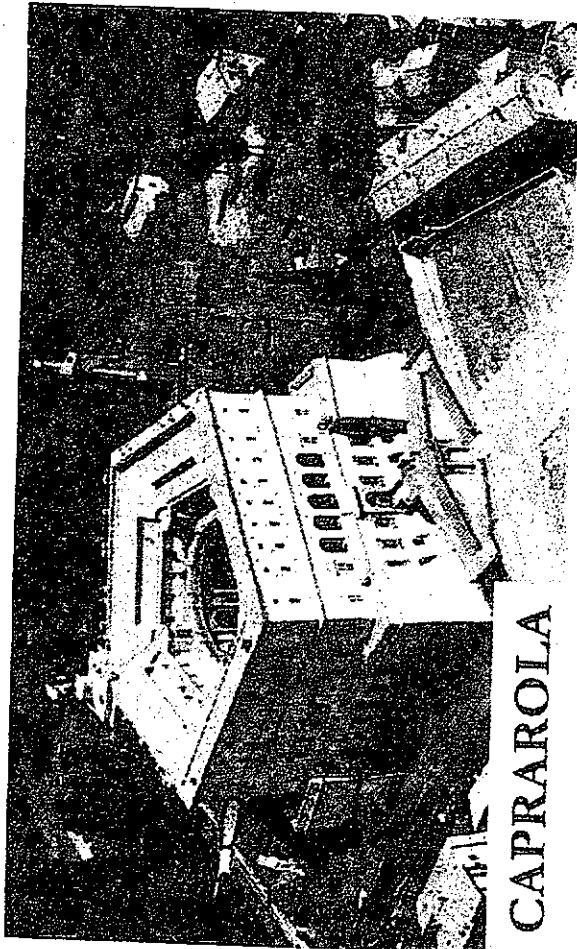
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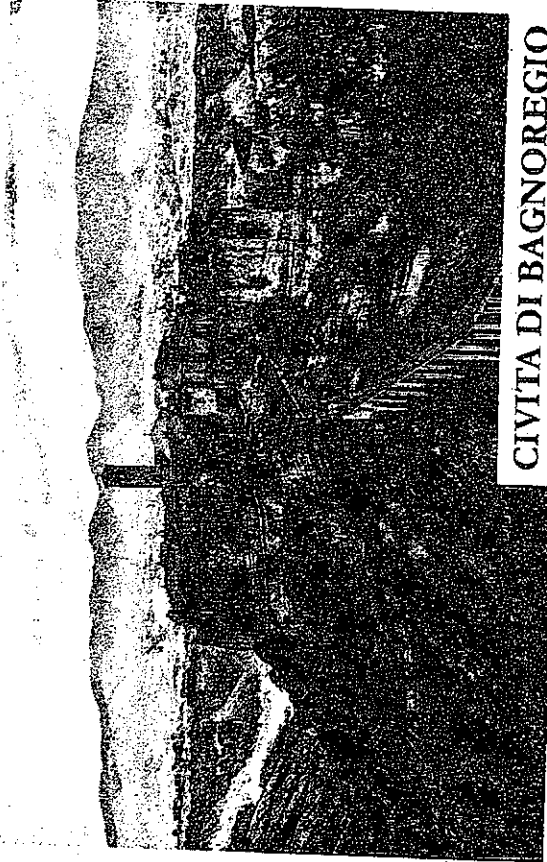
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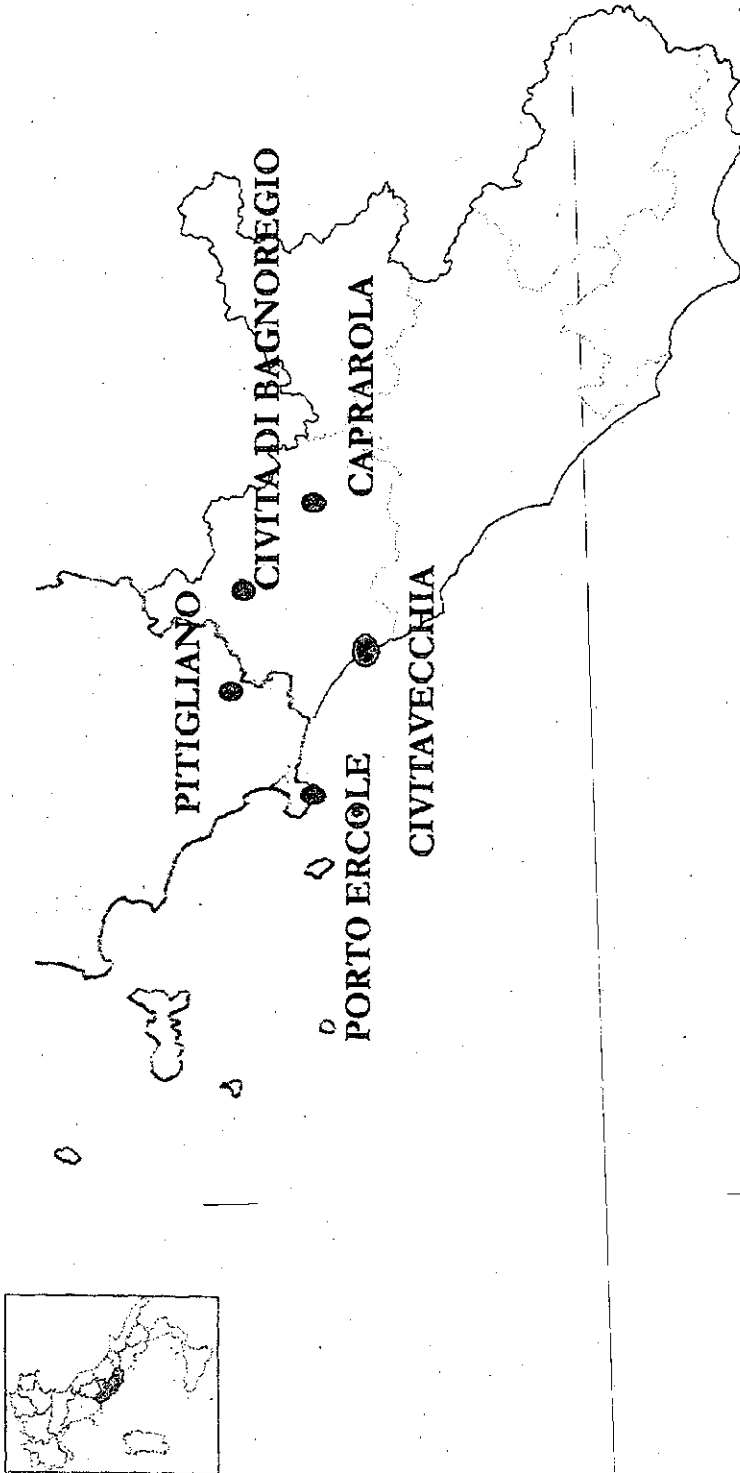
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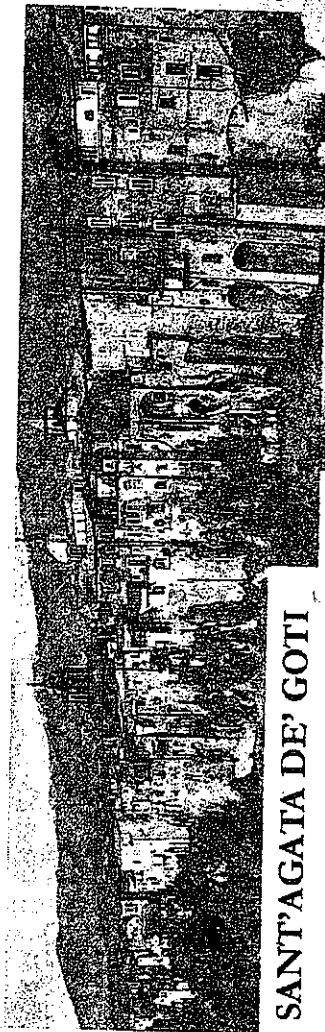
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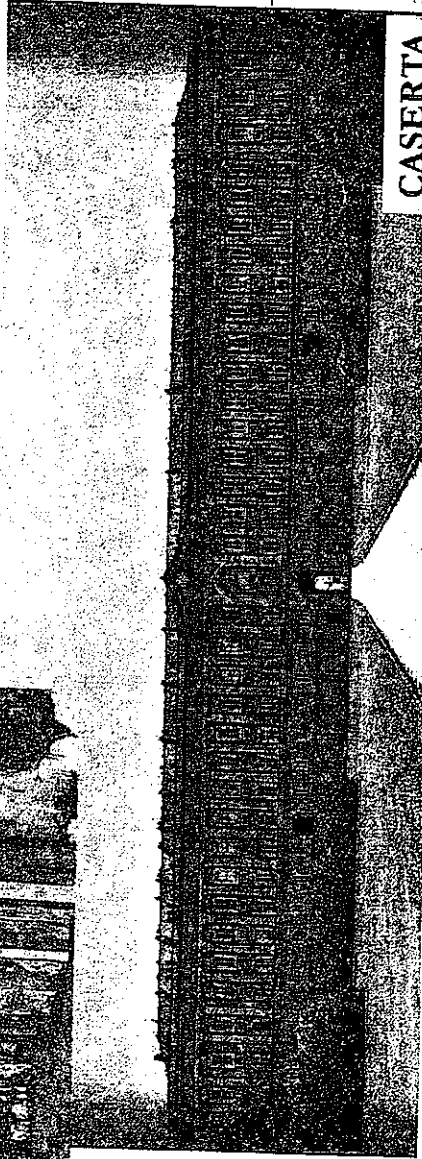


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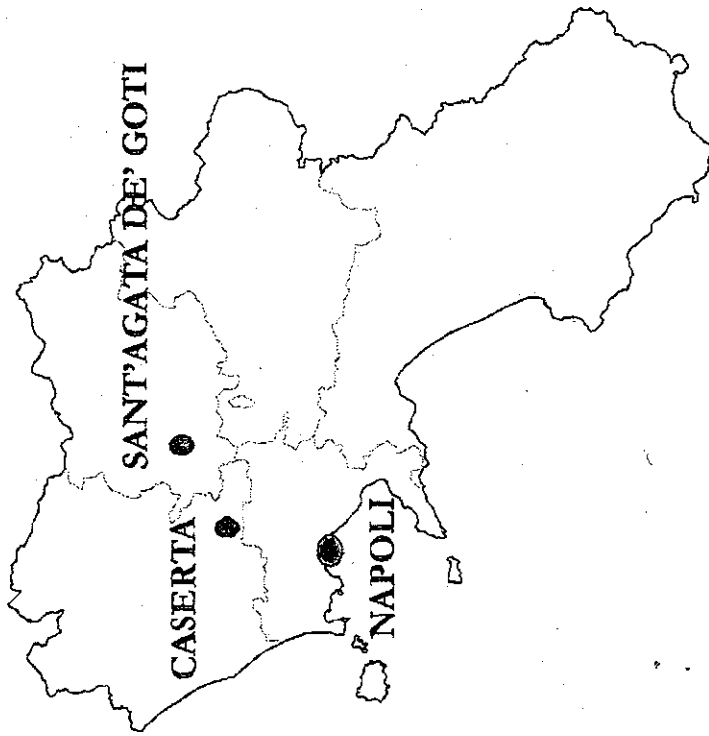


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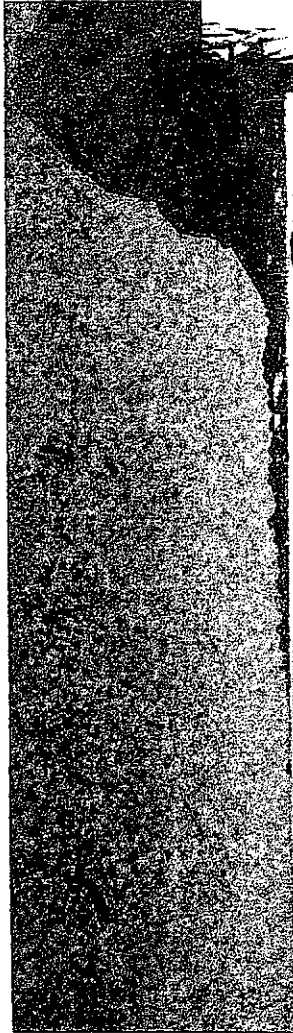
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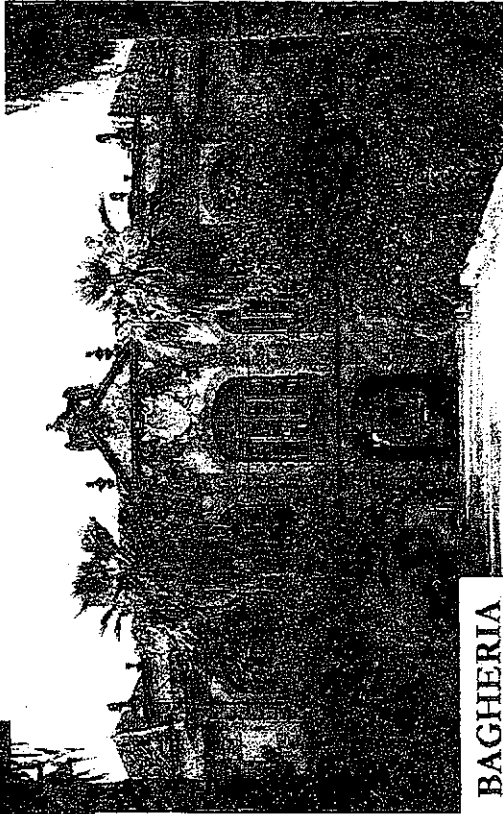
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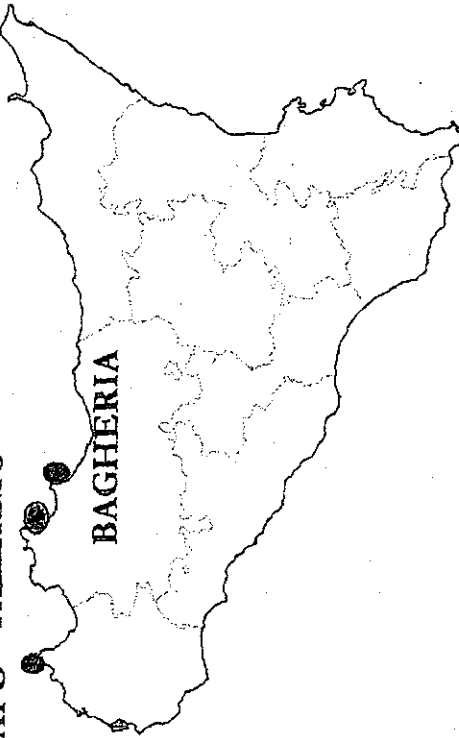
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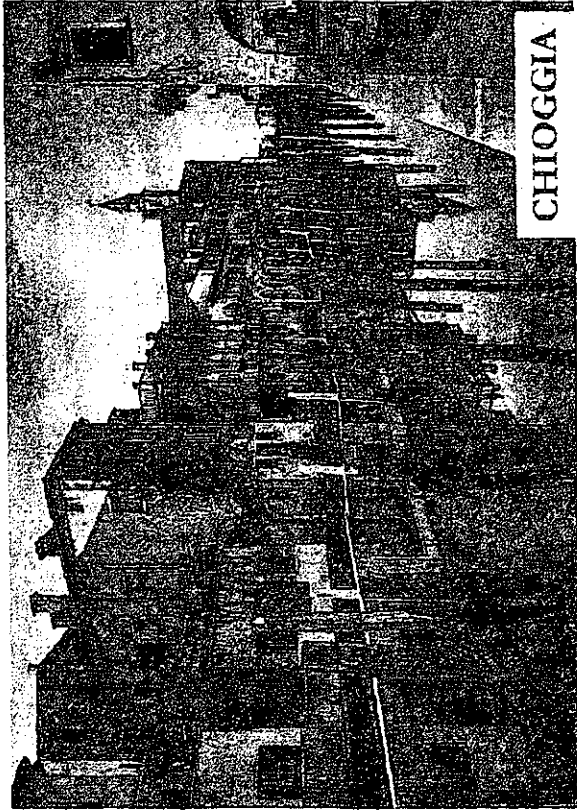
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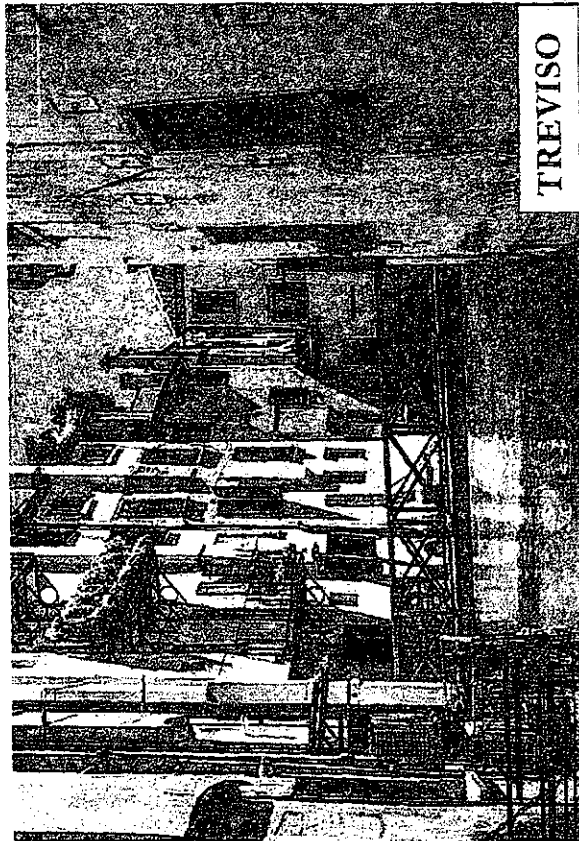


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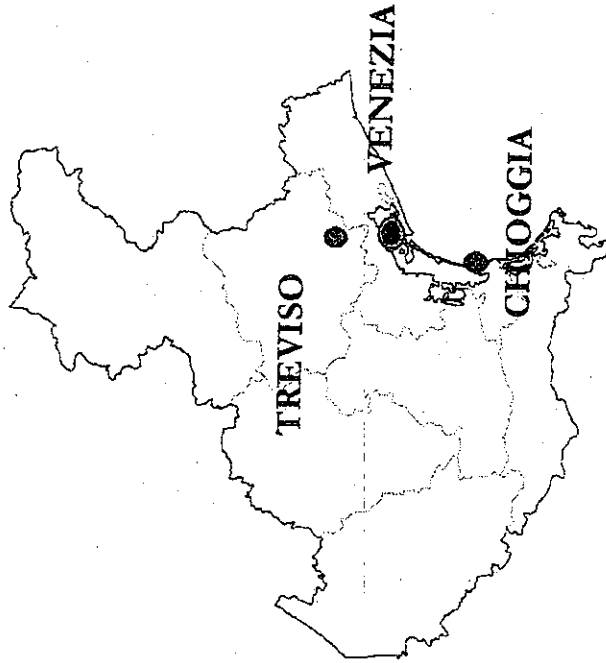


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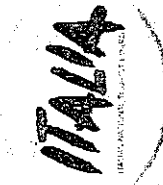
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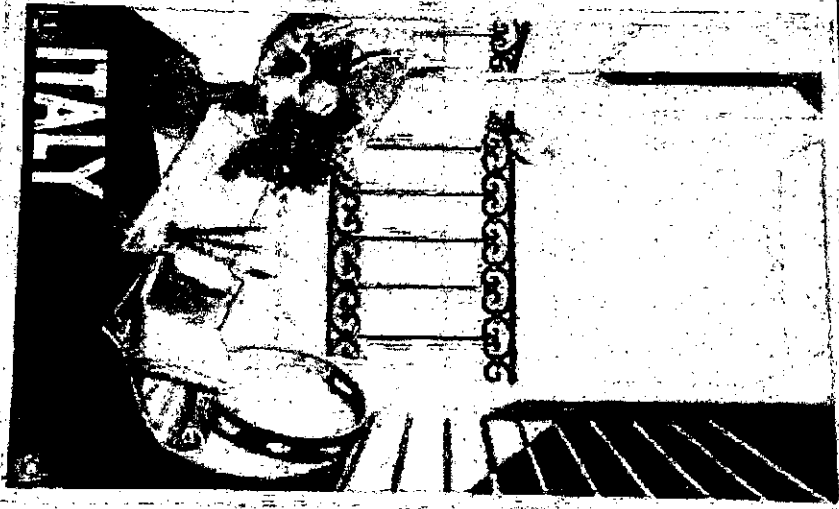


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Italian National Tourist Board North America ha aggiunto nuove foto, 4 maggio

Amici, Italy - The Italian National Tourist Board is proud to sponsor the IGLTA Annual convention taking place through May 6 in St. Petersburg. Over 30 countries registered & more than 400 participants present. The convention is a great stage from which to promote Italy as a tourist destination to the LGBTQ market, also in view of Milan's candidacy as host city for the 2026 Convention.



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The Italian National Tourist Board is proud and excited to embark on the inaugural collaboration with IGTLA in recognition of the fundamental importance of LGBT travelers for Italy. Italy is known all over the world for being a warm, welcoming and hospitable country. While steeped in history and tradition, Italy leads the way in architecture, fashion, design, and cuisine. It is a country with a wide array of tourism offers: from Alpine villages to seaside resorts with amazing nightlife, charming hamlets and cosmopolitan cities, prestigious museums and islands dotting the Mediterranean... there's something for everyone. We are committed to working with tourism businesses to expand welcoming infrastructures that will help foster inclusion and strengthen our brand image as a country of tolerance, respect, progress and open mindedness for all. We endorse the UNWTO Global Code of Ethics for Tourism which states that Tourism is "an irreplaceable factor of self-education, mutual tolerance and for learning about the legitimate difference between peoples, cultures and their diversity". I look forward to welcoming you to Italy and Italian Hospitality!

Giovanni Bastianelli, Executive Director of ENIT-Italian National Tourist Board

TOP DESTINATIONS

TORINO & PIEMONTE



FRIENDLY PIEMONTE, a project promoted by the non-profit organization Quora, supported by the Piemonte Region with the collaboration of the City of Torino aims to: improve the number of Italian and international travelers visiting Torino and Piemonte; strengthen the relationship between local institutions and tourism industry; increase awareness of LGBT rights. Some of the city's most famous landmarks are the renowned Egyptian Museum (the second biggest in the world), the National Cinema Museum inside the Mole Antonelliana, some of Italy's best historic cafés and chocolate and pastry shops. The city is home to a vibrant gay-friendly nightlife and clubs such as the Gaiaveer, one of the most original clubs in Europe. Some of the trendiest areas of the city are Piazza Vittorio Veneto, the Murazzi on

the Po River, Borgo Dora, Vanchiglia and the Roman Quarter. Torino hosts TILFF Gay&Lesbian Film Festival, one of the most important in the world organized every year in May while in June the city welcomes the largest national Gay Pride PARADE, taking place this year on June 23th.

Source: Regione Piemonte; Città di Torino; DMO Piemonte Marketing; Turismo Torino e Provincia



MILANO

is not just famous for its monuments and its thousand year-old history, but also for its dynamism and its countless opportunities to enjoy the movida, from bars where you can taste the famous "Aperitivo Milanese", to clubs where people can dance until the crack of dawn. On the cutting edge of architecture, fashion and design, the City of the Madonnina is one of the cities with the widest variety of LGBT friendly clubs in Italy, widespread throughout the city but mostly grouped near the Porta Venezia District.

For more info: <http://www.turismo.milano.it/wps/portal/tur/en>
<http://www.wheremilan.com/nightlife/lgbt-friendly-aperitivo/>

Source: Where Milan

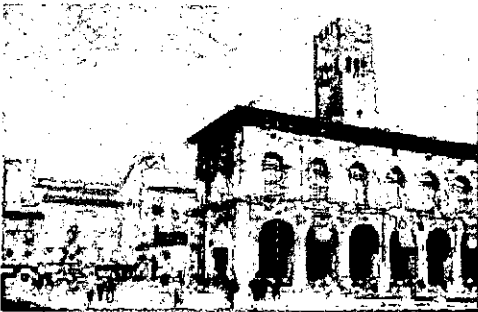


VERONA

"If you love someone take them to Verona" is the Valentine's Day slogan for the city of Romeo and Juliet, one of Italy's most gay-friendly cities. With its neoclassical buildings and monumental squares, the old medieval quarters and the courtyard of the old market all the way to the famous Juliet's Balcony, Verona is the city of lovers. Take a stroll to Piazza Bra to admire the Roman Amphitheatre and on to the monumental San Zeno Altarpiece by Andrea Mantegna continuing to Porta Nuova, in the historic center with the elegant Luda Cafe, a gay-friendly hang out and the perfect place for an aperitif. For a typical Venetian dinner you should enjoy a plate of hand-made pasta or risotto with Lessinia truffles. After a wonderful meal why not dance the calories away at Romeo's nightclub in the Porta Vescovo area. The club organizes LGBT evenings with performances of Gogo Boys and drag queens. February 11-14 the city hosts the "Verona in Love" event.

For more info: <http://www.tourism.verona.it/en>

Source: ANSA



BOLOGNA

Bologna is known as being traditionally a very welcoming city, open to diversity in gender and culture. Since the 70s new clubs have opened where the LGBT community could meet, organize cultural events and go for entertainment and nightlife. The dialogue between the city and the LGBT community is still open and is part of the city's cultural richness. Via del Pratello reflects in the best way the atmosphere of the 70's and 80's; most bars are gay friendly and a fun destination for an evening out. Another must-see is the Stefano Casagrande Gardens in Via Calari/Via Graziano/Viale Silvani, dedicated to one of the biggest activists of the LGBT movement in Bologna: Stefano Casagrande, artist, stage designer and performer, one of founders of the KGBKB. Via Zamboni n. 1 hosts the Sinky Club, a historic meeting place of the LGBTIQI community, founded in the 70s as one of the first clubs to welcome without any prejudice the LGBTIQI community. The club remains one of the most open and friendly towards the homosexual and transsexual community of the city.

For more info: <http://www.bolognawelcome.com/en/lgbt/>

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Source: BolognaWelcome

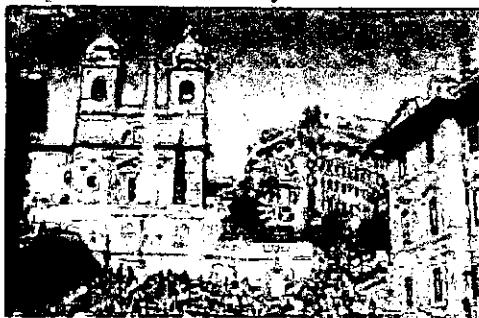


TORRE DEL LAGO

It is a very gay-friendly location in Italy to rival Sicily and Mykonos, and it's in beautiful Tuscany. Torre del Lago is a small town immersed in the lush landscape of San Rossore and Massaciuccoli Park and steeped in culture, being the birthplace of famed music composer Giacomo Puccini and home to the famous "Festival Pucciniano". Small and charming, Torre del Lago affords travelers everything needed for a fun and relaxing vacation: campsites, B&B's, hotels, pubs, restaurants, bars. Rent a bike to reach everything, from the shops, to the beach, to the disco for a fun filled day into the night.

For more info: <http://www.turismo.toscana.it/allthings-tuscany/aroundtuscany/torre-del-lago-the-tuscan-gay-mecca/>

Source: Around Tuscany (blog)



ROMA

With its many gay clubs, discos, BBQ's and beaches, the city offers a wide choice to anyone wanting to make the most of their holiday. For travelers looking to have fun in one of Rome's most beautiful districts near the Colosseum, Via San Giovanni in Laterano, the so-called Gay Street, is a must: gay friendly bars, clubs and restaurants all make for a social evening. Not to be missed is the Gay Village, one of the most important events hosted by the city every summer, which attracts thousands of people. Don't miss out on a beautiful day in the sun on one of the beaches outside Rome at Ostia or Capocotta, well served areas with facilities (beach chairs, umbrellas, restaurants). Another must-do event is the Gay Pride Parade, which usually takes place in June and includes a march with tens of thousands of people to draw attention to the issue of civil rights.

For more info: <http://www.turismoroma.it/Mang-en>

Source: [turismoroma.it](http://www.turismoroma.it)



NAPOLI

Over the last few years Naples has become one of the favorite destinations for Italian and international travelers alike interested in the arts. Naples's distinctive mark is its folklore: people living and working among the artistic beauties of the city, as if in an open air museum. The strength of Naples as a travel destination has had an important positive impact on the economy of the city as well. So, welcome to Naples! We wish you a great stay and we hope you will make tons of wonderful memories to take back home with you.

For more info:

<http://www.comune.napoli.it/Res/cm/pages/serveBLOB.php/L/EN/IDPagina/16991>

Source: [Comune di Napoli](http://www.comune.napoli.it)



GALLIPOLI

Gallipoli has become a top gay destination often referred to as the Italian Ibiza, featuring a vibrant gay nightlife which makes it the capital of Gay Salento, the area at the southern end of Puglia. The beauty of its beaches is a main draw. From Punta della Suina, located at the southern-most point of the astonishing Bato Verde, south of Gallipoli, there is an easy walk to the G Beach, the only 100% gay-friendly private beach in the Salento with friendly people and relaxing chill out music. If you prefer a more chilled environment, worry not, around G Beach there are plenty of spots for a relaxing and chill day at the beach. Get there early to find the perfect spot! And when you're ready to take a break from the sun, a refreshing walk in the pinewoods just behind the beach is all you need.

For more info: <http://www.viaggiareinpuglia.it/ot/144/locatna/4239/en/Gallipoli>

Source: [thescruffytraveltraveller.com](http://www.thescruffytraveltraveller.com)

CATANIA

It is a young and dynamic city, which boasts an active gay scene thanks to its many shops, pubs and bars. The historical gay hangout in Catania city center is Via A'raisi, around Nievola: a bar and an alternative restaurant which has been welcoming to LGBT people since the '70s. In addition to the historic baroque buildings, it derives its appeal from the splendid views of Mount Etna, the volcano that rises above the Catania surroundings. In 2002 the Baroque historic center of Catania was recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site and Mount Etna received the same honor in 2013. For over twenty years between late June and early July, the city is flooded by the colors of the rainbow flag with a series of initiatives crowning in the traditional Catania Gay Pride Parade.

For more info: <http://turismo.provincia.ct.it/English/>



Source: www.globevystiercatania.com



TAORMINA

It is one of the most gay-friendly destinations in Sicily, an ideal destination year round, thanks to the mild climate and the offer focused on fun, relaxation and joie de vivre as well as the warm hospitality of the Sicilian people. Known as "The Pearl of the Mediterranean", Taormina is located on a natural terrace above the sea. The Greek Theatre is one of the most suggestive spots, in a fantastic position offering a stunning view on the gulf and Mount Etna. The outdoor theatre is still used today to host various performances. The town of Taormina is best visited on foot: walking along the streets full of shops and charming panoramic spots, restaurants and food shops where one can enjoy some delicious Sicilian specialties, all the way to the Church of San Nicola, the main church in Taormina. Some of the most popular spots are the beaches at Giardini Naxos and Mazzarò, while Isola Bella is a protected natural oasis surrounded by clear blue water where swimming is a pleasure.

For more info: http://www.italia.it/en/discover-italy/sicily/poi/taormina.html?no_cache=1&l=taormina

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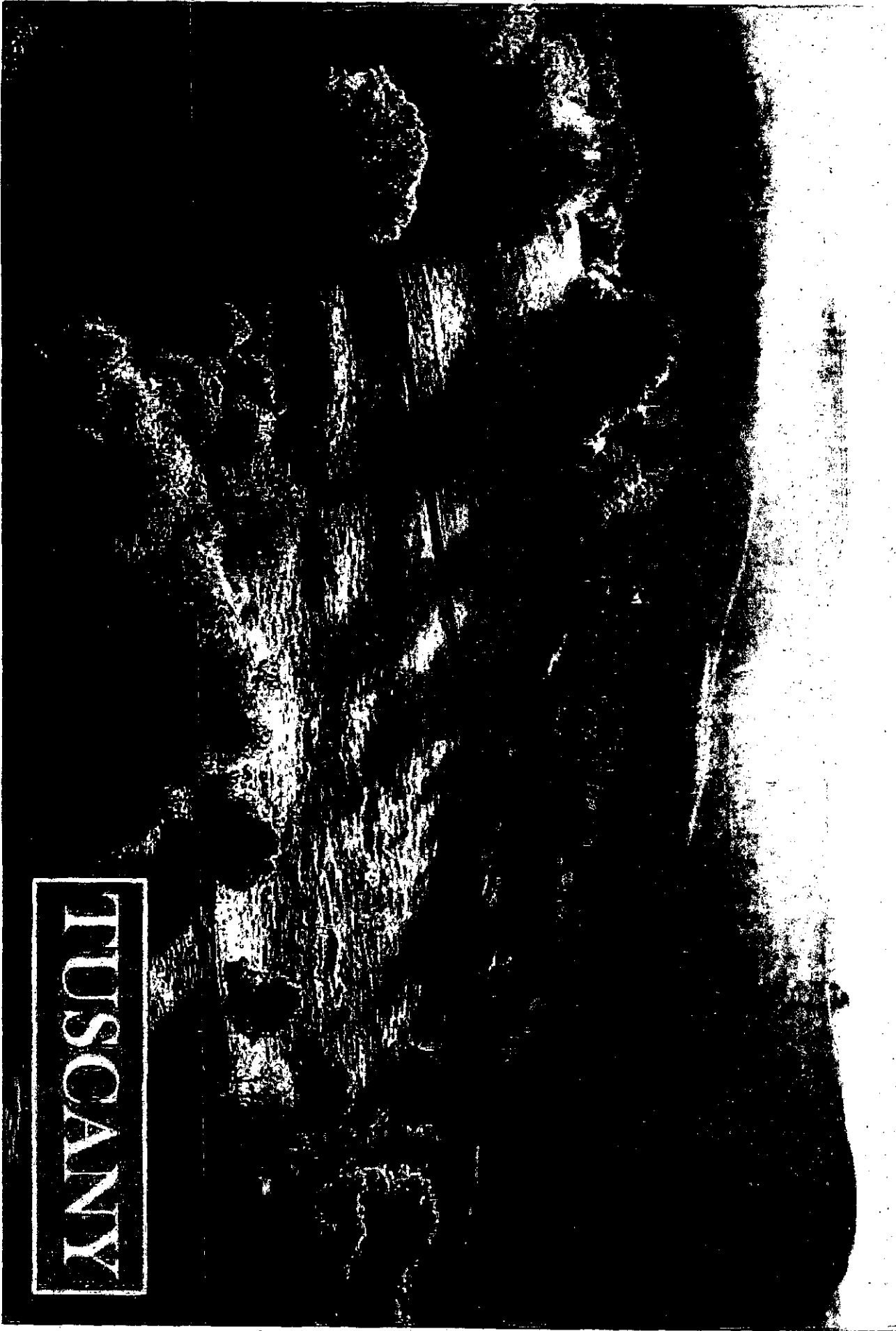
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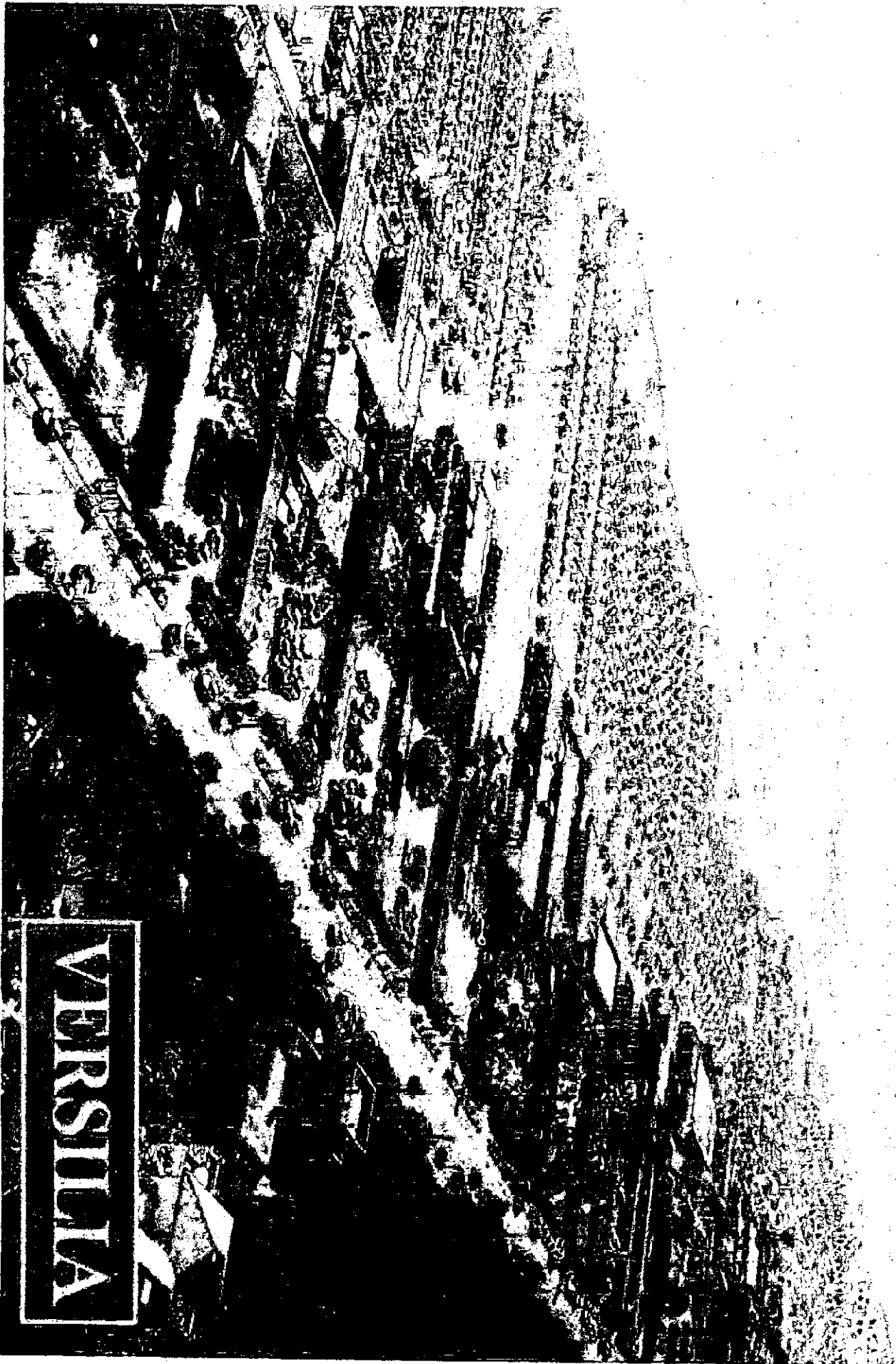
I would be particularly excited to name it Europe's most popular destination for gay travelers, Italy, because of IATA Global Partner this year, an announcement made by Giovanni Roccaforte, executive director of the Italian National Tourist Board, who said, "We are committed to working with our national tourism board and working with the tourism industry that will be able to help and support them in their mission to promote and respect the diversity and inclusivity of all."

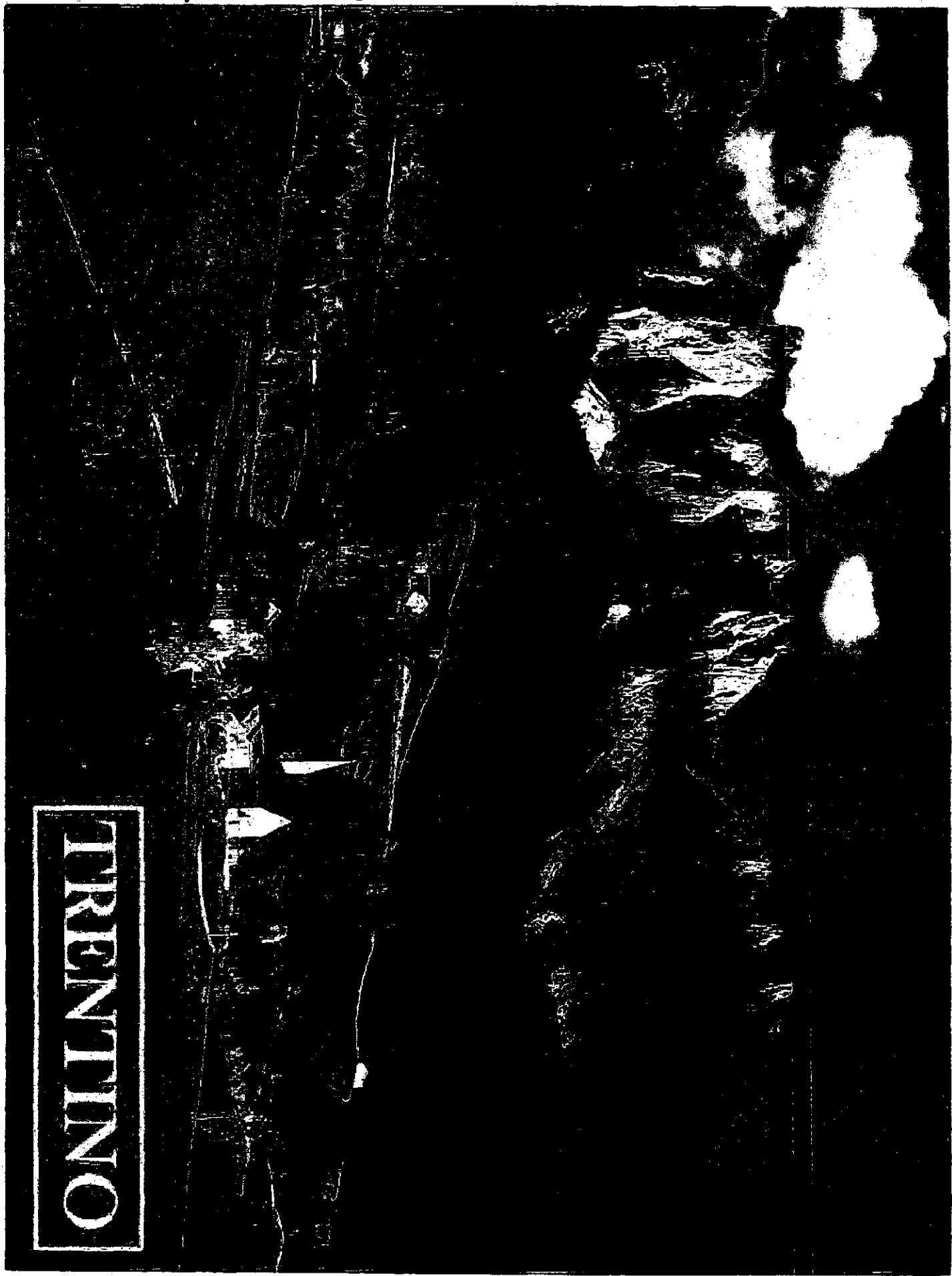
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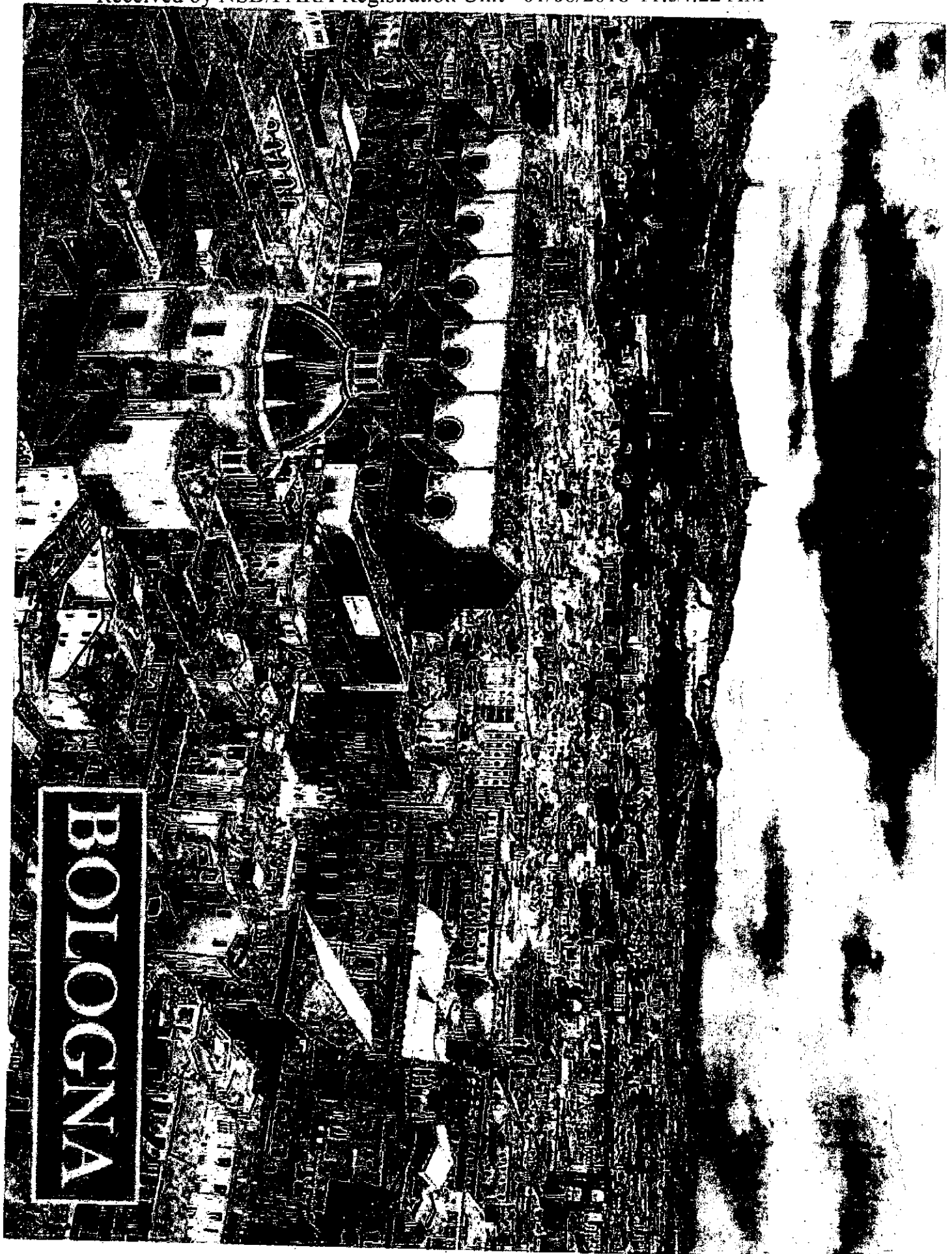
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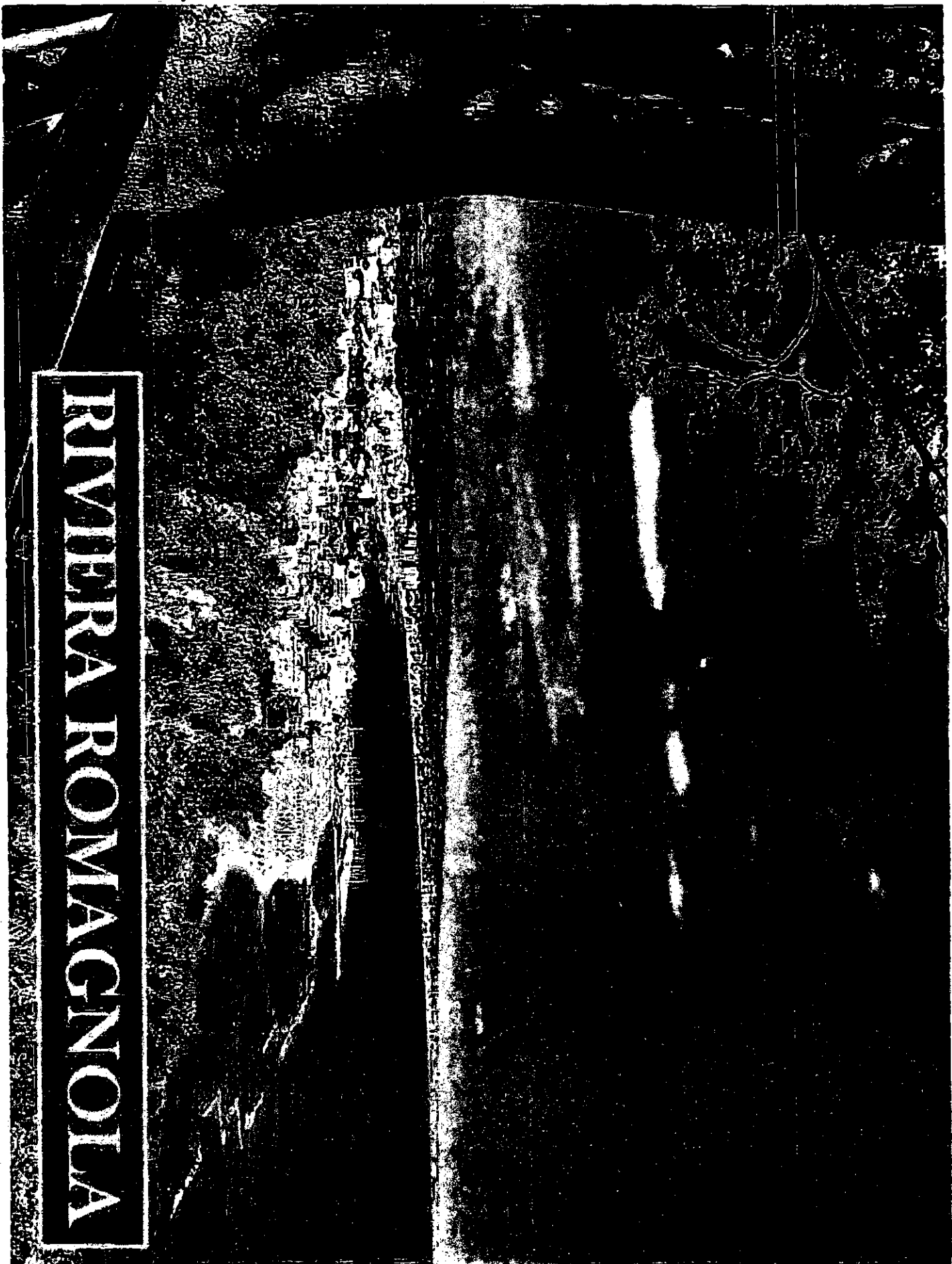


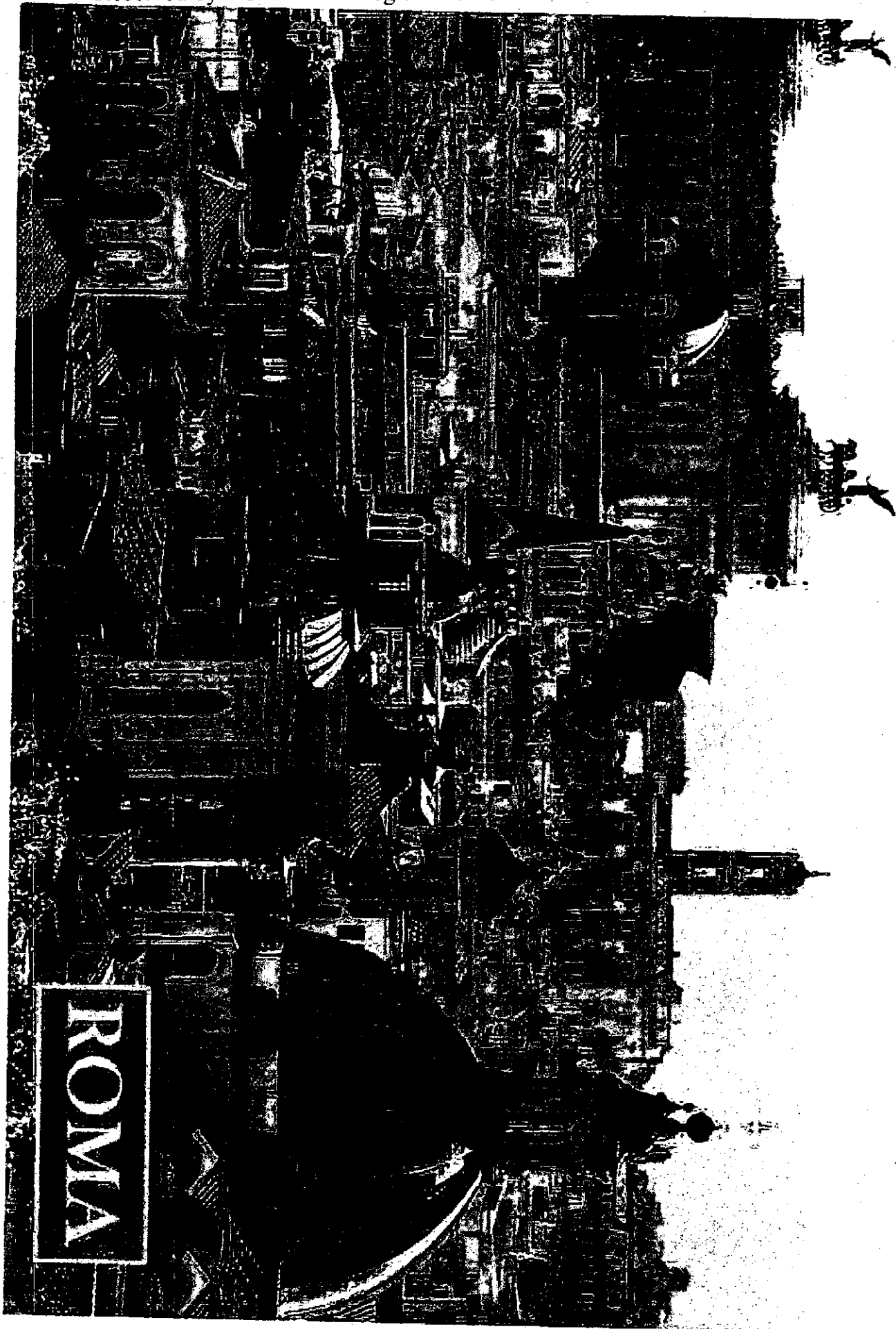


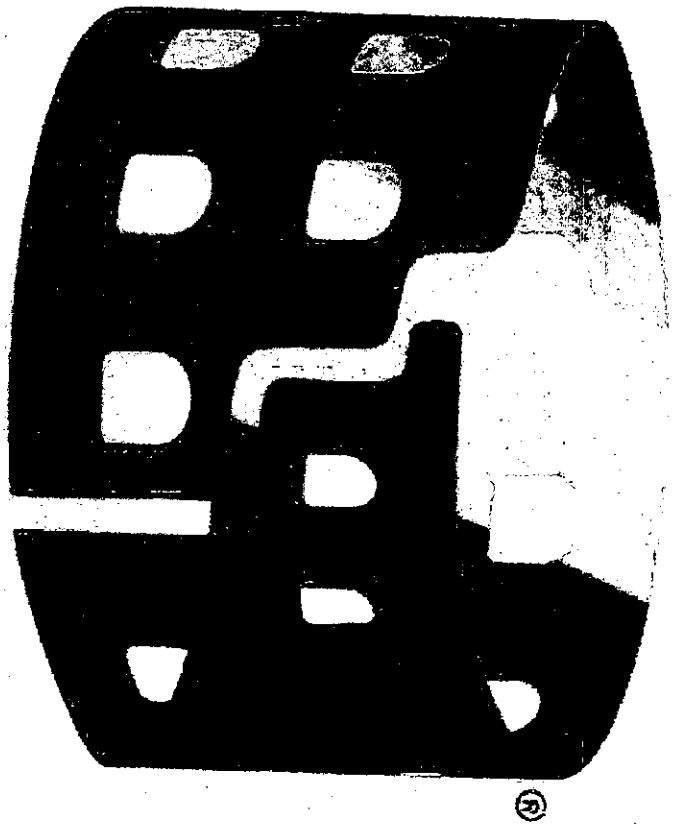






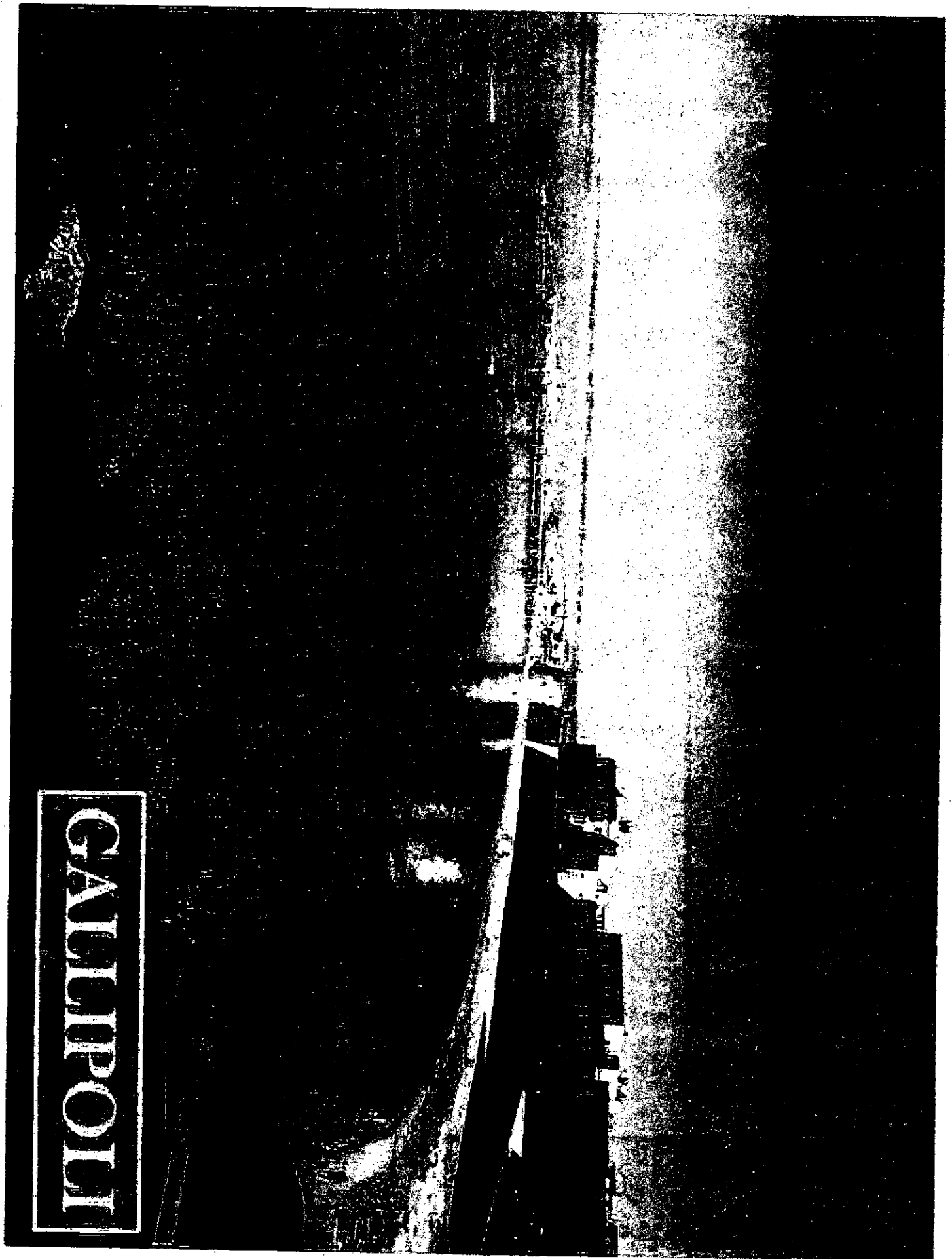


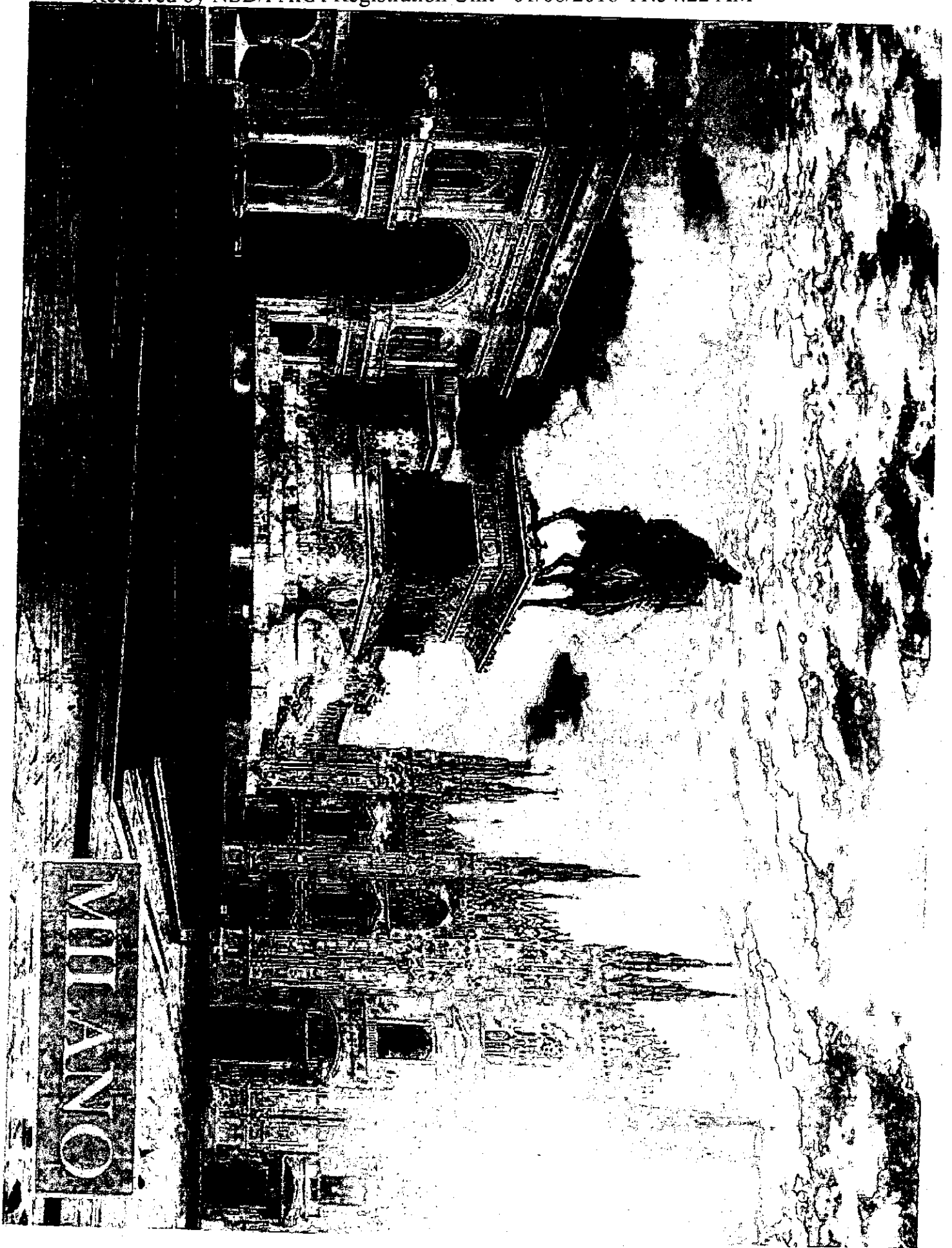


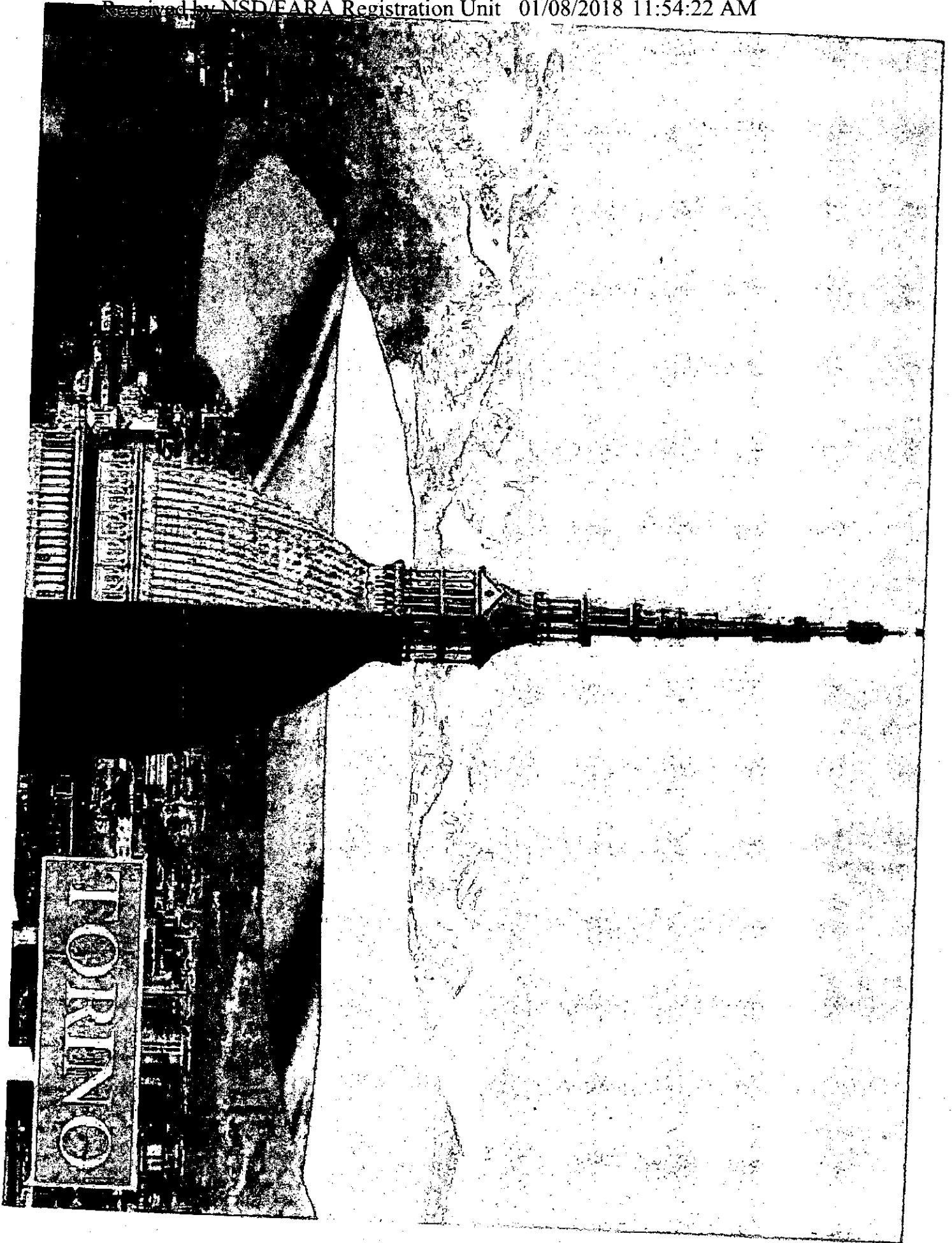


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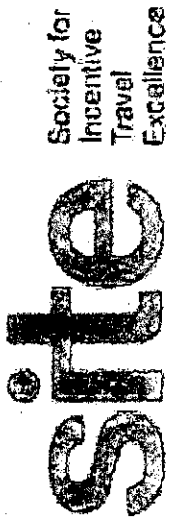
Should you require a detailed, printable receipt, please view your company transactions from the Members' Room.

You now have access to the USTOA Member's Room area.

Should you have any questions about your membership please contact Luis Mervel at membership@ustoa.com or call 212-509-8500 ext 27. You can also reach out to the USTOA Associate Member Advisory Committee members with any comments or suggestions. This committee's mission is to enhance the relationship between the Active Members and the Associate Members of USTOA.

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Sincerely,
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Attachments: Descrittivo See Italia & Contact.docx; Questionaire.docx
Importance: High

Dear,

The Italian National Tourist Board - in collaboration with See Italia & Contact (company profile attached), Starwood Hotels and a partner airline to be announced soon - is organizing an educational trip to Milan and Lake Como October 24th - 28th, 2016.

The objective of the trip is to promote Lake Como, Milan, and all partners involved as top choices for MICE events in addition to displaying all the leisure, active vacation, cultural tourism offer of the area. This trip will enable participants to get acquainted with the superior services offered by See Italia & Contact, the hotels and the partner airlines and forge a strong relationships with all private and public parties involved.

Your trip will be inclusive of air transportation, hotels, transfers and meals. More information to follow.

The number of participants (1 per company) is limited and selections will be made on a first come first serve basis, therefore, you are urged to respond as soon as possible, by completing the attached form.

If you have any questions, please contact Emanuela Boni emanuela.boni@enit.it Tel: 310 820-1898

Sincerely,

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Piedmont Lunch – Washington, DC, October 13, 2016

Piedmont is in Italy's northwest and borders Switzerland and France.

True to the meaning of its name (foot of the mountain), Piedmont is a land of mountains. It is surrounded on three sides by the Alps, with the highest peaks and largest glaciers in Italy.

Monviso, the Piedmont side of Monte Rosa and the other spectacular mountains in the region, create incredibly beautiful landscapes, and ski resorts abound. Via Lattea and Sestriere welcome winter sports enthusiasts with their state-of-the-art facilities.

The Alps form the background for sweeping, picturesque valleys, e.g. the Val di Susa, Valsesia and Val d'Ossola.

The landscapes of the Langhe and Monferrato are hilly, rather, but just as beautiful, a succession of cultivated hills and vineyards that are dotted with small towns and castles.

Expanses of water and rice paddies, long rows of poplars and old farmhouses make up the typical scenery of the plains around Novara and Vercelli.

Lake Maggiore is the most sought-after tourist resort, including Stresa and the Borromean Islands, charming as they are with their ancient villas surrounded by beautiful lawns and gardens.

Next up are the intriguing Medieval castles - like the imposing fortress at Ivrea - and prized works of architecture - the famous Residences of the Royal House of Savoy and the Sacri Monti (Sacred Mountains) certainly deserve to be mentioned.

The famous spa resorts of Acqui Terme and Vinadio offer treatments and therapy for a relaxing, reviving holiday.

Discoveries and surprises of all kinds are in store for visitors to the region, including a wide range of food and wine to suit every palate.

The region's provinces are: Turin (regional capital), Alessandria, Asti, Biella, Cuneo, Novara, Verbania, Vercelli and Valsesia.

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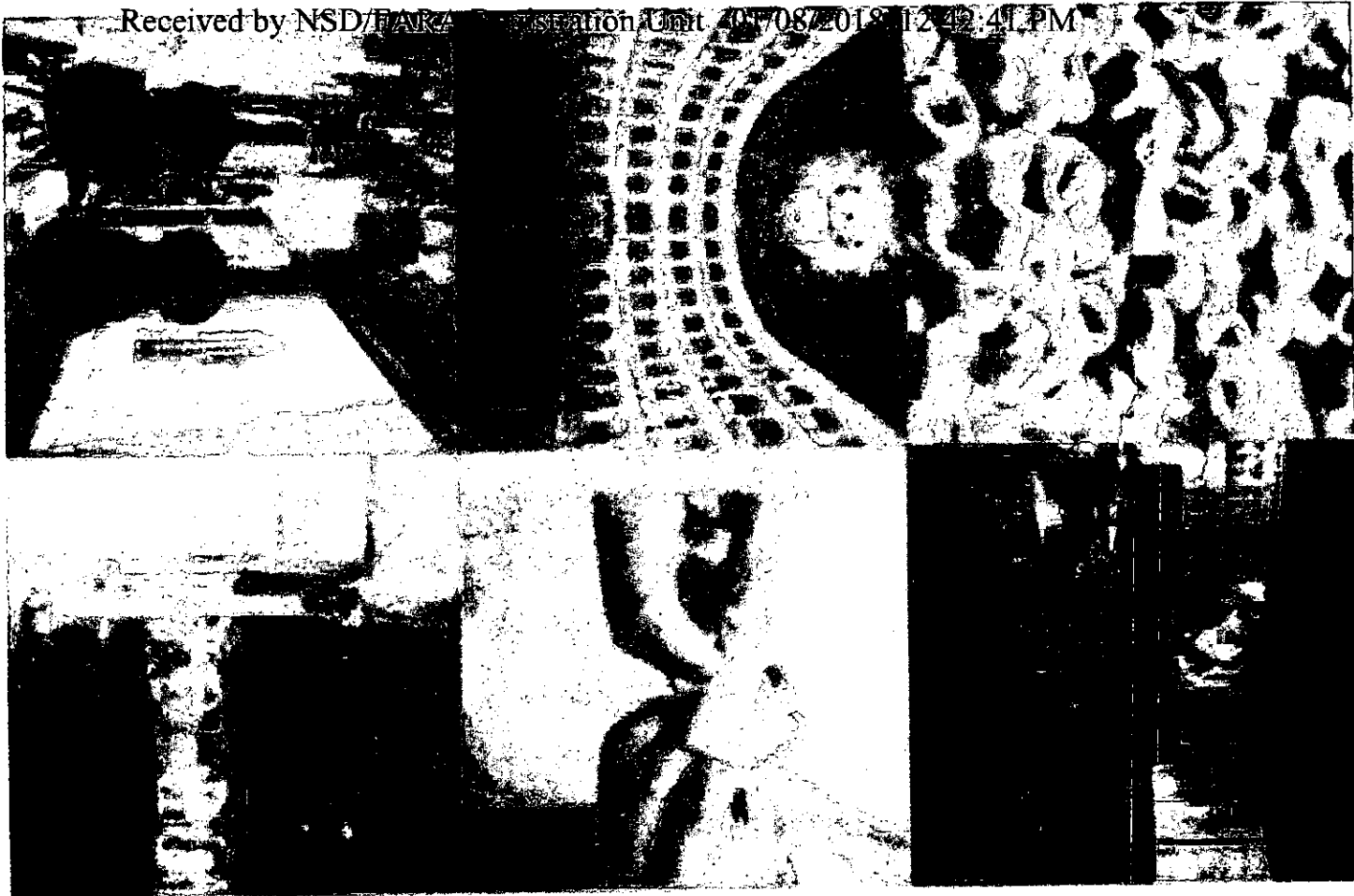
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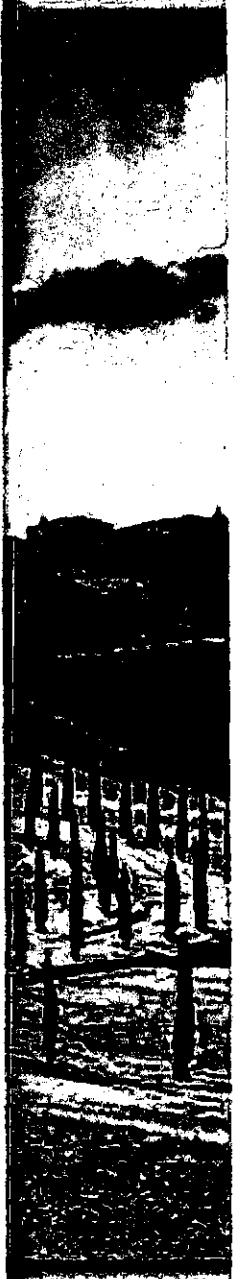


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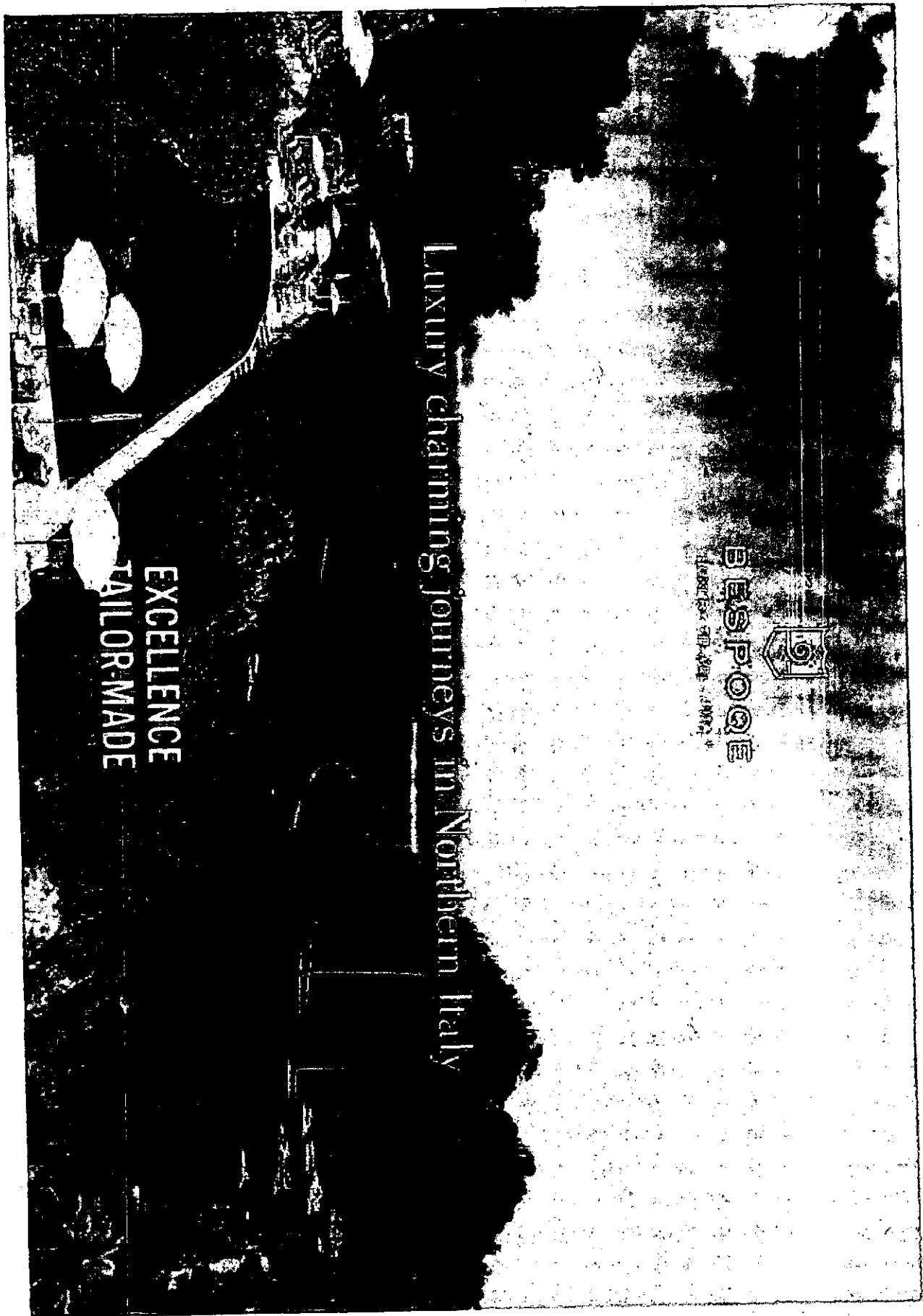
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Thomson Reuters, Association (Travel Center Group) Philadelphia & Harris	11:30 AM	475 Park Ave, South Side Plaza New York, NY 10022	Roy Tancere	roy.tancere@thomson.com	212-616-5018
Wintershow Travel (Fidelity Plus employees) Meeting with 9 clients	11:00 PM	475 Park Ave, Suite 1603 New York, NY 10022	Meeting with 9 clients Receptionist at 257 Receptionist	ksblum@fidelity.com	212-216-2121 ext. 257
Total Management	1:00 PM	2 Pine Street, 10th Floor Between Canal and West Streets New York, NY 10038	Ashley	ashley@totalmanagement.com	212-679-6626
Private Appointment Booked!	5:00 PM				

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Atlantic City	10:00 AM	315 West 35th Street New York, NY 10018 (Between 34th and 36th Aves)	Gregory R. Smith Marketing Director	gregory.smith@atlanticcity.com	917-896-4712
Four Hundred	12:00 PM	400 West 34th Street New York, NY 10018	Neeraj K. Mittal Director of Travel Reservations	neeraj.k.mittal@fourhundred.com	212-692-2705
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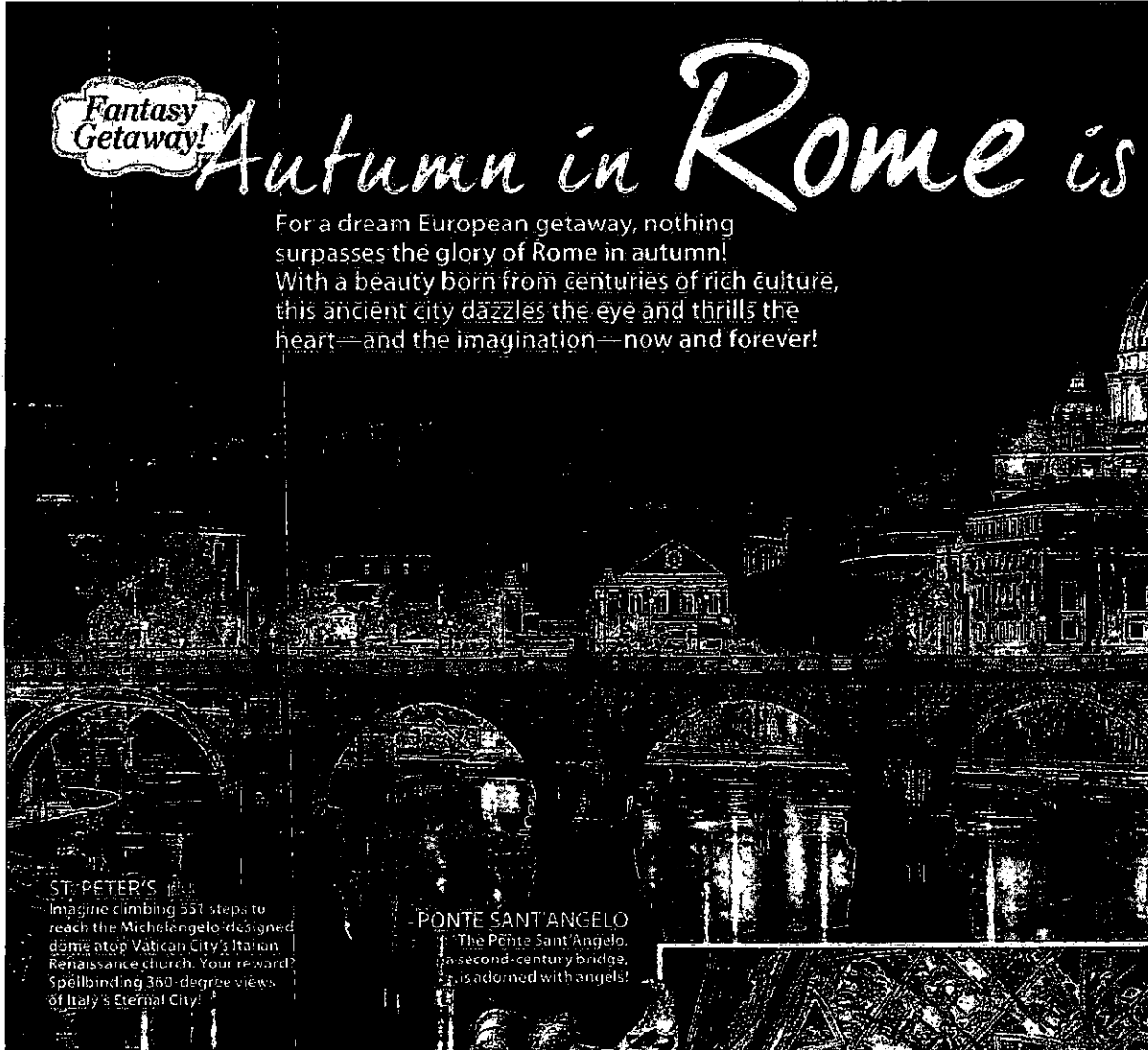
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Autumn in Rome is

For a dream European getaway, nothing surpasses the glory of Rome in autumn! With a beauty born from centuries of rich culture, this ancient city dazzles the eye and thrills the heart—and the imagination—now and forever!



ST. PETER'S
Imagine climbing 551 steps to reach the Michelangelo-designed dome atop Vatican City's Italian Renaissance church. Your reward? Spellbinding 360-degree views of Italy's Eternal City!

PONTE SANT'ANGELO
The Ponte Sant'Angelo, a second-century bridge, is adorned with angels!

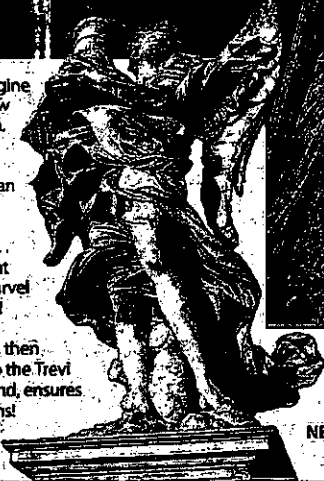


If you've ever dreamed of going to Rome, imagine going now, when the trees are awash in yellow and red leaves and the air is comfortably crisp.

The entire 2,500-year-old capital city is a glorious living museum! Envision snapping a happy selfie among the ancient ruins of the Roman Forum, a government hub in 7th-century BC.

Let your Roman holiday fantasy take you to the butterfly-shaped Spanish Steps to people-watch... past the breathtaking Fountain of the Four Rivers at Piazza Navona... inside Saint Peter's Basilica to marvel at Michelangelo's *Pietà*... the list is almost endless!

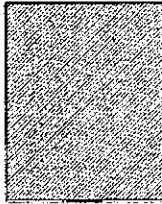
Dine on fall specialties such as truffle pasta and artichokes in a delightful neighborhood trattoria, then end your magical journey by tossing a penny into the Trevi Fountain, a tradition that, according to local legend, ensures you'll return to Rome—even if only in your dreams!



SISTINE CHAPEL CEILING
Michelangelo's majestic frescoes cover the Sistine Chapel's vaulted ceiling!

NEXT WEEK: Have a spooktacular Halloween at Disney World!

50 WOMAN'S WORLD 10/17/16



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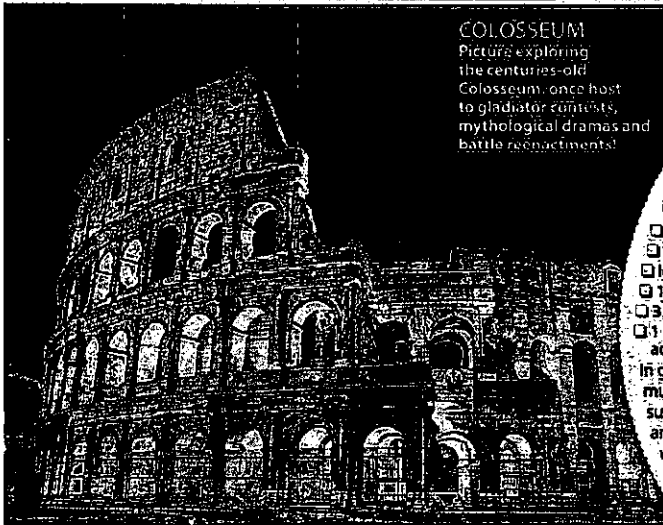
TREVI FOUNTAIN
Toss a coin into the fountain, and you'll return to Rome. Toss a second one if you're seeking love.



TEMPLE OF AESCULAPIUS
Ducks, swans and rowers glide past this temple in the Villa Borghese gardens, which honors the Greek god of well-being!



COLOSSEUM
Picture exploring the centuries-old Colosseum, once host to gladiator contests, mythological dramas and battle reenactments!



Armchair traveler

Sip an enchanting Roman Campari Orange Passion cocktail!

This refreshing cocktail fuses Italy's favorite liqueur with the citrusy tang of orange, yielding the perfect treat to tum any fall weekend into a Roman holiday!

- 2 orange slices
- 1 tsp. packed brown sugar
- Ice cubes
- 1/3 cup orange juice
- 3 Tbs. Campari
- 1 maraschino cherry and additional orange slice

In glass, with end of wooden spoon, muddle orange slices and brown sugar. Add ice, then orange juice and Campari; stir gently. Garnish with cherry and orange. Serves 1.



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Visit the continent with fresh eyes this year by booking a trip to these rising-star cities.
 by ANDREW RICHALE

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BERLIN

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25 Leipzig, Germany

A breeding ground for young artists, Leipzig, with its warehouse parties and Soviet towers, could be Berlin right after the wall fell.

What To Do

Don't miss **Spinnerei**, a 25-acre former mill turned studio compound for 100 artists. Wander through provocative photography exhibits at **Halle 14** and shop for elegant coral-like sculptures at **Claudia Biehme's studio** and shop.

Stay At

Pentahotel (from \$95) has a lavish breakfast and is located within walking distance of the train station.

BARCELONA

26 Málaga, Spain

Sunny days by the sea, tapas binges, a bounty of trippy architecture—it's Barcelona without all the hippies and students.

The port city has been occupied by more than five different civilizations in its 2,800 years. Admire the ruins of Phoenician light-houses and Roman theaters. Back in this century, sip Spanish beer at the new **El Rincón del Cervencero**.

The **Hotel Vincci Selección Posada del Patio** (from \$125) is built on top of the ruins of old Moorish walls.

COPENHAGEN

27 Aarhus, Denmark

Like Copenhagen, this second-largest Danish city is home to eye-grabbing modern design and a thriving New Nordic food scene.

Aarhus is full of forward-thinking minds. Challenge your palate with the calf's-blood macaroons at **Frederikshøj** and admire the spiky **Iceberg** apartment complex. Get around using the city's new light-rail, which opens this year.

You enter **Hotel Oasia** (from \$100) via cobblestones, but inside it's raw plank floors and Scandinavian style.

ZURICH

28 Bern, Switzerland

Bern has the same sophisticated vibe, Old World architecture, and green spaces as Zurich—just with one third of the population.

It's all about the good life here. Hike up to **Rosengarten**, a park with 200 types of roses and sweeping views of the old city. And visit the **Zentrum Paul Klee** for an exhibit on Klee's relationship with the Surrealist painters of Paris.

The 128 rooms at the **Bellevue Palace** (from \$350) are large and comfortable. Ask for one with a river view.

ROME

29 Parma, Italy

UNESCO recently named the birthplace of Parma ham and Parmesan cheese the world's first Creative City of Gastronomy.

Enjoy langoustines and shrimp beignets at **F.J.S.H.** Sample salami at the market near **Strada Matteo Renato Imbriani**. Drink your fill of the local lambrusco. And top it all off with the creamy **fior di latte gelato** from **Cràmeria Emilia**.

Stay at **Hotel Daniel** (from \$80) for easy access to its restaurant, **Cocchi**, a shrine to cured meats.

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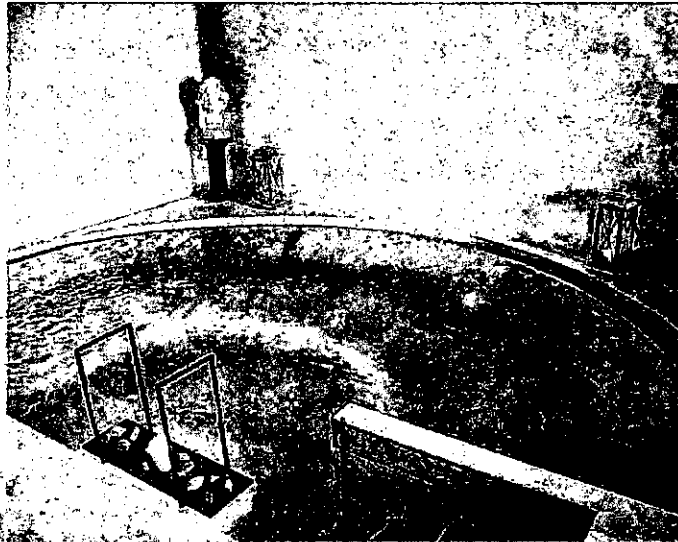
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Not all clichés are so bad. Take the one about Tuscany: the endlessly rolling vistas painted the color of flax, the ancient stone villages perched on top of every hill, and the dreamy, hazy sunlight that makes the landscape look like it's always golden hour. It's a cliché that makes you want to let your long, wavy hair fly loose, slip into a sexy chiffon Dolce & Gabbana number, and change your name to Sofia. Or maybe that's just me.

To go to Tuscany is to be inspired by it. It's how the world ended up with 478 million calendars of the same dirt road climbing up the same beautiful hillside lined with the same sharp cypress trees. It's also how Tuscany came to be a spa destination over 2,000 years ago.

Ancient Romans with means came to the Val d'Orcia (whether or not you've heard of it, this is the area you picture when you picture Tuscany) for the thermal baths. In the Middle Ages, the baths were a famous stop for pilgrims. And villages like San Casciano dei Bagni, Bagni San Filippo, and Bagno Vignoni are actually named for their healing waters. (Google Translate if you don't believe me.)

But I was here for none of that. I was here for Monteverdi Tuscany. Monteverdi Tuscany is a hotel/spa/enoteca/restaurant encompassing pretty much the entire 900-year-old village of Castiglioncello del Trinoro. From the outside, imagine a beautiful stone hamlet covered in flowers and nestled on a hilltop overlooking the expanse of the Val d'Orcia. Then imagine the inside of those stone buildings—every modern amenity, rough-hewn wooden beams, insanely plush beds, and the pervasive smell of rosemary



From top: A sunflower field in Castagneto Carducci; inside the thermal spa at Castello di Velona in Montalcino; a stroll on one of Tuscany's classic cobblestone streets.

Tuscany's Less Famous Cousin

Just over the border, in Umbria, you'll find the Eremito Hotel (to del Alma)—a centuries-old monastery turned hotel. The rooms all look like monks' cells, the saunas is made from stone, and there's no talking allowed at dinner. Odd? Maybe. Trippy? Probably. Peaceful, beautiful, and serene? Assolutamente sì. Eremito.com

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Run for the Hills

To visit a spa in Tuscany is to take an odyssey in rosemary, lavender, olive oil, and of course, a little vino rosso along the way.

Castello di Velona. The big draw here is the outdoor thermal pools, with views of the vineyards, the patchwork farms, and the rolling hills of the Val d'Orcia. Castellodivelona.it

The Spa at Monteverdi. You can get a hot-stone massage—or you can step outside of your comfort zone. The Santa Maria Novella Candlewax uses hot oil from a candle (kinda kinky, totally amazing). Monteverdituscany.com

Rosewood Castiglion del Bosco. The spa embraces Tuscany's farm-to-table approach to massage, with flower scrubs and grape detoxes. End the day with the resort's own Brunello di Montalcino, plus a stroll through the vineyards at sunset. Castigliondelbosco.com

A Very Relaxing Room. Yep, there's just one (amazingly restorative) room for treatments at La Bandita Townhouse, and it's the perfect excuse to visit Pienza, Tuscany's loveliest town. La-bandita.com



A lovely blonde woman scrubbed my body of its dry, scaly, touristy patches.



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(that's outside, too, actually). The place is heaven. And I was dreaming about every last thread count from the balcony of my treatment room.

I had come for something called the Full Monteverdi. First, a lovely blonde woman used salt-infused with lavender, rosemary, and lemon to scrub my body of its dry, scaly, touristy patches, revealing the skin tone of an Italian siren underneath (let me pretend). Then she brought me to the bathtub—huge, stone, and very much outdoors—and sprinkled in little handfuls of lavender. Lying in a tub that big with a view that big is surreal. How often are you truly naked in the great wide open? This is what celebrities must feel like when they buy the rights to the airspace above their mansions. Then finally it was time for the hour-long massage—it came with grape-seed oil or olive oil or some other kind of oil that I can't remember because at that point I could barely remember my own name.

By the time I left Monteverdi, I had fully embraced the cliché that is Tuscany. The sun was golden. My skin was glowing. It was time to meet my husband for a dinner of pasta and red wine. And I had the perfect Dolce & Gabbana dress for the occasion.

From top: Taking in Pienza at sunset; a treatment room at the Spa at Monteverdi in the Val d'Orcia.

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ITALIANS do it BETTER

**Belmond Grand Hotel
Timeo, Taormina, Sicily**
"It earned its place on the Grand Tour in the late nineteenth century, and achieves a near impossible visual trifecta with views of Mount Etna, the Ionian Sea, and the third-century B.C. Greek theater." P.G.

steps leading down the cliff." *Ondine Cahane*

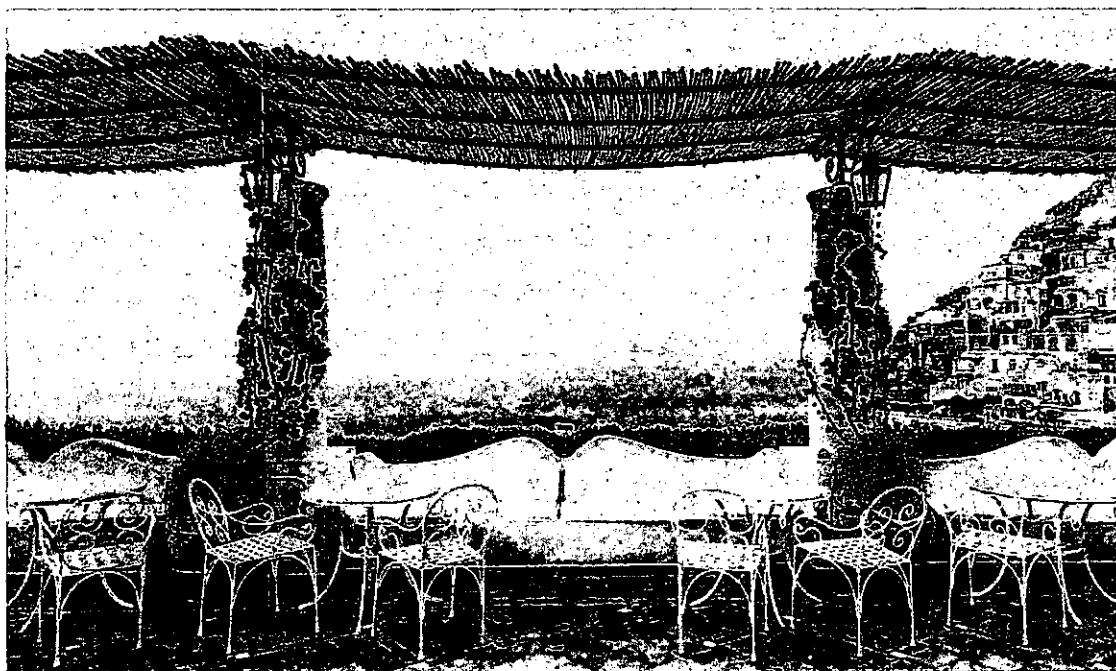
**Grand Hotel a Villa
Feltrinelli, Brescia, Lombardy**
"The decor is divine, the view of Lake Garda is so relaxing your shoulders will drop three inches, and the restaurant has some of the best food we've ever had at a hotel, much of it from its garden." Y.E.

**Grand Hotel Tremozzo,
Como, Lombardy**
"A dead ringer for the Grand Budapest Hotel, only on Lake Como. The service is great, but that's a given in Italian hotels of this stature. It's dog-friendly, kid-friendly. And oh boy, that view. What can I say, I love it." *Oddur Thorisson*

**Hotel Il Pellicano,
Porto Ercole, Tuscany**
"It's all just so good: that curved pool carved out of the rock, the terraced restaurant that hangs over the sea, and the dock reached by a hundred stone



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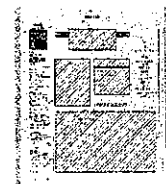
An ODE to HOTELS on the

Amalfi Coast

By virtue, perhaps, of a connecting road so narrow and vertiginous—and a Southern Italian infrastructure so byzantine—the charms of the Amalfi Coast will likely remain unchanged for the foreseeable future. The big-three properties, each distinct in vibe and management style, embody through their unparalleled natural settings, food, decor, and, most importantly, their proprietors, the very essence of la dolce vita. In the center of Positano, Le Sirenuse balances centrality with a pristine design sensibility and honeymooners' pool aerie. The super-chic Il San Pietro di Positano, just outside town, has the kind of private beach and high-up outdoor cocktail and dining terraces cantilevered over the Mediterranean that made you want to come all this way in the first place.

While some rooms in the family-friendly Hotel Santa Caterina, with its lemon orchards and sea views, are more up-to-date than others (we love the newly renovated Room 28 and its wraparound terraces), you can't argue with the pool etched into the mountain overlooking the sea... and the food, the kind you wish you could eat every day for the rest of your life. PILAR GUZMÁN

The view of the bay from Le Sirenuse in Positano.



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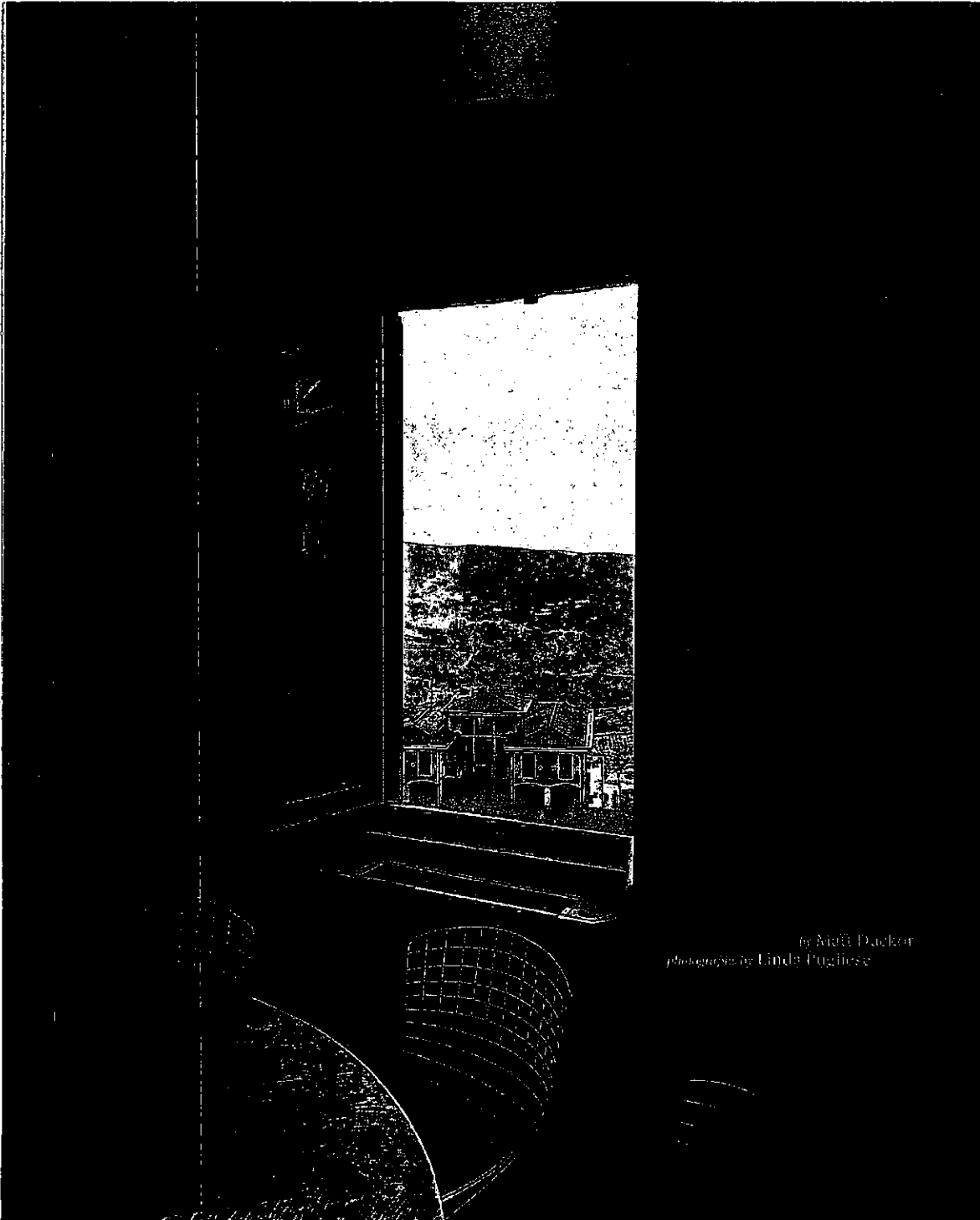
ON THE EVE OF THE BIGGEST
OPENING OF HIS CAREER RESTAURANT
MAESTRO DANNY MEYER RETURNS
TO TUSCANY, WHERE EVERY MEAL IS
AN INSPIRATION.



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by Matt Dackler
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On a rainy afternoon in Florence, restaurateur Danny Meyer is holding court at the small Trattoria Sostanza, where ceiling fans slowly whip the perfume of fennel-packed finocchiona through the air. "There are a thousand

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Previous page, from left: Meyer in his element at Osteria del Leone, an hour southeast of Siena; a view of Tuscany's Conca d'Oro valley. This page: An Insta-ready moment at Dario Cecchini's Officina della Bistecca in Panzano in Chianti.

trattorias in Florence with very similar menus, so it's not about what the chef's serving," says Meyer, who's explaining to the people who work for him what separates a good restaurant in Italy from a forgettable one. "It's about cooking the basics as well as they can be cooked," he says. "And how warm the welcome is." Luckily for us, today's lunch spot, which Meyer discovered while visiting Florence in 1984, is exactly the kind of off-the-radar restaurant every food-fixated traveler dreams of, where the service is sincere, the *lardo* is perfectly seasoned, and the house red is as satisfying as the sort of prized, name-brand Brunello you'd overpay for down the block. As we're discussing the finer points of vintage *amari*, a perfectly browned *tortino di carciofi*—a fluffy omelet wrapped around a center of tender artichoke hearts—lands on the white cotton tablecloth. "Gentlemen," says Meyer, leaning in like a football coach giving a pre-game pep talk, "this is why we're here." The seemingly simple appetizer, flash-cooked over hot coals, embodies the ethos of Italian cuisine: Unrivaled ingredients and proper technique can turn even a simple dish into something transcendent. But delicious meals are just part of the reason Meyer, one of the world's preeminent restaurateurs and the genius behind the burger behemoth Shake Shack, is in Italy for a food pilgrimage. He's returned to the place where his career took off more than 30 years ago for a refresher in heartfelt hospitality from some of Italy's most humble *trattorie*. The idea is to drink from the well again—and bottle up some of Italy's intoxicating magic to carry home to the new Union Square Cafe, which opens in New York this fall.

Spend some time with Meyer and you get the sense that despite all his success—he reportedly made \$340 million on the day of the Shake Shack IPO—Union Square Cafe will always be his favorite child. "I put my life into that restaurant," says Meyer of his first establishment, which opened on 16th Street in 1985. It was an embodiment of his experience as both a student in Rome in the late 1970s and as an itinerant chef in 1984, when he worked his way through restaurant kitchens in Bordeaux, Milan, and Rome over the course of six months, an American learning firsthand what makes European restaurants tick. His two-part Grand Tour, Meyer says, led to an epiphany: "I learned that restaurants don't need a gimmick. They just have to be good." That deceptively simple guiding principle helped propel Union Square Cafe to acclaim in an era when overly fussy French restaurants and off-putting service defined the Manhattan dining scene. But after three decades

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of serving dishes like lobster shepherd's pie and lemon-pepper duck to an ever-growing following—not to mention five James Beard Awards and three stars from *The New York Times*—the institution closed in 2015 in the face of a massive rent hike. Meyer will swing open the doors of the new iteration, just four blocks from the original, with a crew of colleagues who are along for the journey in Italy. "Think about how a place like this was inspirational to the original Union Square Cafe," Meyer says to his right-hand man, chief restaurant officer Sabato Sagaria, who's nodding along with senior director of operations John Ragan and chef Carmen Quagliata. "It's the most solid, down-to-earth trattoria I know." Sam Lipp, director of operations for Union Square Cafe, is making a mental note of the wine cafes, which may well show up at the new restaurant.

Drive about 120 miles

northwest of Rome and you'll find Bagno Vignoni, a small village in Tuscany's lush Val d'Orcia. With just 29 year-round residents, it's barely even there: The town's biggest claim to fame is a thermal bath that dates to the Roman era. We've come, though, to revisit Osteria del Leone, the 400-year-old restaurant that Meyer first discovered in 2008.

We're passing around the table a large white bowl of *brodo*, a rich broth made from stewed capon, beef, veal, vegetables, and what a few of us mistake for Parmesan rind, until Meyer corrects us: There's no way they'd use Parmesan in Tuscany: this is pecorino territory. "I just want you to know that when you say *Parmigiano* here, it's like saying *Presbyterian* in the Vatican," he says, as he refills our glasses from another bottle of Montepulciano.

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*Clockwise from
left: The Tuscan
hills near Borgo
Finocchietto, part
della ciuchiale
at Trattoria il Pozzo,
where the fresh pas-
tas are perfection;
the village of*

*Castelluccio
dell'Abate, near
Montalcino;
chef Fabio Picchi
of Florence's Cibreo,
a Meyer favorite,
prepping bistecca
alla Fiorentina at
Trattoria Sostanza.*



It's not the only aha moment of the meal. Everyone at the table has tried the classic, tomato sauce-laden *trippa alla romana*, but no one had ever tasted the saffron-infused version they serve here, a local specialty that's slightly sweet, incredibly aromatic, and just a little musky. "When did you ever want seconds of tripe?" asks Meyer, delighted that he may have found a new dish for his Union Square Cafe reboot by coming straight to the source.

In the morning, we're all a bit bleary-eyed from the Montepulciano—all of us except Meyer, that is, who swoops into the breakfast room of our hotel, Borgo Finocchietto, for yet another hunk of fresh Pecorino Toscano. The Borgo, a collection of historical buildings that date to 1318, is the work of John Phillips, an accomplished Washington, D.C., power lawyer and the U.S. ambassador to Italy since 2013. A close personal friend of Meyer's—they met through Eric Baker, a designer who created graphic identities for Meyer's restaurants Blue Smoke, Maialino, and North End Grill—Phillips spent seven years painstakingly restoring the place.

There's no lobby or check-in desk, and the property's 22 bedrooms are

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DANNY MEYER'S RESTAURANT SHORT LIST

His go-to dishes at five favorites in Rome and Tuscany.

OFFICINA DELLA BISTECCA

Panzano in Chianti
 Butcher Dario Cecchini has garnered an international following (including chefs like David Chang and René Redzepi), thanks to his obsession with quality: He sources beef for his signature burgers from Spain and, occasionally, the Fontodi winery's farm, just down the hill from his 44-seat dining room, where he fires the patties on a wood-burning hearth.

OSTERIA DEL LEONE

Bagno Vignoni
 The classic Roman preparation of tripe is with a heavy tomato sauce, but here they simmer thick strands of the stuff with delicate wisps of saffron grown in the Val d'Orcia and a mix of onion, sausage, and olive oil. The saffron gives the dish a slight sweetness and an electric-orange color.

PANIFICIO BONCI

Rome
 When it comes to pizza, simple is best, as evidenced by chef Gabriele Bonci's thick slabs of *pizza russa* served at this takeaway spot. Topped with nothing more than a rich tomato sauce and olive oil, the hearty

focaccia-like dough is made from stone-ground heritage grains grown in the Piedmont.

TRATTORIA IL POZZO

Sant'Angelo in Colle
 Wide, flat *pappardelle* noodles get mixed with a thick *ragù* made from long-braised hunks of wild boar meat and hand-crushed tomatoes before being showered with shavings of pecorino cheese and crunchy bread crumbs.

TRATTORIA SOSTANZA

Florence
 Chicken breasts are transformed from pedestrian to ethereal at one of the best casual joints in all of Tuscany. The butter chicken is grilled over hot coals, then dipped in flour and egg before being sautéed in a double-handle pan filled with melted butter. Cooked over a bed of embers until browned and bubbling, the dish is served in the pan. M.D.

©
 Saltorni and chianti at Antica Macelleria Cecchini, downstairs from Officina della Bistecca.

spread across five villas that spill onto a central piazza. There's a glass-walled gym overlooking the valley and a serene oval swimming pool, but of all its assets, Meyer most likes its peaceful remove from the bustle of Florence; just a 90-minute drive away.

After breakfast, we hit the winding highways of Chianti and spend the morning drinking Sangiovese from Tuscany's famed Fontodi winery. "The most beautiful part of Tuscany is south of Siena," says Meyer. "Where most of the best Italian wines, like Montepulciano and Brunello di Montalcino, are made." We drive through the fields with owner Giovanni Manetti and his son Bernardo in their vintage white Land Rover, crunching over calcified sheets of *galestro*, the mineral-rich soil common in Chianti's hillsides. We wander up the hill to Panzano in Chianti, with Meyer and his crew dressed less like young-gun chefs and more like Reservoir Dads, in Patagonia windbreakers and fleece sweaters zipped up against the spring chill. Lunch is at Officina della Bistecca, where the legendary butcher Dario Cecchini grills hunks of *bistecca alla fiorentina* on an open hearth in the dining room. Blissfully, this all counts as R and D.

For restaurant geeks,

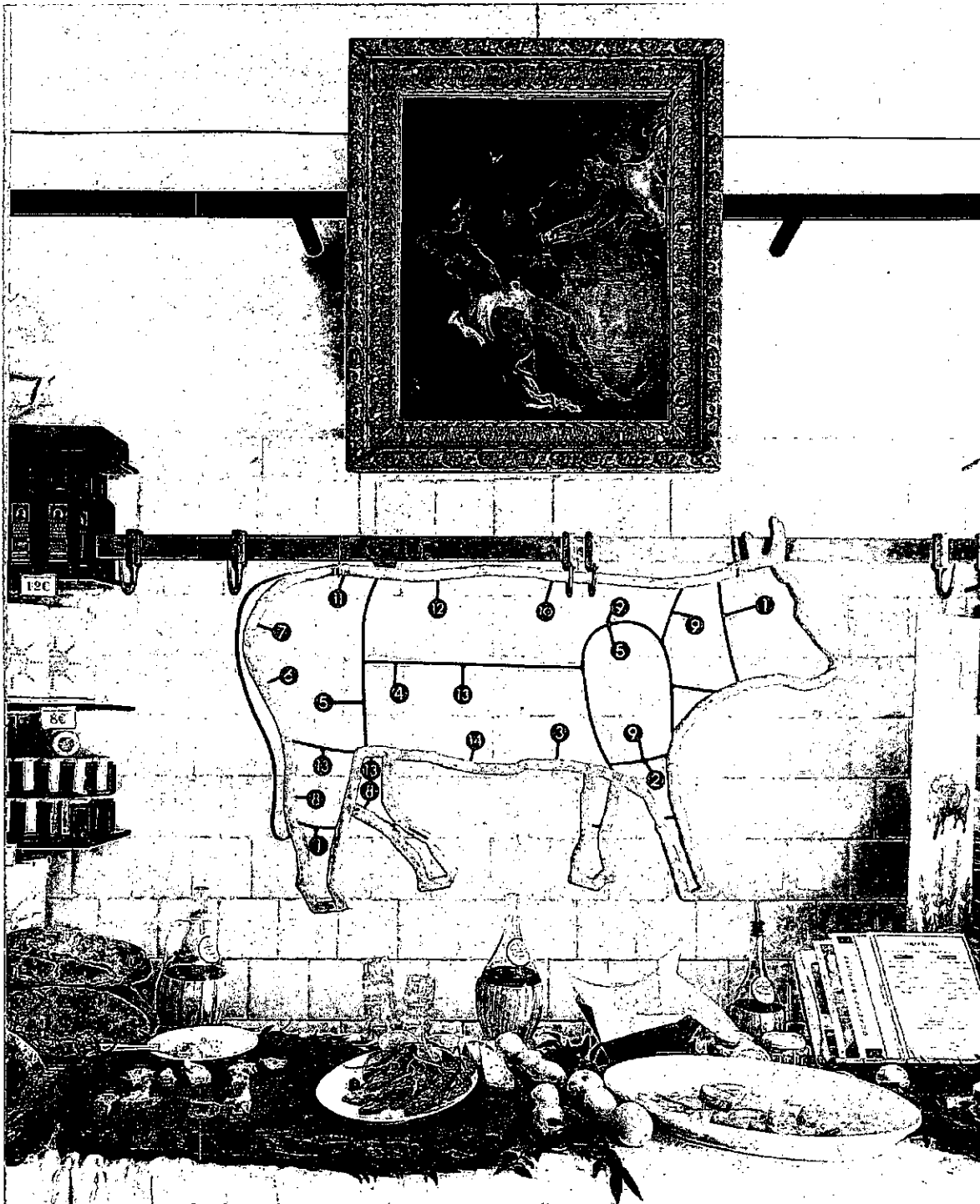
there's no greater quest in Tuscany than the one for the ultimate hilltop restaurant, the sort of place that requires a steep climb in second gear up a cypress-lined road that ends in a serene cobblestone courtyard. Meyer, though, isn't much for serendipity, having arranged one last lunch for our crew in medieval Sant'Angelo in Colle, a town of about 200 residents roughly 40 minutes south of Borgo Finocchieto.

At Trattoria Il Pozzo, just off the main square, it's all about the fresh pastas: thick, hand-rolled strands of *piet* noodles slathered in chunky *ragù*; ribbons of *pappardelle* slicked with a rich sauce of stewed tomatoes and wild boar; fat *tortelli* stuffed with creamy ricotta and hearty spinach. "Isn't this great?" asks Meyer, as gorgeous, warming bowls of *tortellini en brodo* are placed in front of us. "I get caught up in the magic of Italy. It just feels good sitting here." It's the idea he's built his entire career on: the notion that no matter how good the food may be, the way a restaurant makes you feel is what you'll remember. ♦

BUON APPETITO!

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At hike's end, la dolce vita awaits

Walking the Cinque Terre means lots of hills, lots of scenery and lots of good food

By **AMY LAUGHINGHOUSE**
Special Contributor

Angelo Celsi must run the most lucrative lemonade stand on the planet. Despite his isolated location on a dirt trail on Italy's northwestern coast, an estimated 2.5 million people passed through this area last year.

That's because this isn't any old dusty path. It's part of 120 miles of undulating trails that flit through pine-scented forests, flirt with postcard panoramas of the blue Ligurian Sea, and snake alongside terraced vineyards as they crisscross the Cinque Terre National Park.

The park, which was established in 1999 and is a UNESCO reserve, encompasses more than 9,500 acres and connects five of the Italian Riviera's most picturesque coastal villages: Monterosso al Mare, Vernazza, Corniglia, Manarola and Riomaggiore.

As Celsi juices lemons and oranges harvested from his own orchards, the wiry octogenarian explains through my guide — Beppe Salerno, founder of the tour operator Tourissimo — that his brother used to run the stand. When he died, Celsi took over.

"I'm more successful," he says, passing a parched, sweaty hiker a plastic cup. "Maybe it's my look," Celsi smiles, fluffing his snow-white beard before posing for a photo with a trio of French girls.

While the trails nearest the park's borders outside the villages can be relatively peaceful, the path from Monterosso to Vernazza where Celsi has set up shop teems with a steady stream of hikers from around the world on this sunny afternoon. I eavesdrop on fellow Americans, Brits and Australians,

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many of whom seem surprised at the arduousness of the trails.

"They really need to work on these stairs," one young American grunts as he descends stone steps gouged from the hillsides. "And by stairs, I mean, they need an escalator."

The Aussies, meanwhile, have paused for a beverage at a

scenic overlook, where one hiker checks their progress on his iPhone. "We've only been at this for 17 minutes and 30 seconds," he grimaces, casting a desperate glance at the incline that awaits him.

According to Beppe, who has worked as a guide since 2000, "Somebody who is in shape could do the whole trail between the villages in two days, but it's better to take your time. Hike a bit, then visit a village, do a boat ride, have a wine tasting."

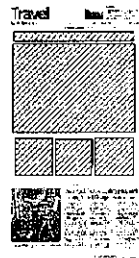
Tourissimo, which launched in August 2015, offers biking and walking tours primarily in Beppe's native Italy.

"But the cycling and hiking are not the central point," he insists. "It's how we move from one cultural experience to the other. We want our clients to meet the locals, talk to producers, have time to just enjoy. Every day, there should be at least one 'Tourissimo experience moment.'"

This slower-paced approach, emphasizing the Cinque Terre's winemaking heritage, seems to be exactly the sort of tourism that park officials hope to encourage, while at the same time they're struggling to cope with wear and tear on the most popular coastal trails.

Such is the concern about the influx of visitors to the Cinque Terre, which has only 4,000 permanent residents, that park president Vittorio Alessandro implied in February that limits would need to be imposed.

Initial reports suggested that no more than 1.5 million



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visitors would be allowed this year, causing a wave of panic among would-be holiday-makers. Shortly thereafter, the president issued a clarification, stating that his staff was merely examining ways to manage tourism.

Old World, high-tech

Mateo Perroni, head of the Environment and Biodiversity Office, meets me at park headquarters in Manarola to explain what this means for the future of the Cinque Terre. Dressed in a T-shirt and shorts and sporting a cloud of wild, curly hair, he spreads out a map on a meeting room table, pointing out where the park has installed electronic heat sensors to monitor footfall on the trails.

In the future, officials hope to use this data to inform visitors how many hikers are on particular paths in real time, and encourage them to walk during off-peak hours, such as before 11 a.m. and after 4 p.m. in the spring and summer.

The park already requires walkers to purchase a "trekking card" to access the coastal paths, with the option to buy a Treno MS card, which also provides passage on the train that runs from Levanto to La Spezia and stops at all five Cinque Terre villages. Only two of the towns on this line — Levanto and Monterosso — sport broad, sandy beaches, so hiking remains the main draw.

"The aim of the Cinque Terre card was, OK, you don't want to pay? You can walk from one village to the other along higher trails through the vineyards, which are more representative of our cultural heritage," Perroni says.

"Because our trails were not born for hiking and recreational tourism. They were built to serve agriculture and assist communication between villages and the vineyards. So we should obtain double benefits. One, we reduce the number of visitors on the coastline, and two, we increase income to maintain and restore the trails and give support to farmers."

While the Cinque Terre's towns are typically touted as fishing villages, they were, in fact, chiefly populated by wine producers before hiking tourism took over in the '80s. As more and more vineyards have been abandoned, the stone walls supporting the terraced vines have begun to crumble, leaving the hills more prone to rock falls and landslides, which caused the closure of the coastal paths from Corniglia to Manarola and the Via Dell'Amore from Manarola to Riomaggiore.

So really, I reason, I'd be supporting both the viticultural community and tourism by tucking into some Cinque Terre wine. Fortunately, Tourissimo's seven-day Cinque Terre hiking tours are like a movable feast, offering ample opportunities to sample local libations and regional food specialties.

Life before

Today, Beppe has arranged for a private tasting at the Vernazza Winexperience after our three-hour hike. Emerging from the trail, we curve around a boat-filled harbor and climb labyrinthine stairways flanked by sunny-hued houses and shops, finally emerging on a cliff-top terrace overlooking the coast.

Here, sommelier Ales-

sandro Villa greets us with bubbling glasses of prosecco and fresh focaccia, followed by a bottle of Cinque Terre Vendemmia 2015 white wine, made from the area's classic combination of bosco, vermentino and albarola grapes. This is served alongside surprisingly "un-fishy" salted anchovies, eaten with bread and olive oil in the traditional Ligurian way.

We finish with savory hunks of parmesan cheese, washed down with golden Sciacchetrà wine from Riomaggiore.

As we wine and dine, Villa, a native of Vernazza, reminisces about life before tourism. Up until about 1980, he says, "I was playing football all day on the main street. There was nobody!"

The Cinque Terre wasn't even accessible by highway until the mid-20th century, and the first visitors that Villa remembers were mainly "intellectuals coming on sailing boats" in the '60s and '70s.

"During the '70s, the first women without dresses also arrived," he says, referring not to ladies in shorts, but nudists. "Vernazza was very Catholic and conservative. A woman without a dress, it was a shock."

"After 1970, there was a new wave of tourists, arriving by train, cars, boats. I remember ships coming from Portovenere, La Spezia, Levanto and two or three new restaurants opening at the same time. My mother closed all the windows," he smiles, explaining that, among the older generation, there was a "fear of strangers, fear of people arriving by the sea," dating back to a 15th-century Ottoman invasion of Italy.

'So instead, tourism!'

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As for Villa, he welcomes visitors with open arms. "Agriculture is very hard, and there's no money," he says with a shake of his head. "So instead, tourism! Money, more easy, fun and beautiful women," he grins.

We would love to linger longer ourselves, but a boat awaits in Vernazza's harbor to whisk us off for a swim in the clear azure water. While our dip is refreshing, I'm equally entranced by the views of the coast. I marvel at the stubborn determination that must have been required to carve the vineyards and villages into those high, haughty cliffs that tumble down to the sea.

Federica Luppi, a Tourissimo guide who worked on designing this tour, points to a lone church perched atop a green slope. "That," she says, "is where we're going tomorrow."

So early the next morning, we find ourselves in Riomaggiore, slogging uphill along the main street and onto a steep, forested footpath, serenaded by cicadas.

This path, she explains, is an old religious route leading to the Santuario di Montenero, which we glimpsed yesterday, and judging from the shrines festooned with grapes and fresh flowers along the way, it's still used by pilgrims today.

When we finally arrive at the church, I'm gasping, not only from exertion, but at the panoramic view of the coastline. Here, we pause to break bread — a trio of focaccia varieties purchased at Panificio Rosi in Riomaggiore — before continuing on through vineyards staked with young vines, an encouraging sign that some stalwart winemakers are carrying on the Cinque Terre's agricultural traditions.

Tasting the terroir

We meet one of those individuals, Walter De Batte, at Prima Terra winery in Campiglia, a hilltop town so quiet that a dog doesn't hesitate to claim a shady spot in the middle of the road. De Batte, who greets us at the 19th-century stone barn that serves as his bottling and tasting room, bears a world-weary resemblance to Robert De Niro, with a halo of gray hair framing a suntanned face and the sleeves of his shirt rolled up at the cuffs, ready to do whatever needs doing.

While De Batte produces a maximum of 8,000 bottles a year, there's no shortage of work. He employs just two other people year-round, plus three or four more during the harvest, when everyone pitches in to pick the grapes scattered across his 8 1/2 acres, most of which lie within the park.

As we gather around a creaking table in the barn, surrounded by stainless steel vats and metal wine racks, De Batte explains, through Beppe, that his goal is to make a truly Mediterranean wine that expresses the dry, rocky soil and the influence of the sea. He achieves this by allowing the grape juice to steep with the skins — an unusual process for white wine — for up to a week. "The skins carry the terroir," he says. "If you take them away, you lose too much."

We sample three vintages, including two whites: the floral, citrusy 2015 Carlaz, made from 100 percent vermentino grapes, and the bolder, heartier 2012 Harmoge, combining vermentino, bosco and albarola.

My top pick, though, is the 2011 Cerico. In this region of primarily white wines, it stands out as a rich red blend of grenache and syrah. I purchase a bottle to take home with me as a liquid reminiscence, a corked encapsulation of Italy's dramatic and challenging Cinque Terre coast.

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If you go

■ Tourissimo's next Cinque Terre Magnifica Hiking Tour is Oct. 10-16. \$3,995 per person sharing a double room. Private tours can also be arranged. For more details and 2017 dates, visit: tourissimo.travel and click on magnifica tours.

■ Cinque Terre National Park: Trekking cards from \$8.50 adults, \$5 children. Treno MS cards from \$18 adults, \$11.25 children. parconazionale5terre.it/Eindex.php

■ Vernazza Winexperience: cinqueterrewinetasting.com

■ Prima Terra winery: primaterra.it/en



Eighty-year-old Angelo Celsi, one of just 4,000 residents within the Cinque Terre, sells fresh lemon and orange juice along one of the park trails.



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A trail along Italy's Cinque Terre coastline offers a view of Monterosso al Mare's old town and its beach. The Cinque Terre National Park includes five of the Italian Riviera's most picturesque villages. Monterosso is the only town among the five with a long, sandy beach.

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Before the railway was built in the 1870s, Italy's Cinque Terre villages, including Corniglia (above), could only be accessed by boat or by trails.



At Vernazza Winexperience, try salted anchovies in olive oil paired with a white Cinque Terre wine.

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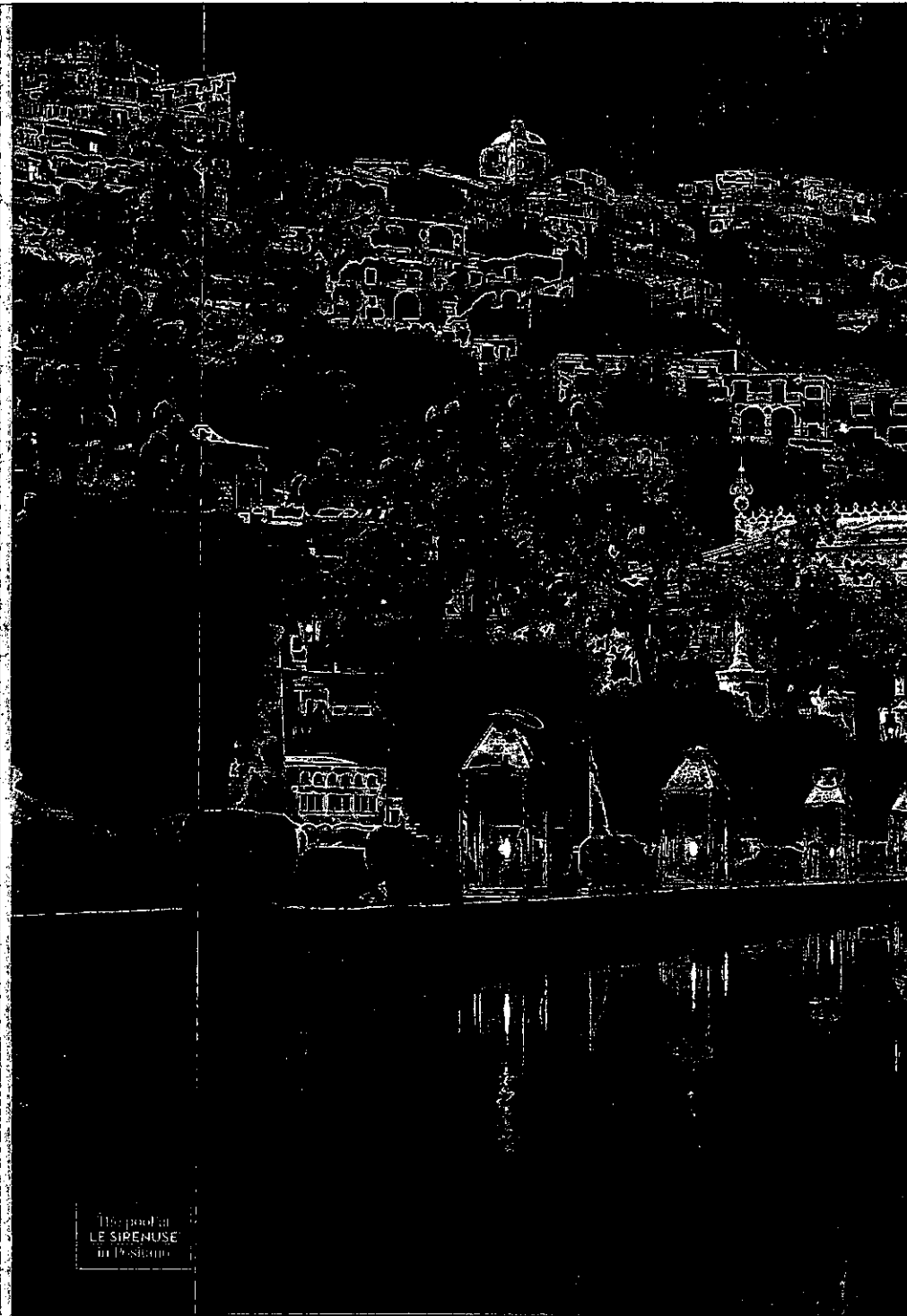
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Walter De Batte of Prima Terra winery in Campiglia aims to produce Mediterranean wines that reflect the terroir — the dry, rocky soil and the sea — of the Cinque Terre.

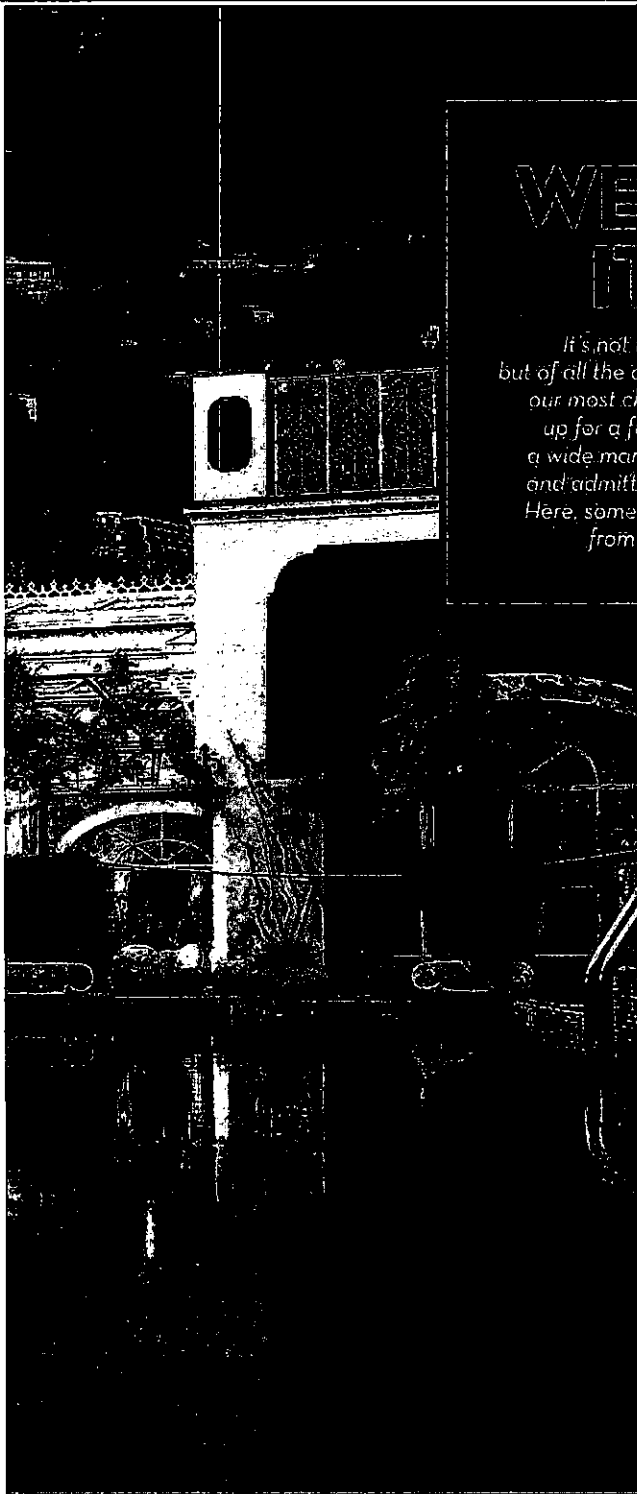
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WE LOVE ITALY

It's not the largest country, but of all the destinations we looked for our most cherished places to hole up for a few days, Italy won by a wide margin. So, we're owning it and admitting: We are Italophiles. Here, some of our favorite retreats from Milano to Capri.

Le Sirenuse Positano

Hosts Antonio and Carla Sersale welcome all comers to their hotel, and as a result of their infinite charm and unparalleled taste, have turned their family's passion project into global shorthand for a romantic getaway. Set above the rooftops of picture-perfect Positano on the winding coastline of the honeymoon-ready Amalfi, the low-key atmosphere creates a warmth that the bigger brand names can't match, and extends from trips on their *Riva*, a sleek, wood speedboat, to making sure repeat guests are booked into their favorite room. New additions include a cocktail bar dedicated to the late patriarch, Franco Sersale, and a new shop aimed to keep the *signori* as dapper as their female companions, all curated by Carla herself. *Rooms from \$365; sirenuse.it*

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**The Gritti Palace,
 a Luxury Collection Hotel**

Venice

Unlike the more minimal properties that have become the rage of late in Italia, this grand dame holds onto its history with aplomb. A multimillion-dollar investment a couple of years ago, though, brought rooms into the 21st century while restoring the property's considerable collection of priceless antiques (like an 18th-century harpsichord and oil paintings of Le Serenissima). But from our point of view, it's the waterside bar that keeps a visit here a fixture on the calendar each year—the views of the most romantic city in the world, over the requisite Aperol Spritz, are unmatched anywhere. Book a lesson at the cooking school during your stay—going to the Rialto and other food markets with a chef gives a *molto* authentic look at the city's culinary background. *Rooms from \$587; thegrittiipalace.com*

**Verdura Golf and Spa,
 a Rocco Forte Hotel**

Sicily

When the Verdura Golf and Spa resort debuted a few years back on the southwestern coast of Sicily, it was by far the biggest undertaking by star hotelier and owner Rocco Forte. Built from scratch along 500 acres of previously abandoned beachfront, the property includes 203 suites dreamed up by Northern architect Matteo Thun and Forte's interior-designer sibling, Olga Polizzi. Two Kyle Phillips-designed golf courses (one 9 hole, one 18 hole) and one of the prettiest spas in Italy round out the offerings. While the resort caters to families, couples looking for a full fleet of amenities (and visits to spots like Agrigento's famed Valley of the Temples), and those who want to sack out on the private beach *a far niente* with a bottle of wine from the island will have found their new Italian idyll. *Rooms from \$373; roccofortehotels.com*

**Rome Cavalieri, Waldorf
 Astoria Hotels & Resorts**

Rome

Michelin-starred restaurants have become so much the norm at hotels that they almost seem a marketing cliché. But not so for La Pergola; booking a room at the Cavalieri means getting to eat at the Eternal City's only three-Michelin-star restaurant and then flopping into bed downstairs after imbibing fleets of Franciacorta (Italy's answer to Champagne) accompanied by dishes dreamed up by the eatery's chef Heinz Beck, while looking down at an illuminated St. Peter's dome. Add in the property's sizable four pools (we particularly enjoy the indoor one), a 26,900-square-foot La Prairie spa (a size and brand that are rare in the country's capital), a museum-worthy Tiepolo triptych in the Tiepolo Lounge, acres of lush gardens, all-terraced rooms (request the "Rome View"), and it's clear why it is one of Rome's most applauded spots. *Rooms from \$292; romecavalieri.com*



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Borgo Egnazia

Puglia

Thank Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel for putting this Pugliese hotel on the *US Weekly* radar. But thank the considerable amenities for making it the one-stop luxury choice for travelers to Italy's boot—a stunning landscape of the Mediterranean sea, sculptural olive trees, and picturesque villages set between the coast and inland agrarian idylls. Three outdoor pools, five restaurants, 98 rooms in the main structure (the *borgo*), and 28 stand-alone villas with private pools are done in shades of white and cream from stone to textiles, creating a romantic setting for exploring the property. Meanwhile, a new spa program—don't miss a session with Stefano, the shaman guru who is the star of the place—makes it ideal for staying put, too. *Rooms from \$246; borgoegnazia.com*

Villa d' Este

Lake Como

Even for jaded Italians, a mention of a trip to Lake Como sets off daggers of jealousy. But then say you are bedding down at the Villa d' Este and the conversation grinds to a halt. Starting from the Renaissance icon from the 16th century that houses the guest quarters, to the lapping water of the most beautiful lake in Italy (if not the world), to the spectacular view of the Alps in the distance and the much photographed floating pool sitting atop the water—it's no wonder that this escape is one of the most sought-after properties in the whole country. Make sure to book a room with a lakeside view (although the garden options aren't too shabby, either). *Rooms from \$676; villadeste.com*

Hotel Principe di Savoia

Milan

Milan may be known for its fashion scene and business pulse, but actually the city has plenty of tucked-away corners to experience *La Dolce Vita* (rent *I Am Love*

with Tilda Swinton to get a sense of the metropolis's more sensual side). At the Principe, one can alternate shopping along the Montenapoleone with getting a private view of the *Last Supper*, or sign up for a sunset helicopter ride over the stunning northern landscape, touching down on Mount Motarrone for an *aperitivo*. Or you could book spa treatments with a view over Milan's burgeoning skyline—that over-the-top (in the best way) indoor pool with its frescoed ceiling and mosaic fish on the bottom has to be one of our favorites in Italy. And don't miss a negroni in the fittingly old school bar. *Rooms from \$340; dorchestercollection.com*

**Hotel Savoy,
a Rocco Forte Hotel**

Florence

When this boutique property opened back in 1997, it brought a whole new level of luxe to the city. With one of those ridiculous locations that the Italians have become blasé about—Piazza Repubblica, right off Tornabuoni, within a stone's throw of the Duomo, come on!—and plenty of nods to the fashion story of the city (think huge canvases of Ferragamo shoes and bespoke authentic Florentine fabrics), the property remains one of the most stylish in town. Recently the Savoy debuted a new Repubblica Suite on the piano nobile floor, with a Carrara marble bathroom and enormous bathtub, a cozy library full of Italian classics, and epic views over the piazza. *Rooms from \$340; roccofortehotels.com*

Bauer Palazzo

Venice

Consider Francesca Bortolotto Possatti the key to Venice's secret side. The owner of the Bauer properties makes it her personal mission to give guests access to the Little Black Book in her brain, and an amped-up version of Venetian romance, to boot. Private gondolas with a bottle of prosecco? Done. Pizza-making with the new star chef using local and seasonal

ingredients? *Niente problema*. An invitation to one of the coveted masked balls over Carnevale? It will be waiting. Add in the unmatched address near San Marco, silk-encased walls, original Murano chandeliers, and terraces that overlook the rooftops...well, romantic doesn't even begin to describe it. *Rooms from \$277; ilpalazzovenezia.com*

JK Place Capri

Capri

Created by the same owners as the JK Place in Florence and JK Roma, the island bolt-hole exemplifies the same kind of boutique chic as its sister properties, but with a more resordike effect. Here, Michele Bonan, the property's esteemed designer, brings shades of the Mediterranean to his palate, while iconic photographs provide the history of this beloved hideaway, for lovers in particular. To really experience the stylish seaside vibe, go for one of the spacious rooms with a terrace overlooking the Med, or one of the penthouses that can be combined to form a Penthouse Suite. Be forewarned: A week's commitment is often necessary mid-June to mid-September (three nights the rest of the season), but who can complain about staying on the sybaritic island so long? *Rooms from \$700; jkcapri.com*

Hotel Santa Caterina

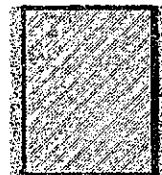
Amalfi

Italy preserves the idea of a luxury family-owned resort better than most places in the world. Santa Caterina exemplifies this age-old trend, an old school heirloom that's been in *la famiglia* more than a century and defies bigger hotel missteps without a whiff of trying to be cool—because why would it? Quintessential terraces of fragrant lemon; one-of-a-kind antiques, each with its own history; and one of the country's loveliest seaside pools (as well as a beach club platform) make this one of the most seductive resorts on one of the most romantic coastlines on the planet. *Rooms from \$400; hotelsantacaterina.it*

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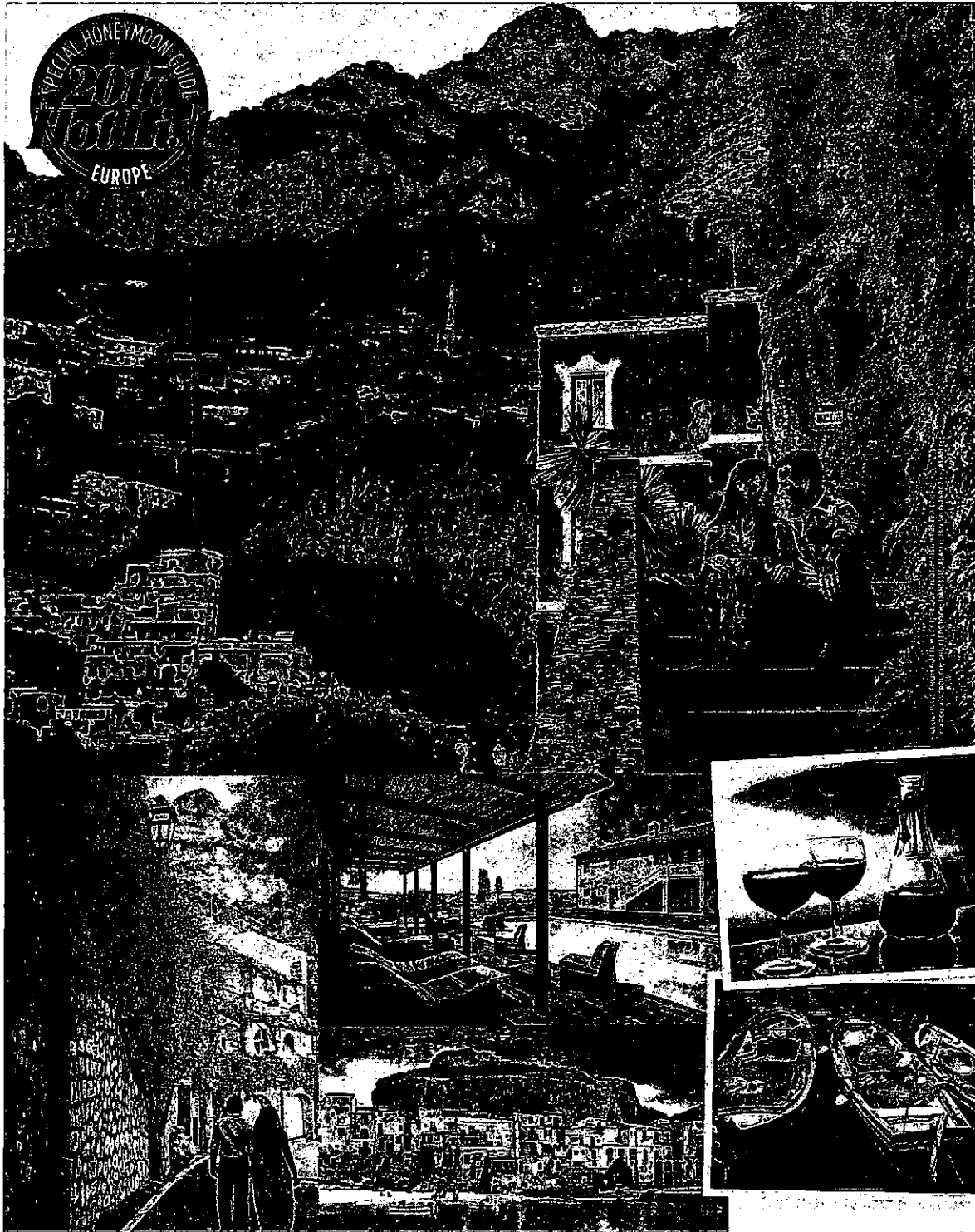
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TOP 5 REASONS TO HONEYMOON IN *Italy*

Europe scored second for international romance travel, with The Boot bringing home the gold for the region. That's amore.

BY KRISTINE HANSEN

1 Farm-to-table fun Travel-trend tracker Skift reports that 77 percent of vacationers crave culinary travel. If you fall into that majority, consider a sojourn to Northern Italy — the birthplace of the slow food movement. Emulate Ed Sheeran, who checked into Il Salviatino, a 45-room, 15th-century Tuscan villa, with Cherry Seaborn in June 2016. After side-by-side massages incorporating local chocolate (with just one treatment room, the spa is all yours), tour the chef's garden or hunt for truffles. *Rooms from \$500, including breakfast.*

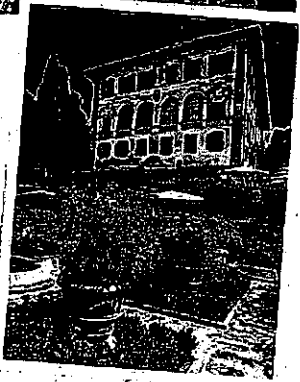
2 Canoodle in a castle Palazzo di Varignana Resort & Spa, a 1705 residence-cum-wellness retreat atop a hill near Bologna, has two new reasons to brag: In fall 2016, the resort added an adults-only pool, as well as the 4,000-square-foot Villa Amagioia, which flaunts an infinity pool of its own. Bite into the local specialty, tortellini, at Il Palazzo Restaurant (the former dining room of the Bentivoglio family), or steal a smooch in the formal gardens. *Rooms from \$200.*

3 Kiss by the lake Adorable towns rim Lake Como, where George and Amal Clooney keep their five-star love shack. A 2013 makeover of Palazzo del Vice

Re in the village of Lezzeno revealed five rooms oozing with Italian-made luxuries, down to the art and bedsheets. Daily *aperitivo* takes place under 400-year-old ceiling frescoes. *Rooms from \$304.*

4 Wine not? In the Piedmont region — hailed by *Food & Wine* as Italy's new food capital — clink bubbly-filled flutes at 33-room Villa Sparina Resort, a winery with a spa, a Michelin-starred restaurant, an olive orchard and daybeds in the gardens. Wine geeks can tour the 57 acres of vines and 10,000 olive trees at Toscana Resort Castelfalfi. Premiering March 2017 in an 800-year-old medieval Tuscan village, it's the region's first new-build luxury hotel in 25 years. *Rooms from \$334.*

5 Find your beach bliss In summer 2015, John Legend and Chrissy Teigen (who wed in Italy in 2013) vacayed in Sicily, taking pizza-making lessons and squeezing in beach time. Follow in their footsteps with a visit to Arab-Norman Palermo, named a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2015. In Palermo's historic center, the former guest quarters of Moncada Palace are available to book through BB22 Charming Rooms & Apartments. *Rooms from \$135.*



Clockwise: Italy's Old World backdrops beg to be photographed (2). Il Salviatino exudes Tuscan charm. Italy's fine wines and traditional fishing boats just get better with age (3). Sicily's medieval coast. Toscana Resort Castelfalfi's Bianchi pool is an oasis.

ANTONIO PIRELLO

The Italy of our dreams

There's a place in the world, about two hours northeast of Rome, where a fountain of red wine flows continuously, beckoning all who want a free taste.

What is this magical place?

The under-the-radar Italian region of Abruzzo, where even intrepid Americans can still get a taste of the real sepia-toned Italian life we all picture in our day-dreams.

For much of its history, Abruzzo has been sheltered from the rest of Italy and the throngs of tourists who trample its great cities. Bordered by the Adriatic Sea on one side and the Apennine Mountains on the other, the region has spent thousands of years steeping in its own traditions.

Today, life here is as rhythmic as the sea, the tides marked by three-hour lunches (*pranzo*) and "La Passeggiata," an evening pre-dinner stroll through town to catch up with friends and to strut your *sprezzatura* — the Italian art of studied effortlessness.

And while Abruzzo may not have the name recognition of Tuscany or even Umbria, that hasn't stopped it from earning a reputation as one of the best regions in the country for its culinary offerings, famous for Montepulciano and Trebbiano wines, chitarra pasta, grilled lamb skewers (*arrosticini*), porchetta and a surfeit of cheeses, charcuterie, desserts and digestifs.

With airfare to Rome more affordable than it has been in years, coupled with a strong dollar (and that aforementioned wine fountain), now is as good a time as any to head for the hills of Abruzzo for a culinary tour of Italy's best-kept secret.



**MARK
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A tale of 2 cities

There's a duality to the Abruzzese experience that includes the salt-of-the-earth mountainous inland as well as the laid-back seaside. Any trip to the region should include both.

Consider splitting your time between two locales: the quaint inland town of Sulmona and the cosmopolitan seaside city of Pescara, separated by 45 minutes of smoothly paved toll road or an hour-long train ride.

Sulmona

Sulmona is a medieval walled city of about 25,000 people located on a plateau surrounded by majestic rolling mountains. In the ancient period, it was known as the birthplace and home of the Roman poet Ovid, a statue of whom still stands in the central piazza.

Today, this quaint town with cobblestone streets and a 760-year-old aqueduct is best known for its confetti — brightly colored sugar-coated almonds often arranged as floral bouquets and other whimsical figures. You'll see the colorful arrangements overflowing from numerous shops in town.

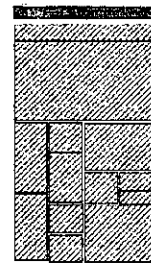
Situated on the northern edge of the historic town, the Hotel Santacroce Ovidius offers a great jumping-off point for a stroll through the city and offers well-appointed rooms for around 100 euro (\$110) a night. There's also a restaurant on site and a coffee counter (or "bar," as they're called in Italy) for your morning cappuccino and *cornetto* — the traditional Italian breakfast.

For the best meal in town, head to La Locanda di Gino for lunch at the white-tablecloth restaurant on the main floor. Gino is a quaint four-room hotel (80-100 euro/night; \$88-\$110) but the family-run restaurant downstairs is good enough to be featured in the Michelin guide. The restaurant offers a daily changing degustation menu for 30 euro (\$33), featuring well-made dishes typical of the region: crusty bread with smoked slices of fatty pork cheek, tangy red garlic scapes preserved in oil, stuffed zucchini flower with prized Navelli saffron and the ubiquitous Abruzzese lamb stew.

As in the rest of Italy, lunch is the most important meal of the day in Sulmona and wouldn't be complete without a bottle of Montepulciano (red) or Trebbiano d'Abruzzo (white) wine. Most restaurants in town carry nothing else.

After lunch, hit any of the cafe bars for a pour of local *amaro*, the Italian digestif that ranges in taste from bitter as truth to syrupy sweet depending on the blend of herbs and botanicals used. The locals will likely try to push *genziana*, a biting straw-colored digestif made from wild gentian root that settles the stomach but can be a bit potent for the uninitiated.

If you find yourself hungry later in the



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day or at odd hours, stop by the shoebox-sized Pizza e Sfizi Sulmona for a delicious thin-crust wood-fired pie. The dough here is slapped out on the counter rather than tossed, creating a delicate chewy crust. An entire margherita pizza here will set you

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back just 3.50 euro (\$3.80).

There's also plenty to see and do in and around town, including the local market in the main square held on Wednesday and Saturday mornings. The old town boasts some beautiful historic churches and fountains, and if you want to explore the vast wilderness of Abruzzo, a few national parks are just a short drive away. Welcometosulmona.com is an English-language guide to the city and a great resource for planning your trip.

Pescara

During the summer months, Abruzzo's most populous city overflows with vacationing Italians who make good use of Pescara's 10-mile-long Adriatic coastline. But even in the shoulder season, the salt-flecked city thumps with an energy that belies its 120,000 inhabitants, as throngs of shoppers and families stroll the old city's main artery in search of fashion deals and good eats.

A one-way ticket on the frequent train from Sulmona to Pescara will set you back less than 6 euro (\$6.60) and from the train station in Pescara, it's a 15-minute walk to the seaside promenade lined with classic Abruzzese seafood joints.

A good option is Marechiaro da Bruno — a white-tablecloth seafood restaurant by day and casual pizzeria by night. One of the two Brunos that owned this restaurant died in July, leaving it in the hands of Bruno Micominico, who, like his late partner, started working at the historic seafood restaurant 30-some years ago as a server. Bruno will tell you the whole story if you ask for him.

Settle in with a bottle of Pecorino, the third and least common Abruzzese wine grape (not to be confused with the cheese), brought back from near extinction. Its tart acidity pairs well with Bruno's seafood-focused fare. Try the mixed seafood *chitarra*, a spaghetti-like Abruzzese pasta that gets its name from the stringed instrument used to shape its strands.

The city of Pescara shines brightest during the hot summer months. In the off-season, consider renting a car in

town to explore the inland Pescara province, home to some of Abruzzo's most coveted wines.

Two of the Detroit area's top chefs — Mabel Gray's James Rigato and Bacco's Luciano DelSignore — recently staged a pop-up dinner at Marramiero Winery just outside the small town of Rosciano. The winery produces some excellent Montepulciano, Trebbiano and Pecorino wines, but also breaks from tradition. For its "Inferi" wine, Montepulciano is aged in French oak barrels for 14-18 months, as opposed to the more traditional "Incanto," which is aged in stainless steel tanks. Marramiero also offers a brilliant brut rose made from pinot noir that you can't find anywhere in the U.S.

For dinner, make a reservation at the Michelin-starred La Bandiera, a family-run culinary oasis tucked away deep into Pescara province's winding hillsides. (It's about a 25 minute drive from Marramiero).

Michelin-starred restaurants have a reputation for being pricey, but diners at La Bandiera can easily enjoy a multi-course meal and wine for a very reasonable price. A five-course chef's degustation menu, for example, is just 45 euro (\$49); add 18 euro (\$19.70) for four glasses of paired wine. The kitchen here draws inspiration from traditional Abruzzese cuisine but adds whimsical twists and a level of finesse uncommon to the region, resulting in dishes like a *superspaghettino* (similar to angel hair) served cold and topped with basil, capers, smoked ricotta and tomato sorbet — a delightful riff on pasta pomodoro.

If you want to avoid driving back to civilization in the dark, La Bandiera offers four highly rated suites above the restaurant for less than 100 euro (\$110) a night. No need to rush, you can head home in the morning.

And if after eating and drinking your way through Abruzzo, you find that you still haven't had enough, you can always find the free wine fountain at the Dora Sarchese vineyard near Ortona in the Chieti province. You can fill your cup with free Montepulciano all you want, so long as you drink it there.

One cautionary note for travelers to Abruzzo: If you go, you might never leave.

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This pie is only about \$3.80 at Pizza e Sfizi Sulmona.



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Enjoy spaghetti alla chitarra at La Locanda di Gino.

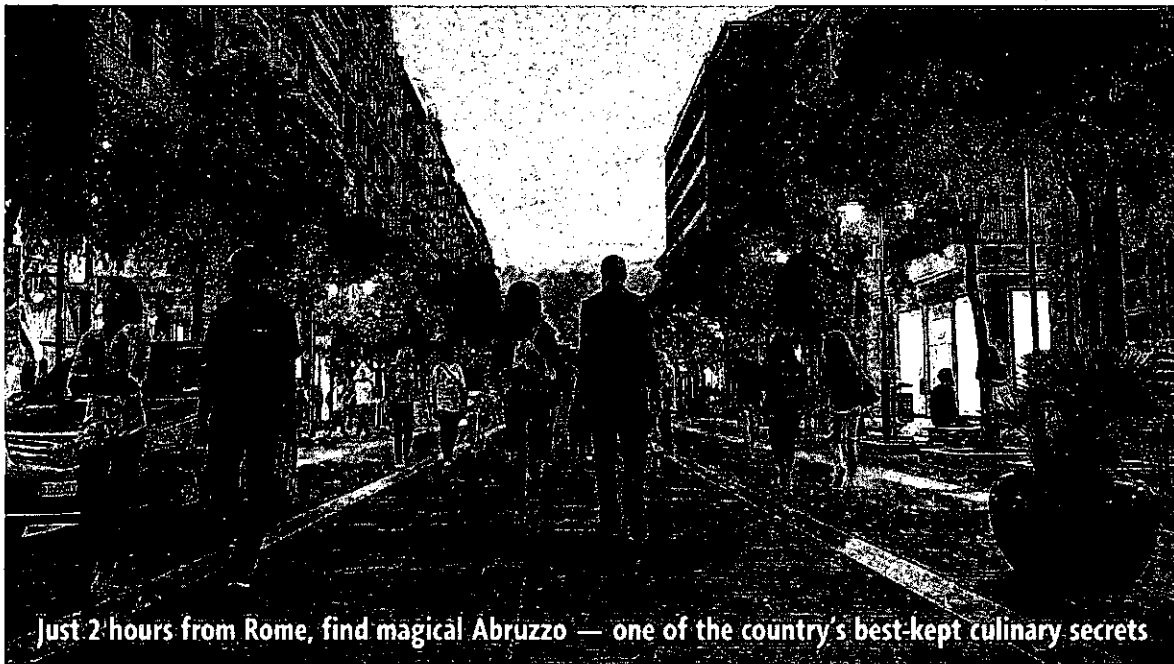


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GETTING THERE

■ Nonstop flights on Delta Airlines from Detroit to Rome run May-October. During the off-season, multiple airlines fly the route with layovers in airports in the U.S. and in Europe. You'll have the most flexibility if you rent a car at the airport in Rome, but be forewarned that Italian city driving is not for the timid or the faint of heart. Sulmona is mostly a pedestrian city with special rules for cars, and the traffic in Pescara can be nightmarish. The toll road, known as the *autostrada*, runs through both. (Sulmona is less than two hours by car from either one of the two international airports in Rome).

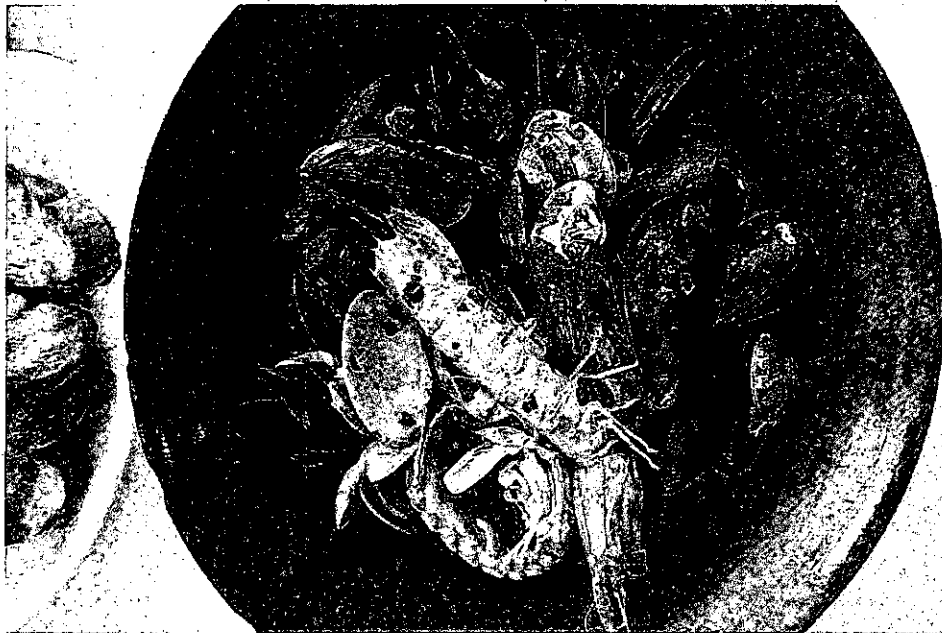
■ For a more relaxed approach, consider the Trenitalia train or a shuttle bus. For less than 25 euro, ProntoBus runs routes multiple times a day from both Rome airports to various stops in Abruzzo, terminating in Pescara. (Note: The Sulmona stop is in a barren parking lot off the side of the *autostrada*; it's best to have a ride from there arranged ahead of time or phone numbers for local taxi companies handy. Same goes for the train station).



Just 2 hours from Rome, find magical Abruzzo — one of the country's best-kept culinary secrets

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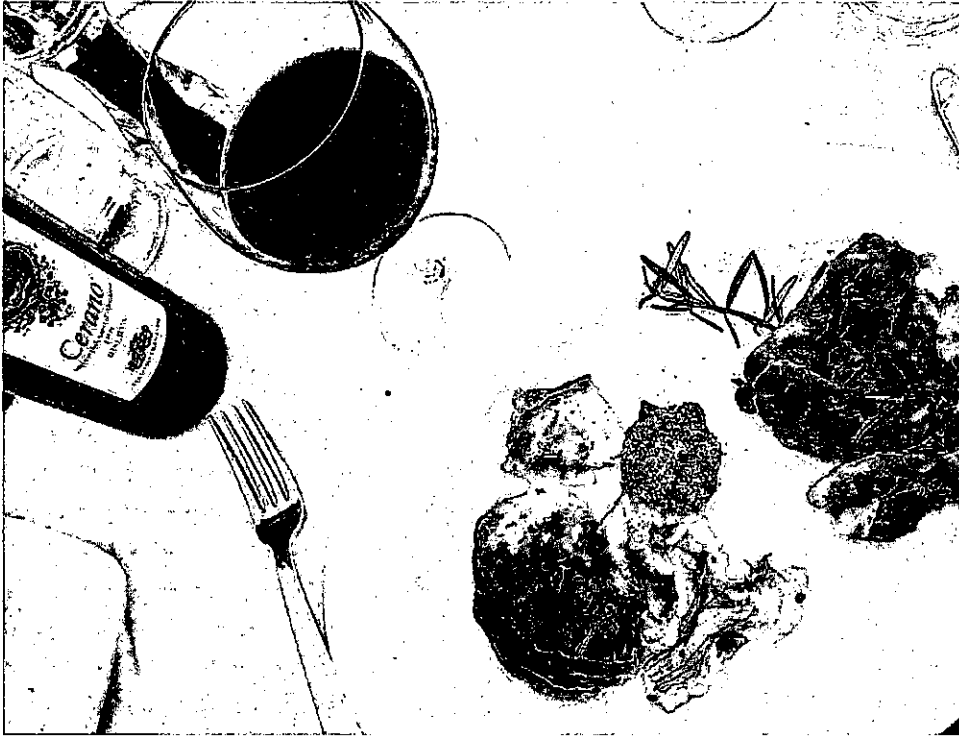
The salt-flecked city of Pescara thumps with an energy that belies its 120,000 inhabitants, as throngs of shoppers and families stroll the old city's main artery in search of fashion deals and good eats.



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Abruzzo's cuisine includes fresh Adriatic seafood including mussels, clams, shrimp and langoustines.

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Stewed lamb with onion and zucchini and a bottle of Montepulciano d'Abruzzo wine is a typical meal.

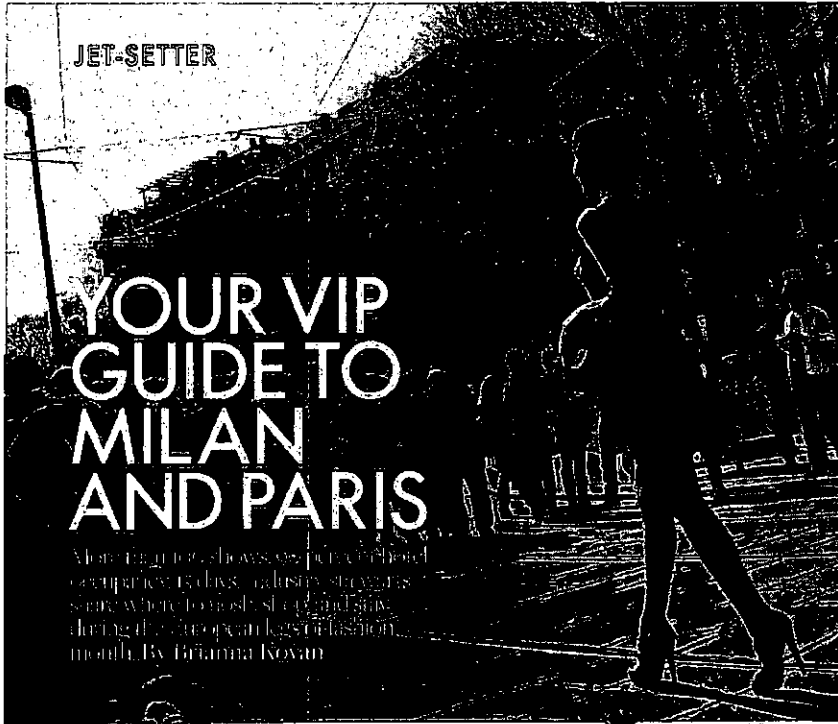


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How to choose? Selections from one of many gelaterias that dot the small city of Sulmona, Italy.

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JET-SETTER

YOUR VIP GUIDE TO MILAN AND PARIS

Most jet-setters show up for a whirlwind of corporate, trade, industry, services, and more when it comes to shopping and dining during the European leg of fashion month. By Brianna Kovan



STREET-STYLE SAVANT CAROLINE ISSA BREAKS DOWN THE TWO CITIES

"I love traveling for fashion weeks. You have license to explore new restaurants and boutiques, all in the name of 'research.' Milan is all about getting great pasta and aperitivo as quickly as possible after the last show, whereas Paris is usually about fabulous parties and intimate dinners, soaking up the beauty of the city. Parisian style is definitely sexier, more cool and sumptuous, whereas Milanese style is very chic, more colorful and print-heavy. I'll always bring a white shirt and great pair of black cigarette pants. Sometimes it's best to go classic and simple and play up your accessories, since you're overwhelmed with all the fashion on the runways. By Paris, most of the editors are tired and overwhelmed—in a good way—and they all let loose!"

MILAN

September 21-27

EAT

Paper Moon
Via Bagutta, 1
+39-02-796-083
Fare: Wood-fired pizza and other Italian classics. "I always order the puntarelle and a pizza with zucchini flowers. I love that it's a mix of locals going there every day." —Sarah Andelman, Creative Director, *Colette*

Trattoria Torre di Pisa
Via Fiori Chiari, 21/5
+39-02-874-877
Fare: Traditional Tuscan. "They have a dish called fagottino [poached beef with buffalo cheese and mustard] that I absolutely love. It's quite rich, so once a show season is just enough." —Kerrya Hunt, *ELLE UK* Fashion Features Director



Antica Trattoria delle Pesa
Viale Pasubio, 10
+39-02-655-5741
Fare: Milanese. "Their tagliata and cotoletta alla Milanese are divine, and I binge on their raw artichoke salad when it's in season." —Caroline Issa

SHOP

Excelsior Milano
Galleria del Corso, 4
+39-02-7630-7701
Carries: Women's and men's fashions from the likes of Valentino, Kenzo, and Acne. "It has an incredible shoe area with all the greatest brands and midels." —Sandra Gato, *ELLE Portugal* Editor-in-Chief



10 Corso Como
Corso Como, 10
+39-02-2900-2674
Carries: Accessories, art books, and ultra-high-end designer pieces. "I go for the environment. If you sit for lunch during Fashion Week, next to you could be the editors of *ELLE UK* or *Vogue Italy*." —Nemad Tarjanovic, *ELLE Serbia* Creative Director

STAY

3 Rooms at 10 Corso Como
Corso Como, 10
+39-02-626-163
Full-floor apartments that boast designer favorites like Arne Jacobsen armchairs and Fontana Arte lamps. "I love the atmosphere and the breakfast in the room!" —Sarah Andelman
Rooms start around \$380/night.



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Hotel Principe di Savoia
 Piazza della Repubblica, 17
 +39-02-62301
 Ornate neoclassical decor and an attentive staff. "I've been staying at this hotel for over two years, and they remember me."
 —Leaf Greener, Stylist and Consultant
 Rooms start around \$246/night.



MILAN, THE APERITIVO CAPITAL

Milan boasts a vibrant aperitivo scene, a boozy bonus for Fashion Week crowds. Throughout the city, bars and restaurants serve vermouths and other bitter, wine-based drinks with an unlimited (and free) selection of appetizers. "It starts around 6:30 in the evening and goes until eight or nine everywhere you go—in every restaurant, café, bar, or hotel," says Janjatovic, who recommends the Bulgari Hotel, an industry favorite adjacent to Brera Botanical Garden. "It's the perfect place for aperitivo. You order your drink, and then they'll bring you mini burgers, cheese, vegetables—little snacks you eat while drinking cocktails. It's really amazing."



PARIS
 September 27–October 5

EAT

L'Avenue
 41, Avenue Montaigne
 +33-1-40-70-14-91
 Fare: French brasserie with a modern twist. "Anyone who is anyone is here. You have to book it, or you'll wait outside with the paparazzi."
 —Nenad Janjatovic

Caviar Kaspia
 17, Place de la Madeleine
 +33-1-42-65-33-32
 Fare: Farm-raised caviar and smoked fish. "They have the best smoked salmon I've ever tasted. Add champagne, of course!"
 —Sandra Gato

Le Chardenoux
 1, rue Jules Vallès
 +33-1-43-71-49-52
 Fare: Classic bistro. "Karl Lagerfeld's team took me there, and I have been going ever since."
 —Kenja Hui

SHOP

Colette
 213, rue Saint-Honoré
 +33-1-55-35-33-90
 Carries: Three stories' worth of the hippest high-end items—everything from skateboards to ball gowns—from around the globe. "It's the concept store, where you can find the best

selection of top fashion brands, books, mobile phones, and beauty products."
 —Sandra Gato

The Broken Arm
 12, rue Perret
 +33-1-44-61-53-60
 Carries: Fashions from a tightly edited roster—roughly 20 in all—of established faves, like Vetements and 3.1 Phillip Lim, as well as under-the-radar indie finds. "A fantastic curation of brands, and on a Sunday morning, their café is lovely."
 —Caroline Issa

Couvrèges
 40, rue François Ier
 +33-1-40-70-14-60
 Carries: André Courrèges's futuristic designs. "I love everything: the atmosphere, the clothes, the accessories, the people there."
 —Carla Sozzani
 Founder, 10 Corso Como

STAY

Castille Paris
 33-37, rue Cambon
 +33-1-44-38-44-58
 Boutique hotel next to Chanel's original design house. "There's a fat gray cat who roams around, and a courtyard with vines and fountains. The furniture is just a little bit off, which gives the place its quirkiness."
 —Claire Ditsenfeld, Owner, Fivestory boutique
 Rooms start around \$290/night.

"Two different cities, two different cultures. Milan has an Italian baroque style. More is more, and that extends to fashion as well. Paris is very chic and, right now, fashion forward. You see a lot of avant-garde energy."
 —LEAF GREENER



3 Rooms
 5, rue de Moussy
 +33-1-44-78-92-00
 Hundred-square-meter apartments designed by Azzedine Alaïa. "It's like being home. You have your keys and entrance and an open communal kitchen with food and drinks all day long."
 —Carla Sozzani
 Rooms start around \$593/night.

PARTY

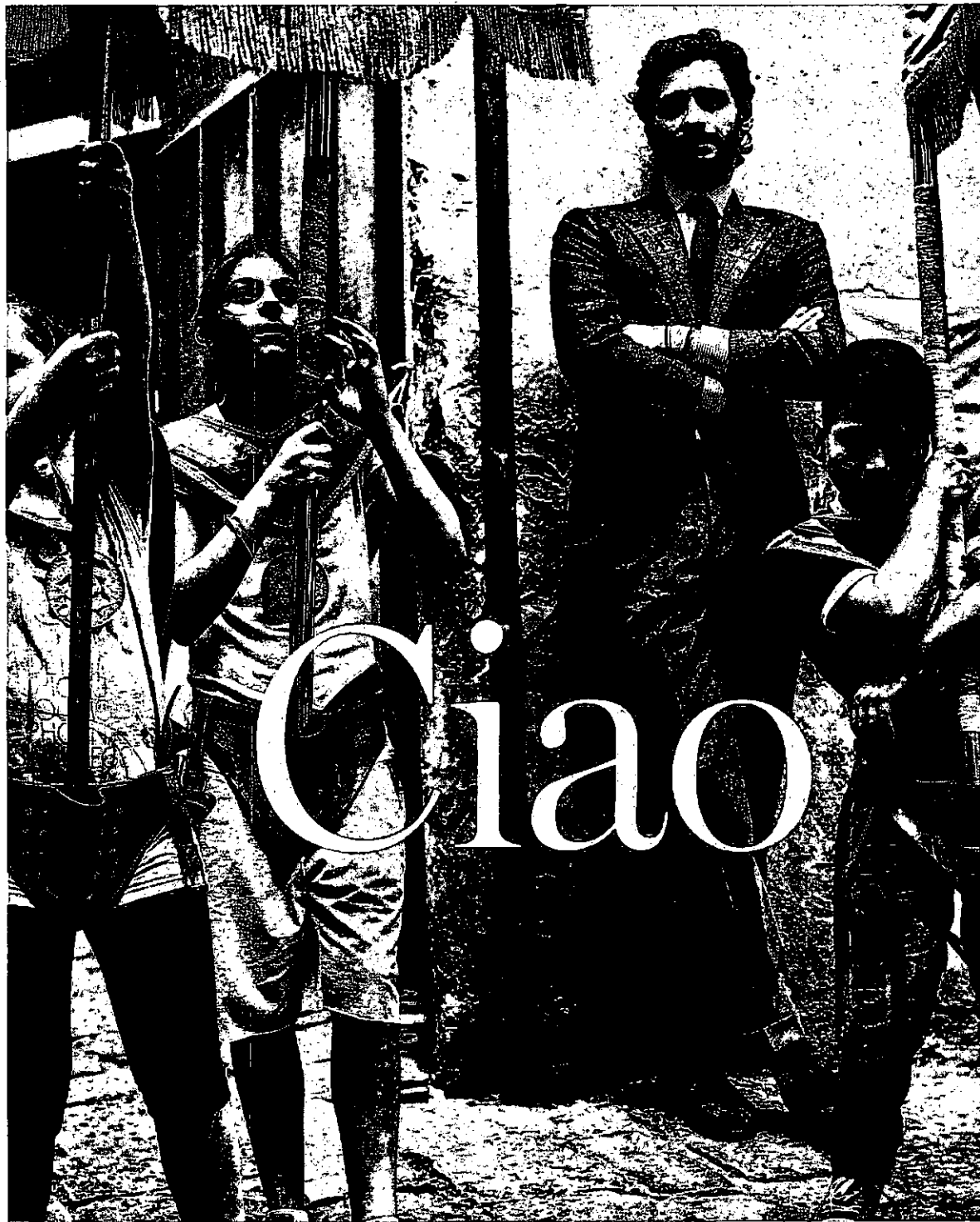
Bar Hemingway
 35, Place Vendôme (at the Ritz Hotel)
 +33-1-43-16-30-30
 "I'm so happy it's back, and with [bartender] Colin Field! He's so dedicated and has so many great stories. More chic and Parisian doesn't exist."
 —Sarah Andelman

Hôtel Costes
 239-241, rue Saint-Honoré
 +33-1-42-44-50-00
 "It's beautiful, the food is great, and everyone loves going there. Around the terrace, there are a bunch of tables where you can have more privacy."
 —Nenad Janjatovic



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Almost a century after this legendary city perfected the modern silhouette—suits and jackets that are soft and unstructured, with the right amount of flair—its streets are still a source of inspiration. We asked eight men who know Naples well to discuss its innumerable charms (and share a few restaurant recs, too).

Photographs by PHIL POYNTER

Interviews by DAVID COGGINS

Napoli!

"My favorite tailor, and the only other brand I sell in my store in Milan, is Cesare Attolini."

—Andrea Bardelli, owner, M. Bardelli clothing store

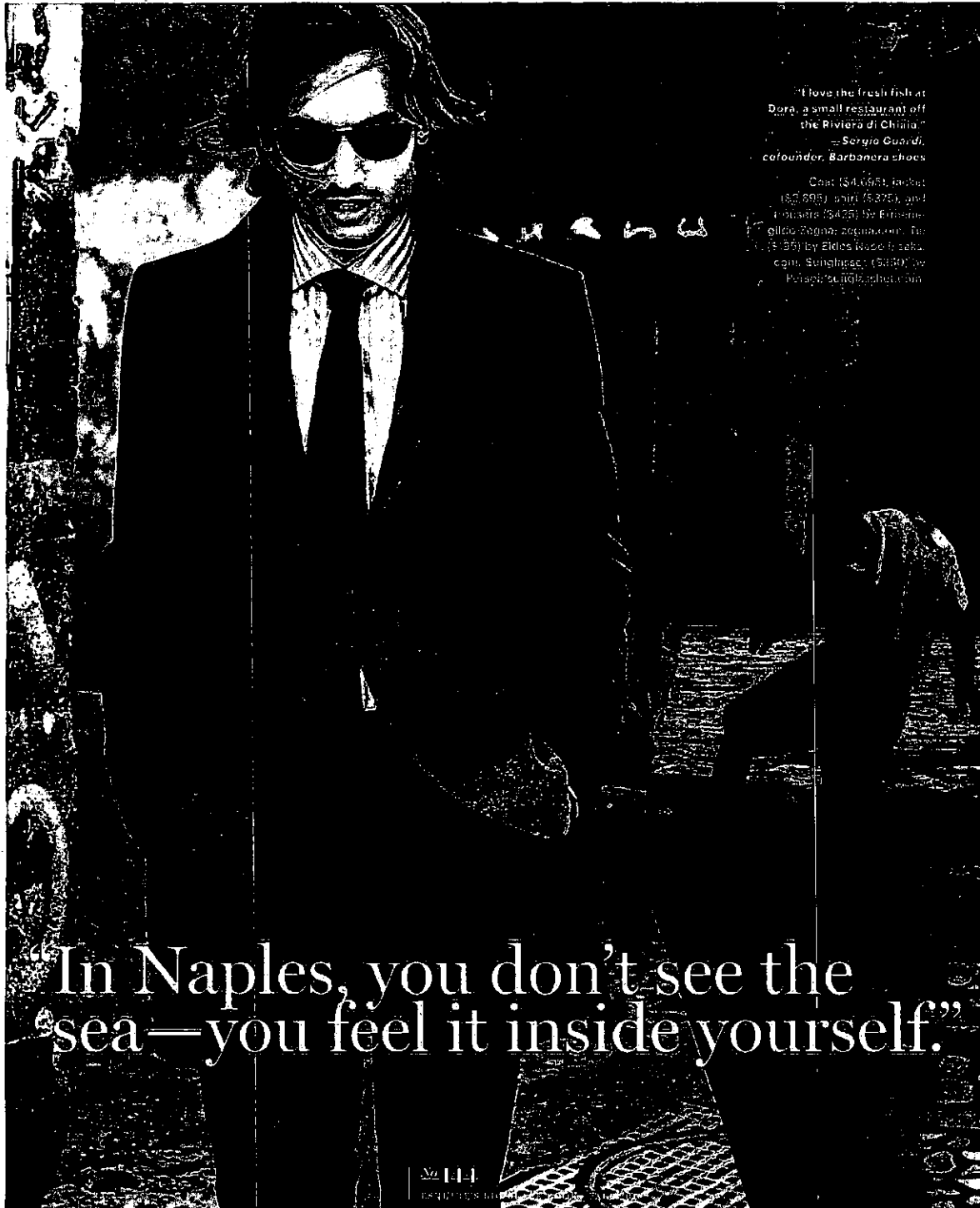
Jacket (\$5,900), shirt (\$550), tie (\$350), and trousers (\$1,400) by Cesare Attolini; cesareattolini.com. Shoes by Bardelli; mbardelli.com. Socks (\$30) by Bresciani 1970; neimanmarcus.com.

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"I love the fresh fish at Dora, a small restaurant off the Riviera di Chiaia."
— Sergio Guardi, cofounder, Barbanera shoes

Coat (\$4,665), jacket (\$2,895), shirt (\$375), and trousers (\$425) by Botteghe Oscure; watch: Zenith; sunglasses: Ray-Ban; shoes: Barbanera shoes; sunglasses: Ray-Ban; watch: Zenith; sunglasses: Ray-Ban; shoes: Barbanera shoes

"In Naples, you don't see the sea—you feel it inside yourself."

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"Everyone should see the Veiled Christ sculpture at the Sansavero Chapel."
—Andrea Bonifè
Age 188, 2000, shirt (\$250), and tie (\$200) by Baruffi in Baruffi.com.

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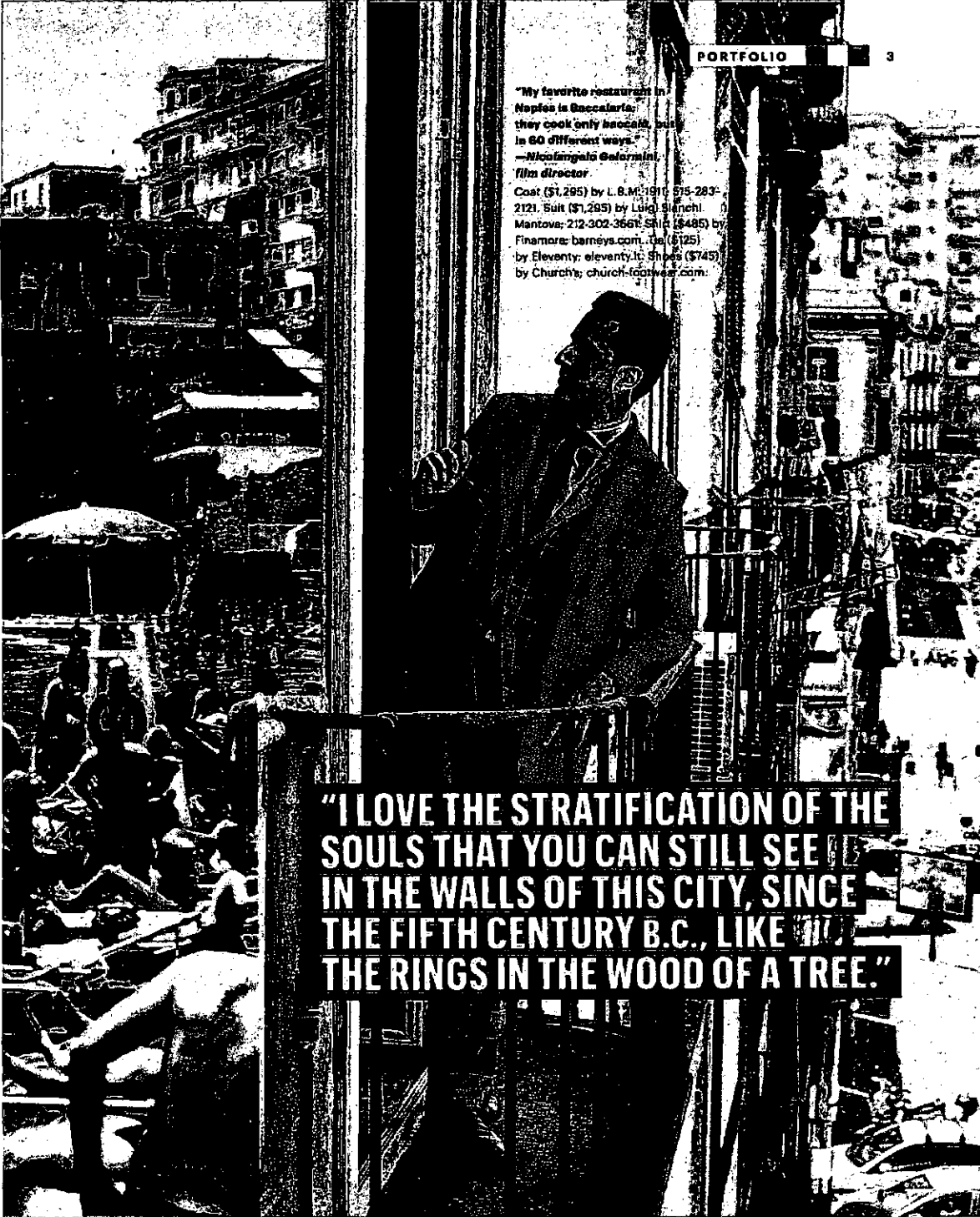
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"My favorite restaurant in Naples is Baccariello; they cook only seafood, but in 80 different ways."
—Nicola Pignatelli, film director

Coat (\$1,295) by L.B.M. 1916; 515-283-2121. Suit (\$1,295) by Luigi Bianchi. Mantova; 212-302-3667. Shirt (\$485) by Finamore; barneys.com. (6125) by Eleventy; eleventy.co. Shoes (\$745) by Church's; church-footwear.com.

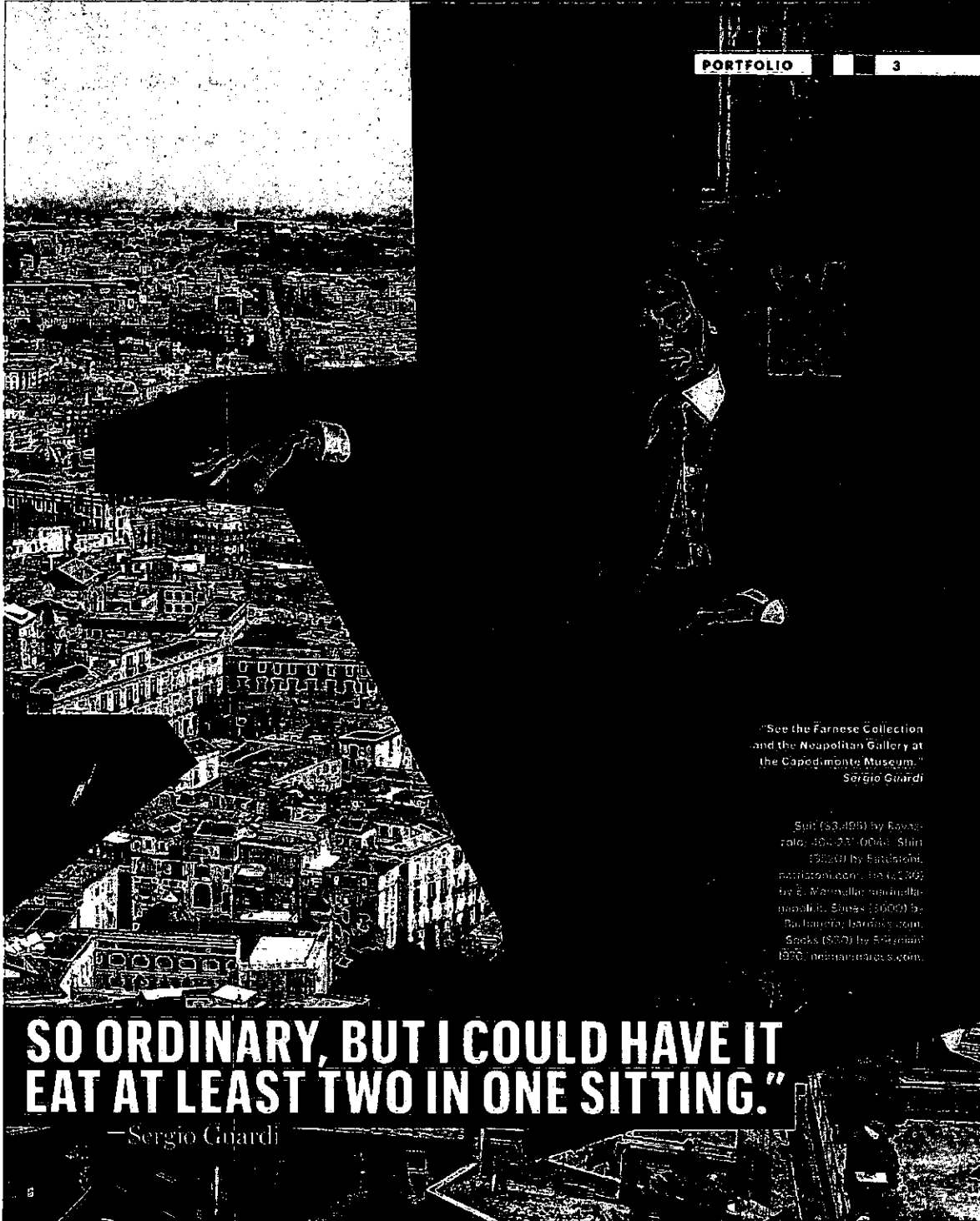
"I LOVE THE STRATIFICATION OF THE SOULS THAT YOU CAN STILL SEE IN THE WALLS OF THIS CITY, SINCE THE FIFTH CENTURY B.C., LIKE THE RINGS IN THE WOOD OF A TREE."



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"See the Farnese Collection
and the Neapolitan Gallery at
the Capodimonte Museum."
Sergio Guardi

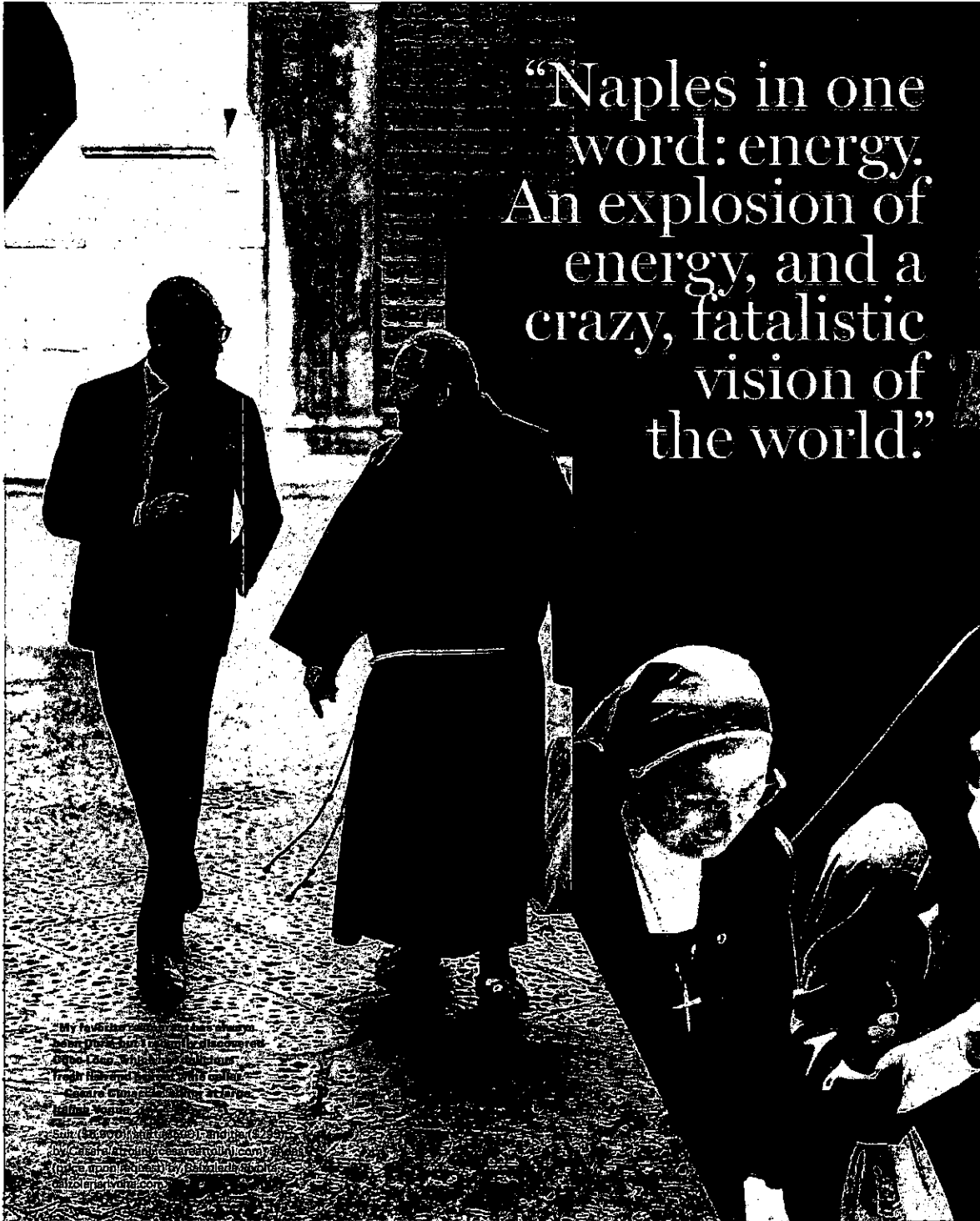
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eastland.com; Tie (\$1,399)
by E. Marzotto; watch (\$1,100)
by Baume & Mercier;
Socks (\$20) by F&G; fandg.com;
1970; hobantrades.com.

**SO ORDINARY, BUT I COULD HAVE IT
EAT AT LEAST TWO IN ONE SITTING."**

—Sergio Guardi

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“Naples in one word: energy. An explosion of energy, and a crazy, fatalistic vision of the world.”



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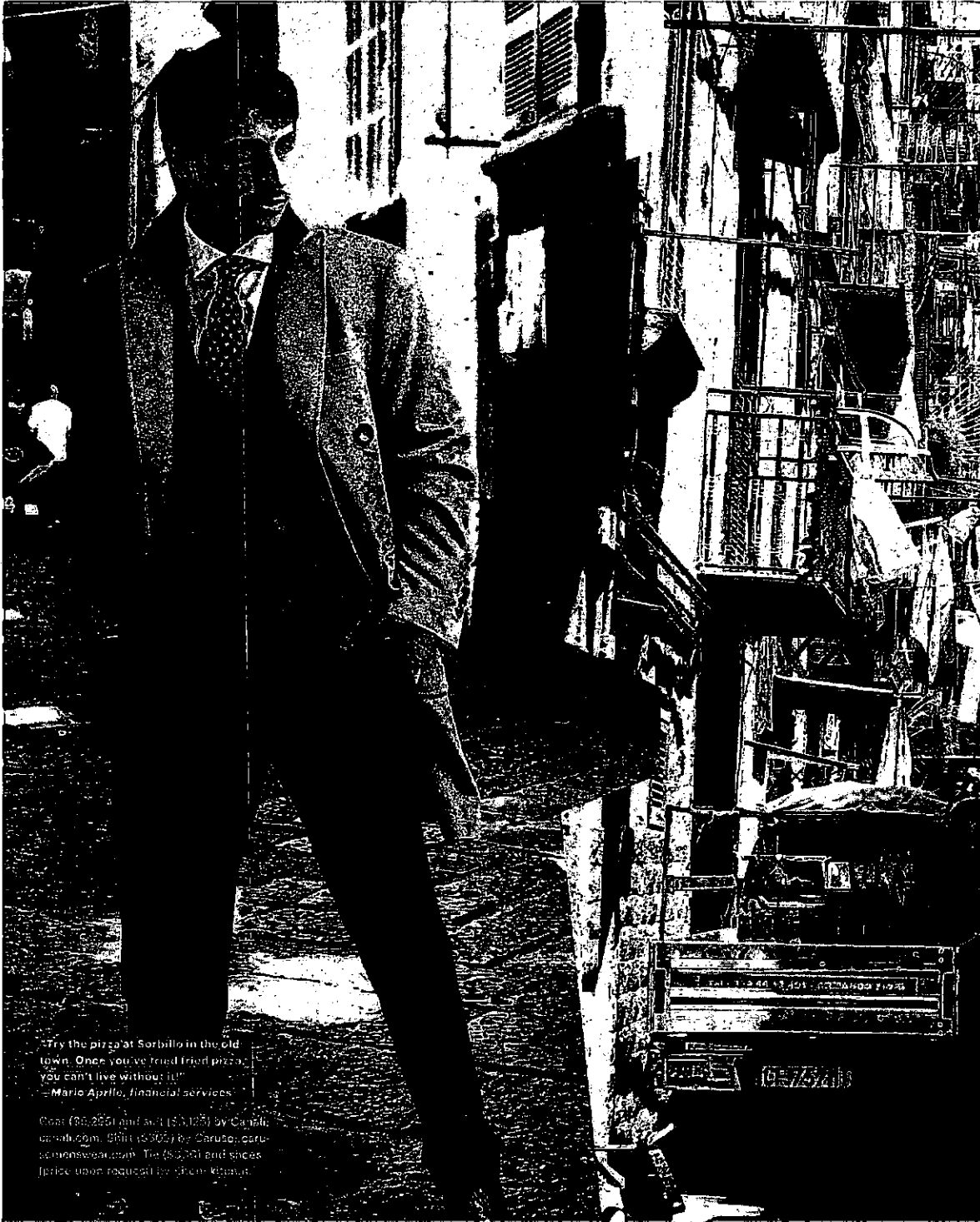
"I love Salvatore Ferragamo's workshop for trousers. He has a special taste for geometry, volume, and design."
— Cesare Geronzi

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"Try the pizza at Sorbillo in the old town. Once you've tried fried pizza, you can't live without it!"
 — Mario Aprilo, financial services

Coat (\$9,255) and suit (\$3,125) by Canali; shirt (\$305) by Caruso; accessories by Gucci. The \$9,255 and \$3,125 prices shown request for items. Kitano.

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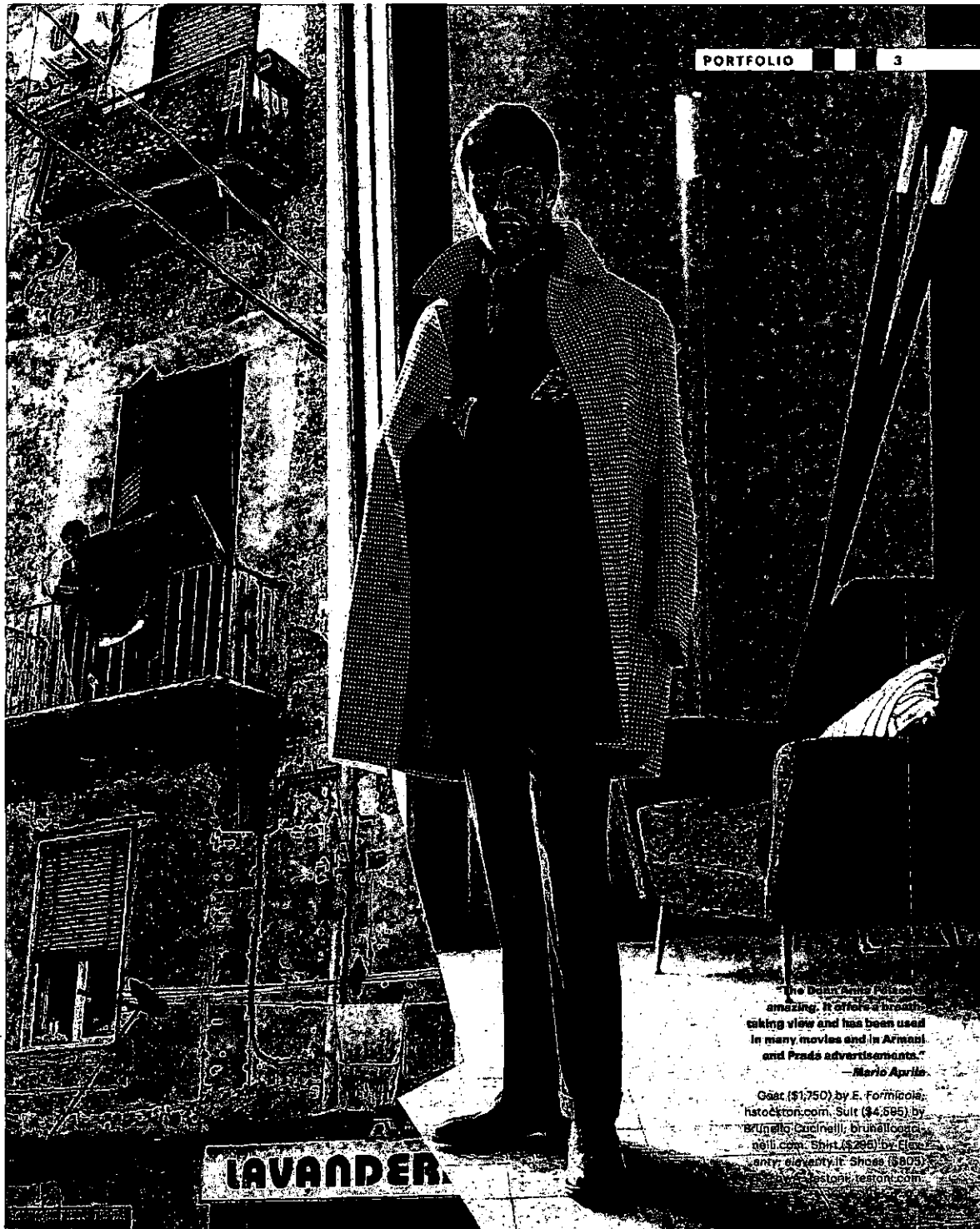
“Naples is not like a prostitute. It doesn’t reveal itself all at once.”

“My favorite Naples landmarks are Sanità and all the churches, buildings, and catacombs along the Sacred Mile.”
 —Giovanni Gravina di Ramacca, lawyer, luxury and leisure consultant

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"The Dean Cain's Palazzo
amazing. It offers a breath-
taking view and has been used
in many movies and in Armani
and Prada advertisements."
—Mario Aprile

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"IN THE OLD TOWN, YOU CAN FIND IT ALL: GREAT MEALS, SIGHTSEEING, SHOPPING. I LOVE THE CITY'S SOUL, ITS UNIQUENESS, HOW IT'S RETAINED ITS IDENTITY. ANY FAULTS IT HAS ONLY ADD TO ITS RICHNESS."

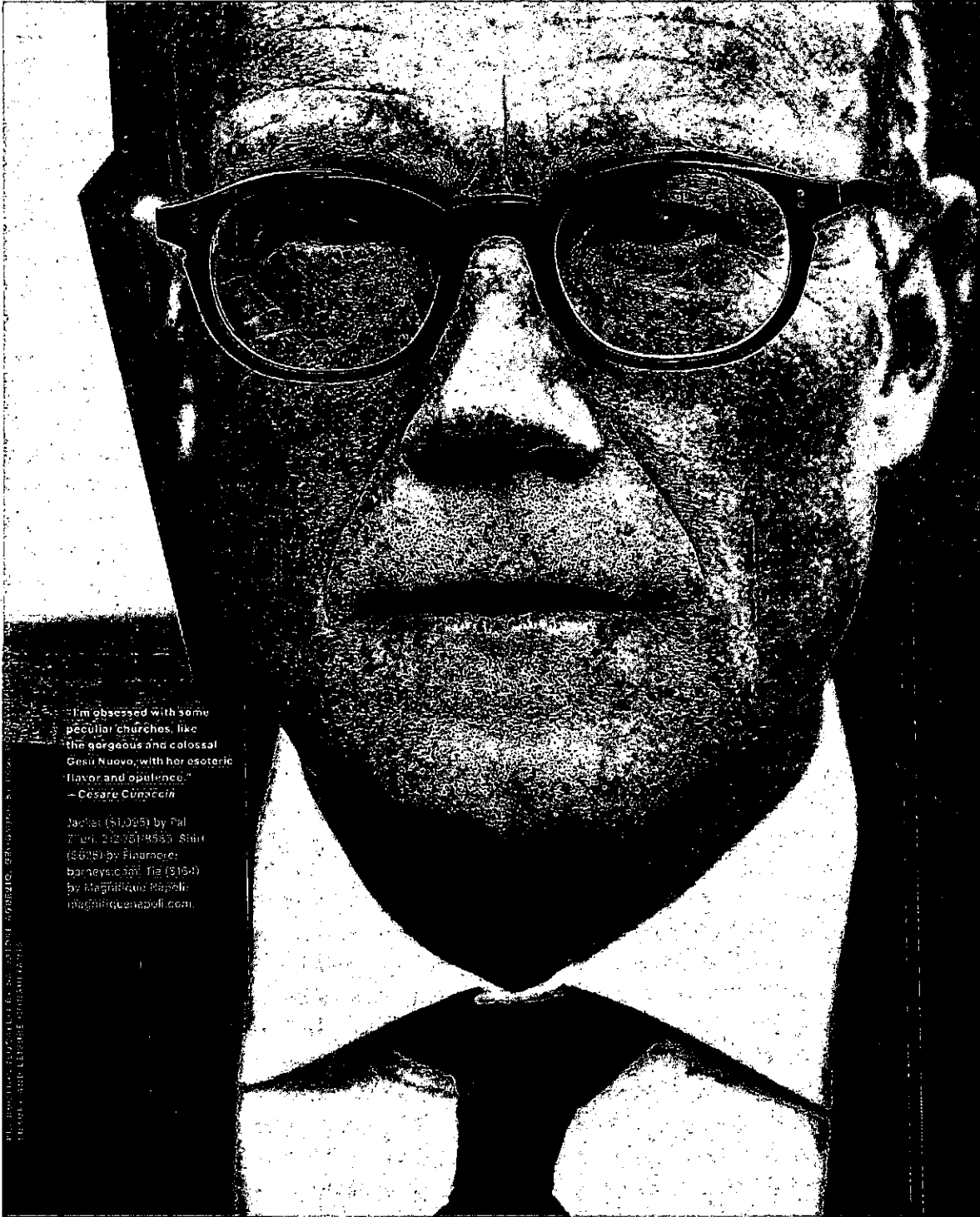
"My favorite clothing store is Etcetera Etc. on Via Vetriera."
— Antonio Martinello, architect

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"I'm obsessed with some peculiar churches, like the gorgeous and colossal Gesù Nuovo, with her esoteric flavor and opulence."
— Cesare Cingolani

Jacket (\$1,095) by Pal Zueli, 212.761.8853. Shirt (\$675) by Enamele; barneys.com. Tie (\$154) by Magnifico Napoli; magnificonapoli.com.

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THE STYLE MANUAL THAT STARTED IT ALL

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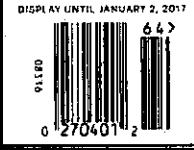
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The Peaks of PERFECTION

Understated elegance and world-class skiing have long been the hallmarks of Italy's Cortina d'Ampezzo—the Alpine alternative to Europe's overcrowded, overhyped ski resorts. **By Jen Murphy**



"BEWARE OF AVALANCHES. Bedazzled Helmets, and Metallic Jimmy Choo Moon Boots." Maybe you won't encounter this warning sign at trendy ski resorts such as Courchevel in the French Alps and St. Moritz in Switzerland, but that doesn't mean these dangers aren't lurking. With celebrities, royalty, and Russian billionaires clogging some of Europe's most pristine slopes—resulting in lift lines overrun by stick-wielding selfie poseurs and abominably dressed snow men—a long weekend in Lech, Austria, can start to feel more like a bad episode of *The Real Housewives of Voralberg*.

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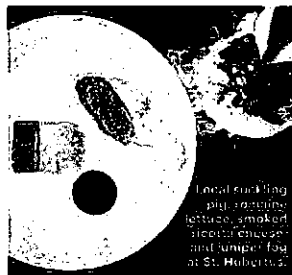
ABOVE: The view from the Pomedes chairlift, which shuttles skiers to Cortina d'Ampezzo's Tofana ski area and to elevations above 7,500 feet. RIGHT: Cortina's annual Christmas market.



That's why the preferred destination of glitz-averse skiers has long been Cortina d'Ampezzo, the timeless town in northern Italy once favored by Ernest Hemingway and Frank Sinatra, and frequented today by George Clooney. Geographically, not much separates the mountain range from its better-known Alpine neighbors: technically, the Dolomites are the Alps. Psychographically, however, the range's 18 limestone peaks are a world away—a winter paradise operating improbably on island time.

Cortina hosted the 1956 Winter Olympics and boasts one of the range's steepest slopes—the vertigo-inducing 64-percent-gradient Forcella Staunies—but you won't find any first-to-last-chair bravado here. Many Italians don't even set foot on the slopes until 11:30 a.m., and even then it's generally for a wine-fueled lunch at one of 48 *rifugios*, high-elevation lodges that serve remarkably delicious food, considering their remote setting. (And menus feature as much spaetzle as spaghetti, thanks to Italy's acquisition of the region from Austria in 1918.)

For locals, a perfect bluebird day entails sitting on the terrace of the Michelin-starred El Caminetto and filling up on *castagnole*, the region's beet-filled ravioli, while taking in the view below. What's left for the rest of us: quiet, uncrowded pistes throughout Cortina's three main ski areas. In fact, crowds seem to form only at the local hockey games, played on the Olympic ice rink where Brigitte Bardot once took skating lessons, and along Corso Italia, Cortina's pedestrian-only cobbled main street, which turns into a lively scene every day around 4:00 p.m. But rather than clubs touting celebrity DJs or bars full of blokes dancing on tables to compah music, nightlife centers on restaurants such as Aga—a four-table hot spot run by Alessandra Del Favero and Noma alum Oliver Piras, who serve foraging-based tasting menus—and intimate old-school wine bars such as Enoteca Cortina.



HOW TO DO THE DOLOMITES

Four experiences you can have only in the Italian Alps

Ski the Sella Ronda

The Sella Ronda circumnavigates the flat-topped Sella Nevea Ridge, creating a merry-go-round of lifts and downhill runs suitable for intermediate skiers. Start the 25-mile circuit by 10:00 a.m. and make a lunch reservation at Rifugio Emilio Comici in Val Gardena. (You'll smell the garlic as you reach the top of the Comici lift.) alpineadventures.net; rifugioemiliet.com

Take the Great-War Ski Tour

Often referred to as an open-air history museum, this 50-mile circuit winds around Col di Lana, the epicenter of the battles between Italian troops and German and Austrian forces during World War I. Between ski runs, take in bunkers, trenches, and artillery emplacements. dolomitemountains.com

Eat at Restaurant St. Hubertus

Named for the patron saint of hunters, St. Hubertus sets the stage for chef Norbert Niederkofler's transformation of simple mountain ingredients into elevated dishes, such as beetroot gnocchi with beer soil and duck crown. rosalpina.it

Toboggan by Moonlight

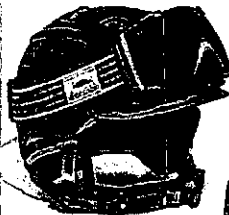
If Clark Griswold taught us anything, it's that sledding is not a positive activity for children. Tackle five unique runs—some as long as four miles—after a meal at Chalet Alpentrose or Chalet Revivion. A snowmobile gets you to dinner; a shot of schnapps gets you back down. chaletalpentrose.it; reselsa.com

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SLOPE STYLE

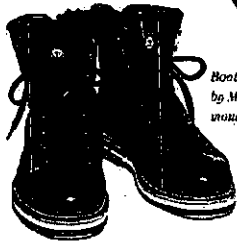
Because no one ever says, "Hey, man, I like your ski poles."



Ski boots (\$230) and goggles (\$150) by Smith; smithoptics.com.



Turtleneck (\$2,425) by Hermès; hermes.com.



Boots (\$795) by Moncler; moncler.com.



Ski gloves (\$150) by Hestra; hestragloves.com.



Parka (\$8,265) by Ballo; ballo.com.

Sunglasses (\$600) by Vuarnet; vuarnet.com.



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: A skier at the Prato Piazza plateau in the Dolomites; souvenir pins denoting Cortina's elevation at the town's center (equivalent to 4,016 feet); the Alta Badia ski area.



Even if your agenda is more "après" than "ski," it's worth waking up early to take on Mount Lagazuoi's legendary Hidden Valley. Stretching nearly five miles, the valley's storied ski run, the Armentarola, is considered one of the world's most beautiful, and the relatively relaxed terrain means you can actually look up and enjoy the scenery without fearing for your life. But be warned: Accessing the Dolomites' best slopes does require some maneuvering. You'll have to take a 25-minute bus ride to the neighboring Lagazuoi lift, but from there, you're whisked to 9,300 feet within three minutes. Before you descend, wander over to the adjacent Rifugio Lagazuoi to snap a photo on its terrace, which offers a 360-degree panorama of peaks. And just this once, take a guilt-free selfie in front of the valley's frozen waterfalls.

Eventually, the run deposits you into a flat river valley above the hamlet of Armentarola, on the outskirts of the Alta Badia ski area. At any other resort in the world, you'd have to traverse the final mile, but Cortina offers a uniquely primitive take on the classic T-bar: the horse tow. Grab the thick rope attached to a sleigh, pulled by an honest-to-good equine, and white-knuckle it with up to 50 of your fellow skiers. (Try not to be the guy who catches an edge and topples everyone like howling pins.)

From Armentarola, ambitious skiers can access the lift system at San Cassiano and make their way to the famous Sella Ronda, a 23-mile circular loop of lifts and runs, or follow the locals' lead and head to the Cinque Torri ski area for a two-hour lunch paired with a bottle of Valpolicella at Rifugio Averar. When the light starts to fade, make one final lethargic run to the bus stop. You should reach Cortina just as the town's après celebration is heating up. Tonight you're drinking an electric-yellow Bombardino, the region's signature winter cocktail—a concoction of egg liqueur and brandy-spiked eggnog topped with whipped cream—and the requisite end to a day on the slopes. Sip yours with pride, knowing you and your buddies may be the only ones in the bar who actually made any turns on skis today. ■

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TRAVEL DIARIES

Discover travel and honeymoon tips from one recently married couple.

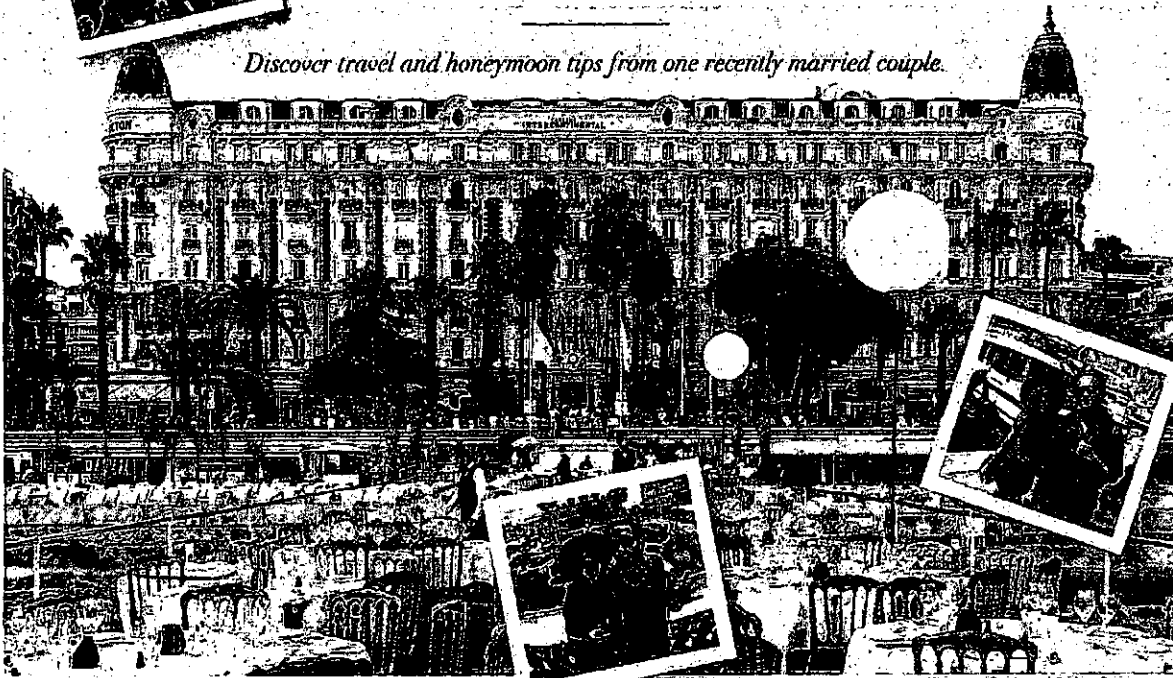


Photo: InterContinental Carlton Cannes

Following their fairy-tale wedding at a luxury resort in Newport Beach, California, Persia (née Sharifat) and Darab Zarrabi set off on a two-week tour through Europe. Desiring a romantic escape that also crossed off a few of the locations on their travel bucket list, the bride began planning the newlyweds' visit to the south of France, Venice, Italy, and the Greek Islands of Mykonos and Santorini.

HIGHLIGHTS

Immersing themselves in the culture. "We spent most of our days walking around and checking out farmers' markets, street performers, and of course, shopping."

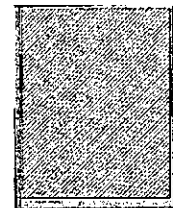
Enjoying French food. "Cannes in particular is filled with lovely cafés that serve seafood overlooking the French Riviera."

Relaxing on the beach. "The resort had a really cute setup with lounge chairs and umbrellas."

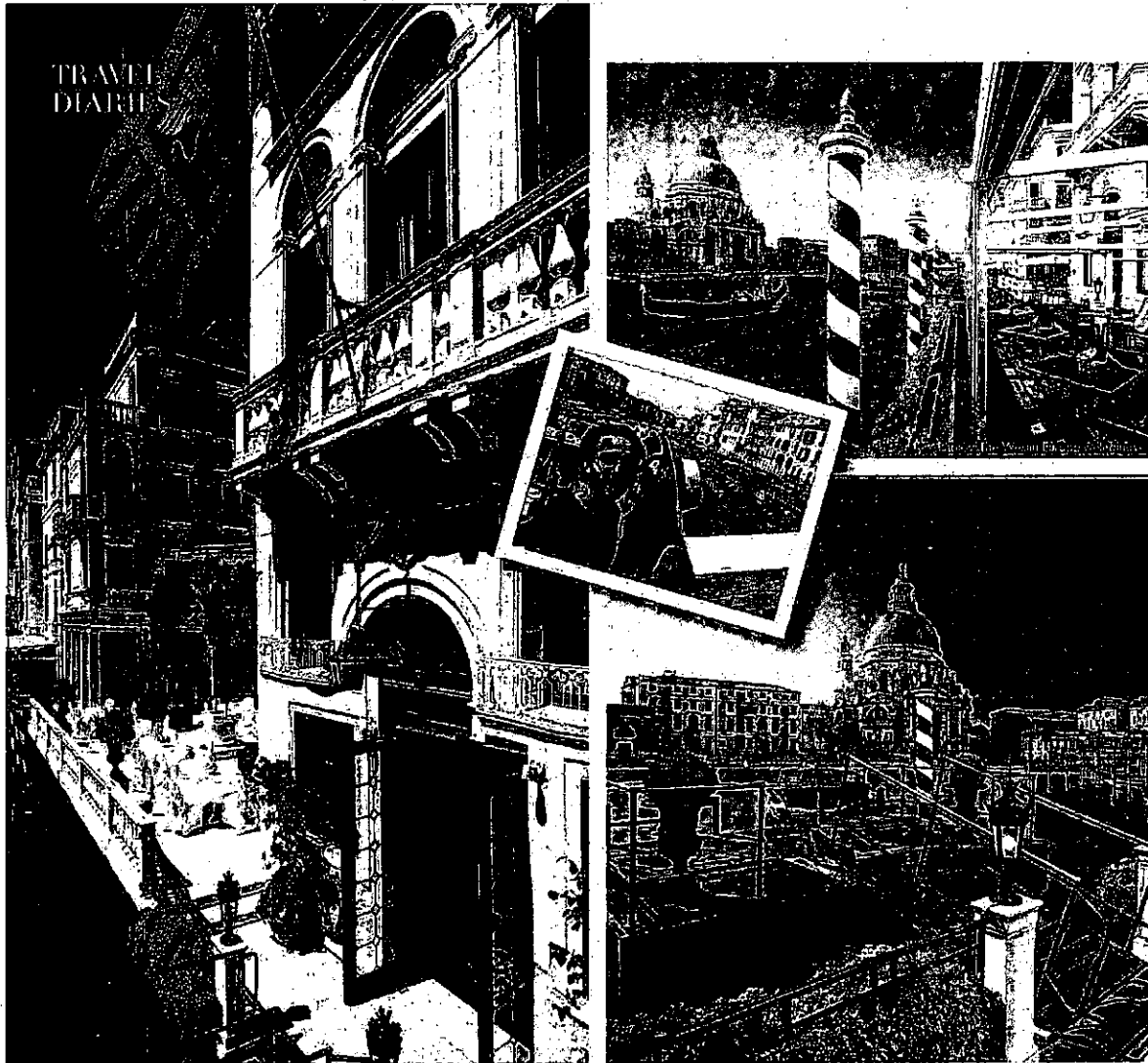
French Riviera

Persia and Darab began their lives as husband and wife in the south of France, an area of the world neither had visited before. Checking into the InterContinental Carlton Cannes for three nights set the tone for their romantic-European getaway. "They welcomed us with Champagne and appetizers the first night, and gave us a cute storybook about the hotel to remember our honeymoon," shares Persia of the property, which is situated on Boulevard de la Croisette, a famous shopping street, and features suites overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. The seasonal on-site restaurant provided the couple with a go-to lunch spot, which was easily followed by lounging on the beach. At night, they enjoyed taking in the incredible view of the promenade from their hotel, and by day, they dined at Zplage Beach Club, a trendy hot spot located at Grand Hyatt Cannes Hotel Martinez.

To explore more than just Cannes, the newlyweds rented a car and took a day trip along the coast to Nice and Monaco – since both destinations are less than an hour drive from Cannes. "Exchange your money before you go since you will have to pay for the toll roads," Persia urges future visitors. While in Monaco, the couple visited the Monte Carlo area, which houses the famous Monte Carlo Casino and designer shopping; however, Persia's favorite stop was Ladurée for "good views, good dessert, and the cutest little carousel," she notes. While in Nice, the couple visited the major attractions, and though they didn't take any guided tours, the duo was happy to sightsee by foot. "A must-see in Nice is the Promenade des Anglais, which is a lovely waterside walk," says Persia. "An added bonus is its central location in relation to the other famous sites."



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Venice, Italy

Following their stay in the French Riviera, the newlyweds took a quick flight to Venice, Italy, where they stayed for four nights at The Westin Europa & Regina, Venice. For travelers visiting the same hotel, which is made up of 18th- and 19th-century palaces, Persia instructs not to take the ferry. "We were lost for a couple hours just trying to find the entrance," she explains. "You can only get dropped off by water taxi." Once on property, the honeymooners were greeted with five-star accommodations as well as an eatery offering seasonal menus showcasing local ingredients and an impeccable view of the famous Santa Maria della Salute Church.

During the warm days, the pair wandered the Grand Canal, explored the narrow streets, and visited

sites – such as Piazza San Marco – recommended by the hotel concierge. "When we asked friends and family about things to do in Venice, a common theme was the suggestion to get lost in the city," confirms Persia. "After our honeymoon, we'd have to say we agree." They traversed the streets, admiring the canals and eating local pizza, pasta, and gelato. Unlike most tourists, the couple enjoyed the world-famous gondolas once the sun went down. "It was very romantic at night and we were able to avoid the heat," she adds. While Persia and Dafab loved visiting "The Floating City," they wish they had allocated more time at their next destination. "I wouldn't recommend staying four nights; I think two days would have been more than enough," suggests Persia.

HIGHLIGHTS

Sampling gelato. "We loved the Nubiella gelato. The thought of it actually still makes my mouth water."

Getting lost in the streets. "Pack a pair of comfortable walking shoes and just wander around, ideally with gelato in hand."

Taking a moonlit gondola ride. "The nighttime ride added an extra element of romance, and the canals were much less crowded, which made for a more enjoyable experience."

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HIGHLIGHTS

Riding donkeys. "It was scary traveling up the cliffs at first, but a fun way to see the villages."

Sailing the seas. "If you take an afternoon tour, you have the added bonus of viewing the Santorini sunset, which they say is one of the most magnificent in the world."

Exploring Santorini. "Everything about it was exactly what I envisioned and more."

Photo: Shutterstock.com

Greek Islands

The last leg of their journey was spent in Greece on the islands of Mykonos and Santorini. First, the duo enjoyed four nights at Cavo Tagoo Hotel Mykonos, which they would highly recommend. "They had chocolates and Champagne in our room upon arrival," remembers Persia of the property, which also offers brunch every morning. "This hotel was by far the prettiest we stayed at," she adds. Since their room had a private pool overlooking the sea, they brought an oversized swan pool float from home and basked in the sun daily. The rest of their time on the island was spent walking around the old town, exploring shops, and visiting Super Paradise Beach – a lively beach with a club-like atmosphere. "It was beautiful, but very touristy," notes Persia.

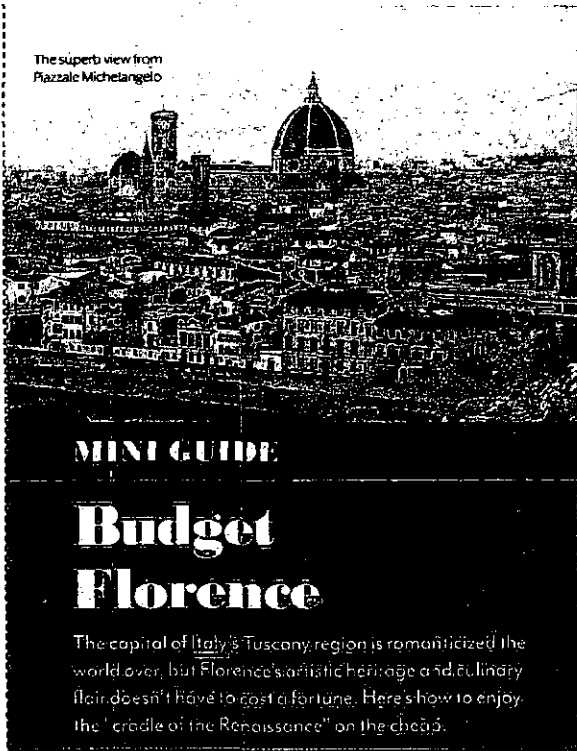
The couple ended their honeymoon at Santorini Secret Suites & Spa, where they stayed for five nights. "It was so beautiful and romantic," attests Persia. "The location was perfect! You can leave

the hotel and just wander the town." To truly experience the destination, which overlooks the Aegean Sea, Persia and Darab walked down to the port to ride donkeys up the cobblestone streets, indulged in a "kissing fish" spa pedicure where small fish "kiss" feet, and gazed at the famous caldera sunset. They also took part in a wine-and-food tasting tour, as well as a catamaran excursion with Santorini Yachting Club. "The staff was so friendly and fun," affirms Persia, who recommends taking the romantic sunset tour. "We had drinks, got to go swimming in the ocean, and watched the sunset." The new Mr. and Mrs. were thrilled to end their honeymoon in such a beautiful place and are thankful they saw so many impressive cities in just two weeks. "You're only going to have one honeymoon," smiles Persia, who planned the trip on her own. Darab trusted his new wife completely with the travel plans, confirming "Happy wife, happy life."

TRAVEL TIPS FROM PERSIA & DARAB:

- "The best months to visit are June-September. For Mykonos, we suggest going in July or later. When we went in the beginning of June, it was windy and cool; Santorini, on the other hand, was hot."
- "We found Trip Advisor very helpful, but ultimately, a lot of the great recommendations were from people we spoke to at restaurants and our hotel."
- "Immerse yourselves in the local culture. Walk around the streets, visit a mom-and-pop café for an afternoon coffee, and try to grab a drink at one of the bars the locals frequent."
- "Go into your honeymoon with an open mind, and try out experiences unique to wherever you end up choosing to go."

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Sights

ORSANMICHELE
 This unusual and inspirational church, with a splendid Gothic tabernacle, began as a grain market. Exterior niches display copies of Renaissance statues representing the patron saints of Florence's many guilds. The original statues are inside, in a little-known museum. (palomuseale.firenze.it; Via dell'Arte della Lana; church 10am-5pm, museum 10am-5pm; Mon, free).



BARGELLO
 This 13th-century building once served as a prison but is now a museum safeguarding Italy's most comprehensive collection of Tuscan Renaissance sculpture, including some of Michelangelo's best early works, such as his tipsy *Bacchus*, Roman god of wine. (palomuseale.firenze.it; Via del Proconsolo 4; 8:15am-5pm summer, until 2pm winter, closed 1st, 3rd and 5th Mon and 2nd and 4th Sun of month; \$4.50, free on first Sun of month).

SANTO SPIRITO
 The strikingly plain facade of this Brunelleschi basilica forms an atmospheric backdrop to open-air concerts during the summer. Inside, the church's colonnaded length is lined with 38 semicircular chapels. Works to watch for include Filippino Lippi's piety in *Madonna with Child and Saints* (c.1488) in the Cappella Nerli, or Nerli Chapel (basilicasantospirito.it; Piazza Santo Spirito; 9:30am-12:30pm and 4pm-5:30pm; closed Wed; free).

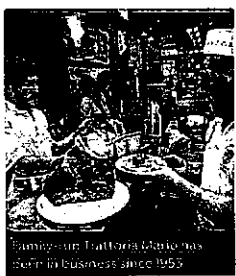
MINI GUIDE

Budget Florence

The capital of Italy's Tuscany region is romanticized the world over, but Florence's artistic heritage and culinary flair doesn't have to cost a fortune. Here's how to enjoy the "cradle of the Renaissance" on the cheap.

Eating & Drinking

MARIANO
 Our favorite sandwich shop gently buzzes with Florentines propped at the counter. Come to this brick-vaulted, 13th-century cellar for a coffee-and-pastry breakfast, light lunch, aperitivo or panino to eat on the move. Look out for the sign above the door reading "alimentari," which translates to "foodstuffs" (Via del Parione 19; 8am-5pm and 5pm-7:30pm Mon-Fri, 8am-3pm Sat; panini from \$4).



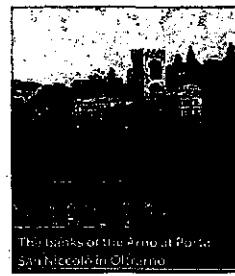
Trattoria Mario has been in business since 1959.

TRATTORIA MARIO
 Arrive by noon to get a stool around a shared table at this noisy, busy trattoria, a legend that retains its soul (and allure with locals) despite being so well known. A daily-changing menu of down-to-earth Tuscan dishes always includes bistecca alla Fiorentina, the city's signature beefsteak with rosemary, only served rare (trattoriomario.com; Via Rosina 2; noon-3:30pm Mon-Sat; main courses from \$8).

KITSCH
 This American-style bar in the eastern Santa Croce district is known among budget-conscious Florentines for its lavish spread at aperitivo time: \$9 for drink and hearty nibbles (bruschetta, cold cuts, salads, pasta, ribs) that can substitute for dinner. A DJ sets the place rocking after dark. There is a second location on Via San Gallo (kitschfirenze.com; Viale A. Gramsci 1/5r; 6:30pm-2:30am).

Experiences

OLTRARNO
 If you reach museum overload and want to stretch your legs, head to the Oltrarno, the "other side of the Arno," the traditional home of the city's artisanal workshops. Should you notice something gone awry with street signs—say, a tiny black figure sneaking away with the white bar on a No Entry sign—you can be sure it's the work of Clet, a much-admired street artist who toils away on Via dell'Orto.



The banks of the Arno at Piazza San Niccolò in Oltrarno.

PIAZZALE MICHELANGELO
 Bypass the souvenir stalls and take in the most stunning city panorama from this vast square, pierced by one of Florence's two replicas of *David*, Michelangelo's masterpiece. Sunset here is dramatic. It's a 10-minute walk along the serpentine road, paths and steps that scale the hillside from the Arno and Piazza Giuseppe Poggi; from Piazza San Niccolò walk uphill and bear left up the steps marked "Viale Michelangelo."

LE MURATE
 Florence's former city jail and 15th-century nunnery is one of the city's most exciting cultural spaces. It's where literati meet to talk and create. Arranged around an inner courtyard, the historic red-brick complex is in itself compelling, but the main draw is the arty café/bar at its heart, which hosts film screenings, debates, live music and art exhibitions (lemurate.it; Piazza delle Murate; 8:30am-2am Mon-Fri, 11am-1am Sat-Sun).

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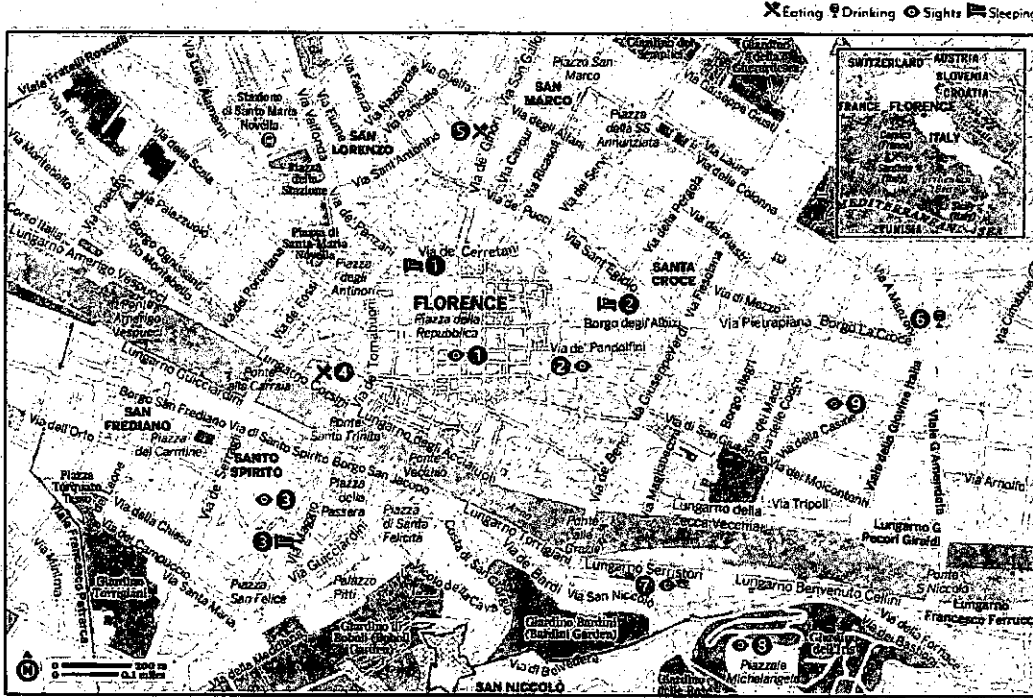
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Essentials

1 GETTING THERE & AROUND
 Florence Airport, also known as Amerigo Vespucci airport, is about 3 miles from the city center. From the airport, a bus into town costs about \$6.50, while taxi fares start around \$22. Also convenient is Pisa International Airport, the Tuscany region's main international airport. Buses connect the Pisa airport and Florence in around 70 minutes (\$4.50 one way); a bus-and-train combo (\$8.50) via Pisa may be slightly quicker. Florence is easily walkable and there is also a bus network (90-minute ticket \$1.30; ataf.net).

2 WHERE TO STAY
1 Relais del Duomo stakes a prime spot on a quiet, traffic-free street around the corner from the Duomo cathedral, Florence's most iconic landmark. This B&B's four elegant rooms have parquet floors and simple decor (relaisdelduomo.it; Piazza dell'Olio 2; from \$85).



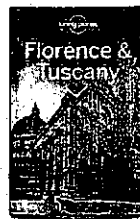
3 A warm welcome awaits at the lovely Hotel Dabì. A stone's throw from the Duomo, it has sunny rooms decorated in a low-key, modern way, as well as a trio of apartments (hoteldabi.com; Via dell'Oriuolo 17; from \$100 with private bath).

4 The delightful Palazzo Guadagni is housed in an artfully revamped Renaissance palace, with spacious, tastefully styled rooms and a romantic loggia terrace overlooking the square below (palazzoguadagni.com; Piazza Santo Spirito 9; from \$125).

The Know-How

BACKSTREET FLORENCE. Discover old-world Florence by exploring the life of Italy's most divine poet, Dante (below).
 • Dante was born in Florence in 1265. Tragic romance was what made him tick; there's no better place to unravel Dante's story than in the museum on the site of his family home (museoasodante.it).
 • Dante's muse and great love was Beatrice Portinari, although he claimed only to have met her twice. There is a monument to her in the tiny church of Santa Margherita dei Cerchi, tucked down an alley near Dante's house. It may also be the place where Dante married his actual betrothed, Gemma Donati.

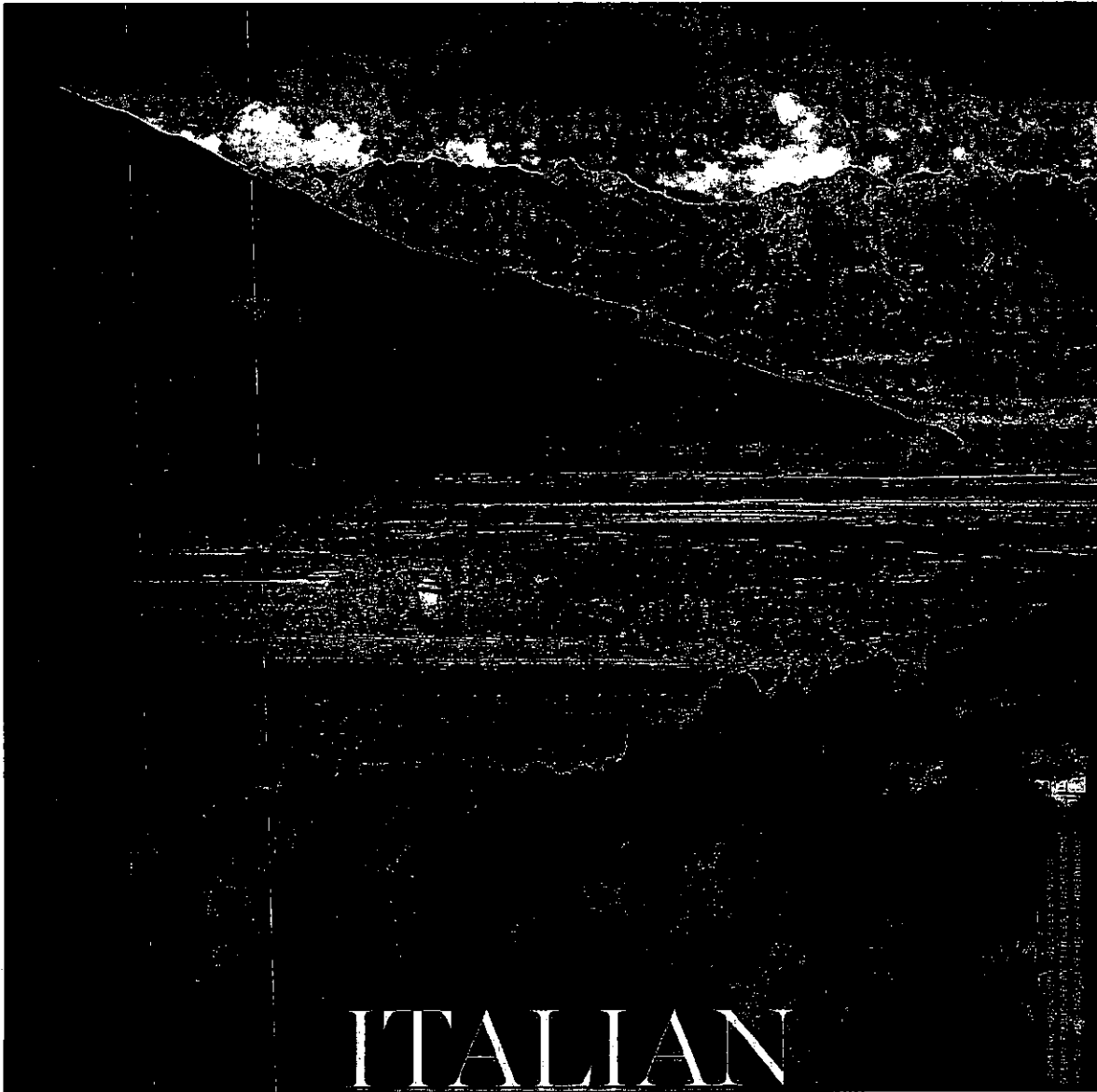
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ITALIAN RENAISSANCE

Cruise through vineyards on a Ducati, ski an Alpine glacier and set sail in Sardinia on an Italian adventure that forgoes the standard-issue itinerary in favor of la dolce vita

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"You may have the universe if I may have Italy," Giuseppe Verdi, the prolific composer, once said, a trade-off that generations of Italophiles might concur is a pretty good deal. And while the splendors of cities like Rome, Venice and Florence can't be overstated, there's a deep inventory of lesser-traveled national treasures packed into this boot-shaped cradle of modern civilization that remain, at least to outsiders, relatively unsung—places where you'll find more actual Italians than people holding guidebooks.

Lake Como, known for its arresting landscapes and historic villas, photographed by David Drebin for Dreamscapes (iCNetics), his lacuna collection of transporting images

True to character, Italy's most rarefied escapes offer something to fuel every passion. For momentum junkies, there's skiing down the largest glacier in the Dolomites—a mesmerizing mountain range—or ripping through the Tuscan countryside on an all-terrain Ducati. Those in search of off-the-grid privacy and wine—in that order—can find it on the wind-swept island of Pantelleria, while gourmets and autophiles will savor the distinct charms of Emilia-Romagna, home to Italy's greatest gifts to the

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world: artisanal cuisine and supercars. The rugged beauty and mystical aquamarine waters of Sardinia's east coast will rope in yachtsmen and explorers, and Lake Como—that sanctuary to the leisure classes that's inspired writers and artists for centuries—will satisfy aesthetes looking for grand villas and even grander views. These are the hideouts of *bella Italia* that celebrate the art of living well, where you'll come away understanding that *la dolce vita* is that much sweeter for the journey.

THE DOLOMITES
High adventure in the Italian Alps

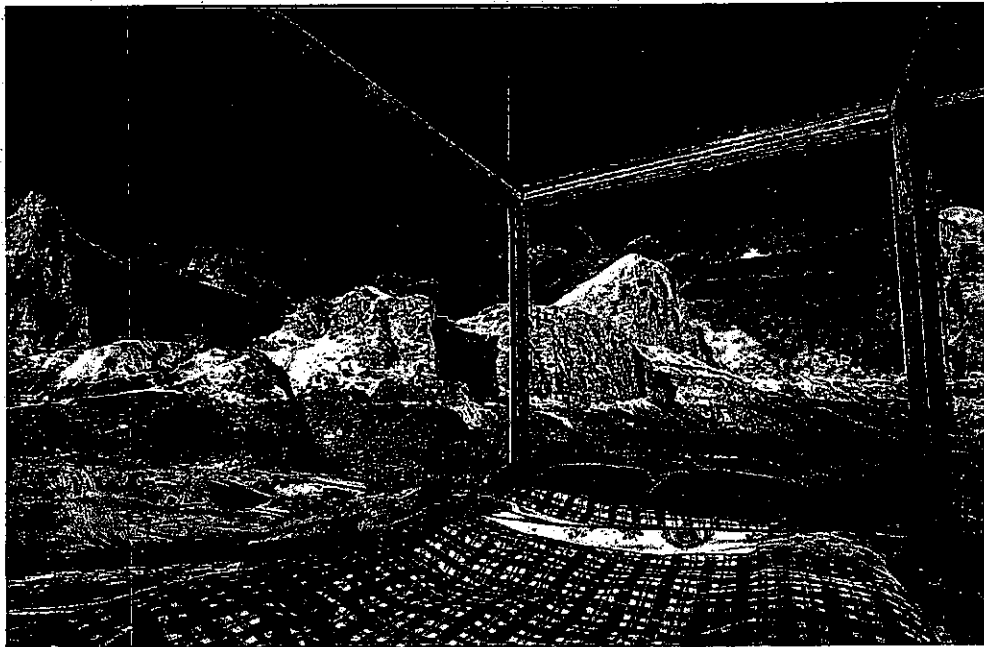
If Italy represents the unrelenting opportunity to gorge oneself on pasta and regions, well, that's just part of the magic. Nothing goes better with carbs than exhilaration, and the Dolomites, Europe's premier winter playground, have plenty to offer. Rising over 10,000 feet in the northern Italian Alps and bookended by Cortina d'Ampezzo to the east and Bolzano to the west, the world's largest ski resort—named a UNESCO World Heritage site in 2009—encompasses nearly 750 miles of trails and impossibly gorgeous valleys. Once described as "the most beautiful natural architecture in the world" by French design master Le Corbusier, the mountains, which Italy annexed from Austria after World War I, have an ethereal quality, thanks to their vertical rock formations, verdant valleys blanketed with evergreens, and clouds that seem close enough to touch. A natural phenomenon called *crepuscolo* ("becoming pink") gives the outcrops an otherworldly glow—depending on the hour, their color changes from bright yellow to fiery red to violet.

With a variety of terrain (only 10 percent of its trails are expert level), the Dolomites accommodate every type of skier. For an all-out skiing safari,

purchase the Dolomiti Superski lift pass, your seven-day ticket to its 450 chair lifts and 12 ski areas—or enlist the expertise of Dolomite Mountains, a luxury tour operator with an office in the U.S. The company's highly curated trips include multiday, off-piste ski expeditions from the top of Marmolada, the region's highest peak, complete with helicopter transfer to the base. For those who prefer hairpin turns on asphalt, Drive Elements offers over-the-top Dolomites driving experiences like the "Dolomiti Hero," where a 200-plus-mile course and 13 hair-raising passes put even the most intrepid motorists to the test. Choose the ultimate itinerary and you'll be picked up by helicopter at your arrival airport (Munich, Milan or Venice) and flown to a top-tier hotel to unwind in the best suite in the house. From there, the chopper transfers you to a mountain pass, where your supercar—a Bugatti Veyron, Lamborghini Huracán or Ferrari 458—awaits. And you don't have to pick just one: The Drive Elements team will follow behind with the rest of the fleet, so you can switch out cars on the fly. Its photographers will capture the drive from the road and the air, and a film crew will shoot and produce your very own version of a James Bond film, with you in the starring role.

An extensive network of *rifugi*, or slope-side restaurants, means that Italy's gastronomic pleasures extend to the very top of the range. Nowhere is this more evident than in Alta Badia, a region comprising six villages in the southern part of the Val Badia valley that's considered the bona fide foodie paradise of the Dolomites. Every December, through its *Sciare con Gusto* ("taste of skiing") program, a group of world-class chefs descends upon its 14 ski huts to compose a series of signature dishes, which are then served until April.

For an unforgettable taste of Alta Badia's culinary artistry, head straight to Hotel Casa Salares. Hidden away in the sleepy village of San Cassiano and frequented by Italian VIPs—like former Ferrari chairman

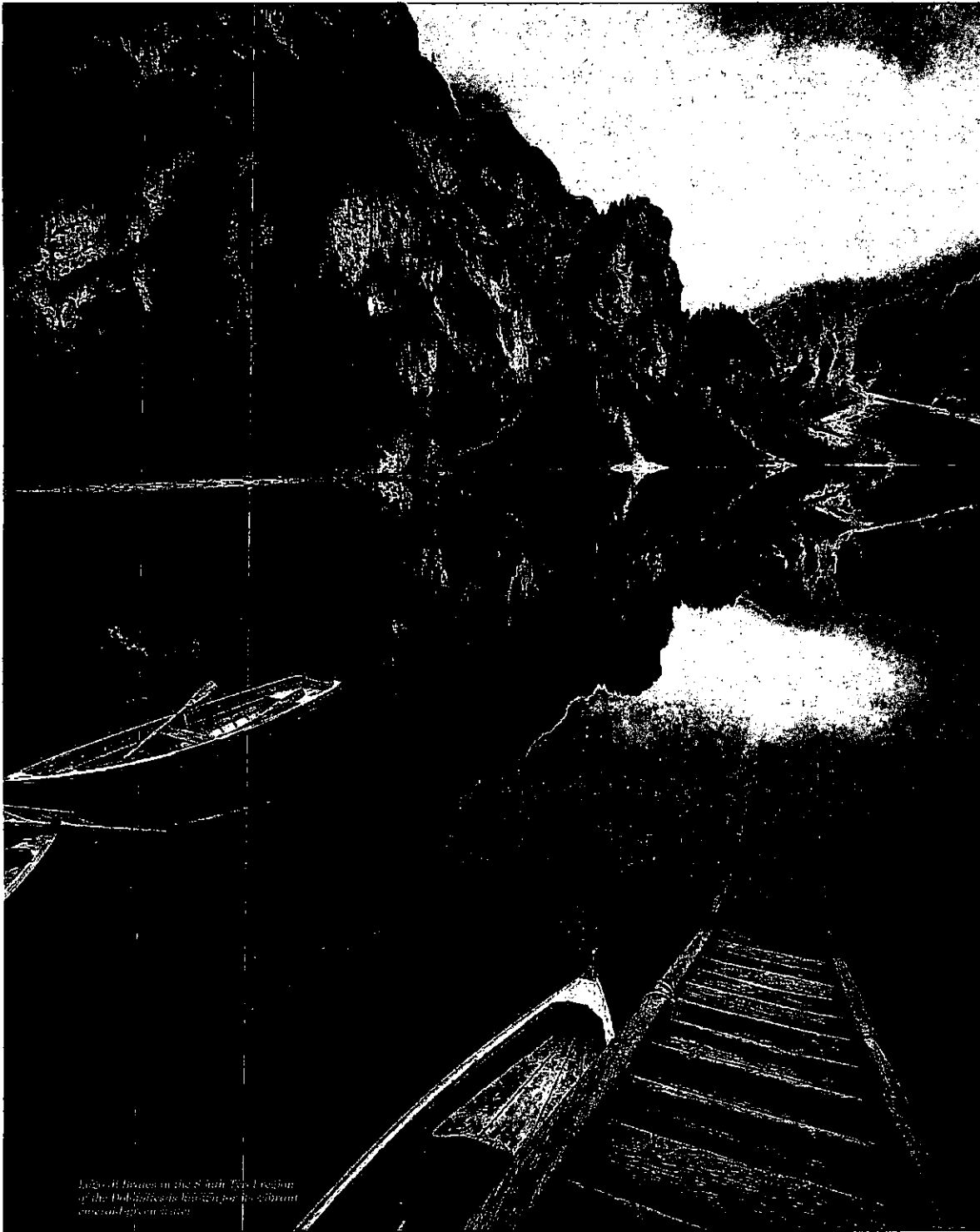


The aptly named Starlight Room—a rentable cabin that overlooks the Dolomites at 6,742 feet above sea level—is made of thermally insulated glass and is furnished with, of all things, a flat-screen television

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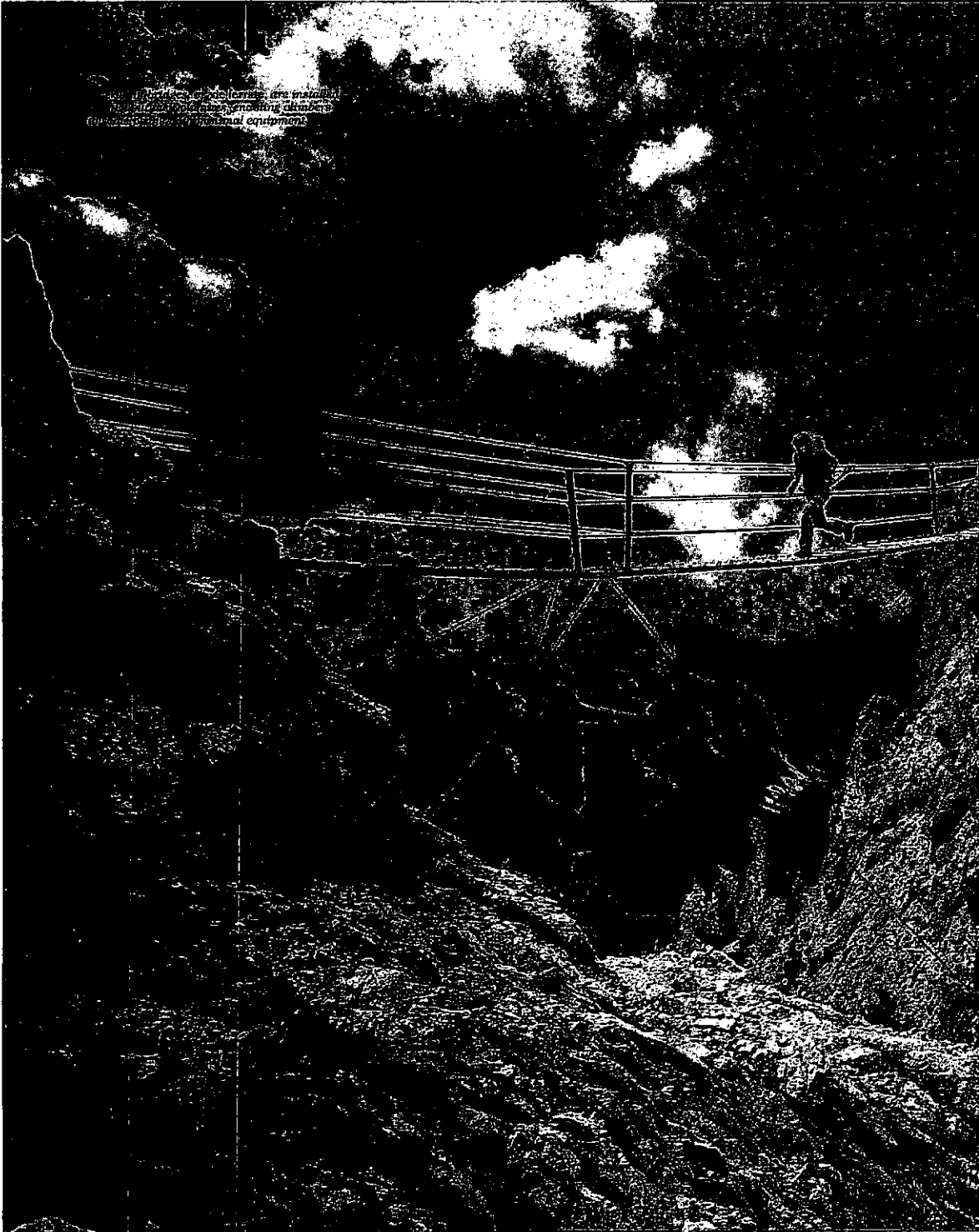
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*Lake Titicaca in the South West region
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Lieke Cordeiro di Montezemolo and Olympic ski champion Alberto Tomba—it's home to La Sirtola, where Italy's youngest Michelin chef, 27-year-old Matteo Merullo, presides over the kitchen. (South Tyrol, the province in which Alta Badia is located, has more Michelin stars than any other Italian province.) Merullo offers five multicourse menus inspired by trees—"Fir," for example, includes dishes like hazelnut gnocchi with goat cheese sauce and quail breast, and pigeon with Jerusalem artichokes, cherries and nettles—or a 10-course tasting menu for the table; all of them include a visit to the restaurant's chocolate room, which features 40 varieties from around the globe and a fountain of olive oil-tempered Venezuelan chocolate.

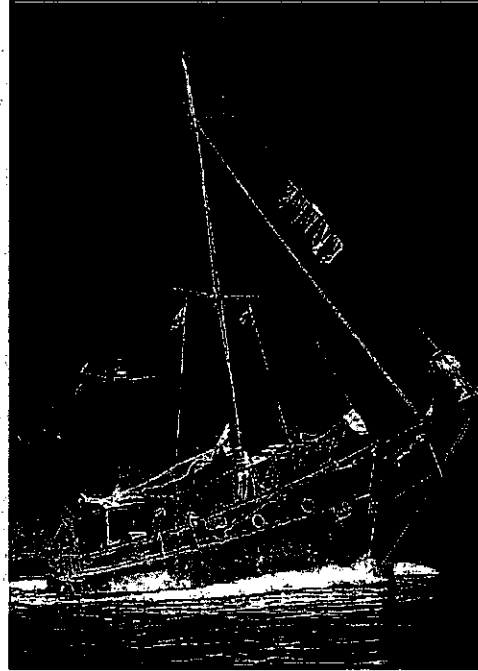
La Sirtola's wines—each personally selected by third-generation owner Stefan Wieser—come from the hotel's atmospheric, amber-lit wine cellar. Housing nearly 25,000 bottles and 1,850 different labels during the winter season, it's one of the largest cellars in the country, with an annual turnover of around 350 labels. You can host a dinner around its hand-hewn wooden tables for groups of up to 12, or try a wine and cheese tasting in the cheese room, where 30 to 70 selections will spoil you for choice. Upstairs, Wine Bar Sirtola's elevated comfort food includes spaghetti-tortone caio e pepe and an organic egg, bacon and asparagus salad with Parmigiano sauce and black truffle, while La Terrazza, the hotel's open-air restaurant, serves plates of crudo Montali (Italy's best prosciutto di Parma, according to Wieser) with fried potato bread and spinach ravioli in brown butter sauce, alongside wide-angle views of the surrounding valley.

Though the Dolomites beckon in winter for obvious reasons, their appeal in summer is steadily growing. The Dolomiti Supersommer pass offers access to some 100 lifts from June through early November, allowing intrepid climbers and hikers to explore hundreds of *vie ferrate* mountain routes, connected by suspended bridges and fixed ladders. First built by Alpine guides at the end of the 19th century, they later came in handy for moving troops and supplies along the Italo-Austrian border during World War I. Down on terra firma, road and mountain bikers can choose from hundreds of miles of cycling routes at varying altitudes. Alta Badia alone offers twice-daily road bike tours three times a week, as well as six electric-bike rental stations.

SARDINIA

Sailing on a vintage sailing yacht

While Porto Cervo—the seaside bastion of privilege on the Costa Smeralda in northern Sardinia—guarantees prime parking for your superyacht,



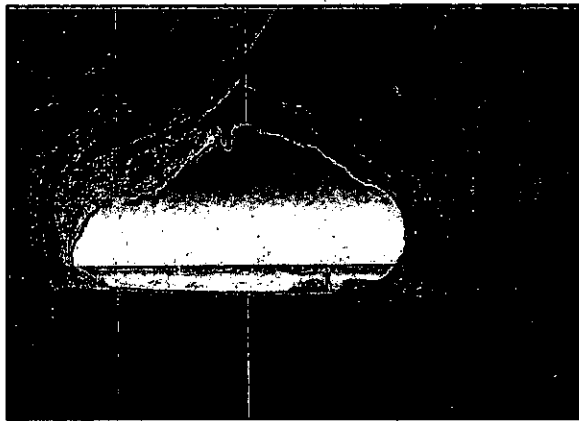
the island's appeal extends far beyond its premier port. For a more earth-bound experience, head two hours south along the east coast to Cala Gonone. Virtually isolated from the rest of Sardinia until the late 19th century (a tunnel connecting the town to Dorgali to the west first opened in 1860), it's the gateway to seriously spectacular beaches, with waters so blue and clear they seem photoshopped.

The quintessential Sardinian day at sea begins with chartering *Dovesato*, an impeccably restored, 75-foot sailing yacht that departs daily from Cala Gonone's port during summer. Originally built in 1941 in Varazze, a town known since the Middle Ages for shipbuilding, the schooner's current owners discovered it languishing in disrepair 16 years ago, then spent a year painstakingly bringing it back to life. *Dovesato* will take you and 11 guests along the Gulf of Oressu, cruising past limestone cliffs and caverns and stopping at a half-dozen unspoiled beaches accessible only by boat (and in some cases, a death-defying hike). You'll explore the deep, luminescent waters of Grotta del Bue Marino, with stalactites, scalgmites and other wonders. And by day's end, you'll arrive at the awe-inspiring Cala Goloritzé, a UNESCO World Heritage site capped by the famous Aguglia di Goloritzé, a natural monument that soars nearly 500 feet into the sky. At Grotta della Contessa nearby, don't be surprised if the crew reaches into the cavern's rocky overhang and mysteriously produces a bottle of mirto—a Sardinian digestif—to toast the voyage.

The *Dovesato* is also available for a longer jaunt northward to the La Maddalena archipelago, a five-day excursion for six guests that hits pristine ports like the island of Tavolara—a divers' haven that also happens to be the smallest inhabited kingdom in the world, with 11 current residents—and Budelli, whose Spiaggia Rosa ("Pink Beach") owes its blush to a microorganism that colors the sand.

From top: The 75-year-old *Dovesato* mainsailer can be chartered to circumnavigate the scenic island of Sardinia; grottos along the beach frame the postcard-perfect seashore

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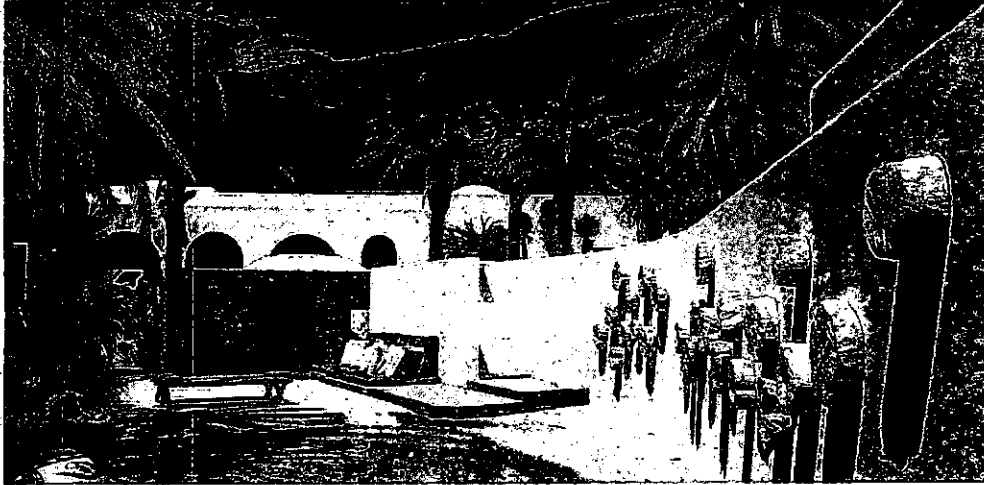


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PANTELLERIA

The Mediterranean's best-kept luxury secret

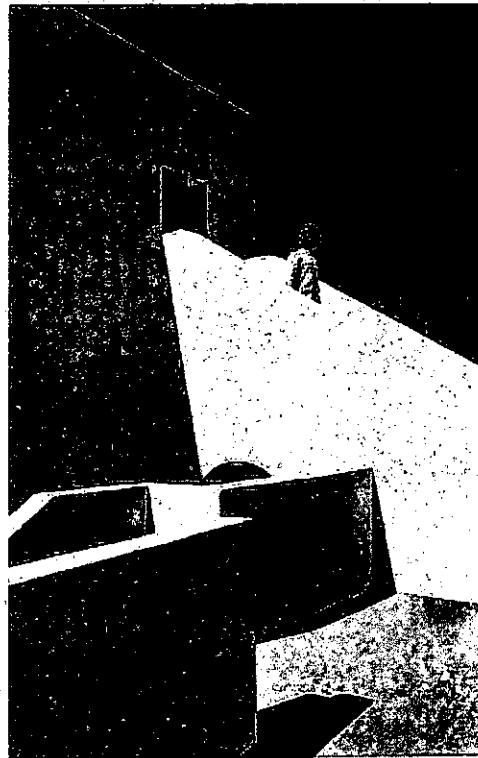
Known as "the black pearl of the Mediterranean" for its striking black-lava cliffs, the volcanic island of Pantelleria consistently draws Italian glitterati (Giorgio Armani has owned a villa here for nearly 40 years) looking for a respite far from the fanfare of perennial hot spots like Capri and Portofino. The largest of Sicily's satellite islands, about 40 miles east of Tunisia, Pantelleria has an arid, windblown climate and a rich history—its long list of inhabitants includes the Phoenicians, Carthaginians, Romans and Arabs, who began arriving thousands of years ago—that informs its calm and ancient charm.

This summer's debut of Sikelia, Pantelleria's first true luxury hotel, promises to lure a new influx of sophisticated travelers to the toby paradise. The 20-suite enclave, owned by financier-turned-winemaker Giulia Puzienza Gelmetti, is the result of a 10-year labor of love: Sikelia's suites, each unique, are contrasts in lush velvet and linen, framed by metal, concrete and glass, with vaulted ceilings that lend an airy ambience.

The resort comes to life at dusk, when guests gather in the palm-studded courtyard for cocktails and freshly fried polenta chips; on a clear evening, you can climb a few stairs to the roof and see Tunisia. At Sikelia's restaurant, *Thena*—a joint venture with Milan's celebrated *Il Ristorante Trussardi Alla Scala*—executive chef Roberto Conti melds Arabic and North African flavors with traditional Italian cuisine. It's served alongside wine from Sikelia's sister property, *L'Officina di Coste Ghirlanda*, a stone-terraced vineyard with an outdoor dining area illuminated by candlelight after dark.

Pantelleria's zibibbo grapes—which grow nowhere else on earth—make the island a destination for oenophiles. Passito di Pantelleria, the area's famous dessert wine, is on hand at the Pantelleria outpost of world-class Sicilian winemaker *Domuslanga*, where you can sample multiple vintages along with small plates like ravioli with fresh ricotta and mint.

A day at sea exploring the island's craggy coastline is a requisite part of any Pantesean adventure: Procure some famous Sicilian arancini (baseball-size rice balls) and wine, and charter a *gommona*—an inflatable motorboat with a large sun bed and a captain—from *La Tortuga* at the main port. At sunset, head to the island's famous *Lago di Venere*, a heart-shaped natural lake known for its thermal springs and mineral-rich mud.



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From top: Pantelleria's first proper luxury hotel, Sikelia, opened this summer; the 20-suite enclave was constructed from stone dwellings known as dammusi, which are native to the island

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LAKE COMO

Italy's legendary lake

Long a haven for Versaces, Pirellis and other Italian royalty, along with high-profile men of the world like Sir Richard Branson and George Clooney, the 56-square-mile, wishbone-shape jewel—just an hour's drive from Milan—is one of Europe's most singularly captivating destinations. Here are our picks for the best places to stay, dine and imbibe on Lake Como.

Hotels

Villa d'Este

This lavish compound in the hamlet of Cernobbio has been the undisputed grande dame of Como since it opened in 1873, attracting a steady stream of luminaries and discerning travelers. Made up of two "palaces," its 132 rooms—many with terraces and balconies offering unrivaled views of the lake—are furnished with antiques, paintings and brocade accents that recall the villa's 16th-century royal roots. For the regal treatment, book Villa Cima, the hotel's three-story, 7,000-square-foot lakefront residence, built in 1814 by Caroline of Brunswick, who later became Queen of England.

Grand Hotel Tremezzo

In the 1932 film *Grand Hotel*, Greta Garbo called the Grand Hotel Tremezzo "that sunny, happy place," and the glimmering resort overlooking the heart of the lake still lives up to the compliment. Happiness can be found everywhere, from the floating pool, private beach club, clay tennis court and world-class

spa (with indoor infinity pool) to the five acres of exquisitely manicured grounds. Art-nouveau interiors and grand public spaces evoke the belle époque, while rooftop suites, a recent addition, come with a private butler and big-sky views from an outdoor Jacuzzi.

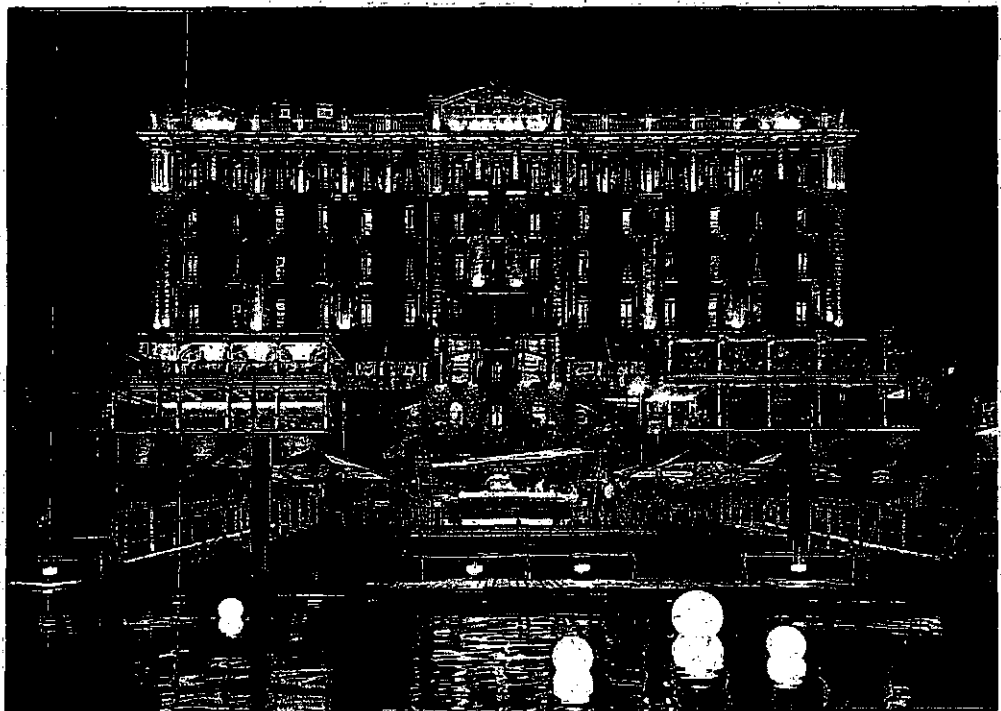
Il Sereno Lago di Como

One of the most anticipated European hotel debuts of the year, the 30-suite sister property of Le Sereno in St. Barth's opened its doors in August, bringing a contemporary aesthetic to the otherwise traditional locale. Designer Patricia Urquiola, whose former clients include Louis Vuitton and Cassina, was the visionary behind suites outfitted in stone, walnut and bronze, while the hotel's three bars were custom-designed by legendary local boatbuilder Cantiere Ernesto Riva. A 60-foot freshwater infinity pool suspended over the lake and two vertical gardens by French botanist Patrick Blanc accent the grounds.

Private Villas

Villa Pliniana

Built in 1573 and set on 18 waterfront acres, this spectacular palazzo consists of four separate villas, where Napoleon, Lord Byron and Percy Shelley all once laid their heads. Besides the massive ballrooms and waterfront gardens that can accommodate up to 300 people, the 19-bedroom villa also features a spa, private dock and on-site helipad. The owners of Il Sereno Lago di Como, about a half mile away, took over the villa's management earlier this year, so guests can expect world-class service, too.

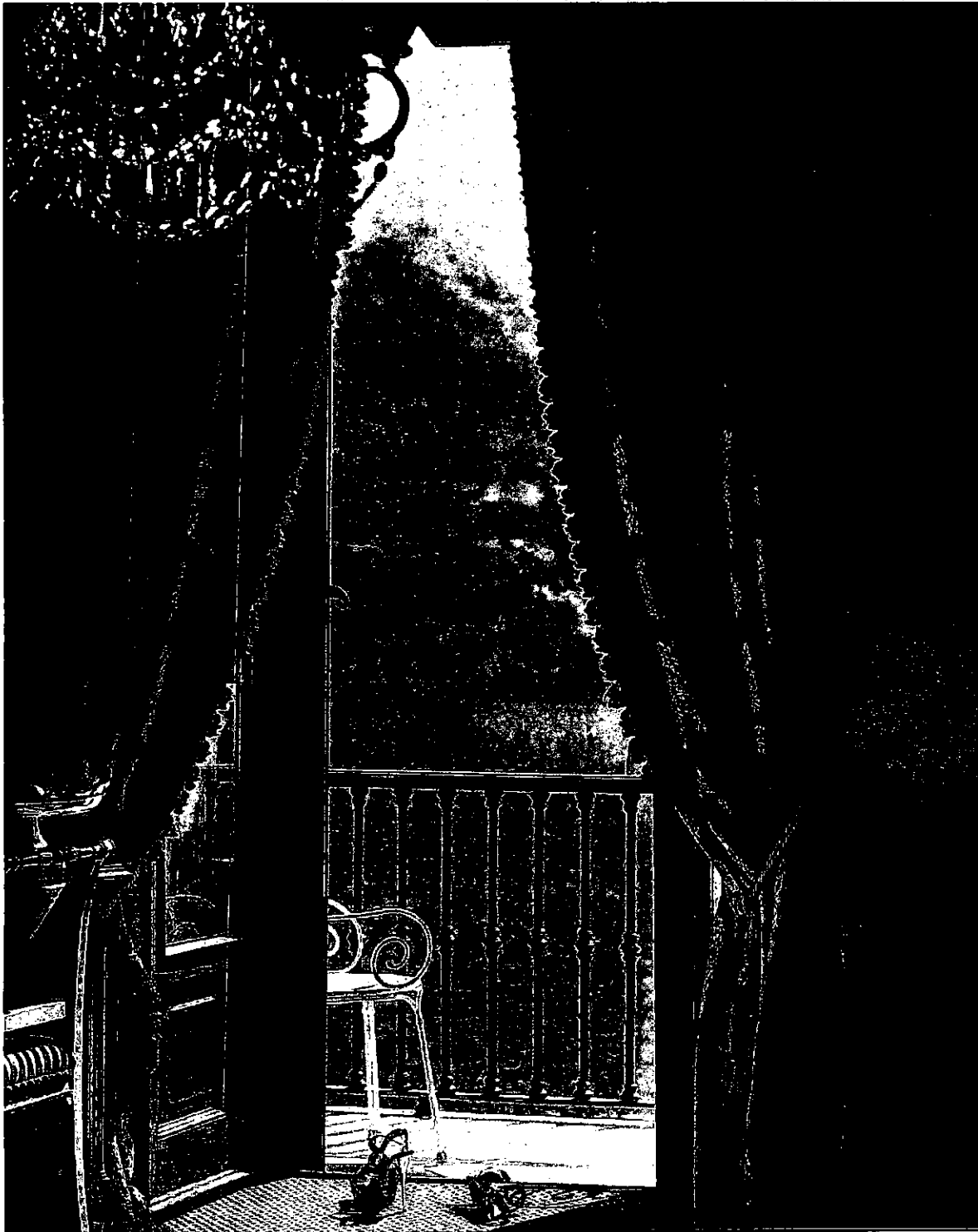


On the western shore of Lake Como, the Grand Hotel Tremezzo looks even more regal at night. Opposite page: A view from the terrace of Villa d'Este, a 16th-century palace-turned-luxury hotel, photographed by David Drebin

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Villa Sola Cabiani

The six-suite baroque-style villa, which dates back to the 1500s, once served as the summer residence of the distinguished Serbelloni dynasty. Today it's a living artifact, with antiques from the family's collection in every room. (And a few modern luxuries, like a helipad and cinema.) Serbelloni descendants still own the property, and they'll happily escort the curious to the family's private museum on the top two floors, where heirlooms and centuries-old pieces remain perfectly preserved.

Il Cigno Estate

Set amid seven acres of gardens at the end of a gated road, the sprawling estate comprises two villas, separated by a harbor, that can be booked individually or by the pair. Suites come outfitted in the finest Italian linens and overlook a huge private swimming pool, but Il Cigno's standout feature is unquestionably its wood-burning fireplaces, which pair perfectly with bottles of vintage Barolo.

Restaurants

Il Catto Nero

George Clooney is a regular at Il Catto Nero, a casually elegant mainstay perched high on a hill in Cerrobio, where the views of the lake are as impressive as the cuisine. An acclaimed wine cellar and dishes like pasta with fish, raisins, pine nuts and bread crumbs, and veal tenderloin with folic grass and chestnut honey help cultivate a loyal and well-heeled clientele.

Silvio

Specializing in just-caught seafood since 1919, this fifth-generation family-owned restaurant and hotel is the star of Lake Como's quaint Bellagio village. Sit under Silvio's vine-covered pergola or at a table on the veranda—you can't go wrong with either—and order the catch of the day, prepared by the chef in a Parmesan and truffle sauce.

The Market Place

Highly imaginative tasting menus and local ingredients make this upscale farm-to-table spot a can't-miss for epicureans. The dining room is intimate, with just 14 seats, and each dish—like the rabbit ravioli with chanterelles, or fish with zucchini carpaccio and scampi—is meticulously constructed.

Locanda La Tirlindana

If there's one thing Locanda La Tirlindana has mastered beyond its flawlessly tender calamari and mascarpone-filled ravioli, it's personalized service. The owner has been known to jump on her Vespa in search of lost customers, then usher them through narrow cobblestoned streets to the idyllic waterfront venue. The entrées are outstanding, and desserts, like red berry tiramisu, are even better.

Cocktails

Fresco Cocktail Shop

While Lake Como's nightlife is largely relegated to low-key soirées at private villas, this lively tavern is a popular option for after-dinner drinks. Bow-tied bartenders craft cocktails using fresh ingredients and are known for putting a unique spin on typical Italian libations. Try their take on a *digestivo*, a chocolate sangria with ruby port, fresh orange, sugar and white chocolate mousse.

I Tighi in Teoria

Built in 1013, this former bishop's palace turned Michelin-starred restaurant radiates character with a wooden coffered ceiling, candlelit courtyard and rotating art exhibitions. The upstairs lounge serves up a selection of drinks like the Spritz des Alpes, a spicier version of the Italian classic made with nutmeg and prosciutto.

**EMILIA-ROMAGNA:
Artisanal cuisine & superstars**

Even in a country so rich in gastronomic gifts, the Emilia-Romagna region, bordered by the Po River to the north and the Apennine Mountains to the south, is without culinary peer, bringing more Denominazione di Origine Protetta (D.O.P.)—literally "Protected-Designation of Origin"—foods to the global table than any other area of Europe. Only D.O.P. products can bear the word *tradizionale* on their labels, and the prized certification ensures that the region's shortlist of 19 delicacies, which include Parmigiano-Reggiano, prosciutto di Parma and aceto balsamico di Modena—the world's finest balsamic vinegar—are painstakingly crafted by farmers and artisans using centuries-old methods. Emilia-Romagna's affinity for food is on display in 15 separate museums dedicated to the subject, which pay tribute to everything from the art of Italian home cooking to the cells of Comacchio, a lagoon town in the province of



Ferrara that claims the slithering creature can be prepared a thousand different ways.

To glean the flavor of both the D.O.P. production process and the region, take a tour of some of its top purveyors. At *Antica Corte Pallavicini*, a sprawling 14th-century estate in the Po Valley, sample the rare and coveted culatello di Zibello, a slowly cured boneless ham that purists contend makes prosciutto di Parma pale in comparison. (Its proprietor, Massimo Spigaroli, is widely regarded as Italy's culatello king.) Take classes ranging from pasta making to pork production, dine at the Michelin-starred restaurant or stay over in one of the estate's rustic rooms, featuring fireplaces and 16th-century paneled ceilings.

Above: To ensure the highest-quality product, inspectors pierce each ham in several different places and approve or reject the product based on its scent. Opposite page: Lake Como's Villa del Balbianello, which dates back to the late 18th century, has appeared in a number of Hollywood films, including *Casino Royale* and *Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones*

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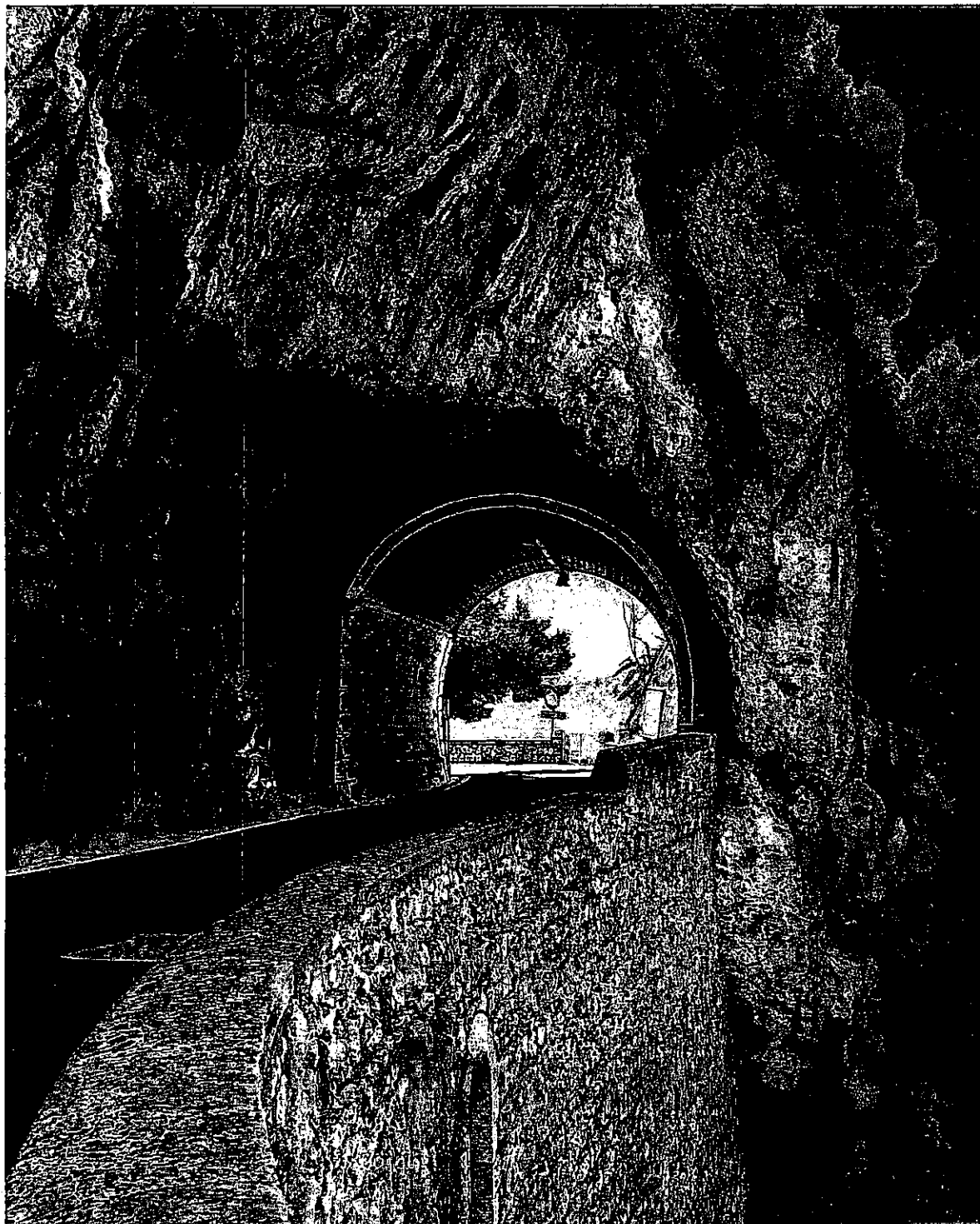
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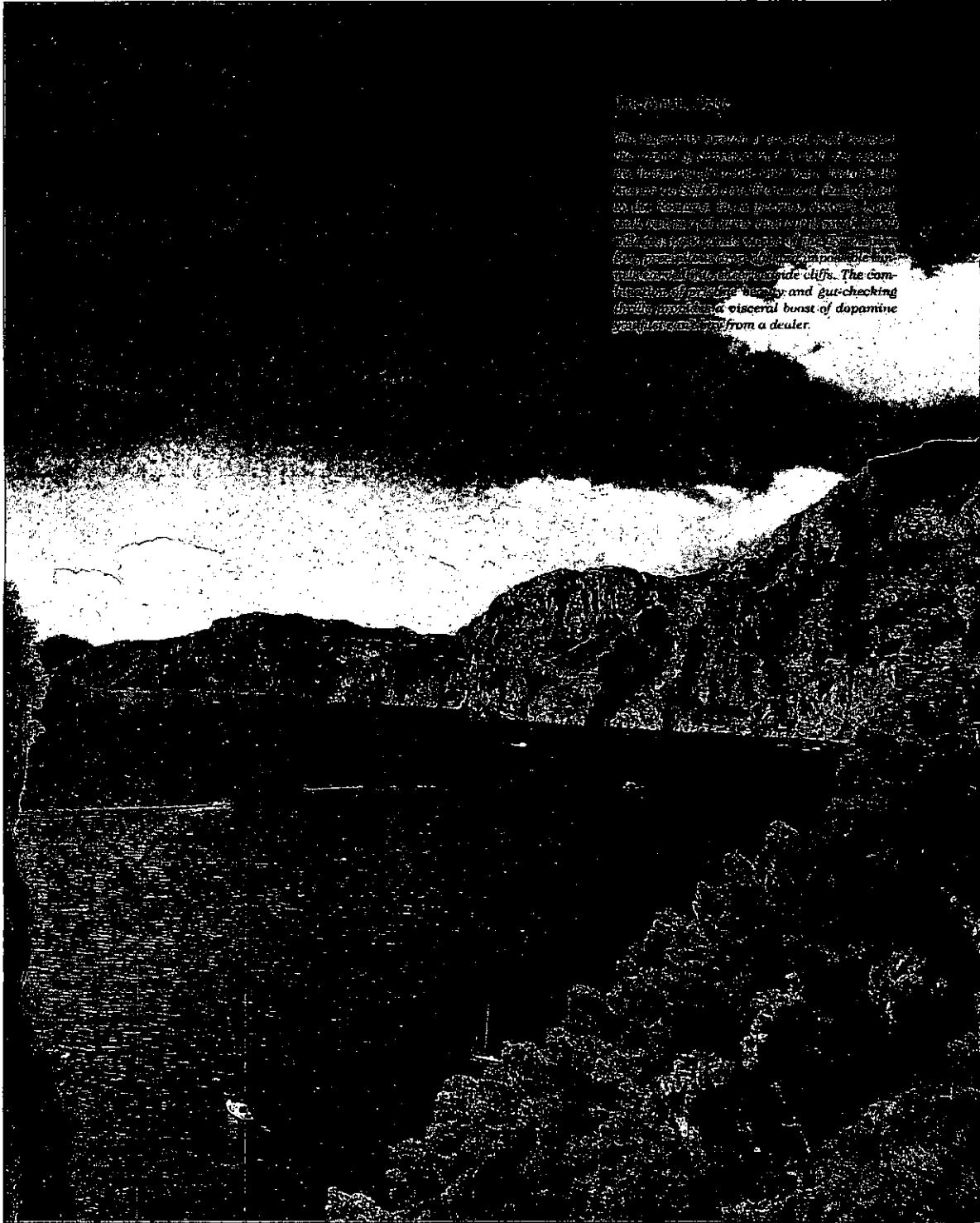
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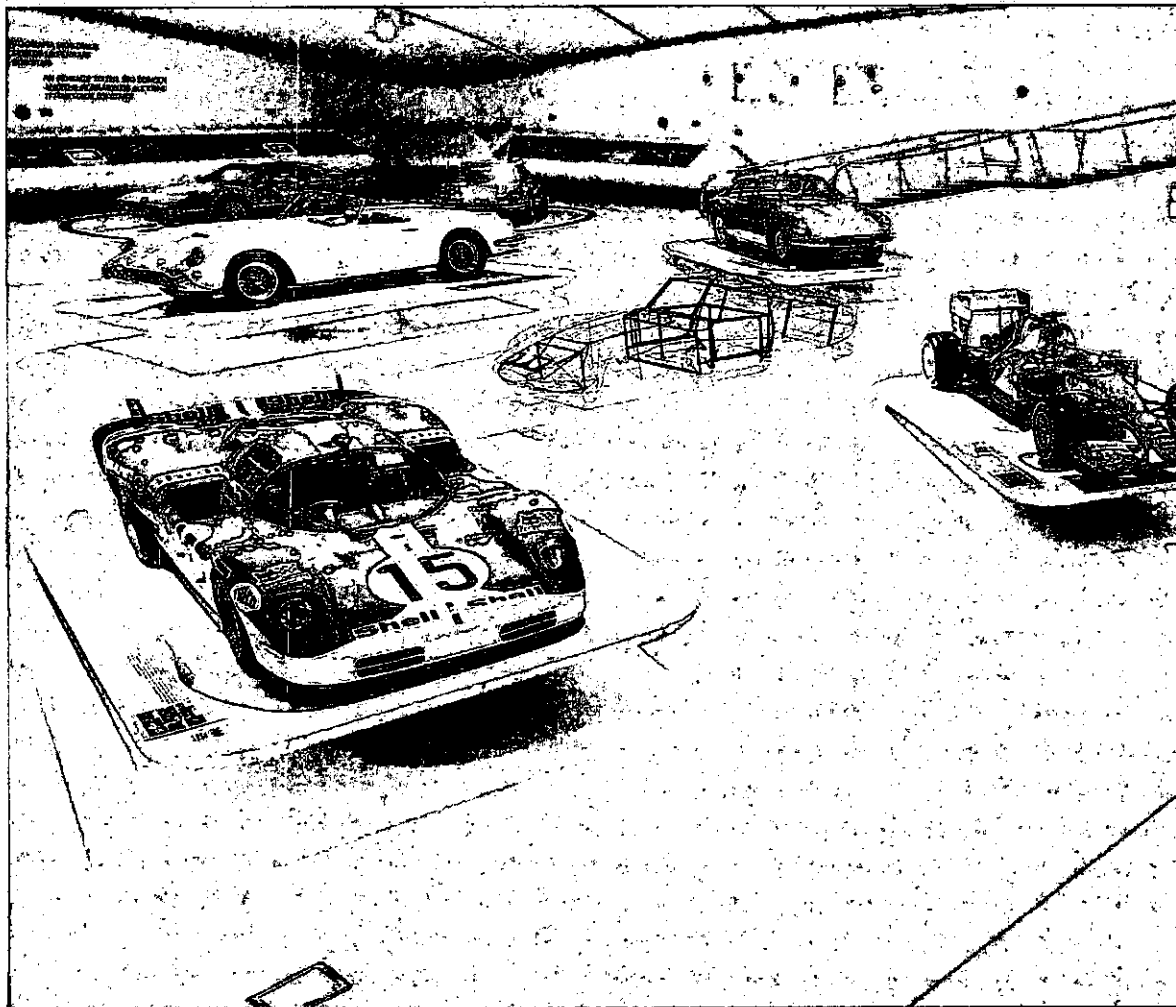


Italy: From the

*The dramatic peaks of the Alps and the rugged
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For the best balsamic, visit Acetaia di Giorgio, considered the most esteemed house for the liquid gold in Modena, where the Barbieri family will guide you through the minimum 12-year fermentation process. For its exquisite sweetness, Giorgio's Primo Reserve Juniper D.O.P., aged more than 25 years in juniper barrels, is worth its \$160 price tag. *Hombre Organic Farm* is the only local maker of organic *Parmigiano-Reggiano* on a closed-cycle property, meaning everything that goes into its production, including the corn and barley that feed *Hombre's* 500 *Italian* Friesian cows, comes from the premises. Call ahead to book a tour, on which you can observe artisans carefully crafting the cheese in giant copper cauldrons. A modest outbuilding also happens to house the world's most complete collection of Maseratis: *Hombre's* owner purchased the collection in its entirety 30 years ago to

ensure it remained in Modena, the carmaker's home since 1940.

A mecca for exotic car connoisseurs the world over, Emilia-Romagna's celebrated Motor Valley, encompassing the area from Bologna to Modena, is the birthplace of Maserati, Ducati, De Tomaso, Lamborghini, Scangorrelli, Pagani and, of course, Ferrari. With 14 museums and 11 private collections devoted to high-octane titans, it feels like the mythical land of the car gods.

Ferrari is fered religiously here, with flags bearing its famous black horse flying far and wide. Founded in the Modena suburb of Maranello in 1947—where the original Ferrari museum remains—the prolific racing brand unveiled its latest showstopper, Museo Enzo Ferrari (MEF) in Modena, in 2012. The brainchild of founder Enzo Ferrari's only living son, Piero, the

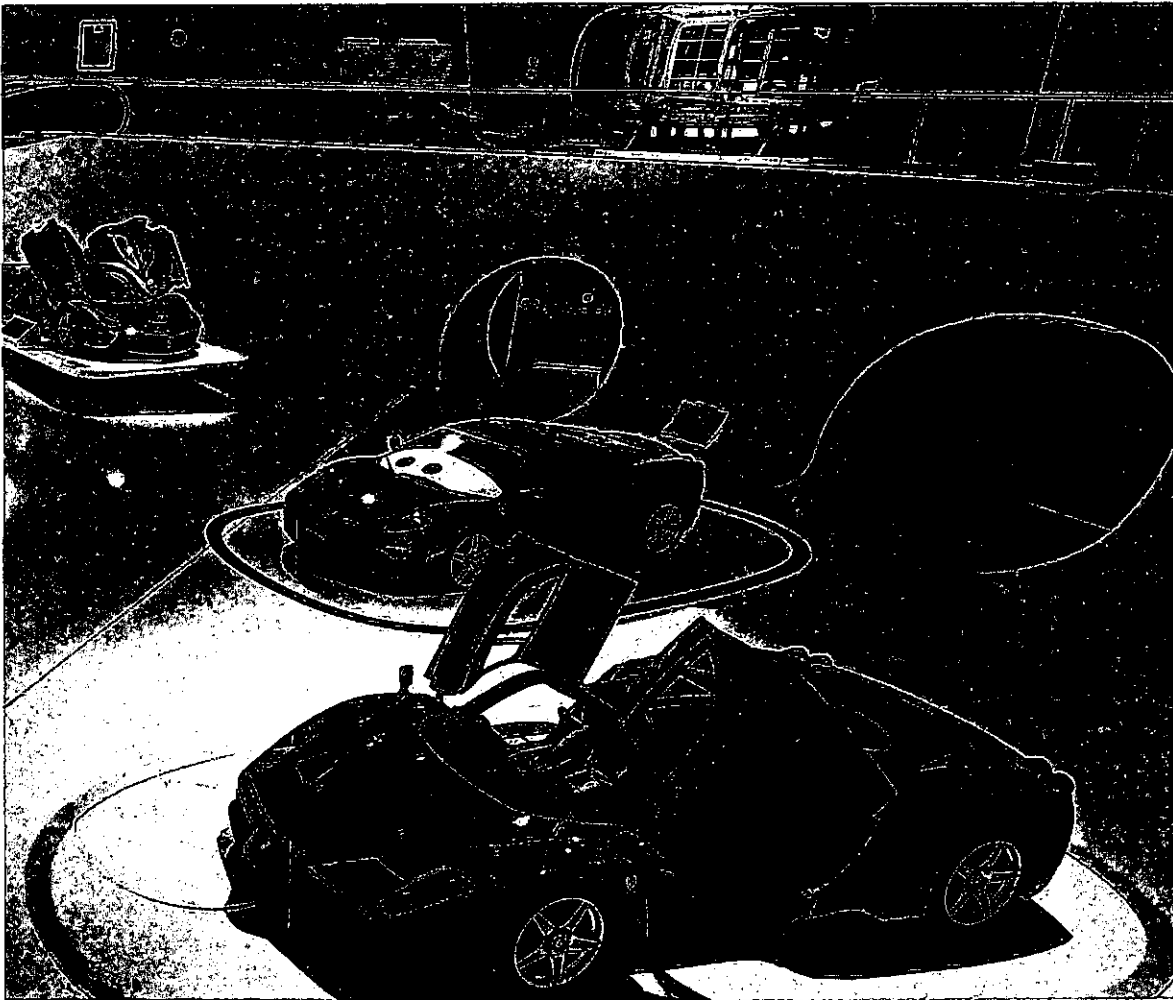
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Built in 2012, Museo Enzo Ferrari Modena is a fantasyland for Ferrari fanatics. Its showroom displays a rotation of vehicles like works of automotive art

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museum is a futuristic engineering triumph on par with Ferrari's most seductive creations. MEF's gleaming white, pillar-less exhibition space was designed by the late visionary Czech architect Jan Kaplický and displays more than 20 cars; its double-curved aluminum roof—the first large-scale application of its kind—measures 35,500 square feet and is painted bright yellow, the official color of both Ferrari and Modena. In addition to a range of Motor Valley-related exhibitions, MEF offers an F1 simulator that you can upgrade to "professional" mode for an even greater rush.

The factory and museum of Pagani, Italy's most secretive carmaker, founded by Argentinian Horacio Pagani in 1992 in San Cesario sul Panaro, is a high temple of automotive achievement. Here you'll get a firsthand look at the unparalleled craftsmanship and engineering that bring handmade

marvels like the Pagani Huayra BC to life. When the supercar debuted at this year's Geneva International Motor Show, the entire fleet—just 20 cars—had already sold for \$2.5 million each.

You can get behind the wheel yourself with the Imola Factory Tourism Company, which customizes experiences by request, including some spins around the track in a Ferrari 430 at the storied Imola racing circuit, former home of the Formula 1 San Marino Grand Prix, with two-time GTI champion Thomas Biagi cheering you on from the passenger seat. Modenatur, another local tour provider, arranges test drives like the two-hour "precision tour" in a Ferrari or Lamborghini, where a professional driver will sharpen your skills in the rolling hills around Maranello as you channel Italian racing legends and relish *la grande bellezza* of it all.

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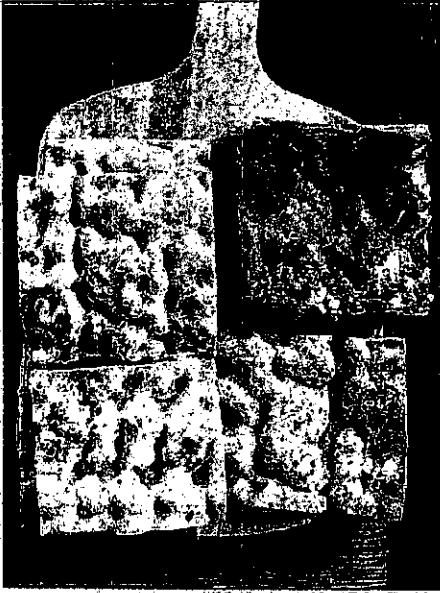
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A Working-Class Neighborhood Turns Radical Chic



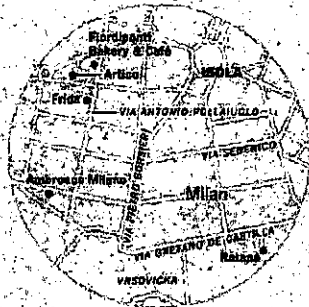
Blue-collar workers and mobsters used to live side by side in Isola, or Island, the Milanese neighborhood that once felt removed from the city, separated by rail tracks and river boundaries. Just north of Milan's historical center, the area today is seen by locals as radical chic and is home to Google's Italian headquarters. Its mish-mash of 19th-century Art Nouveau buildings with wrought-iron balconies next to high-rise towers, built for Expo 2015, the six-month-long world's fair hosted by Milan, is the perfect expression of the alternative vibe that now defines Isola.

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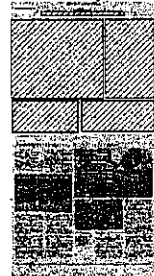
Fiordiponti Bakery & Café

A bite of focaccia bread at this year-old spot is like traveling to Liguria, the northwestern region bordering France. The oven is imported from the region, as are the ingredients and time-honored techniques like bakers pressing their knuckles into dough to create olive oil nests. Via Pallavicino 9; 39-02-3658-0005; fiordiponti.com



Ratona

Housed in a former train station, the early 20th-century building offers an elegant but homey atmosphere for a fairy-tale restaurant, which opened in 2008. Its owners decided to keep the original railways, fashioning melted tracks into tables where signature dishes like risotto with ossobuco are served. Via Gaetano de Castilia 28; 39-02-8712-8855; ratona.it

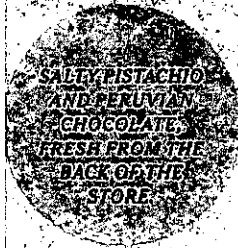


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Artico

▲ Three years ago, the longtime ice cream maker Maurizio Poloni expanded his market and opened this Milanese spot. Using only local and natural ingredients, his signature flavors are salty pistachio and Peruvian chocolate, which are produced in the back of the store. Via Luigi Porro Lambertenghi 15; 39-02-4549-4698; articoigelateria.com

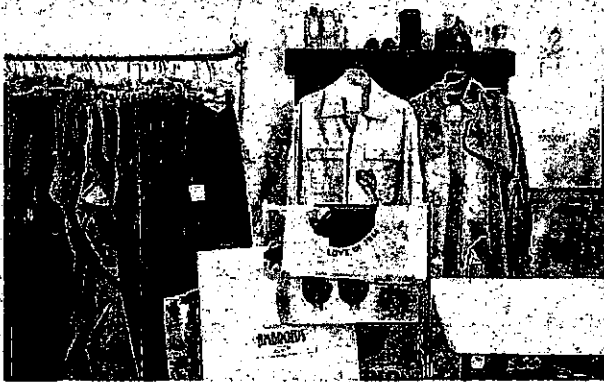
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Frida

< This artsy bar, its exterior covered with playful murals and graffiti, has long attracted locals who relax with coffee, brunch or an aperitivo in the interior postindustrial garden. Via Pallaiuolo 3; 39-02-680266; fridaisola.it



Ambroeus Milano

< Opened last October, this is the go-to place for fashion aficionados looking for vintage Italian designer clothes, shoes and accessories. The shop has a constantly evolving supply of high-end clothes at competitive prices. Via Pastrengo 15; 39-02-3659-2537; ambroeusmilano.it

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A Film Fantasy: In the Steps of a Princess

By KAREN STABINER

The silver-haired gentleman in the perfectly tailored dark suit made a sweeping gesture and gave me a wistful smile.

"It was right here," he said. "1952." He pointed to a particular spot on the floor. "That is where she stood."

If he was alive in 1952 he was a very little boy, but every guide I speak to at the Palazzo Colonna in Rome knows and reveres the spot where she stood. "Roman Holiday" was the first American film to be shot in its entirety in Italy, and "she" was Audrey Hepburn in her first film role, playing a princess on the lam who spends one glorious day in Rome with a journalist who figures he has the scoop of his career. Gregory Peck was the journalist; it didn't take long for the scoop to turn into a brief romance.

"Roman Holiday" was released in 1953, not 1952, but in

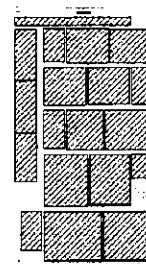
context the guide is correct: She stood there in 1952, when the film was shot. I walked over to stand where Ms. Hepburn did in the film's final scene, as the princess prepared to bid farewell to Rome, to Mr. Peck, and to a room full of real journalists drafted to fill out the press conference — and although I have been a moviegoer since I was a child, I was not prepared for how delighted I would be to be exactly there, surrounded by make-believe memories.

This was my first visit to Rome, and I faced my own time constraints. Too many friends said that it was impossible to see Rome in the three days I had, but things worked out pretty well for Princess Ann, so I decided to go where she did. She had one day, a knowledgeable guide in Mr. Peck's Joe Bradley, and the use of a Vespa; I had three days on foot. Much of what they saw was hundreds

if not thousands of years old, so it would be right where they left it.

Joe Bradley was looking for great copy and photo ops, while the princess, by her own admission, wanted to "have fun — and maybe a little excitement," and I liked their itinerary, with its mix of ruins, food, window-shopping and dancing.

The Palazzo was surely the most formal of the film's locations. I vowed to include as well the Castel Sant'Angelo, the backdrop for the wackiest scene in the film, a melee that involved music under the stars, the princess using a guitar in self-defense, an unplanned late-night swim and, this being Hollywood, a glimpse of fleeting love. I watched the film again before I left, consulted the website imdb.com for local information, and mapped the rest of my visit.



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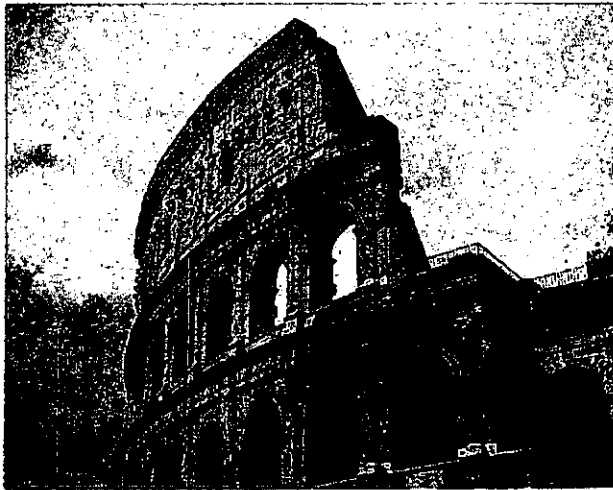
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The Colosseum

In the days before computer-generated images, real men tore each other apart, and this is where they did it. The largest amphitheater in the world had just a few strategically placed tourists in it when a guide explained its 2,000-year history to Princess Ann and Joe. Times have changed: Occasionally the admissions lines grind to a halt because no more than 3,000 visitors can enter the Colosseum at any one time. But do not be dissuaded. I expected a quick stroll and then the real-life equivalent of a jump cut to the next scene, but the more I walked, the more I wanted to walk, to try to grasp the graceful enormity of this violent place.



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Piazza della Rotonda, the Pantheon

If you were a princess in 1953, you ordered Champagne for lunch. But the G. Rocca cafe by the Pantheon is no more. Now there are two less glamorous but satisfying options: L'Antica Salumeria at Piazza della Rotonda 4 greets the hungry at the door with free samples of porchetta, and inside serves an array of sandwiches and antipasti. Just off the opposite side of the square, at Tazza d'Oro, Via degli Orfani 84, you can get the signature granita di caffè con panna, sweetened coffee frozen to a granular slush and topped with whipped cream. Ann paid no attention to the hulking Pantheon. I think that's why I embraced her tour; sitting at a sidewalk cafe, watching the world go by, is a great way to experience a city.



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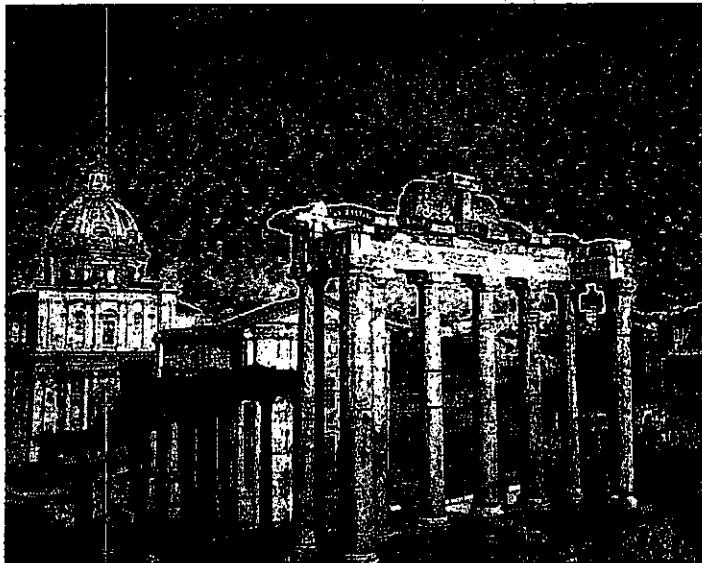
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The Arch of Septimus Severus and the Temple of Saturn
 Princess Ann fled her country's embassy after yet another night of reviewing the next day's schedule and a bedtime snack of milk and crackers. She escaped in the back of a truck, and Joe Bradley found her half-asleep on a low wall in front of the arch. To the right, the eight remaining pillars of the Temple of Saturn, built in 476 B.C. This location is at the northwest end of the Roman Forum, for those who come here to look at the ruins — which the princess and the journalist did not. But I had time and daylight on my side, so I lingered to consider the vast scale of the Forum. Yes, I leaned against the very wall where Ms. Hepburn pretended to slumber; not quite as good as being discovered by Mr. Peck, but it would have to do.



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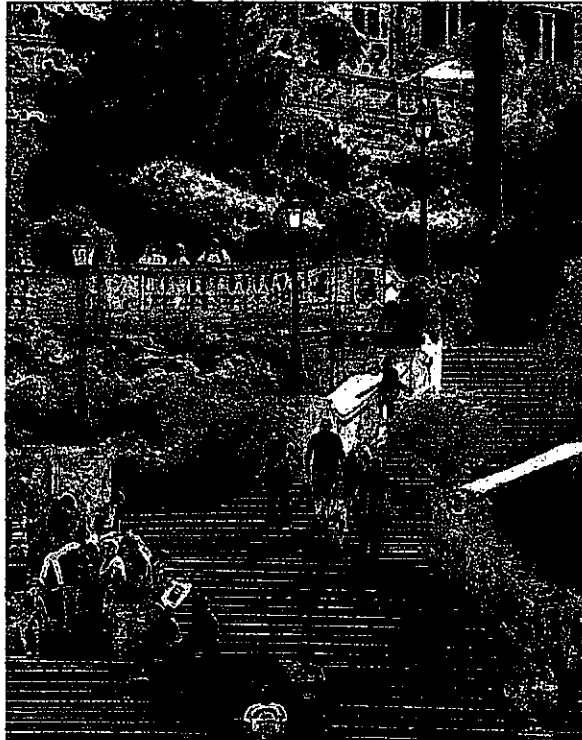
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The Spanish Steps

This is where Joe found Ann eating a chocolate gelato she bought from a cart at the base of the steps, in the Piazza di Spagna. She lied and said that she had run away from school, and he offered to help her plan her day of fun and excitement. The sweeping 135-step stairway, built between 1723 and 1725, links the Piazza di Spagna with the Piazza Trinità dei Monti at the top. And while you can purchase a selfie stick from any one of a dozen vendors, there was no gelato cart.



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Palazzo Colonna

The director William Wyler shot "Roman Holiday" in black and white to save money, so the most startling thing about the great hall in Palazzo Colonna is that it's saturated with color, the walls covered in paintings. It is one of the oldest and biggest private palaces in Rome; construction got underway in the 14th century and went on for five centuries, and members of the family still live here. Art lovers pack the Saturday tours — English language at noon. Or you can wander without a guide on that day only from 9 in the morning to 1:15 in the afternoon. This is where the story ends. The princess realized that Joe was a journalist and the two recited the kind of coded but passionate dialogue that only they — and the film's audience — understood.



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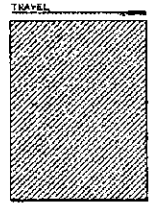
A peek behind the scenes at tourist sites

By Amy Laughinghouse
 Special to the Pioneer Press

There's an odd hush in the Sistine Chapel. Normally, this place is swarming, with up to 25,000 people visiting every day. But I'm here with just a few dozen others early on a Wednesday morning, before this celebrated holy site is officially open to the masses.

As we crane our necks to admire Michelangelo's masterpieces on the vaulted ceiling soaring overhead, there's hardly a sound, save the occasional squeak of tennis shoes on the marble floors and the low voice of a guard reminding

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snap-happy tourists that photos are forbidden. For those who wish to rest their aching feet, there's no shortage of seating on the wooden benches lining the walls, and pilgrims who come to kneel before the altar need not jostle for space.

I can even linger in the doorway without fear of being trampled, gazing up at the artist's portrait of Biagio da Cesena, the Papal official who sneeringly suggested that Michelangelo should be painting brothels rather than churches. Cheeky Mickey had his revenge by portraying his critic as an outcast in hell, wrapped in a serpent's unyielding embrace.

So how did I beat the crowds? No, I haven't slipped a slick 100 Euro note to a sentry. I'm insufficiently sneaky and far too cheap for that. Instead, I booked the "Sistine Chapel Express and Vatican Museums Entrance" tour with City Wonders, allowing me to sidle in ahead of the general public.

Founded by Roman native Simone Gozzi, City Wonders specializes in out-of-the-ordinary experiences around Rome and a host of other European cities. "We try to give you the best experience for the best deal — something that you as an individual could not access, like skipping the line, arriving before everyone else or staying later," Gozzi says. For example, in addition to offering early access to the Sistine Chapel, City Wonders also arranges atmospheric nighttime tours of the Colosseum in the summer, which allow guests to examine the warren of rooms beneath the gladiator's stage, where most visitors are not allowed to go.

"Little gestures make people feel special," Gozzi explains. "Also, some people have never been here before, and they may never be back. We help them maximize their

time."

Over the course of four days, City Wonders' Rome-based tours whisk me between the most iconic sites of Italy's capital and the surrounding regions, from the hilltop towns of Tuscany to the ruins of Pompeii and the shop-lined streets of Sorrento, without me having to worry about the logistics. I prefer this a la carte daily tour option, as opposed to the more rigid schedule of an all-inclusive package tour of Italy, because it not only gives me the freedom to choose my own accommodations, but I have the flexibility to explore on my own when I want to.

Following my visit to the Sistine Chapel, for instance, I have the rest of the morning and most of the afternoon at leisure. As it's still early, I'm able to whizz through the highlights of the Vatican Museums' nine miles of artwork, including the 16th century Hall of Maps, so empty it echoes, the Raphael Rooms, embellished with frescoes by Raphael and his acolytes, and the Borgia Apartments, inhabited by Pope Alexander VI in the 15th century.

Later, after taking in the famous Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps and Forum by myself, I meet up with my friends for the City Wonders' "Crypts and Catacombs" tour. I'm a sucker for all things weird and eerie, and this tour transports us via a bus to three such extraordinary sites around Rome with our bubbly guide Rebecca Bright — an ex-pat from Massachusetts — providing informative commentary throughout.

We explore the labyrinthine catacombs just outside the ancient city, where frescoes and paintings from as early as the second century B.C. still adorn some of the now-empty crypts. Then we're shuttled to the gilded 12th-century Basilica San Clem-

ente, where we "time travel" through several levels of ruins, including a mysterious pagan temple, all the way back to the first century some 60 feet below street level.

"Rome is an architectural lasagna, built layer upon scrumptious layer," says Bright, as she leads us to a fourth-century basilica just beneath the current church. Here, she points out a faded fresco that tells the story of a man named Sisinnius, who tried to capture St. Clement. As his servants drag a stone column, which they think is St. Clement (thanks to a miracle the saint has performed), Sisinnius shouts abuse at them. His words, captioned on the wall, roughly translate as, "Come on, you sons of bitches, pull!" It's remarkable not only because it contains a curse word — as part of the church's décor, mind you — but also because, according to Bright, it's the first example of written Italian in a fresco.

I'm most intrigued by our final stop, the Capuchin Crypt. It's known locally as "the Bone Chapel," and it's not hard to discern why. Here, the artfully displayed bones of approximately 3,700 monks, dating to between 1528 and 1870, decorate a series of small vaults. There are chandeliers made from arm and leg bones, arches comprised of stacked skulls, a clock made of finger bones, and complete skeletons of monks draped in brown cloaks. Despite the age of the skeletons, a few still sport a substantial amount of leathery flesh, including one whose face seems frozen in fear or surprise, like Munch's portrait of "The Scream." "They say that the holier you are, the more slowly you decompose," Bright explains.

But there's another way to ensure that you're well-preserved ... or at least, pickled. That's wine, and Italy has an

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abundance of it. On my last night in Rome, my friends and I have an opportunity to sample several of its most interesting vintages during City Wonders' "Gourmet Wine Tasting and Food Pairing Class."

"I'm going to teach you how to become a snobbish wine sommelier in two minutes," says Alessandro Pepe, the irreverent sommelier at Roscioli, by way of introduction. Actually, the class goes on for two hours, but the time flies by as he uncorks bottle after bottle.

"People are scared of wine-tasting, and sommeliers are partially at fault," Pepe admits. "We behave like priests, dressing in dark clothes and telling you what's good and bad. But just relax," he grins. "Try to clear your mind and not think too much."

Instead of wracking our brains for technical terms, Pepe encourages us to simply let a picture form in our heads. After guiding us through several samples, he puts us to the test, pouring us each a glass of Bressan Schioppettino 2011 and asking us to write down our thoughts. For me, this rich red wine evokes images of my grandmother's attic, an antique shop and Istanbul. I doubt my description would earn me a sommelier's certification, but it's sufficient to win a jar of fresh Italian pesto — the per-

fect souvenir to conjure delicious memories of the wonders of Rome long after I've returned home.

IF YOU GO

City Wonders Tours:
citywonders.com

Some examples of per-person pricing tours:

•Sistine Chapel Express and Vatican Museums Entrance Tickets \$52.62

•Crypts and Catacombs (3.5 hours) \$74.10

•Gourmet Wine Tasting and Food Pairing Class (2 hours) \$74.10

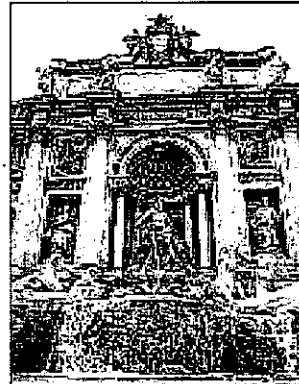
•Tuscany in One Day from Rome Tour with Brunello Wine Tasting (all day; 12 hours) \$138.53

•VIP Pompeii and Sorrento from Rome Small Group Tour (12 hours) \$235.18

Where to stay: Rome Cavalieri Waldorf Astoria Hotels & Resorts, situated within a 15-acre park on a hill overlooking Rome, was named Europe and Italy's Leading Luxury City Resort at the 2016 World Travel Awards. The hotel features 345 rooms and 27 suites, six bars and

restaurants — most notably, the three-Michelin-star La Pergola, an award-winning spa, four heated outdoor pools and one glass-domed indoor pool, two Davis Cup tennis courts and a prized private art collection.
romecavalieri.com

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The Trevi Fountain in Rome.

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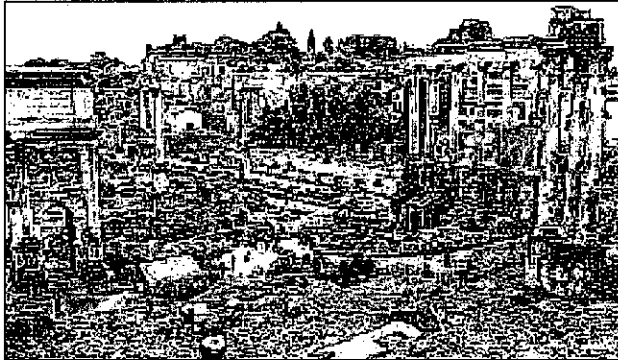


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Rome's-famous Spanish Steps look a lot more "English" on a rainy day.

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The Roman Forum.



The Gallery of Maps at the Vatican Museums can be surprisingly quiet early in the morning.

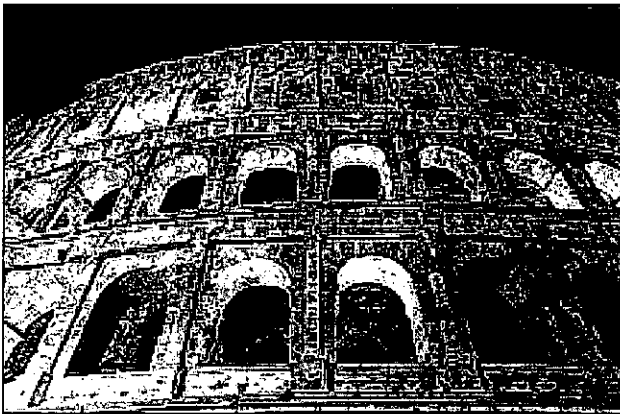
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City Wonders' "Crypts and Catacombs" tour takes visitors to three sites around Rome, including the Capuchin Crypt, also known as "the Bone Chapel."



Rome's Colosseum feels more moody and mysterious at night.

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Escaping The Crush Of The Venice Scene

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I love Venice, but when the crowds become unbearable, I make it a point to get out of the center and discover what the surrounding area has to offer.

One easy escape is to the islands of Murano, Burano and Torcello, which hide out in Venice's lagoon. Water taxis and ferry boats zip from central Venice to the islands, so you can easily see all three places in one day. Though hardly undiscovered, they provide a break from the hubbub of Venice.

The quickest-to-reach island is Murano, where artisans for centuries have been producing that famous Venetian glass. A 13th-century law restricted glass production (and its dangerous furnaces) to Murano to prevent fires on the main island and also to protect the secrets of Venetian glassmaking. Today, you can visit elaborate showrooms and witness the traditional mastery of this craft in adjoining workshops.

Just as Murano is known for glass, the island of Burano, with its colorful facades gracing the lagoon, is famous for lace. Shops proudly display these painstakingly produced works of art made with only needles and thread by artisans meticulously following time-honored patterns passed down from older generations.

Burano's vibrantly painted homes look like Venice before the plaster peeled off. As the day winds down, when shops close and the crowds return to Venice, it's worthwhile to stay and wander Burano's back lanes for a peaceful slice of the Venetian lagoon most visitors miss.

From Burano, you can head back to the mainland or stop at Torcello, the birthplace of Venice. This marshy, shrub-covered island is home to about 20 residents and the oldest church in Venice, which sports impressive mosaics.

Venice is the most famous city in a region known as the Veneto. In its heyday, the island of Venice ruled a huge empire, and that included a good part of the Italian mainland. With much of the charm and far fewer crowds, you could call this region of Italy "sotto-estimato" — underestimated. And two of the best Veneto destinations are Padua and Verona.

Padua, half an hour from Venice by train, is home to a prestigious university, an important pilgrimage sight and some remarkable frescoes. The city was ruled by Venice from 1405 until Napoleon came around 1800. Chafing under Venetian rule for four centuries seemed only to sharpen Padua's independent spirit. And that spirit survives at its university, which attracted intellectuals from far and wide, including Galileo, Copernicus and Dante.

Padua has also long been a lure for pilgrims, who for nearly 800 years have flocked to the Basilica of St. Anthony. One of Christianity's most popular shrines to one of its most popular saints, the basilica is filled with magnificent art, including bronze statues of the crucifix, Mary and Padua's favorite saints by the Renaissance master Donatello.

Pilgrims visit the relics of the saint, considered miraculously preserved: his vocal chords, tongue and jawbone. These relics befit the saint who couldn't stop teaching, preaching and praying.

The Scrovegni Chapel is the art treasure of Padua. It's wallpapered with Giotto's beautifully preserved cycle of frescoes, painted in the early 1300s, that depict the lives of Jesus and Mary. Giotto, considered

the first modern painter, produced scenes that were more realistic and human than anything that had been done for a thousand years. Since the chapel is open only to a limited number of visitors a day, advanced reservations are required.

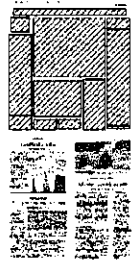
Padua also presents the opportunity to explore one of Italy's finest produce markets. Since medieval times, shoppers have come to Palazzo della Razione and its surrounding squares for the best Veneto produce. Wandering through here, visitors can appreciate the Italian passion for good food. Merchants share recipe tips with shoppers. Locals can tell the month by the seasonal selections. Artichokes and white asparagus? It's April.

At the base of the Alps and nestled in a bend of the Adige River is another leading city in the Veneto: Verona. Just over an hour away from Venice by train, Verona is famous among tourists because of Romeo and Juliet, a gimmick dreamed up by a tour guide in the last century. (You can visit Juliet's famous balcony, but it's fictitious.)

Verona is worth a visit for its history as a Roman city, an ideal last stop for ancient Romans before heading north over the Alps. Here you'll find an amazing arena, the third largest in Italy, boasting great acoustics, impressive stonework and fine city views from the top. It's memorable to visit a theater that has hosted everything from Roman gladiator battles to rock concerts, medieval executions to opera festivals (still held every summer).

Venice is undeniably the star of this region. But you shouldn't overlook the gems nearby, with their distinctive culture and history, sumptuous art and in-love-with-life people.

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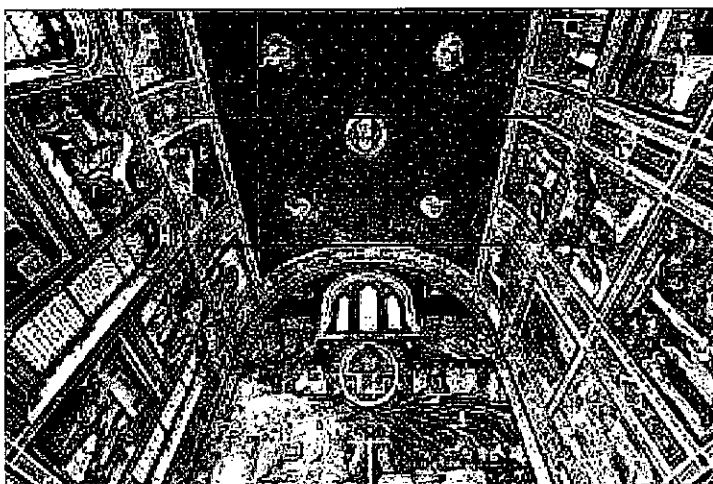
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BUILDINGS line the canals of the small island of Burano in Venice's lagoon. Burano is famous for its lace.



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FRESCOES BY Italian painter Giotto are wonderfully preserved in Padua's Scrovegni Chapel.

Deep in Italy on a bicycle built for two

Our readers share tales of their ramblings around the world.

Who: Michael Lyon (author), his 11-year-old son Joshua, of Falls Church, Va., and their friend, Mike Polacek, of Salt Lake City.

Where, when, why: In August, we rode our bikes, with Joshua and I on a tandem, from Munich to Venice up the Inn River. We traveled across the Alps, down the Adige River to the Po River, and finally arrived in Venice 16 days and 750 kilometers later. I have been cycling along Europe's rivers for more than 20 years, wrote a book on the subject and have been lucky enough to share this special type of European travel with Joshua for a couple of weeks during the past four summers. There is no better way to see Europe than by bike. It allows just the right pace to cover enough territory while having the time to really enjoy the sites — and stop for a well-deserved pastry or gelato along the way.

Highlights and high points: Our ride took us along mostly flat paved bike paths flanked by majestic mountains and through some of the most historic areas in Italy. Rolling through towns overflowing with Renaissance art and architecture, from Giotto and Tintoretto to Palladio, was certainly a highlight. Most tourists focus on only a few major Italian cities in this region, such as Venice and possibly Verona, but cycling provided us the opportunity to see so many other wonderful cities including Merano, Bolzano, Mantua, Ferrara, Vicenza and Padua, which are off the beaten path for most travelers. We did not meet a single American in any of these cities. The climb over some hills from the Adige to the crest overlooking beautiful Lake

Garda, followed by an exhilarating five-minute descent down a wide, carless road to the old quaint town of Torbole and the banks of the Lake, was simply a breathtaking experience.

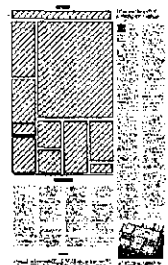
Cultural connection or disconnect: On a Friday afternoon in Verona, Joshua's tooth became loose. It was not easy to find a dentist in Italy, as the weekend had already begun for all practical purposes, especially during August vacations, but the hotel manager at the Hotel des Arts called around and found a clinic that would open for us. We arrived at a small townhouse that served as the dentist's office, and were greeted with smiles by an older dentist and his wife. The couple could not have been nicer, and tried everything to make Joshua feel comfortable. However, there was one problem — they spoke no English. Google Translate on my phone turned out to be the solution, with each of us speaking into the phone, which did the translating and allowed us to agree on a procedure: pulling one of Joshua's baby teeth before an infection could take hold. Soon, Joshua was smiling — the procedure was a success. We were grateful for technology that could bridge the language disconnect and for Italian hosts, who made Joshua feel so at ease.

Biggest laugh or cry: We had just left Trento, heading south along the river trail, when we saw a large factory with giant letters spelling out Ferrari on the side. "Wow," we thought, "this must be one of the Ferrari car factories, maybe we can take a tour!" We pedaled up to the facility, parked the bikes and walked in — only to find that it was the Ferrari Grappa liquor factory. No matter, we were

treated to an enjoyable tasting, and ended up buying a bottle that traveled all the way to Venice in our panniers, subject to a sip here and there in the evenings.

How unexpected: The city of Padua proved a special treat. It's a town not usually on a tourist's agenda, but that is part of what made it special. A major 13th-century university that Albert Einstein attended, and where Galileo once taught; a marvelous botanic garden with historic and new sections; and a vibrant old city center, with modern chic stores and Renaissance-era buildings, all combined to make Padua something special. A highlight was the Giotto frescoes in the Scrovegni Chapel, which some consider the first example of modern Renaissance art.

Fondest memento or memory: In Merano, a city in Tyrol in Northern Italy, we took the train up into the Alps, and each rented bikes for the 60-kilometer downhill ride through the mountains along a paved path that followed the rapidly flowing Adige. Joshua rode the entire way, by far his longest ride on his own bike, and had the time of his life. I couldn't have been more proud. Later in the trip, we stopped in Florence for a couple of days and decided to climb to top of the city's Duomo, something I had last done more than 35 years ago, while I was still in college. I worried that the climb might be too tough this time, but we actually raced to the top! Riding for a couple of weeks put us in great shape, and this climb together was part of the reward. To tell us about your own trip, go to washingtonpost.com/travel and fill out the What a Trip form with your fondest memories, finest moments and favorite photos.



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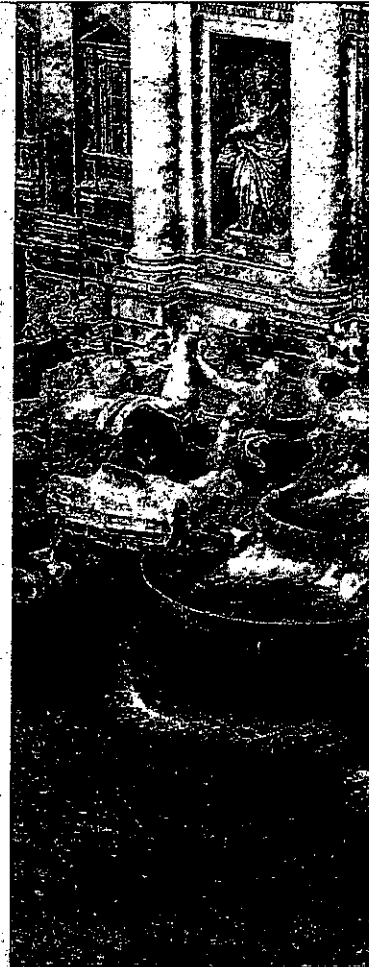
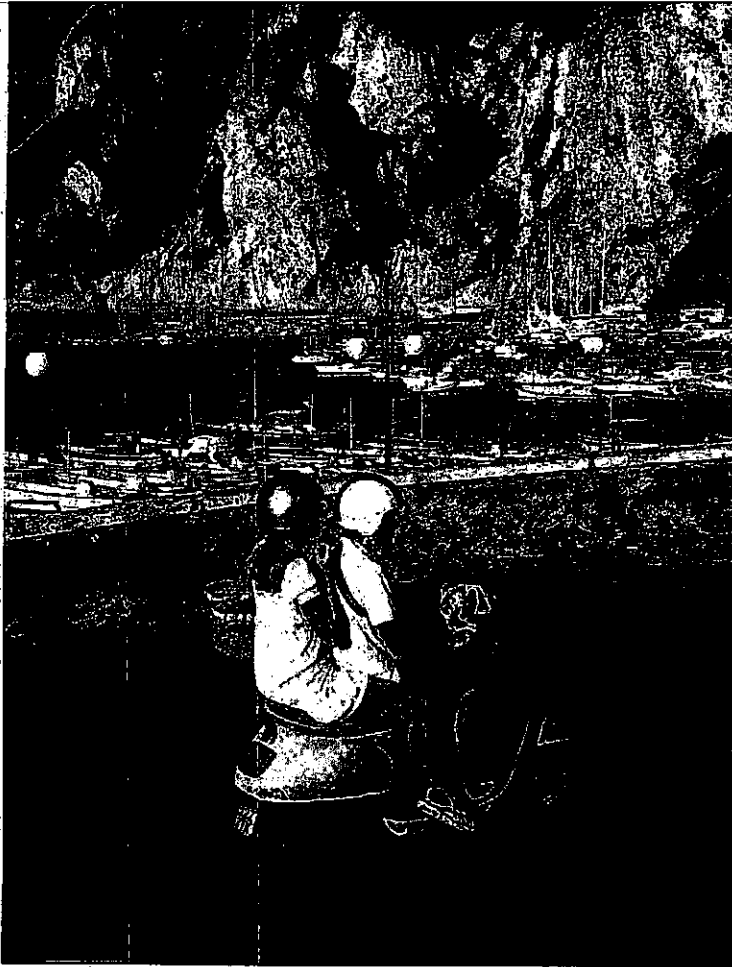


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TOP: The author rides a tandem bike with his son, Joshua Lyon, on a trail leading from Padua to Vicenza in Italy. **RIGHT:** After a long ride, the author, middle, poses with his friend Mike Polacek, left, and son Joshua with a vista of Lake Garda, the country's largest, behind them. From this point, the author wrote, "an exhilarating five-minute descent down a wide, carless road to the old quaint town of Torbole and the banks of the Lake, was simply a breathtaking experience."

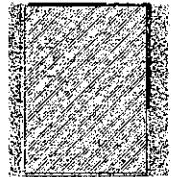


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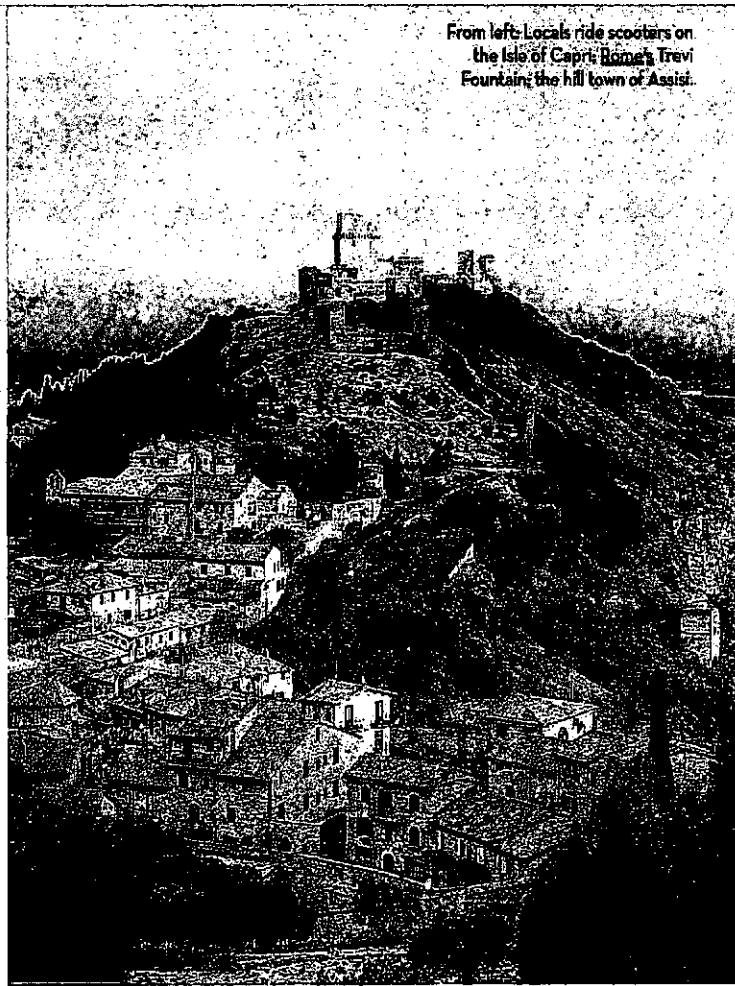


ROAMING FROM ROME

The romance of the Eternal City is undeniable, and the treasures to be explored—art, history, culture, cuisine—are rich. But Rome also is an excellent base from which to explore many of Italy's other alluring sights, from its ancient hill towns to its sun-drenched isles. »»



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From left: Locals ride scooters on the Isle of Capri; Rome's Trevi Fountain; the hill town of Assisi.

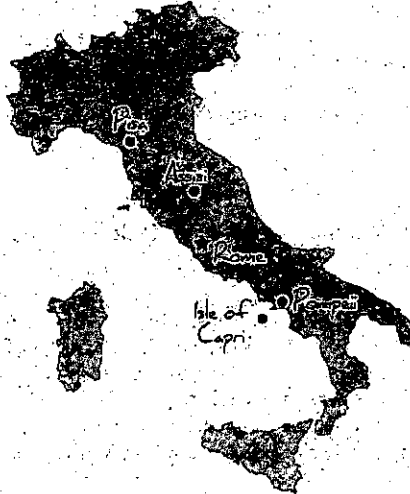
At one table, a multigenerational Italian family passes plates of burrata, the creamy cheese nestled amid sun-dried tomatoes from Calabria. At another, a waiter showers feather-light shavings of white truffles over a steaming plate of pasta. "Prego!" announces the arrival of a bowl of spaghetti carbonara studded with crisp, salty chunks of guanciale and coated in a sauce made from nothing more than eggs, pepper and pecorino.

To many, it sounds like an Italian dream. But in Rome, it's daily life.

A variation of this scene takes place every evening at Roscioli, a restaurant in Rome's centro storico, the historic center. This neighborhood is the epicenter of the Italian capital, and an excellent place to explore all the Eternal City has to offer, from cuisine to cultural traditions such as the bustling market at Campo de' Fiori.

But beyond the city limits, other wonders beckon. Within a day's travel, one can reach ancient archaeological sites and glamorous island towns. In places such as Pisa, Assisi, Pompeii and Capri, one can dive deep into the food, history and landscapes. And after exploring, finding the way back is easy: All roads lead to Rome.

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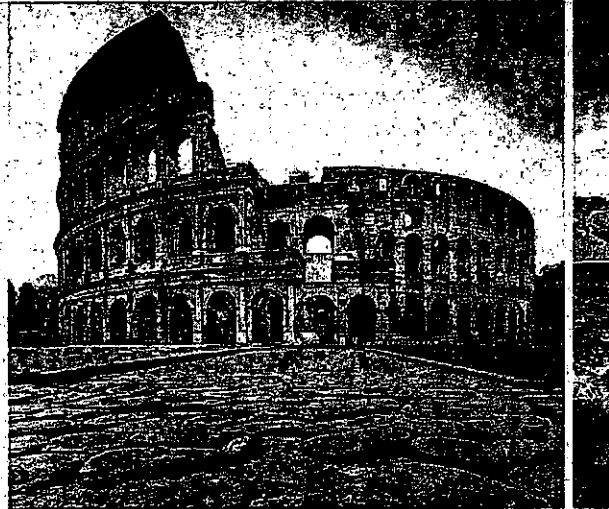
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ROME

The capital is rich in history, culture and charm.

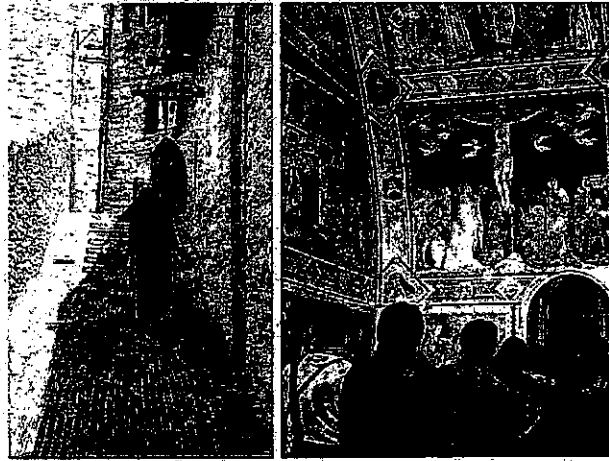
Historical sites and landmarks are so concentrated in Rome's centro storico that one hardly needs a map to find them. Follow one winding lane to land at the base of the Spanish Steps, or turn a corner to discover the grand Piazza Navona, a square filled with majestic fountains. A maze of cobblestone lanes, crisscrossed with clotheslines strung with fresh laundry, leads to the Pantheon, the ancient Roman temple. And down the wide avenues buzzing with Vespas, it's almost startling to catch a glimpse of the Colosseum, the hulking first-century amphitheater. Something worth seeking out across the Tiber River: Vatican City's Sistine Chapel adorned with glorious paintings—including Michelangelo's Renaissance masterpiece, *The Creation of Adam*, on the ceiling. After marveling at this work of art, consider visiting nearby St. Peter's Basilica, the grand cathedral that is home to the evocative *Pieta* sculpture by Michelangelo.



ASSISI

Spiritual influences abound in this enchanting town.

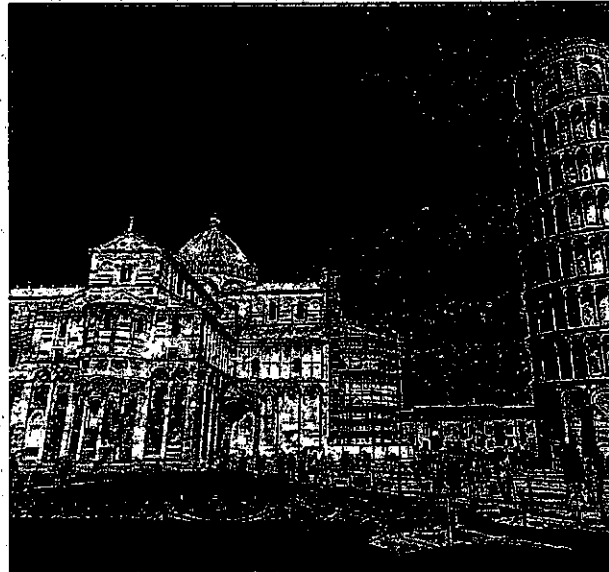
Perched atop a hill in central Umbria, Assisi is chock-full of medieval castles, ancient fortresses, 16th-century palaces, Etruscan ruins and some of Italy's most important churches. A pilgrimage destination, the town was the birthplace of St. Francis, the ascetic founder of the Franciscan religious order. Today, friars clad in traditional brown robes can be seen wandering through the streets. Of the many sites worth visiting, don't miss the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi. Built in the 13th century, the basilica consists of two churches: the Lower Church, constructed in deference to the saint's humble teachings, and the Upper Church with Italian Gothic architecture, a soaring nave and a fresco series depicting the life of St. Francis. The saint's relics are entombed in the Lower Church, where more frescoes, including works attributed to Giotto and Cimabue, await.



PISA

Architectural wonders surround the Leaning Tower.

Straddling the Arno River in western Tuscany, Pisa is a vibrant town famous around the world for its Leaning Tower. This bell tower is located in a walled piazza called the Piazza dei Miracoli, or the Square of Miracles. Here, lawns appear to sprout architectural wonders like springtime flowers. First is La Torre, as Pisans refer to the show-stopping tower, for which construction began in 1173. The distinct lean was worsening until stabilization efforts allowed it to reopen to the public. Beside the tower



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sits the Duomo di Pisa, a cathedral whose ornate Pisan-Romanesque facade of white-and-black marble is a testament to Pisa's past fortitudes. And a stone's throw away is the Pisa Baptistery of St. John (the largest baptistry in Italy), a stunning, intricately detailed example of both Romanesque and Gothic architecture that took more than 200 years to build.

ISLE OF CAPRI

Find elegant boutiques in this glamorous island town.

Warm breezes carry the scent of citrus across the Isle of Capri, an island in the Gulf of Naples that is a short ferry ride from the Neapolitan bustle. On a plateau above the sea, Capri Town is the larger of the island's two towns, a maze of narrow lanes winding between whitewashed villas and blooming gardens. On the town's main piazza, known locally as Piazzetta, fashionable crowds linger at outdoor cafes sipping espressos and limoncello liqueur made from local lemons. A walk along the cobblestone streets will surely lead past five-star hotels and high-end designer stores. But leisurely strolling also will yield gelato shops scooping fruit flavors in the shade of citrus trees, as well as artisan boutiques selling handmade leather sandals and painted ceramics in hues—sunny yellow and deep blue—that perfectly mirror Capri's natural landscape.

POMPEII

Ancient Roman history lies in the ruins of Pompeii.

The violent eruption of Mount Vesuvius in A.D. 79 devastated the Roman city of Pompeii, which was situated a few miles from the volcano, beside the Bay of Naples. After the eruption, the area was abandoned and virtually untouched for hundreds of years until explorers discovered an entire city preserved beneath a blanket of volcanic debris. Today, the archaeological site offers an unrivaled picture of ancient Roman society and culture, from artisan shops and thermal bathhouses to elegant villas used for seaside vacations. History buffs will marvel at the well-preserved artifacts, which range from electoral propaganda to terracotta kitchenware. Others will be struck by eerier exhibits, which include plaster casts of victims frozen in fearful poses at the moment of death. The amphitheater and paved streets that once served a city of more than 12,000 inhabitants are a memorable link to Italy's ancient history. ■

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Clockwise from top left: The Colosseum in Rome; the Isle of Capri; gelato, a treat on Capri; Mount Vesuvius and Pompeii; the Leaning Tower of Pisa; ancient streets of Assisi; inside the Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi.



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