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## EUROPEAN *Indulgence* TOUR

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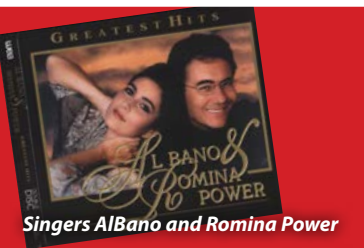
**A JOURNEY THROUGH ITALY'S HIDDEN TREASURES:** cultural richness of **AVELLINO**, the UNESCO wonders of **MATERA**, and the rustic charm of **CELLINO SAN MARCO**, to the historic allure of **LECCE**, the coastal beauty of **PESCARA**, the alpine splendour of **BOLZANO** and timeless history of **SAN MARINO**. Discover LINZ, Austria's cultural gem. Unwind in the ultimate wellness spa hotel in **PIESTANY** \*Optional Hungary's breathtaking capital **BUDAPEST**



San Marino



Budapest



Singers **Albano and Romina Power**



Bolzano



Cellino San Marco historic centre

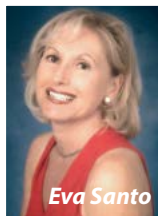


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# Welcome to BELLA ITALIA & BEYOND EUROPEAN *Indulgence* TOUR



Eva Santo

For almost 3 decades we have been offering unique European experiences with our personalised fully escorted tours. Born in Slovakia, I am fluent in five languages. I accompany each group and guarantee you a hassle-free, all-inclusive holiday experience with unparalleled inclusions. All your sightseeing, cultural events, guides and driver's tips are included. It gives me enormous satisfaction to see so many of our travellers returning year after year.

*Eva Santo,*

Director and Tour Leader



*Al Bano Carrisi and his luxurious Tenuta Resort, Cellino San Marco*



**Bella Italia and Beyond -** A unique and authentic travel adventure. Immerse yourself in cultural and culinary delights, from cheese and wine tastings to exploring the UNESCO wonders of Matera.

Discover the historic and scenic beauty of Lecce, Pescara, Bolzano, and San Marino. Continue your journey to Austria's vibrant third-largest city, Linz, and rejuvenate at the luxurious spa in Piestany.

An option to extend your trip with a stay in the Pearl of the Danube, Budapest.

This extension transforms your journey into a month-long European adventure, offering, an all-inclusive, hassle-free excellent value, and complete comfort.



*Ostuni, Italy*

# Itinerary

## 26 MAY MONDAY: FLIGHT AUSTRALIA – DUBAI – NAPLES, ITALY

## 27 MAY TUESDAY: NAPLES - AVELLINO, ITALY

**12:15 PM** After arriving to Naples airport we board our bus for a scenic 50 km drive to a charming town with ancient roots in the heart of the Campania region, surrounded by majestic mountains—often referred to as the “Switzerland of the South.” Upon arrival, we check into Hotel De La Ville. Enjoy a free afternoon to explore the historic centre, just a few minutes’ walk from the hotel. Don’t miss the opportunity to visit the stunning 12th-century Cathedral.

**6:00 PM:** Dinner at the hotel.



## 28 MAY WEDNESDAY: AVELLINO – MATERA – CELLINO SAN MARCO, PUGLIA ITALY

**10:00 AM:** After breakfast, we embark on a captivating journey through the heart of Southern Italy to the stunning ancient city of Matera famous for its ancient cave dwellings, known as the Sassi, which are a UNESCO World Heritage Site. As we approach Matera, the landscape transforms into striking limestone plateaus, creating a breathtaking backdrop. We will stop in the historic centre, where you can see the famous cave dwellings, browse local shops, or try local delicacy the Matera bread sandwich.



We'll continue to Cellino San Marco a charming town in the Puglia region, known for its rich history, beautiful landscapes, and cultural attractions. We will stay 3-nights at the renowned Tenuta Al Bano Carrisi's Estate, a luxurious resort owned by the famous Italian singer Al Bano.

**6 PM:** Dinner at the hotel.

## 29 MAY THURSDAY: CELLINO SAN MARCO – LECCE – CELLINO SAN MARCO, ITALY

**10 AM:** After breakfast, meet our local guide and embark on a journey to the enchanting Centro Storico to explore the town's rich architectural heritage. Wander through the charming historic centre, where you'll discover iconic landmarks such as the Chiesa di San Marco Evangelista and the elegant Palazzo Bolognini.



We will continue the tour to Lecce, often referred to as the “Florence of the South.” See the stunning Baroque historic centre and enjoy the splendid

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sea views right on its doorstep. Discover monuments dating back to Roman times, such as the Roman Amphitheatre, and admire the extraordinary 17th-century buildings that proudly bear the characteristic blonde colour of the local stone. See the Basilica di Santa Croce, a masterpiece of Baroque architecture.

On our way back, we'll visit Al Bano's winery to explore the vineyards and wine cellars, and enjoy wine tastings. Dinner will be at the hotel.



*Al Bano Carrisi*

## **30 MAY FRIDAY: CELLINO SAN MARCO - OSTUNI - CELLINO SAN MARCO, ITALY**

**10 AM:** We will depart for an authentic Apulian farm, Masseria. This farm is renowned for its high-quality products, including cheeses, meats, baked goods, and fresh vegetables. You'll have the opportunity to learn the art of cheesemaking and indulge in delicious tastings.

Our tour will continue to Ostuni, known as the "White City" due to its whitewashed buildings. With stunning views and a charming old town, Ostuni is one of Puglia's most picturesque enclaves.

Dinner at the hotel.



*Ostuni, Italy*

## **31 MAY SATURDAY: PESCARA**

Today we'll embark on a scenic drive to Pescara, the largest city in Abruzzo region. The journey will take us through the beautiful landscapes of southern Italy, offering picturesque views of rolling hills, vineyards, and olive groves. We stay 2 nights in the Boutique hotel Victoria perfectly located in the pedestrian area only a short walk from the beach

Dinner at the local restaurant.



*Pescara, Italy*

## **1 JUNE SUNDAY: PESCARA, ITALY**

After breakfast meet our local guide for half day walking tour to explore the vibrant Pescara Vecchia (Old Pescara). See the birthplace of the famous poet Gabriele D'Annunzio, now a museum dedicated to his life and works. See the Cathedral of San Cetto, walk along the Ponte del Mare, a stunning bridge that offers panoramic views of the Adriatic Sea and the city skyline.

We'll visit the bustling local market, where you can immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere.

Dinner at the local restaurant.

## 2 JUNE MONDAY: SAN MARINO, SAN MARINO REPUBLIC

**10 AM:** After breakfast, we embark on a scenic 150 km journey to San Marino, one of the world's oldest and smallest independent nations. As we travel, take in the breathtaking landscapes that define this picturesque region. Midway, we'll stop in Campobasso, a hidden gem brimming with authentic Italian charm. You'll have free time to explore the historic centre, wander its narrow streets, before we continue on to the storied republic of San Marino.

We stay 2 nights in the Grand hotel in the heart of the city.

Dinner at the hotel.



## 3 JUNE TUESDAY: SAN MARINO, SAN MARINO REPUBLIC

**10 AM:** Meet our local guide for half day tour of San Marino- one of the world's oldest republics.. See the most iconic of the three towers of San Marino, with breathtaking panoramic views. See the Basilica di San Marino, that offers insight into the country's deep-rooted history and tradition. Free afternoon to stroll along the picturesque main street filled with charming shops, local eateries, and stunning architecture. It's a great way to experience the local atmosphere.

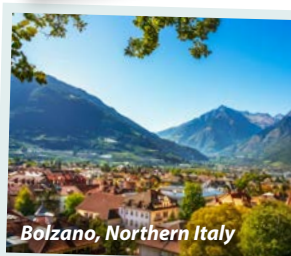
**6 PM:** Dinner at the hotel.



## 4 JUNE WEDNESDAY: BOLZANO, NORTHERN ITALY

**10 AM:** We board our bus for a scenic drive, passing beautiful landscapes on our way to the largest city in South Tyrol. Bolzano serves as a bridge between Northern and Southern Europe due to its three spoken languages (Italian, German & Ladin) and its rich blend of Italian and German culture. We stay 2 nights at the elegant Parkhotel Laurin in the town centre

**6 PM:** Dinner at the hotel



## 5 JUNE THURSDAY: BOLZANO

**10 AM:** Meet our local guide for a captivating half-day walking tour of the city. Wander through charming narrow streets and admire the architectural gems of this medieval city. Discover picturesque squares, ancient arcades, historic churches, and beautifully preserved buildings. Enjoy a free afternoon to explore at your own pace.

**6 PM:** Dinner at the hotel.



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## 6 JUNE FRIDAY: LINZ, AUSTRIA

**9 AM:** We depart on a 380 km scenic drive to Upper Austria and the third largest city. We'll drive through the stunning Dolomites. These iconic mountains are UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the most spectacular ranges in the Alps. We'll check into Park Inn by Radisson hotel just a few steps from main pedestrian zone.

**6 PM:** Dinner at the hotel.



## 7 JUNE SATURDAY: LINZ, AUSTRIA

**10 AM:** Meet our local guide for a fascinating 3-hour walking tour through Linz's historical streets. Immerse yourself in the rich local culture and history, which dates back to Roman times. Discover the charm of the historic old town, adorned with beautiful baroque architecture, and visit Linz Castle. Marvel at Mariendom, Austria's largest cathedral.

Stroll along the main pedestrian shopping street, lined with vibrant shops, cozy cafés, and historical buildings. This bustling area is perfect for soaking in the lively atmosphere of the city. In the afternoon, enjoy a leisurely walk along the Danube River, taking in the scenic views.

**6PM** Dinner at the hotel



## 8 JUNE SUNDAY: LINZ - PIEŠTANY SLOVAK REPUBLIC

**10 AM:** Today, we embark on a journey to Slovakia's renowned spa town, Piešťany, a destination celebrated since the 1800s. Our drive will take us through the lush landscapes and picturesque Wachau Valley, where you can see the ruins of Dürnstein Castle, where Richard the Lionheart was held captive during the Crusades. As we cross the border into Slovakia, we continue to the famous spa town, home to 30,000 inhabitants. Here, you can immerse yourself in the town's rich history and rejuvenating spa culture.

**6 PM:** Dinner at the hotel

## JUNE 8 – 15 JUNE OR 18 JUNE: SPA HOTEL THERMIA PALACE, PIEŠŤANY, SLOVAKIA

We will spend 7 /10 nights at the luxurious 5-star Thermia Palace Hotel, a timeless retreat with a rich history dating back to 1912. This architectural masterpiece blends the elegance of Art Nouveau design with modern luxury, offering refined accommodations, exquisite fine dining, and exceptional service. Immerse yourself in an atmosphere where European spa traditions meet unparalleled comfort. The hotel features a thermal pool, a serene wellness area, and access to the renowned therapeutic mud and mineral springs, creating a sanctuary for both body and soul.



During your stay, you'll be treated to daily breakfast, lunch, and dinner, each meal a delightful culinary experience. To enhance your relaxation, enjoy three rejuvenating spa treatments every day, each lasting 20 blissful minutes. As the sun sets, let the enchanting melodies of live violin and piano music serenade you each evening.



Just a few steps away, discover the charming storybook town of Piešťany. Wander through its picturesque parks, stroll along beautiful walking paths, and explore an array of boutiques, shops, and cozy cafes. This idyllic setting promises a perfect blend of relaxation and adventure.

#### 8 JUNE MONDAY: PIESTANY

**4 PM:** Get to know Piešťany meet our local guide in front of the hotel for one and half hour walking tour.

#### 14 JUNE SATURDAY: PIESTANY

**7:30 PM:** After dinner meet at hotel's Café Alexander for private party.



#### 15 JUNE SUNDAY: EXCLUSIVE TO 10-NIGHT GUESTS!

**For those who stay 10 nights, will enjoy a delightful mystery day trip!** This special Sunday outing is a unique experience, offering the chance to explore a charming destination.

**NOTE: 10 AM: depart for Vienna airport if you are only staying 7 nights.**

#### 18 JUNE WEDNESDAY: PIESTANY – VIENNA - AUSTRALIA

#### 19 JUNE THURSDAY: ARRIVE AUSTRALIA

## OPTIONAL EXTENDED STAY

#### 18 - 22 JUNE: BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

**10 AM:** We depart for the stunning Hungarian capital. Stay 4 nights at the wonderful Hotel Thermal on Margaret island in the heart of Budapest on the Danube river. Enjoy daily buffet breakfast and dinner, gypsy music, sightseeing tours, the hotel's spa facilities: indoor and outdoor pools, thermal baths, sauna, aroma and steam rooms and all transfers.

#### 22 JUNE: BUDAPEST AIRPORT

**11 AM:** Depart for Budapest airport

#### 23 JUNE: ARRIVE IN AUSTRALIA



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# COST

**22 Day Tour \$12,950 PP Twin share Single Sup. \$1,750**

**25 Day Tour \$13,500 PP Twin share Single Sup. \$2,100**

**29 Day Tour \$14,900 PP Twin share Single Sup. \$2,600  
with 4 Nights in BUDAPEST, HUNGARY\***

*\*BUDAPEST= 4 Nights at the 4-star Superior hotel Thermal, Margaret Island Daily Breakfast and Dinner, Sightseeing tour, use of hotel's spa wellness facilities*

## Included in the BELLA ITALIA & BEYOND Fully Escorted Tour



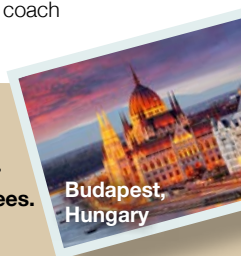
- **FLIGHTS:** Return Economy class with Emirates (Business class available upon request)
- **26 MAY: Australia to Naples and 15 or 18 JUNE: Vienna to Australia or 22 JUNE: Budapest to Australia**
- **AVELLINO, ITALY:** 1 Night at the 4 star hotel de la Ville with Dinner and Breakfast
- **MATERA, ITALY.** Sassi caves entrance fee
- **CELLINO SAN MARCO, ITALY:** 3 Nights at the 4-star Tenuto Albano Estate with daily Breakfast and Dinner, Sightseeing Tours to Lecce, Ostuni, Masseria Farm tour and tastings, Tour of the San Marco vineyards and wine tasting
- **PESCARA, ITALY:** 2 Nights at the 4-star Boutique hotel Victoria with daily Breakfast, Dinners & Sightseeing tour
- **SAN MARINO, SAN MARINO REP.:** 2 Nights at one of GHSM Group's 4-star hotel with daily Breakfast and Dinners, Sightseeing tour
- **BOLZANO, ITALY:** 2 Nights at the 4-star Parkhotel Laurin, with daily Breakfast and Dinner, Sightseeing Tour
- **LINZ, AUSTRIA:** 2 Nights at the 4-star Park Inn by Radisson Hotel with daily Breakfast, Dinners and Sightseeing Tour
- **PIESTANY, SLOVAKIA SPA HOTEL THERMIA PALACE** 7 Nights (or 10 Nights) at the luxurious 5-star hotel with Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner daily; 3 spa treatments daily except Sunday; Sightseeing Tours for 10 nights stay
- All Entrance fees,
- All European Transfers with the group by deluxe coach
- Guide assistance throughout
- Porterage, City and Spa Tax

## BOOKING CONDITIONS

The cost is not guaranteed until paid in full. Prices quoted are based on cash, cheque or direct debit payment as Credit cards incur fees.

### CANCELLATION

- 90 or more days loss of deposit
- 61 – 89 days loss of 50% of the full Tour price
- 60 days or less loss of 100% of the full Tour price



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