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Freedom is the reason we ride motorcycles. The freedom to ride and explore new places. Stop where you wish and ride at your own pace immersed in the scenery not just looking at it through a glass window.

Once your two wheels start rolling and the road unfolds before you, you get that incredible buzz that frees your spirit from the worries in your life.

The tours arranged by **REISETIPPS ITALIA TOUR OPERATOR** in cooperation with **C.I.M.T. (Central Italy Motorcycle Tours & Rentals)**, will not kill that freedom by organising regimented tours, but will ensure you enjoy your ride in Italy with total peace of mind, enabling you to really enjoy the freedom only a motorcycle can give you.

This is an activity in a constant development. Our aim here is to put together information on interesting areas to visit on a motorcycle so as to give you some ideas where to go once you arrive. We have enclosed small maps and pictures of the places and roads. We have also linked to other tourist information websites. There is so much to see and ride in Italy you could ride for a life time and not be bored.

Come ride with us! Take a look!



Gargano & Salento



The Gargano peninsula is what is known as the spur of Italy. It rises out of the Tavoliere Pugliese, which is the northern Apulian plain starting in Molise and ending near Cerignola.

The Gargano promontory is therefore visible from way away like a sleeping giant. Interesting rides are through the **Foresta Umbra** from Vico to Monte S. Angelo and along the coast from Manfredonia to Vieste and then on to Rodi Garganico.

There are wonderful beaches, cliffs and bays along the coast. The Foresta Umbra is a refreshing place during the hot summer days, climbing all the way to 794 meters above sea level. If you have time, do get on the ferry to the Tremiti Islands just north of the Gargano peninsula. They are well worth a day trip. Leave the bike in a Car Park in Vieste. There is only one road on those islands!

From the Gargano you are in easy reach of Salento which is the heel of Italy. On your way there you should stop at the Norman castle of **Castel Del Monte** and in **Alberobello** to witness the **Trulli** (pics below) constructions, amazing typically Mediterranean buildings only present in Puglia.

You should really then ride around the Murge territory around Alberobello to Martina Franca. Making your way towards Ostuni and then Brindisi. Follow the coast down, pass Lecce onto Otranto. From Otranto the coastal road becomes absolutely stunning all the way around the heel back up to Gallipoli.

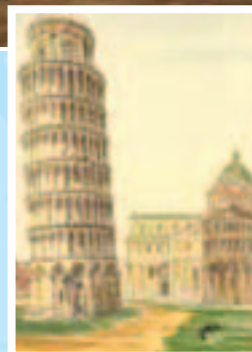


The tour that covers parts of this region is the Mythological South

TUSCANY



It's probably together with Sicily the best known region of Italy. It has so much to offer in terms of beauty and culture, which makes it rather difficult to write enough about here. It's a region, which really needs to be visited several times in one's lifetime. Florence, Pisa, Siena, Volterra, S. Gimignano, Lucca, Arezzo, Cortona and the list goes on... All beautiful and all worth time to visit and to enjoy. What I'd like to highlight here is what lies in between these wonderful towns.



You can really divide Tuscany into two motorcycling parts: The **Appennini** (north east and west of Florence) and the **hills** (south of Florence). The Appennini with their passes offer tightish mountain roads are only really enjoyable from April to October whereby the hills are accessible all year round and offer smooth flowing open countryside from Maremma to the Crete Senesi to Chianti.



In the Appennini you can choose from at least a dozen different passes which connect Tuscany with Emilia Romagna and Liguria, and you will be hard pushed not find beautiful scenery and interesting twisties! This is the playing ground for Ducati factory testing. Once you get here and ride these roads you will understand why Ducatis handle so well and why Loris Capirossi and Valentino Rossi originate from this region. A particular mention must be made to the Alpi Apuane. These differentiate themselves from the rest of the Appennino for the whiteness of their stone and sharpness of its' profiles. If you are into hairpins (switchbacks) this is the Tuscan equivalent of the Stelvio pass.

Just to mention a few of the most famous passes: Passo del Muraglione, Passo della Futa e Raticosa, Passo dei Madrioli, Passo la Calia, Giogo di Scarperia, Passo dell'Abetone, Passo del Cerreto and Passo della Cisa.

The hills of Tuscany invite you to a more relaxed and meditative riding style. One where the rolling hills and the flowing bends blend into one in a sort of riding nirvana. Experience riding through Chianti and then turn West towards the Colline Metallifere and then to Montalcino where you will have an amazing view over the Crete Senesi. Stop at a local trattoria to savour a Ribollita or a wild bore stew or the famous Fiorentina steak all washed down by a bottle of Chianti or brunello.

Warning: there has been a great increase in speed cameras in Tuscany. They're normally sensibly placed at the entrance of small villages to prevent (sometimes) and punish (most of the times) speeding vehicles in built up areas. Normally these are not placed outside built up areas and especially not on the twisties so the fun in Tuscany is preserved. You might however want to cool down the pace before you come to a village, just out of respect... Here is what you are looking for.

*for the Appennini we run the “Pass by Pass” tour
for the Tuscan hills we run the “On the trail of the Etruscan” Tour*

UMBRIA



At the heart of Italy Umbria has no coast line except for the shores of the Trasimeno volcanic lake. The landscape is wonderful and the historical and cultural sites are many. Cities such as Assisi, Perugia, Spoleto, Gubbio and Todi are very interesting places to visit and where you can really soak up the atmosphere of true Central Italy without having the astronomical prices you sometimes see in Tuscany.

Umbria is prevalently hilly countryside, perfect for sweepers, and only presents mountains in the south west at the border with Abruzzi and the southern part of Marche. In this part of Umbria you should really ride up to Castelluccio di Norcia (1,452mt) and witness a completely different landscape from the rest of Umbria. Castelluccio lies in a plain, called Piano Grande, famous for the lentils that grow there. The plain is a sight to behold in late spring when everything is in blossom. From Castelluccio I always recommend the ride down to Norcia and then down to Cascia, two wonderful little towns.



In Umbria I would certainly recommend four roads which are must. The SS79bis from Orvieto to Todi, 37km (23miles) known as the university of motorcycling, the SS418 from Acquasparta to Spoleto, the SS395 from Spoleto to Piedipaterno and the SS209 from Terni to Visso and along nearly to Camerino. These are a must but in Umbria you'll be very unlucky to find a road which

really doesn't involve you either for the scenery or for the riding. Roads like from Narni to Baschi which overlooks the Tiberina valley or the loop from Foligno to Camerino and back through Nocera Umbra, or from Orvieto to the Trasimeno lake through Città della Pieve on the SS71. It's impossible to write them all down.

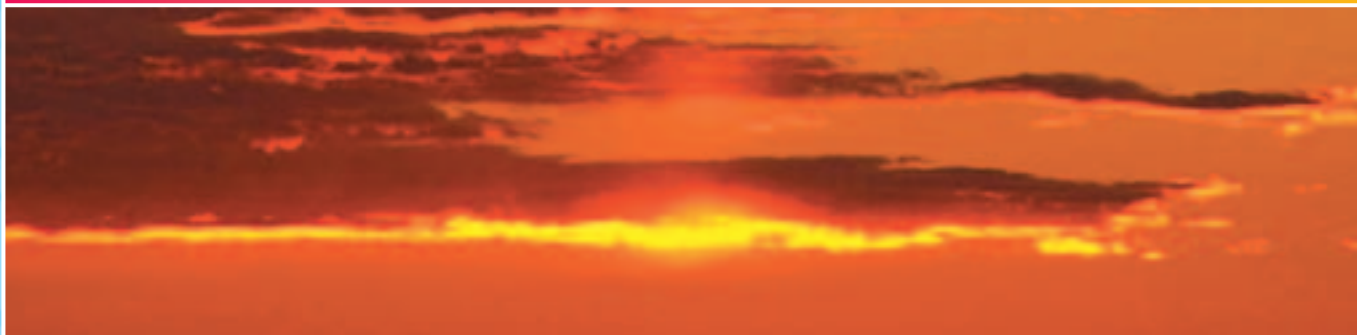
When you finally decide to stop you will also discover the unique Umbrian hospitality which goes hand in hand with excellent gastronomy. Olive oil, wine, pasta, mushrooms, game and bread are all blended in a simple but extremely tasty combination.



Please refer to: "On the trail of the Etruscan" Tour

A Less Know Appennini tour

TUSCIA E MAREMMA



This is the area north of Rome. It includes Northern Lazio and Southern Tuscany. It's the territory which was inhabited by the Etruscans before Rome was founded 8 centuries before Christ. Many Etruscan tombs are scattered in necropolis throughout the region and witness the ancient history of this land.

The roads are smooth and the landscape is open. Maremma was famous for its' harshness and its' wilderness. It is still a fairly uninhabited region and therefore a real treat for bikers as the roads are free of traffic and the nature is all around you.

Closest to Rome are the **Tolfa Hills just West** of the Bracciano Lake. Just 50km away from Rome on the via Aurelia you turn inland and the fun begins. You enter the Parco Regionale dei Monti della Tolfa.

The roads have just been resurfaced and traffic is neglect able.



North of the Bracciano lake lies the Lago di Vico. A quick spin around the lake is worth doing and a must is the visit to Caprarola to see **the Farnese palace** From Caprarola you can ride to the Top of Monte Cimino and then ride down to Viterbo through Soriano al Cimino.

The biggest volcanic lake in Italy is the **Bolsena Lake** north of Viterbo. All the roads around it are excellent to ride. From here you can easily reach Orvieto, which is certainly worth a visit.

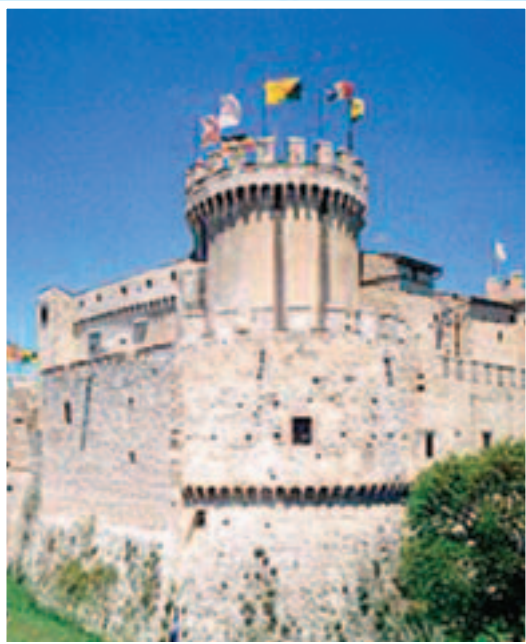
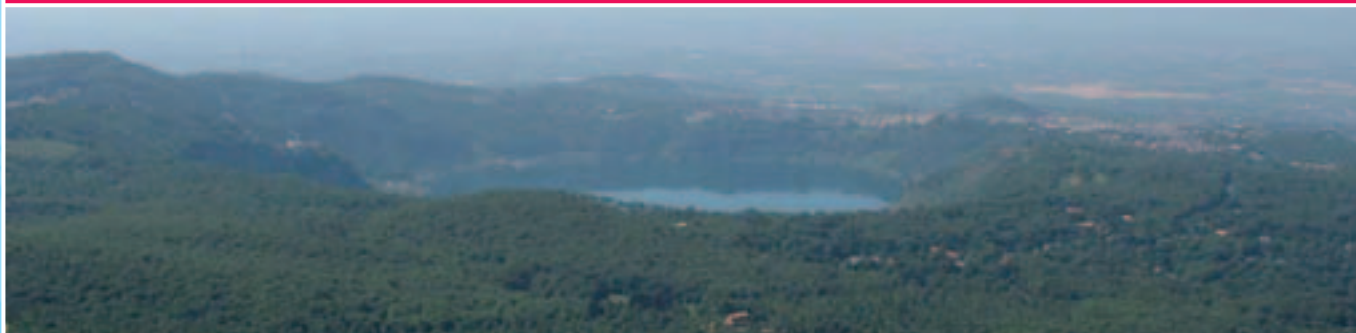


North of the Bolsena lake lies the Maremma. excellent roads can be found towards Scansano (famous for the Morellino wine) and Roccastrada. From here you can then turn east and ride the roads of the Monte Amiata visit Montalcino, famous for the Brunello wine.



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SABINA & TERMINILLO MOUNTAIN



This area lies just north east of Rome. You would exit Rome on the Autostrada A24 direction Aquila and then turn off at Tivoli only 20km from Rome. In Tivoli you should really make time for a quick visit to Villa Adriana, a wonderful roman villa as you start the climb to Tivoli and possibly Villa d'Este as well which lies closer to the town centre.

Once you are finished in Tivoli you should then carry on on the via Tiburtina up to the turn off for Licenza/Orvinio. This road is one of the Saturday / Sunday meeting points for roman bikers. You'll understand why when you get on it as you climb the Monti Lucretili heading towards Rieti and the Sabina area.

Interesting scenery is found along the shores of the Lake Turano and Lago del Salto before you head for Rieti. Once in Rieti tradition wants you to take a coffee in front of the Municipio before climbing Mount Terminillo at 2200 mt asl. The climb is not recommended in winter as it does snow quite frequently but weather permitting the climb is worth every drop of fuel. The view from the top is fantastic and the road going up is wide and offers some great hairpins! From the top of mount Terminillo you can ride down on the

other side towards Leonessa. From Leonessa you have three options all of which are great rides. Left you turn towards Terni and the run down to the valley is great. Straight on you go to Cascia and then Norcia into Umbria. Right you head for Posta towards the via Salaria on a

fantastic twisty section. Once you hit the via Salaria you have the option of going towards Ascoli and head for Amatrice (home town of Spaghetti all'Amatriciana) or towards Rieti and Rome through the wonderful Gole del Velino.

Coming back towards Rome you can ride the via Salaria or cut inside the Sabina area and ride to Poggio Mirteto. Wonderful scenery but the roads until recently were not in perfect order. To see are the Abbey of Farfa and the Orsini castle of Nerola.



Please refer to "A Less Known Appennino" Tour

COSTIERA AMALFITANA



A truly magical place. If you come to Italy and want to ride out of Rome for just a weekend in spring or autumn I can think of no better place to ride to.

A few hours south of Rome lies the Costiera Amalfitana. It is a gem of the Italian peninsula. The mountains fall straight into the sea, the weather is always mild and the people most friendly.

The ideal off-season motorcycle paradise. The roads are built on the rocks and through the cliffs, twisting their way from village to village.

Culture, scenery, food and roads melt in an amazing experience.

The places to visit are countless along the coastal road that links Sorrento to Salerno. Just to name a few: **Positano, Ravello, Amalfi, Vietri sul Mare**. Below are some links you can check out to learn more about this region of Italy and what it has to offer.



the tour we run through the Costiera Amalfitana is “Mithological Tour

PICCOLE DOLOMITI LUCANE



As far as geological composition, these "small" dolomites of the south are very close to the more famous Alpine Dolomites. They are, of course, much lower in altitude and their remoteness in the South has made them less of a tourist mecca. This has enabled them to preserve their natural beauty.



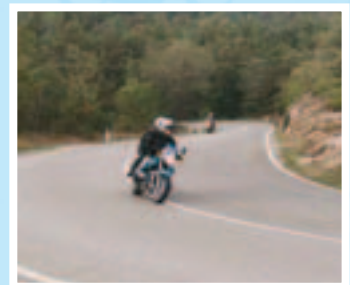
Just a dozen miles South East of Potenza you climb to Castelmezzano, Pietrapertosa, which incidentally means rock with a hole, and Accettura to witness their beauty. You'll be in the Regional Park of Gallipoli and of the Piccole Dolomiti Lucane.



Nearly completely off the beaten track you can combine this ride when visiting Cilento or make it your crossing point from Thyrranian to Adriatic sea whilst visiting Southern Italy.

In the vicinity and worth a visit is also the regional park of the Chiese

Rupestri, old medioeval churches built on mountain ridges just south of Matera.



Please refer to Piccole Dolomiti Lucane Tour

We'd like to thank **Carmine and Rocco (CaRo)** for the pictures in this page. They have put together a web site named **www.lucania.org** for the passionate promotion of this region of Italy. The website is only in Italian at the moment but soon there will be an english version available too. Watch this space!

INTERESTING SITES



This section was designed to inform you of a selection of interesting museums and places to visit, which we feel could be very well inserted in any motorcycle trip through Italy. Most of them are motorcycle related and some are of historical interest. It is not intended as exhaustive but as a section which will grow in the years. Any suggestions are very welcome... In the pictures above is a man, who's an Italian hero for both motorcycle and car enthusiasts, **Tazio Nuvolari**. He embodies the Italian passion for everything that is motor driven competition. If you pass by Mantova on your trips, the museum is a must. See link below.

"The greatest driver of the past, the present and the future" - Ferdinand Porsche

www.tazionuvolari.it

Ducati Factory/Museum	Moto Guzzi Museum	Piaggio Gilera Museum	Morbidelli Museum	Galleria ferrari Maranello
Piana delle Orme Museum	Anzio Beach Museum	National Motorcycle Museum Rimini	Tazio Nuvolari Museum	Maranello Rosso Collection San Marino



Museo Nazionale del Motociclo

National Motorcycle Museum. Over 200 motorcycles, 100.000 books and magazines. Their website is only in Italian and doesn't have a lot of information other than how to get there and a long detailed list of the bikes on show.

Museo Nazionale del Motociclo

via Casalecchio 11 - 47900 Rimini
www.museomotociclo.it
info@museomotociclo.it

Directions: exit the autostrada A14 at Rimini Sud, follow directions to the airport and when you join the SS16 (via Flaminia) turn into via Casalecchio when you reach the Hotel "Quo Vadis"

SOUTHERN COASTS



This tour is the one that starts and ends the season in Italy. We always have the sea in view and ride along the beautiful coast of the Tyrrhenian sea all the way from Rome down to Palermo in a week. A fascinating ride out of season for the mainstream beach tourism but full of the scents typical of the sea in spring or autumn.

Daily Routescents



Day 0 (sat): arrive in Rome, transfer to hotel, meet the tour leader and other tour members, welcoming drink and general tour briefing with completion of all paperwork. For people arriving in the morning there is a possibility of a city tour of Rome with a professional guide. Welcoming dinner.

Day 1 (sun). South out of Rome to Anzio and on to the Circeo promontory, famous beach resort and for the witch Circe who fell in love with Odysseus and who's profile can be recognised in the mountain's contour. Along the appian way to capua and on the highway to by pass naples directly to the Costiera Amalfitana. Our overnight stop will be in Positano

Day 2 (mon) We leave Positano and have a first stop in Ravello and then Amalfi before we leave the Costiera aiming for Paestum (greek temples) and then the exclusive town of Maratea for the night.



Day 3 (tue). From Maratea our way takes us along the coast all the way to Sicily. Wonderful views of the coast and a great ride. The great small towns of Amantea and Tropea offer great points of interest along your way. Our destination is Taormina where we'll stay two nights.



Day 4 (wed). In Taormina you'll be at the feet of Etna and you have the opportunity to visit the top of this active volcano or ride to Milazzo across the mountains to the northern coast of Sicily.

Day 5 (thur). We transfer to Siracusa and on the way take a second look at Etna, ride the Monti Iblei down to Noto, Sicilian baroque architecture at its best, and visit the natural reserve of Vendicari.

Day 6 (fri). On to Agrigento riding through Ragusa, Caltagirone, famous for its pottery and Piazza Armerina with its ancient Roman villa. Visit the valley of temples in Agrigento before spending the night in a hotel with a view over the lit temples.

Day 7 (sat). From Agrigento we reach Palermo riding along Sicily's west coast, visit Selinunte, Marsala, the salt lagune of Mozia, the hilltop medieval town of Erice and reach Palermo from Monreale, where a short visit to the cathedral is a must.

Day 8 (sun): Transfer to Palermo airport and depart to your next destination or tour Palermo for the day and catch the ferry overnight back to Rome with the bikes and the guide for an additional small fee.

tour map:

	guided	self guided
Riding days:	7	7
Support vehicle:	yes	no
Hotel level:	3 star: 2 nights - 4 star: 6 nights	3 star: 2 nights - 4 star: 6 nights
Airport transfers	yes	yes
Welcome and farewell dinners:	yes	no
Starting/Ending in:	Rome/Rome	Rome/Rome
Riding ability level:	experienced	experienced
Shopping opportunities:	Positano, Amalfi, Maratea, Tropea, Taormina, Caltagirone, Palermo.	Positano, Amalfi, Maratea, Tropea, Taormina, Caltagirone, Palermo.
Riding distances per day:	200-300kms	200-300kms
Motorcycle rental: Vstrom 650, CBF600F Moto Guzzi California 1100, Ducati Multistrada, ST3, GS1150 RT1150, GS1200		



MYTHOLOGICAL SOUTH



A great tour which will lead you to the exploration of the wonders of the south of Italy. You'll start with the Costiera Amalfitana, an area no visit to the south of Rome should do without. This coastal road is so stunningly beautiful that it will remain in your heart for ever. The small villages along the coast in their pastel colours and narrow alleys, which wind up and down the cliffs, will take you back in time and to a different pace of life. Positano and Amalfi the main towns of this coastlines offer great shopping and sightseeing opportunities. Your tour will continue south to another exclusive resort: Maratea. This town is the only seaport of the Basilicata region sandwiched between Campania and Calabria. From here excursions to visit the inland of the Cilento National park and the one of Pollino will set up two wonderful rides. Once you leave Maratea you say good-bye to the Tyrrhenian sea and cross over the mountains to the Ionian and Adriatic coast. But before we reach the other coasts, we have two significant stops at the national park of the small Dolomites of Lucania and in Matera by the Sassi and Chiese Rupestri: fascinating medieval cliffhanging constructions. Your base in the Salento region will be in Lecce, a gem in baroque architecture and art. From here your ride takes you along the Ionian coast around the tip of the heel of Italy from Gallipoli to Otranto and back to Lecce. After Lecce we move back north from the heel to the spur of Italy along the roads of Puglia. On the way we stop in Alberobello, a town that has a central section completely built up by Trulli constructions. Trulli are roundshaped houses with coneshaped roofs, traditional of Puglia. A second interesting stop on the transfer day is by the unique Castel del Monte, built by Federico of Svevia and steeped in mystery regarding its octagonal geometry and relations to the equinoxes. It is a very interesting visit. Two nights in the Gargano peninsula, with stunning nature, more twisty roads and a wonderful sea, make it a very enjoyable stop before returning to Rome.

Daily Route

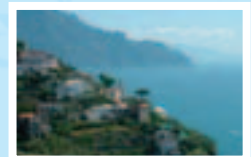


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Day 1 (sun). South out of Rome through the hills of ancient Albano, where Romulus and Remus came from to found Rome, we reach the Circeo peninsula, which is said to carry the profile of the "maga Circe", the potent witch which fell in love with Odysseus and kept him prisoner for many years on the Island of Ponza. In the evening we reach the Costiera Amalfitana.

Day 2 and 3 (mon & tues). You have two days to enjoy every corner of this 60 km long coastline. Each road is entertaining each corner reveals a spectacular view and each house has a story to tell. Amalfi is named after a nymph who Hercules loved but who suddenly died. Hercules distraught by sadness decided to bury her in the most beautiful place on Earth, the bay of Amalfi. During these two days you also have the chance to visit the excavations in Pompei or take a boat trip to the Island of Capri.

Day 4 (wed). We leave the Costiera and visit Paestum's archaeological site, another must when in this region. Greek and Roman ruins, temples and painted tombs dated as far back as the 3rd century BC make up for an interesting visit. After the visit to Paestum the Cilento coastal road awaits all the way to Maratea where we make base for the next two days.



Day 5 (thur). Loop ride the Cilento and Vallo di Diano National park. Pay a visit to the Certosa di Padula a very interesting monastery. Experience some incredible views from the Vallo di Diano all the way to the sea and witness the rural life in this southern region by sampling lunch at a local agriturismo.

Day 6 (fri). Loop ride into Calabria from Maratea. The Pollino national park offers a great selection of roads and scenery all the way to the Ionian sea. Roads are virtually free of traffic and nature is all around you. A fantastic riding day!

Day 7 (sat). You leave the Tyrrhenian coast and visit the regional park of the "Piccole Dolomiti Lucane". An incredible landscape awaits with fantastic rock formations. It's one of Italy's hidden treasures. Our tour makes a one night stop over in Matera. Here you'll be able to explore the "Sassi" and the "Chiese Rupestri". Ancient and fascinating settlements and cliffhanging churches going back to the middle ages.



Day 8 (sun). Your route from Matera takes us to Lecce along the Ionian coast. We'll be based right in the centre of this wonderful baroque town and enjoy its treasures for two evenings.

Day 9 (mon). Loop ride along the Salento coastal road starting from Gallipoli all around the heel of Italy to Otranto. Gallipoli and Otranto offer great stops and the road, with the sea always by your side is an incredible ride. Take your swimsuits with you as the call of this crystal clear water may become irresistible in some points.

Day 10 (tue). You transfer from the heel to the spur of Italy's boot, the Gargano peninsula. Along the way we'll stop in Alberobello and Castel del Monte and ride along the Salt lagoons near Manfredonia before tackling the Gargano twisties. The ride is very pleasant with many interesting views and sweeping bends.

Day 11 (wed). A rest day in Mattinata. You stay in a hotel by the sea with a fantastic beach. It will be warm enough to swim so bring your swimming trunks and bathing costumes. For those of you who want to ride there are some fantastic roads up in the "Foresta Umbra" and along the coast to Vieste, worth a visit. There's even a chance to sail for an afternoon on the hotel's yacht.

Day 12 (thur). We make our way back to Rome cutting across Italy. Some autostrada is inevitable but we'll make an interesting last visit to the monastery of Monte Cassino, destroyed and completely restored after the WW2. Farewell dinner.

Day 13 (fri): Transfer to Rome airport and depart to your next destination.

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ON THE TRAIL OF THE ETRUSCANS



A 7 day tour through the region which was inhabited by the ancient Etruscan population before Roman times. Many archaeological sites enrich this area of Italy. You'll have the time to visit these sites or some of them along the route or you can throw a passing glance at them as you ride by. This route is possible nearly all year round but is at its' best from April to June, when the Tuscia and Maremma countryside are in full blossom. Autumn is also fabulous and adds a touch of romanticism with its' long shadows and golden and scarlet colours.

Day 1. Out of Rome to Cerveteri and then lake Bracciano. The Tolfa regional park, very popular Roman biker's playing ground, then back to the Lake Vico, passing through Blera and Sutri, where you will be able to admire an Etruscan arena carved in stone. We'll end our day in Bolsena by the biggest lake of Central Italy.

Day 2. Visit the old "ghost" town Civita di Bagnoregio, Orvieto and then ride the "**university of motorcycling**" SS79bis to Todi and back along the coastal road of Lago di Corbara. then back into the low Umbrian hills to Amelia and back to Bolsena through Orte and Bomarzo, famous for the "Parco dei Mostri".

Day 3. Head for Tuscania and then Tarquinia. For those who have an interest in archaeology there is one of the most interesting Etruscan museums outside Rome to visit there. Then up to the Argentario peninsula crossing the Farnese forest and then returning to Bolsena on the excellent lakeside roads.

Day 4. Move into southern Tuscany. Heading for the lake Trasimeno and Cortona then cutting back to Asciano and the Abazia di Monte Oliveto ending our day in Siena. We'll stay here 3 nights giving you the chance of exploring this beautiful town in the evenings.

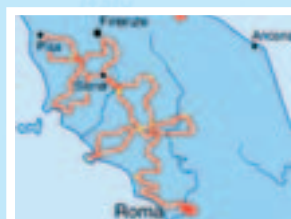
Day 5. Ride north of Siena into Chianti. You have a chance to ride to Florence if you wish or explore towns such as S. Gimignano, Monteriggioni and Volterra, enjoying fantastic twisties in between. You may wish to reach as far as Pisa and view the leaning tower or visit the Piaggio factory and museum in Pontedera.

Day 6. Ride west of Siena into the Colline Metallifere. This area is rich in metal and warm water springs. The nature is wild, the roads empty and in excellent condition. Visit the Eremo of San Galgano and Massa Marittima and all the way to the Uccellina Park by the coast near Talamone.

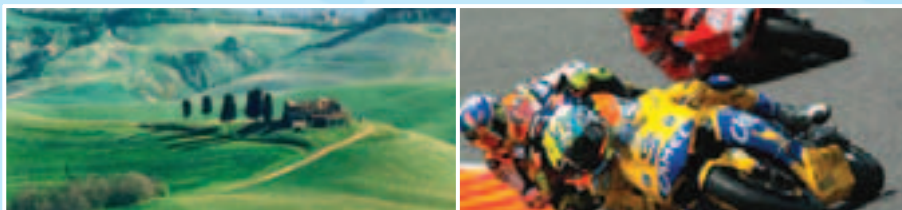
Day 7. Make our way back to Rome on the via Cassia with a quick detour by Pienza and Montepulciano to ride the SS478, one of the finest motorcycling roads in Central Italy.

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THE HEART OF ITALY



An amazing tour with culture, roads, breathtaking scenery, excellent food and the possibility of going to the Italian Moto GP event at the Mugello circuit (only for tour 2). We'll just list a few of the towns you'll see: Siena, Pisa, Lucca, Florence, Bologna, Modena and Maranello, Urbino, Assisi. This tour takes all of the highlights of Central Italy. A great tour which condenses so many excellent parts of Italy yet blends them in with some excellent riding. Tuscany needs no presentation on our behalf, we'll just make sure you get on the best roads available and enjoy your stay. All the rest was prepared by nature and history.

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Day 1 (sun). We leave Rome on the via Cassia running up the Cimini volcanic hills and then down to Bolsena. From here we run along the lake to the west and ride some excellent roads in lower maremma arriving to Siena from the south west. Siena will be our base for the next two days. You'll enjoy evening strolls through

this wonderful city.

Day 2 (mon). Loop ride of the Val d'Orcia, Crete and Chianti areas. Visit Montepulciano, Pienza, the Abbazia di Monte Oliveto Maggiore, and ride the ridge way of the Crete into Chianti. An excellent mix of culture and riding.

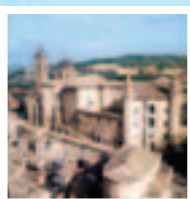
Day 3 (tue). ride northern maremma and the colline metallifere. North to Colle Val d'Elsa, S. Gimignano and Volterra then turn south towards Massa Marittima. Visit S. Galgano (sword in the rock) and then ride to Monte Amiata and all of the twisties around this high mountain. From Monte Amiata we turn back north and visit S. Antimo and Montalcino before ending the day back in Siena.

Day 4 (wed). transfer day to Garfagnana. Ride passed Volterra and down to Pontedera. Visit the Piaggio/Gilera museum and then go on to Pisa. Check the lean on the tower. Ride to Lucca and admire this wonderful Tuscan city. The ride ends in Castelnuovo di Garfagnana at the bottom of the Apuan Alps.

Day 5 (thur). Ride takes us across the Apuan Alpine park to Cinque Terre. The Apuan Alps are an amazing formation. From its side, in Carrara, the most significant and beautiful white marble has been carved. Cinque Terre are Liguria not Tuscany but the beauty of the coast line makes it a must. We stop for lunch in Portovenere and then return to Castelnuovo over a different route.

Day 6 (fri). Ride to Maranello over the Radici and Abetone passes. Incredible riding and then visit the Ferrari gallery. Unfortunately the factory cannot be visited but you'll soak the atmosphere of a town which pulsates like a V12. The Abetone pass awaits in inverted sequence with additional entertainment.

Day 7 (sat). Transfer day to Arezzo. We cut across the Apennini and make base on the Marche, Umbria and Toscana border. From here riding and cultural options are plenty. Arezzo is the city where Benigni's "Life is Beautiful" first part was played. You'll recognise the locations, if you've seen the film. We make base here for the rest of the tour.



Day 8 (sun). It's the Italian Moto GP race Sunday (only tour 2) and from Arezzo you can reach the circuit in about an hour on your bike. For those of you who are not interested the alternative is to ride the passes through the Casentinese forests. Incredible roads and fabulous scenery.

Day 9 (mon). Loop ride Marche to San Marino along an area called Montefeltro and come back through Urbino. The hills of Marche offer great opportunities for riding and the frequent villages and small towns are welcoming.

Day 10. (tue). Loop ride Umbria to Gubbio, Camerino and back over Monte Subasio into Assisi, the city of San Francesco. If you are into speleology you may wish to visit the remarkable Frassassi caves just a little further into Marche. There are fascinating stalagmite and stalactite formations.

Day 11. (wed). Transfer to Rome and end of tour. Before we finish you must ride the 79bis "university of motorcycling" also known as "mille curve" (thousand bends!). Visit Todi and have lunch in Orvieto and then ride back through Bolsena and ride back to Rome along the SS2. Farewell dinner!

Day 12. (thur). Transfer to Rome airport and depart for your next destination.

tour map:

	guided	self guided
Riding days:	11	11
Support vehicle:	yes	no
Hotel level:	3 star: 5 nights, 4 star: 7 nights	3 star: 5 nights, 4 star: 7 nights
Airport transfers	yes	yes
Welcome and farewell dinners:	yes	no
Starting/Ending in:	Rome/Rome	Rome/Rome
Riding ability level:	experienced	experienced
Shopping opportunities:	Siena, Pisa, Lucca, Arezzo	Siena, Pisa, Lucca, Arezzo
Riding distances per day:	200-300kms	200-300kms
Motorcycle rental: V-Strom 650, CBF600F, Moto Guzzi California 1100, Ducati ST3, Multistrada, GS1150 RT1150, GS1200		



ALPS & NORTHERN LAKES



An incredible tour which will take you to all of the famous passes and resorts of the Alps at their peak moment in the year. We will stay in Andermatt, St Moritz, Merano and Cortina. You'll be able to ride to Interlaken, to Zermatt, to Arosa, Lichtenstein and Innsbruck. Ride Stelvio, the Furka, the Susten, the Spluga and Grossglockner, among many others and spend 3 full days in the enchanting beauty of the Dolomites. Hotels are selected with your comfort in mind but safeguarding good value for money. An incredible escape to the most challenging riding in the world. Two weeks that will be hard to forget in your motorcycling life!!!

Daily Route

Day 0 (sat) you'll be met at arrivals by a driver with a sign with your name and chauffeured to the hotel in Milan. At around 4pm you will meet the guide and complete the necessary paperwork for the tour and the motorcycle rental and transfer the bikes from the rental to the hotel car park. As soon as the paperwork is completed and the bikes are in the parking there will be a welcoming drink and a general tour briefing then followed by the welcoming dinner.



Day 1 (sun) whilst Milan is still recovering from the previous Saturday night, we get going and head for Stresa on Lake Maggiore. We ride around the lake and then get onto the first of our Alpine passes: the Simplon pass. An easy introduction to alpine riding for the morning. Once in Brig you have the option of riding over to Zermatt. Well at least up to a point as at a certain stage you must park your bike and take a little train into this small exclusive town. You'll be rewarded with a glimpse of the Matterhorn spur. Universal Picture's logo should ring a bell here :-))!! Once you have finished in Zermatt and you get back on your bike the Furka pass awaits as our first hotel lies in Andermatt just on the other side of this famous Alpine pass.

Day 2 & 3 (mon & tues) Two full days in Andermatt offer magnificent rides in any direction. We are at the centre of what the Swiss call "Paessekäusel", the pass funfair. The options and combination of passes are plenty. Furka, Susten, Grimsel, Gotthard, Neufenen. You can ride over to Zermatt if you missed it on day one or ride over to Interlaken and Grindelwald. The Gotthard museum offers an interesting visit and the descent on the old Gotthard is very challenging.

Day 4 (wed) We transfer right next to St Moritz. Oberalp, Lucumagno, St Bernardino and the Julier pass make our transfer day a total of 150 miles of passes. Short cuts are available too as well as extension rides. Another great day in the Alps and yet another very cool place to stay for the next 3 nights. St Moritz offers a great deal of non motorcycling opportunities. Hiking, cycling, kite surfing and windsurfing plus shopping. The hotel has a shuttle service into town.

Day 5 & 6 (thur & fri) two full days to ride around yet more passes. You can ride to Lake Como and visit the Moto Guzzi factory. Or ride over to Livigno over the Bernina Pass. Livigno is a tax haven and you can buy duty free goods and refuel as petrol is half price there! You could also stretch your legs on some high altitude hiking or just rest and enjoy the surroundings. Two days will fly in this exclusive resort.

Day 7 (sat) transfer to Merano. We leave Engadina (this part of Switzerland) for South Tyrol. First we cross the border into Austria and then back south into Italy. Again short cuts are available but the highlight of the day is the Timmelsjoch from Austria back into Italy. Merano is a lively town with good shopping and an incredibly strategic position for riding.



Day 8 (sun) If you like massive motorcycle gatherings today is the day to climb the Stelvio pass. Every year on the first Sunday of July it's the international motoraduno of the Stelvio. Approximately 10.000 bikes register here every year. If you'd rather keep away from something like this you can ride north to Innsbruck over the Jaufen pass or south and ride the Brenta Dolomites

Day 9 (mon) the Stelvio pass is now quiet and back to its normal self. the ride takes you up from the northern side and down to Bormio then over the Gavia pass and then around the Brenta Dolomite group by the Molveno lake and then back to Merano over the Mendola and Gampen pass.

Day 10 (tues) transfer to the heart of the Dolomites and make base in Cortina for the next 3 nights. Cortina is the most exclusive resort in the Dolomites and offers a variety of possibilities. It's the happening place here. The riding possibilities from here are embarrassing. wherever you look you are immersed in natural beauty. On the way there we tackle the Pordoi and Falzarego passes admire the southern side of the Sella group.

Day 11 (wed) the Grossglockner awaits. We cross the border into Austria and have a chance to reach Kitzbuehl and even Salzburg for the more mile munching ones of you. The highlight is the Grossglockner Hochtor. A must! say no more!! The best 8 euro I ever spent!!

Day 12 (thur) circuit of the dolomites. You have a full day to ride in whatever direction you'd like, do some shopping, some hiking visit some ww1 memorials or generally ride and soak up one of the best places to ride in the world.

Day 13 (fri) transfer back to Milan. the last ride takes you across the dolomites to Trento and then along the coast of lake Garda. A stop in beautiful Sirmione before we jump on the highway to reach Milan in the evening and hand back the rental bikes. farewell dinner.

Day 14 (sat) airport transfer and depart for your next destination.

	guided	self guided
Riding days:	13	13
Support vehicle:	yes	no
Hotel level:	4 stars: 5 nights, 3 stars: 9 nights	4 stars: 5 nights, 3 stars: 9 nights
Airport transfers	yes	no
Welcome and farewell dinners:	yes	no
Starting/Ending in:	Milan/Milan	Milan/Milan
Riding ability level:	experienced	experienced
Shopping opportunities:	Milan. Andermatt, St Moritz, Livigno, Merano, Innsbruck, Cortina	Milan. Andermatt, St Moritz, Livigno, Merano, Innsbruck, Cortina
Personal Medical Insurance	yes	yes
Riding distances per day:	200-300kms	200-300kms
Motorcycle rental: entry: V-Strom, F650GS, CBF600F - Medium: ST3, R1150R/GS, MTS - High: R1150RT, R1200GS		

A LESS KNOWN APPENNINO



When the rest of Italy is just too hot we turn to the mountains of Abruzzi and Umbria. We'll take to some out of the way places with no traffic and excellent roads. Endless views and wild nature. This tour is made for people who enjoy riding through the mountains. Abruzzi is the main target of our riding. This region is mountainous but still offers very interesting cultural insights with archaeological sites going back to the Romans and many medieval roman churches and towns. It is a harsh part of Italy. One that is best left to the height of summer before you venture in it. The roads are deserted but in exceptional condition. Landscapes are varied and offer incredible sights. Freshly made pasta with mushrooms and cured meat are among the regional specialities.

Once we have finished in Abruzzi we move north into the highlands of Umbria, the Piano Grande of Castelluccio di Norcia. An incredible area and one of the most beautiful in Central Italy. We'll also take some time enjoying visits to small quaint towns such as Visso, Norcia and Cascia. We'll take one last glimpse at Gran Sasso from the north eastern side. If you'd like to leave the mountains for a day, Assisi and Spoleto are also within easy reach.

It is a great tour and one that will lead you away from the mainstream tourist routes to explore a more authentic Italy.

Daily Route



Day 0 (sat): arrive in Rome, transfer to hotel, meet the tour leader and other tour members, welcoming drink and general tour briefing with completion of all paperwork. For people arriving in the morning there is a possibility of a city tour of Rome with a professional guide. Welcoming dinner.

Day 1 (sun). Transfer to Celano in Abruzzi. We ride out of Rome on the via Tiburtina (SS5) and spend the day on some of the ramifications of this old Roman road which connected Rome to the Adriatic sea. We make base in Celano for 4 nights and will not leave a stone unturned in the Abruzzi region.

Day 2 (mon) We visit the Parco Nazionale d'Abruzzo. Running a loop through the Monti della Meta, Scanno lake and the Gole del Sagittario. For the more adventurous of you can ride down into Ciociaria and visit the Abbey of Monte Cassino or pay a visit to Sulmona. A town famous for confetti and embroidery.

Day 3 (tues) Ride a loop in the Parco Nazionale della Maiella. It's the group of mountains East of Sulmona all the way to the Adriatic sea. Whilst riding on some of the more eastern roads you'll have the Adriatic in sight. Big open views!

Day 4 (wed) Transfer to Rieti. From Celano we ride north towards Gran Sasso (2.919mt asl) and then back down towards Rieti. Rieti is in the Lazio region and is an interesting provincial town at the feet of Mount Terminillo. A great place to make base to visit the Sibillini and the Laga mountains



Day 5 (thur) We loop ride towards the Monti della Laga. We'll ride through Amatrice, the home town of the famous spaghetti all'Amatriciana, ride the perimeter of the Campotosto lake and then climb the northern front of Gran Sasso. From here hardcore riders may wish to complete a loop to Ascoli Piceno and back on the via Salaria SS4



Day 6 (fri) Loop ride of the Sibillini Mountains and of the Valnerina. See the highest waterfall in Europe and enjoy small visits to Visso, Norcia, and Cascia. Ride back into Rieti climbing Terminillo from Leonessa.



Day 7 (sat) Transfer back to Rome. A great ride along the ridges of the val Tiberina to Todi. Then on to the 79bis to Orvieto and back to Rome over the Cimino mountains with lunch stop by Lake Vico.

Day 8 (sun) Transfer to Rome airport and depart for your next destination

tour map:

	guided	self guided
Riding days:	7	7
Support vehicle:	yes	no
Hotel level:	3 star: 2 nights, 4 star: 6 nights	3 star: 2 nights, 4 star: 6 nights
Airport transfers	yes	yes
Welcome and farewell dinners:	yes (+ 3 dinners in Celano)	no (but includes 3 dinners in Celano)
Starting/Ending in:	Rome/Rome	Rome/Rome
Riding ability level:	experienced	experienced
Shopping opportunities:	Sulmona, Rieti	Sulmona, Rieti
Riding distances per day:	200-300kms	200-300kms
Motorcycle rental: Vstrom 650, CBF600F, Moto Guzzi California 1100, Ducati Multistrada, ST3, GS1150 RT1150, GS1200		



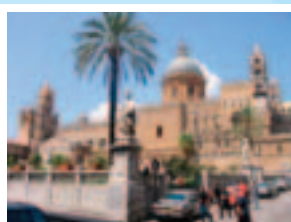
SICILY



Sicily is the largest island in the Mediterranean sea. It is also located in the exact centre of the Mediterranean sea which made it highly desirable from a strategic point of view. This meant that it was ruled by many different populations and cultures. The French, the Spanish, the Arabic, Greek, Roman and Phoenician cultures all left their mark somewhere on this island and all have blended in each other creating the incredible result which is Sicily today.

In this tour you'll be able to sample the flavours of Sicily. And a motorcycle is the best means that you could possibly have. You'll be inside Sicily, be able to breathe in the scents, which this warm and fertile land has to offer. Lemon and orange trees in blossom, fennel and garlic growing wild, cherry tomatoes (Pachino variety) but also prickly pines, figs and grapes. There is of course a fantastic selection of roads which will take you to some magical and glorious places. Etna, the highest active volcano in Europe provides an incredible experience. On our last visit we were able to see the actual lava stream glowing down the side of the mountain. At night from Taormina the view was incredible. Corleone and Prizzi should ring a bell to most of you. The regional parks of the Madonie and of the Nebrodi offer wild nature and excellent riding, and the south east offers traces of the finest baroque architecture and scenery adorned with incredible geological formations. Sicilian Food is up there with the best in the world. The local cuisine has added many Arabic and African influences to the already delicious Italian dishes. Couscous and saffron can be found especially in western Sicily and the tradition for exceptional fish dishes will be able to accommodate all taste buds. And what about the wine. Sicily is blessed by a climate and a soil which produce some excellent reds and whites.

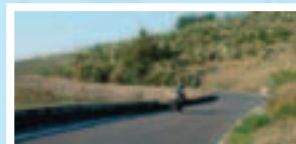
Daily Description



Day 0 (sat): arrive in Palermo, transfer to hotel, meet the tour leader and other tour members, welcoming drink and general tour briefing with completion of all paperwork. For people arriving in the morning there is a possibility of a city tour of Palermo with a professional guide. Welcoming dinner.

Day 1 (sun): Loop ride to the western part of Sicily. Visit the Greek temple and theatre in Segesta, ride up the many switchbacks to the high medieval town of Erice and then descent to view saline in Mozia. On your way back to Mondello you will also be able to explore the ghost town of Gibellina Vecchia destroyed by an earthquake of 1948 and never rebuilt.

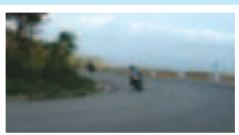
Day 2 (mon). Transfer ride to Agrigento, running by Corleone and Prizzi, to visit the valley of Temples at sunset. A truly unique setting. An excellent ride there and back with many side road possibilities.



For those of you who may be interested a visit to the Regaleali winery can be organised. In Agrigento we stay by the valley of Temples.

Day 3 (tues): Transfer to the Eastern coast of Sicily to Siracusa. We ride up inland to Piazza Armerina, visit a beautiful Roman Villa with incredible mosaics. Our next stop will be Caltagirone famous for pottery and then ride the fantastic SS124 all the way into Siracusa where we stay in Ortigia. The old part of town, rich in art, history and culture.

Day 4 (wed). We loop ride the southern tip of Sicily exploring the best baroque architecture in Noto and Ragusa but we also ride the southern coastal road and visit a vast flamingo population in the natural reserve of Vendicari.



Day 5 (thurs). Transfer to Taormina. The day is dedicated to visiting Etna. An incredible opportunity to walk on an active volcano in complete safety. The ride to the top is awesome. One of the best roads in Italy is from Nicolosi to Etna Sud. 19km of sweeping switchbacks. The descent towards Zafferana Etnea is just as fantastic. At the Etna sud station however you'll get on the cable car up to the medium station and then be transported to 2,200m by a 4x4 truck. You can then either walk back down the volcano or take the 4x4 back. A truly amazing visit. Worth parking the bike for a while!

Day 6 (fri). Spend the day in Taormina, relaxing and/or shopping. Suggested rides will take you through the Nebrodi regional park. A selection of excellent twisties. For the really adventurous ones there's a trail that takes to the Lago del Biviere on the SS116, which according to one of my good Sicilian friends it's "the most beautiful place in Sicily!"

Day 7 (sat). We ride back to Palermo along the SS120 with a little digression through the Madonie mountains to join the coastal road in Cefalù all the way back to Palermo. The 120 is famous for being part of a legendary road race the "Targa Florio". This road offers excellent riding pleasure and incredible sights to Mongibello (Etna volcano in Sicilian). Farewell dinner!

Day 8 (sun). Transfer to Palermo airport and depart for your next destination.

Basic infos and pricing

	guided
Riding days:	7
Support vehicle:	yes
Hotel level:	4 star: 6 nights, 3 star: 2 nights
Airport transfers	yes
Welcome and farewell dinners:	yes
Starting/Ending in:	Palermo/Palermo
Riding ability level:	experienced
Shopping opportunities:	Palermo, Siracusa and Taormina
Riding distances per day:	200-300kms



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Here we'll try to help you in preparing your next motorcycle adventure in Italy: **a)** plan ahead - last minute decisions will make it an expensive and dispersive effort **b)** don't be afraid to ask - better safe than sorry! **c)** select the right season - it's pointless to want to ride the Alps in Winter or along the Costiera Amalfitana in August. There are perfect times for each area. In the interesting riding areas we do specify these periods and if in doubt just ask. **d)** don't push it - what we mean by this is: you won't be able to ride the whole of Italy in a week. Not even if you ride all of the autostrada. Italy is about the same size of California and there's so much to see and to ride that you should leave yourself time and come more than once. **e)** don't plan everything - leave some space for the unexpected. If you book all of your hotels and set yourself fixed daily targets filling all hours, you are running the risk of transforming your holiday into a marathon. Leave space for surprises! Leave space to enjoy a different pace! **f)** don't think a road is the same riding it the other way - The Costiera Amalfitana is only 60km/40miles long but you'll need two or three days to be able to say that you have really ridden it. You'll have to ride it at least twice in each direction. Mountain roads are like this. When you climb you never see the same things as when you ride down again. **g)** stop! - get off the bike! Walk around take some pictures!! Take your helmet off! Breathe! Have a coffee, a granita or just sit around and experience life as it flows by you! It's a vacation!... **h)** Italian holidays and festivities - beware of these periods as the traffic free roads get jammed and all hotels will get fully booked. **25th April** Liberation day (on a Sunday for 2004 so shouldn't be so bad) **1st May** Labour day **2nd June** Italian Republic foundation holiday **29th June** St.Peter and St Paul. ONLY in Rome. **August**, especially **15th**. Italians and most of Europe go on vacation! Too hot anyway!!! **1st November** All saints. **i)** equipment: we always advise people to come with their leathers and a good rainsuit. Good gloves and boots are also essential. Undergloves and long johns are a practical during the halfseason and if you are touring the Alps. Always wear your leather trousers. We say this for experience. The smallest incident can really mess up your holiday. A slip in the car park can have you end up with a swollen knee or ankle. Your trip will be virtually over then. If you are coming for a week or more always bring all of your equipment. You have to adapt to a new country and a new bike. The last thing you want to do is to be without your own equipment. **j)** packing: our advice is to pack light. Try to work out your stops so that after 3 or 4 days you have a double night in accommodation which can offer laundry service. As an alternative bring your hand wash detergent and do your washing in the evening before dinner. It will be dry in the morning. Our touring bikes normally will allow approx 50lb hard luggage. You can do without suits and formal clothing. Jeans, sneakers, T-shirts and pullovers are accepted practically everywhere. There is no prejudice if you walk into a hotel or restaurant with a helmet in your hand. **k)** agiturismo: this type of accommodation can be found everywhere in rural areas of Italy. We personally recommend you stop in these places if they have their own restaurants. Firstly because they are reasonably priced and normally clean. Secondly because they serve the food they grow themselves and follow traditional recipes of the area. **MAIN RENTAL CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES.** Minimum age 25. However, in some cases, if the under required age rider is accompanied by an older rider willing accept the responsibility we may be able to supply some lower level motorcycles. 2. Motorcycle license. International preferred. Acceptable are also E.U., US, Australian, Canadian licenses. 3. To reserve a motorcycle you must supply the following information via fax (+30 0773 484103) or email: reisetippsitalia@virgilio.it **a)** driver's license number and expiry date. **b)** passport nationality, number and expiry date. **c)** date of birth. **d)** home address. **e)** VISA or MASTERCARD (necessary for booking fee). **f)** contact telephone number 4. Booking fees will be taken based on the 0 km fees, if available, unless customer specifies wanting to book unlimited km straight away. No refunds will be given for non ridden km in this circumstance. No refunds will be given if you decide to cut your vacation short after rental beginning. 5. 30% booking fee will be levied upon written confirmation. This deposit will become non-refundable 10 days after booking. The remaining 70% of total rental will be levied 30 days prior to rental commencement. Any cancellations after the balance has been taken do not entitle you to any refund. If you do cancel a booking prior to 21 days from rental start then your deposit can be used as deposit for a rental during the same year. However if you do cancel at the very last minute no refunds can be given and you will be charged for the whole amount. of the rental. 6. Damage Security Deposit. Each motorcycle has a damage security deposit. This is expressed in a column of the price list. This will be taken in the form of a mechanical credit card slip signed by you when you collect your rental motorcycle. The deposit normally is your maximum liability for theft or damage to the vehicle. In some cases for particular models this may not be the case. You will be specifically informed prior to booking such a motorcycle. 7. We will always strive to supply the reserved motorcycle. However, in some instances this may not be possible. (E.g. the previous rental customer writes off your wished motorcycle a few days prior to your rental commencement). REISETIPPS ITALIA and associates will supply an alternative equivalent replacement motorcycle. In the unlikely event that this would not be possible REISETIPPS ITALIA and associates will provide a complete rental fee refund. REISETIPPS ITALIA will not be liable for any sum of money above the cost of the rental charge. 8. All rented motorcycles are covered by breakdown assistance. In the case of a mechanical failure during the rental period you will get a refund for the time the motorcycle was not usable. REISETIPPS ITALIA or associates are not liable for any additional expense. If a breakdown occurs you will immediately inform the rental station where you have picked up the motorcycle and follow instructions until the problem has been solved. Failure to do so will be a break of contract. In any circumstance, unless agreed with the rental station you are entitled to abandon your rented motorcycle. 9. Pick up and drop off can be made in different rental stations for selected models and stations. In some specific cases for a price to be agreed, REISETIPPS ITALIA and associates will deliver and collect the rental vehicle directly at your hotel or other accommodation. 10. You must make an appointment to collect and return your rental motorcycle. If you think there may be a delay in the agreed times and dates please advise the rental station as soon as possible. for further details and copies of rental contracts please contact us: reisetippsitalia@virgilio.it info@reisetipps-italia.it **FREQUENT ASKED QUESTIONS. why a guided motorcycle tour?** There are many advantages in doing a guided tour as opposed to riding solo. Here are a few: • the itineraries are developed by experienced riders who know the territory and will take you to the best roads, and scenic and historical places. This way you won't loose any time on uninteresting roads whilst unknowingly skipping the best spots. • your luggage will be transported for you in the support vehicle so you'll only have your day's essentials with you leaving the bike lighter, free to enjoy a nicer ride. • you'll be able to enjoy your rides in the knowledge that there is always help at hand should this become necessary. The tour leader will never be far away and always reachable through your tour mobile phone. • hotels will have been tested, booked and paid for you. • after a days ride it's always nice to gather around a

table or a bar with fellow bikers and exchange your day's experiences over a nice glass (or two) of Italian wine whilst tasting the local cuisine. **who comes on Our tour?** We have had a variety of people come on our tours, mainly north American riders, some north Europeans and few Australians too, all from different strays of life but with one common denominator: Motorcycle Riders! Many couples have come too, so REISETIPPS ITALIA - (www.reisetipps-italia.it) tours are not a hairy biker's meet. In fact couples are encouraged. The presence of women in the group usually keeps the conversation within the boundaries of political correctness and prevents us from being thrown out by our landlords :-)! **how are the tours structured?** The first riding day is always a Sunday. This will allow you to finish your working week on a Friday, travel on the Saturday and recover from any jet lag you may have before setting off on the tour. Depending on the length of the tour you'll be able to travel back on a Sunday, Wednesday or Thursday or extend your stay and do some extra sight seeing whilst in Italy. Starting your ride on a Sunday morning also has the incredible advantage of getting a clear run out of Rome whilst most Romans are still asleep. The last day getting back will always be in the afternoon/early evening and therefore will be against the flow of traffic. A little busier but by then you'll be proficient Italian riders! You'll pick up and drop off the bikes at the hotel and there will be a shuttle taxi organised for you to and from the airport to make it extra trouble free. We stay in comfortable and clean hotels (mainly 4 star) or farm houses, where the staff are friendly and the food is traditional Italian food of the area. The menus if necessary will be translated by REISETIPPS ITALIA - (www.reisetipps-italia.it) in English and developed with the management to ensure you taste what is typical of the area. Vegetarian options are available but please inform REISETIPPS ITALIA - (www.reisetipps-italia.it) beforehand. There will be a maximum of 12 bikes on the tour and all of the participants will receive detailed maps and a handbook with all necessary route details and useful information. **YOU MAY ALSO BE THE ONLY MOTORBIKER WITH OUR GUIDE ON TOUR!!!!** To maximise your freedom to ride as much or as little as you wish the tour is structured so that we will stay in each hotel 2 or 3 nights, except for start and finishing days. This will enable you to really enjoy the surrounding area in whichever direction you like in a relaxed fashion, minimising packing and unpacking, and the stress of being always on the move. You will have the presence of a bilingual (English/Italian) tour leader and your luggage will be transported for you between hotels. The support vehicle will also have a spare motorcycle, oil and tools for minor servicing. Each motorcycle will be equipped with a mobile phone to simplify communications with the tour leader and family at home. **why do you exclude some dinners?** the reason for excluding some dinners is to give you a choice to be on your own and choose your self what, when and where you'd like to eat. We will exclude dinners in places that offer a variety of options where we stay multiple nights in the same town. On the off nights you will still be very welcome to follow the tour leader wherever he goes but you'll receive a list of recommended other restaurants to try out. You may even decide not to eat anything at all as you'll have had plenty of food in the course of the other days :-)! **what kind of riding ability level do I need to have?** There are some fantastic roads in Italy which offer a great variety of corners and views in impressive sequences. These roads are however very demanding and need expertise to be fully enjoyed. You must have good riding skills and be able to control a touring motorcycle in any circumstance. You must have been riding for quite some time and be a current rider. If you have just taken your motorcycle license or are a fresh borne-again biker put some good miles on the clock at home before you decide to come over here. It's no fun to ride if you think you are going to crash at every corner. Speed is not important. As a matter of fact we never recommend you ride fast or aggressively. You are here to enjoy the ride not to race other tour members. Some roads are great tackled at a higher pace and some beg to be cruised on just to take in all of the smells and scenery. Some roads need both so ride them twice! First slowly then a touch faster to enjoy the riding rhythm. **what equipment should I bring with me?** Safety is a prime issue on REISETIPPS ITALIA tours - (www.reisetipps-italia.it). We always recommend that you wear full riding clothing, best of all leathers, boots, gloves. Helmets are compulsory in Italy and they will need to be SNELL approved to be legal. The police may confiscate your motorcycle if they catch you with a non approved helmet. This can be very costly. I always recommend a flip-up helmet. This type allows you excellent comfort and safety allowing you to open the helmet to speak to people, to take pictures and to enjoy the breeze whilst cruising along. I would also highly recommend tinted visors instead of sun glasses. Tinted visors are legal in Italy during day riding and have the added advantage that you can flip the visor up when riding into a tunnel. Especially in the Alps or mountains tunnels are quite frequent and to have sunglasses can be very unpleasant at times! Another thing: bring rain proofs! Just to chase the rain away!!!! **do I have to ride with the group?** No, it's up to you. You'll receive all of the information in the evening briefing and then you are free to ride on your own if you wish. We suggest you at least pair up with another biker of the group just in case but it isn't essential. Just remember to turn up for dinner or call the guide! **will there be time to do some shopping and sightseeing?** Yes! REISETIPPS ITALIA - (www.reisetipps-italia.it) tour is structured so that normally you stop in the same hotel for 2 nights or more. The choice for our stops normally falls on towns which have good shopping and sightseeing opportunities. There is a van to bring your shopping back to Rome but please don't exaggerate, only two bags per person! As far as sightseeing goes our riding itineraries usually include one or two interesting suggestions per day. All visits are optional and you can add your own if you wish. The itinerary is only a recommendation. If you'd like to visit relatives or places away from the route, you are very welcome. The important thing is that you inform the tour leader the previous day or using the mobile phone you'll be supplied with. **how long are REISETIPPS ITALIA - tours?** 5 to 12 riding days. **BUT EVERY TOUR MAY BE CUSTOMIZED!!!** The first riding day is generally a Sunday. This means that you'll have enough time to finish work on Friday and do the travelling on the Saturday. The Sicilian tour is only 7 days so you can travel back on the Sunday. The other tours are slightly longer as for a low marginal increase in price you get the benefit of a more complete tour. The reason for not riding a full two weeks is that it is frankly too much. 12 days is the maximum and this will give you plenty of time to regain your energies before going back to work or/and do some extra sightseeing in Italy before flying back. **what level of accommodation does REISETIPPS ITALIA?** Normally we seek interesting 4 star hotels, exceptional 3 stars or excellent quality farm houses (agriturismo). REISETIPPS ITALIA - has selected the hotels following parameters such as comfort, riding location, food quality and friendliness of the staff. Expect good, comfortable accommodation with excellent access to town or excellent riding surroundings. We also try to choose charismatic places with original Italian charm. We avoid modern business hotels if we can. **what is included in the touring package?** - all accommodation during the tour dates - most dinners. We have left out some dinners when we stay more than 2 nights in interesting places, so that you may sample food outside of the hotel - bi-lingual English/Italian tour leader - support vehicle, equipped with motorcycle loading ramp, tools and minor spares. - luggage transportation. you'll be allowed two bags per person so you'll only need to have your daily essentials on the bike with you. - tour handbook with all tour details and detailed maps of the areas covered. - use of a mobile phone per bike. This will help communications with home and with the tour leader. You'll only need to pay for the credit used whilst making calls. All incoming calls even from abroad are free of charge. **what is excluded from the touring package?** - all drinks - all lunches - all entries to museums, archaeological sites, exhibitions, etc. - fuel for the motorcycle - anything of a personal nature - anything not expressly included **what is the function of the tour leader?** The tour leader on REISETIPPS ITALIA - tours will be there to assist you during your riding vacation. He'll be a reference point that any tour member can turn to for any advice. Being an experienced rider and actually living in Italy it will be easy for him/her to resolve any issues that may arise during the tour. He'll be there to give you advice on where to ride and what to visit, to make suggestions but no impositions. He will not be your guardian, so each individual will be responsible for himself for any acts or misconducts. You will be allowed to follow the tour leader on rides but this may not always be possible as other events may prevent the tour leader from riding on some days. **should I be concerned about Italian car drivers and Italian traffic?** Italian traffic is not as bad as people think. Big cities like Rome, Milan, Florence and Palermo are chaotic at peak time but most of your riding will be done outside of these areas where the pace of life is much slower, there are fewer vehicles on the road and whoever is driving operates in a stress free environment. Furthermore, there is a huge presence of two wheeled vehicles. Motorcycles and scooters account for nearly a

million units in Rome alone. What this means is that car drivers and other bikers are more aware in general and especially are used to dealing with bikes. Splitting lanes is allowed and expected. No one in a car will ever get upset or try to knock you off if you pass a line of stationary traffic right up to the lights. Italian love bikes and are very proud of their national products. If you are riding an Italian bike you'll get top marks on top! **why should I come on a REISETIPPS ITALIA - (www.reisetipps-italia.it) tour?** We believe that we can offer a great service to motorcyclist who would like to experience Italy on a motorcycle. We strive to produce the perfect Italian motorcycling tour. We've been perfecting our tours for the past 3 years and will do so every year thanks to your comments and sensations. This year's tours have been modified in respect to previous years. We have extended the running days to 11 or 12. It was felt that more ground could be covered in a more relaxed way for marginally little money. We have also upgraded some of our hotels to 4 star, especially where we will be staying multiple nights. We have also moved some hotel locations closer into towns. This way you'll be able to experience Italian nightlife or just a stroll down the "corso" (high street) after dinner in a truly Italian fashion. We aim to let you to experience Italy by riding the best roads and staying in interesting places. We also try to limit the amount of accommodation changes so that you may actually live the places you are staying in. The sensation of being constantly on the move does nothing towards experiencing a region and turns your tour in a marathon by the end of which one road blends into another and your sensations are an awful mix. Small groups are essential to get that companionship feeling with fellow tour members. It also means that we won't invade the places we stay in allowing us to experience their very nature. Our upper limit is 12 motorcycles but usually groups average 8 motorcycles. We do realise that our prices are a little high but our strength is in numbers (low ones) and service. All itineraries have been tested and carefully drawn road books will lead you through some beautiful places. The hotels we stay in are also chosen based on charm, service, kindness of the staff and riding location. For more details look up the individual tour descriptions and if you have any further doubts or questions feel free to write to us on info@reisetipps-italia.com reisetippsitalia@virgilio.it Let us be your host! We'll be proud and honoured to show you our country and what riding a motorcycle in Italy is all about. For more details look up the individual tour descriptions and if you have any further doubts or questions feel free to write to us on info@reisetipps-italia.com reisetippsitalia@virgilio.it Let us be your host! We'll be proud and honoured to show you our country and what riding a motorcycle in Italy is all about. **ITALIAN ROADS RULES. ITALIAN TRAFFIC.** It's really not as bad as you are lead to believe. Italy has a myth surrounding it that it is total anarchy as far as traffic and driving habits are concerned. The truth instead is that it is in fact a safer place for bikes than most parts of the world. There are more motorcycles and scooters around in Italy than anywhere else in the world. Only in Rome and surrounding areas the estimate is 1,000,000 two wheeled vehicles. Given the numbers, car drivers are more used to dealing with bikes and will act respectfully. In big cities such as Rome, Milan and Naples you will get the impression of chaos and it is true that it is generally difficult to find your way around. Our advice here is to get out in to the country as soon as possible and if you like to visit these cities do it with public transport not on the bike. Smaller towns such as Siena, Arezzo, Sorrento etc. will be no problem at all in this respect. In the country the riding is fantastic and virtually traffic free. Below you can find a small list of useful information and tips which may come in handy when you ride over here... **a)** you are allowed to split lanes and ride passed cars up to a red light. It's expected of motorcycles so no car driver will take offence. Especially with stationary traffic you will be allowed to slowly make your way to the front of the line. **b)** the safest way in traffic is to go with the flow. **c)** The Autostrada. Autostradas are always marked in green as opposed to the SS (strade statali), equivalent of A- roads, which are always marked in blue. The Autostradas normally have pay tolls. Motorcycles are only allowed through at the manned booths. You should never enter the yellow lanes marked as TELEPASS unless, on smaller stations, they are marked as both. The TELEPASS exits and entries are only for cars and trucks which have special electronic devices on board. If you accidentally go through a TELEPASS lane stop and communicate your mistake to the station or next PUNTO BLU (information point of the Autstrade). If you don't then the rental station will get a huge bill from the Autostrade for the longest distance possible on that section. This will then be charged on your credit card, with prior notification, of course. You should also avoid entering the VIACARD lanes, especially if they display a "no Motorcycle entry" sign. These booths are triggered by the amount of weight and presence of metal and sometimes won't read a motorcycle, so you'll be sitting there with your ticket and no chance to pay or to go anywhere until the station manually triggers the booth. This can take quite a while. You might be lucky and a car comes behind you triggering the booth, but if you are a group of bikes then that won't happen and you will block the booth completely. The VIACARD booths only take credit cards so if you intended to pay cash you won't be able to. The VIACARD lanes are always marked in Blue. Manned booths are the ones you should always aim for, even if there is a queue. All manned booths accept credit cards. It is our advice to use them as you won't have to waste time with change and cash. The following picture shows you what a medium sized station looks like. For more information click here for a useful link! Ambulance Emergency - 118, Polizia - 113, Carabinieri - 112, Fire Service - 115. On the Autostrada keep the pace up. You'll still find big Mercedes, BMWs or Alfas which will pass you but at a reasonable speed you have the time to see them coming in your rear-view mirrors. **Speed limits:** 130km/h autostrada, 110km/h autostrada in the rain, 90km/h outside built up areas, 30km/h and 50km/h in towns. You are liable for any traffic offences!! The police can notify us up to 150 days after the offence has taken place. **d)** Speed cameras: One word of warning; this is what a non attended speed camera looks like in Tuscany. Normally they are placed in very sensible places to slow people down entering built up areas or by schools so when approaching such places just slow down and check your speed and the speed limit. It could be 30km/h instead of 50km/h. It may feel desperately slow but it will save you a lot of aggravation later!! **e)** Police: there are 4 types of Police you need to be aware of. CARABINIERI: Dark blue cars with white roof and red stripes. Polizia Stradale: Light blue cars with POLIZIA down the side in white. Guardia di Finanza: Dark blue cars with GUARDIA DI FINANZA in yellow and green hats. POLIZIA MUNICIPALE: This is the hardest to spot. Normally white cars with red or blue writing. All police have the right to stop you and ask for documents. Always have the following documents with you when riding: insurance, driving license, log book, passport. They'll signal normally by waving you over with a white lollipop with a red centre. Do stop, please!! You have nothing to fear. You have all the documents and it is likely that as soon as they realise that you are foreign and do not speak a word of Italian, they'll let you get on with your riding. Whatever happens be friendly, they are in most cases very nice people and most of them bikers too ;-))) **!!! f)** a new traffic law came into effect on the 30th June 2003. It is much stricter on speeding, alcohol consumption and safety precautions. In Italy there is a helmet law. Anything on two wheels with an engine requires a helmet. In summer and in the south of Italy there is a tendency not to wear a helmet on scooters. Do not be fooled by thinking you can do the same. **g)** Parking a motorcycle. there are specific places where you can park marked for motorcycles and scooters but you can also park where cars are parked. If there are blue lines on the floor it means that it is a pay and display area. Bikes do not have to pay but be sensible and take up as little room as possible. You'll see many scooters and motorcycles parked on the pavement. Whilst we strongly suggest you don't, you can get away with it if there are no other options and you leave enough space for pedestrians. But be aware it is an offence and you could get fined. **h)** Access to city centres. Normally on two wheels you have no restrictions for access to the historical centres of towns. However in some cases you'll be stopped. In Rome for example between 10am and 8pm there is no access to the very centre (Tridente) to non residents. Normally the town police will be there to prevent you from accessing. **i)** Avoid bike theft by always locking your rental bike and finding secure overnight parking. If you have booked a hotel with no parking always ask reception if they have a garden or other closed area. Sometimes they'll let you park it in the reception of the Hotel!!! It's happened before! Do not leave passports, cash and valuable items in the motorcycle cases. These are the easiest to get broken into during the day. **IMPORTANT: THESE ARE ONLY TIPS AND REISETIPPS ITALIA CONSULTING T.O. CANNOT BE HELD LIABLE FOR ANYTHING IN RELATION TO THE ABOVE. BE YOUR OWN JUDGE IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCE!!** Italy is all about.



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