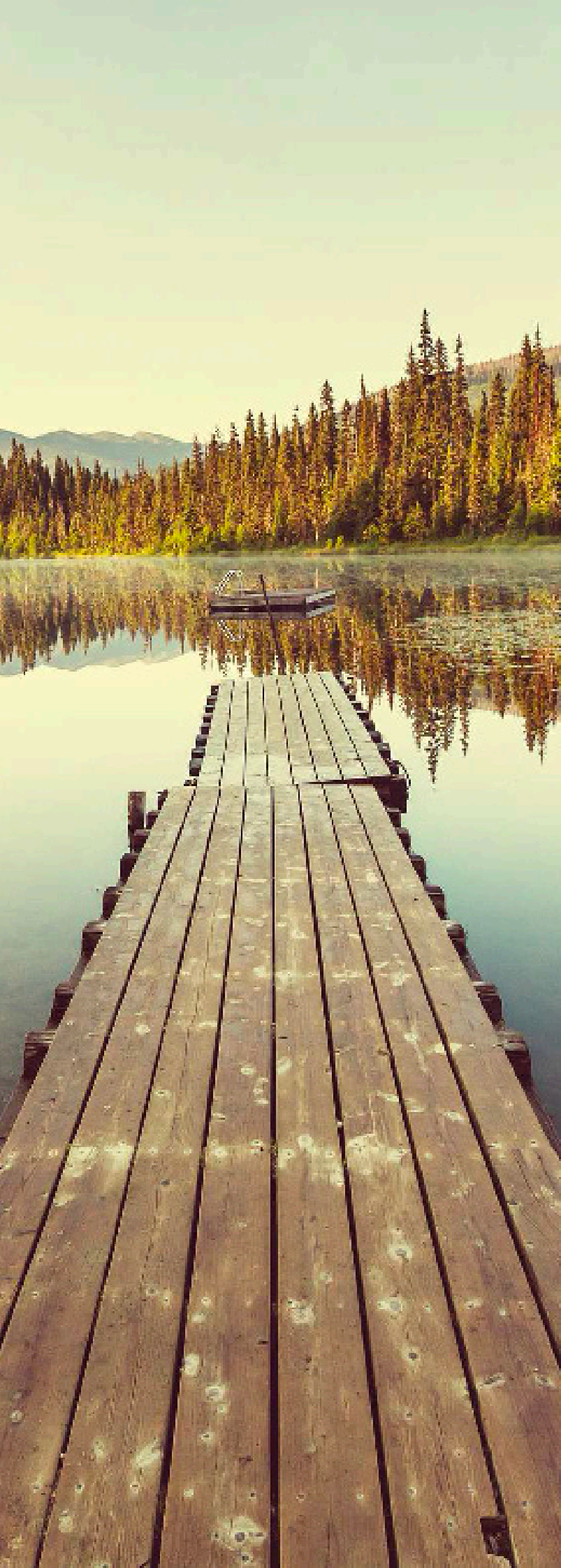


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SANNIO



Sannio is the current province of Benevento, named after its ancient ancestors, the Samnites. A land of history and deep-rooted traditions, it will amaze you with the richness of its territory, archaeological finds and the numerous testimonies of the peoples who have passed through and lived in it.

BENEVENTO

Benevento is known as the city of 'witches', a popular belief that has its roots in the Longobard era and spread throughout Europe during the 13th century. Legend has it that all sorts of rituals and witchcraft took place near the Sabato river, along the 'ripa delle Janare', and that witches from all over Italy would gather under the walnut tree in the dense woods of the Benevento hills. A UNESCO heritage site, a must-see is certainly the church and cloister of Santa Sofia.



TELESE TERME

Nerve center of the Telesina Valley. At the foot of Mount Pugliano, sulfur springs give rise to hot springs and erode carbonate rocks, giving rise to sinkholes. Also known for hosting the largest lake in the province. Perfectly connected with Cerreto Sannita and its ceramics, Cusano Mutri and its naturalistic scenery.



MONTESARCHIO

One of the most beautiful villages in Italy, Montesarchio, the Caudium of the Samnite and Roman periods, dominates with its castle the Valla Caudina, the scene of the most famous battle of the same name that in 321 B.C. saw the Samnites, inhabitants of the province of Benevento, inflict a bitter defeat on the Roman legions. An opulent town, in the following period it controlled for centuries the traffic of the Via Appia, one of the most important roads built under the rule of imperial Rome, a link between the two geographical areas of the Tyrrhenian and Adriatic seas.



SANT'AGATA DE' GOTI

The pearl of Sannio, suspended on a tuffaceous spur, Sant'Agata de' Goti is an enchanting village with a history dating back thousands of years. In 2014 seventh most beautiful village in Italy. The historic center, the many churches, the Norman castle, and the Roman tombstones and inscriptions are reminders of its ancient splendor, linked above all to its 1,000 years as an episcopal seat. Land of Saints and Popes is a jewel hidden among the Taburno Mountains, which amazes with its refined art and evocative nature.



SANNIO:

BETWEEN HISTORY AND

TASTES

DAY 1 - SANT'AGATA DEI GOTI - LIMATOLA

Arrival in **Sant'Agata de' Goti** in the morning. Orange Flag and in 2014 seventh Most Beautiful Village in Italy, suspended on a tuffaceous spur, also known as the Pearl of Sannio. **Guided tour of the Ducal Castle** and the rooms inside, we will also walk through the legend of "Mazzamauriello" in the company of our guide. To follow **Lunch in a restaurant**. In the afternoon, transfer to **Limatola and visit the Castle**, ruler of the ancient medieval village of Benevento and guardian of the valley furrowed by the Volturno River, the Castle of Limatola, once a defensive dwelling, is now an enchanting location to experience your special moments.

Dinner in the Castle and overnight stay in the Hotel.

In the months of November and December, possibility to visit the Christmas Markets.

DAY 2 - BENEVENTO - MONTESARCHIO

We will travel through different centuries and peoples, discovering the architectural and monumental beauty of the city and the legends associated with it. We will reconstruct the Roman domination by admiring the **Arch of Trajan and the Theater**; The Longobard period and the figure of Prince Arechi II witnessed by the Church of Santa Sofia (Unesco Heritage since 2011) the history of the pontifical age that boasts among its masterpieces the majestic **Rocca dei Rettori**, with an unprecedented visit of the interior, home to the **museum section of the Risorgimento and the Cathedral**, with the splendid bronze door. Alternatively, it will be possible to visit the **Egyptian Museum** in Arcos. **Lunch at a restaurant** will follow. In the afternoon visit to **Montesarchio**. A beautiful town with an illustrious past, its historic center is perched on a rocky rise on the slopes of Mount Taburno. Dominating the town and the valley (theater of the famous Battle of the FORCHE CAUDINE) is the **Castle**, home to the **Archaeological Museum of Sannio Caudino**, where will be illustrated the many finds, especially Etruscan, Greek and Roman, including the 4th-century B.C.E. **Asteass crater** and its very singular history. Transfer to hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

THE TOUR INCLUDES

2 nights' accommodation at Hotel La Piana -2 lunches and 2 dinners - entrance fees to castles and museums - 24-hour assistance



WINE TOUR

DAY 1 - SANT'AGATA DEI GOTI - TORRECUSO

Arrive in Sant'Agata de' Goti in the morning. An Orange Flag and in 2014 the seventh Most Beautiful Village in Italy, suspended on a tuffaceous spur, Sant'Agata de' Goti is an enchanting village with a history dating back thousands of years, also known as the Pearl of Sannio. Meet with our staff and visit the **historic Mustilli wineries**. The visit will include a tasting of 3 classic doc wines from the winery that bottled falanghina for the first time in the world in 1979 (within the visit you will see the first bottle of falanghina ever produced) and a small tasting of local products. **Lunch in a restaurant**. Transfer to hotel. Late afternoon departure for Torrecuso and visit to the **Fontanavecchia Winery**. A temple dedicated to wine, to the hard work of man, and to the enchantment of the slow and delicate rituals that have woven the life of a family of winemakers for generations. Built by the progenitor of the Rillo family, starting in the 19th century and then over time renovated and enlarged, they now represent a leading winemaking reality in the Campania region. The Fontanavecchia winery is developed in the Torrecuso district of the same name in the province of Benevento. The visit includes the tasting of 4 wines plus a tasting of Olio EVO, all surrounded by **tastings of typical Sannio products with which we will have dinner**.

Overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 2 - CASTELVENERE

After breakfast, depart for **Castelvenere** and visit **Antica Masseria Venditti**. The history of the farm has deep origins in Castelvenere, made of tradition, passion and love for wine. The Masseria, an ancient dwelling, the majestic winepress dated 1595, testify to the long path dedicated to wine production. We will retrace the stages of production, from the farm's Educational Vineyard with 20 native grape varieties, to the laminated wood cellar; **tasting of 4 wines paired with traditional gastronomic specialties**, in the Sala Del Torchio with the majestic family winepress dated 1595.

THE TOUR INCLUDES

1 overnight stay at Hotel La Piana - 2 lunches and 1 dinner - 3 guided tours of wineries with degustazioni - 24-hour assistance



BETWEEN SACRED AND PROFANE

DAY 1 - BENEVENTO

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DAY 2 - PIETRALCINA

Departing from the hotel, among the striking Samnite panoramas, one reaches **Pietrelcina**, built on a natural terrace, which the inhabitants call the **Morgia**, surrounded by an evocative landscape typical of the territories of the Tammaro valley, rich in streams and embellished by lush vegetation. Pietrelcina is one of Italy’s major religious destinations; there you can visit, among other buildings, the Convent of the Holy Family, with the Museum where numerous relics belonging to the friar are preserved; the Church of Santa Maria degli Angeli, where he celebrated his first mass; and the Church of St. Anne, where he was baptized. **Lunch in a restaurant**, li bero time, return to hotel.

THE TOUR INCLUDES

1 overnight stay at Hotel La Piana - 2 lunches and 1 dinner - guided tours - h24 assistance



CERAMICS AND NATURE

DAY 1 - CERRETO SANNITA AND CUSANO MUTRI

In the morning arrival in **Cerreto Sannita**, walk to discover this very ancient village, through the “**checkerboard**” **historic center** in late Baroque style, civil and religious buildings of considerable charm as well as the fabulous **Museum of Ceramics**. Following this we will take part in a demonstration of the main stages of working “cerretese” ceramics, here it will be possible to actively participate in the visit, creating the terracotta object with one’s own hands. **Lunch in Trattoria**. Continuation to **Cusano Mutri**, recognized among the most beautiful villages in Italy, nestled in the heart of the **Matese Natural Park**. Dinner and overnight stay at the Hotel.

DAY 2 - BENEVENTO

Departure for **Telese Terme** and possibility of a scenic tour of the spa town with the ancient **Iacobelli Baths** and its lake. At the end we will head to Grassano Park, a naturalistic gem set in the picturesque Telesina Valley. Among Roman vestiges, medieval castles and characteristic villages, it reveals itself as an oasis that gives children and adults the opportunity to get closer to the magic of nature. Within it we will have the possibility of **canoeing and photographic excursions**. Possibility of PicNic inside the park on request. Transfer to Hotel.

DAY 3 - SAN MARCO DEI CAVOTI

After a hearty breakfast, we will set off to **San Marco dei Cavoti** for the food and wine walk. A walk in nature, discovering the rural territory, to experience moments of true relaxation. We will immediately take advantage of a small regenerating, authentic and special culinary break at a typical trattoria. The Visit will continue to discover the fascinating world of bees, together with Carlo Ielardi in his third-generation Apiculture. Next, we will dive into the sweet world of chocolate together with Autore Chocolate, where you will taste the “His Majesty the Crunchy” experience.

THE TOUR INCLUDES

2 nights' accommodation at Hotel La Piana - Guided tours - Workshop and beekeeping experience - 24-hour assistance



IRPINIA, SANNIO AND CILENTO

DAY 1 - BENEVENTO AND APICE

In the morning departure for **Benevento**. Guided tour of the city. **Lunch in a restaurant**. Afterwards, departure for **Apice**. Called the Pompeii of the 20th century, this ghost town in Sannio. After the two seismic events of 1962 and those of 1980, it was decided that the village should be evacuated for safety reasons and the inhabitants moved to the neighboring hill. In the old village since then time has stood still and everything has remained as it was. **Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.**

DAY 2 - CALITRI

After breakfast departure for **Calitri**, also called the Positano of Irpinia and famous “**city of ceramics**.” From step to step we will climb the terraces of the castle town to the scenic village of Santa Lucia where we can admire the village in all its splendor. **Lunch in a restaurant**. After lunch we will set off on an evocative trekking route in the ghost town of Carbonara, from the abbey of San Vito to the archaeological park. At the end dinner in the beautiful **Monteverde**, one of “The Most Beautiful Villages in Italy.” **Overnight stay in the hotel.**

DAY 3 - LAVIANO - ATRIPALDA

After breakfast departure for **Laviano**. We will start our tour from the ancient castle continuing with the impressive walk on the impressive Tibetan bridge suspended more than 80 meters high. Followed by a relaxing trekking route and **lunch in a restaurant**. After lunch departure to **Atripalda** for a visit to the historic “Mastroberadino” wineries. The visit includes, guided tour of the cellars, guided tour of the family Caveau, tasting of 3 wines from the Heritage line of your choice. **Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.**

DAY 4 - SANT'AGATA DE' GOTI

After breakfast departure for **Sant'Agata de' Goti**. In 2014 Italy's most beautiful village also known as the Pearl of Sannio. Guided tour of the town and the historic Mustilli wineries. **Lunch in a restaurant.**

THE TOUR INCLUDES

3 overnight stays at Hotel La Piana - 4 lunches and 3 dinners - guided tours - 24 assistance



TRA ARTE E ARCHEOLOGIA

DAY 1 - CASERTA

Arrive in **Caserta**, and visit the apartments of the Reggia Vanvitelliana, an imposing construction, destined to rival other European royal residences, was entrusted, after ups and downs, to architect Luigi Vanvitelli (1700-1773). We will also get to appreciate within the tour its majestic park. **Free time for the consumption of packed lunch (possibility of lunch in a restaurant with extra charge).** In the afternoon visit to Caserta Vecchia. **Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel.**

DAY 2 - BENEVENTO AND APICE

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DAY 3 - NAPLES

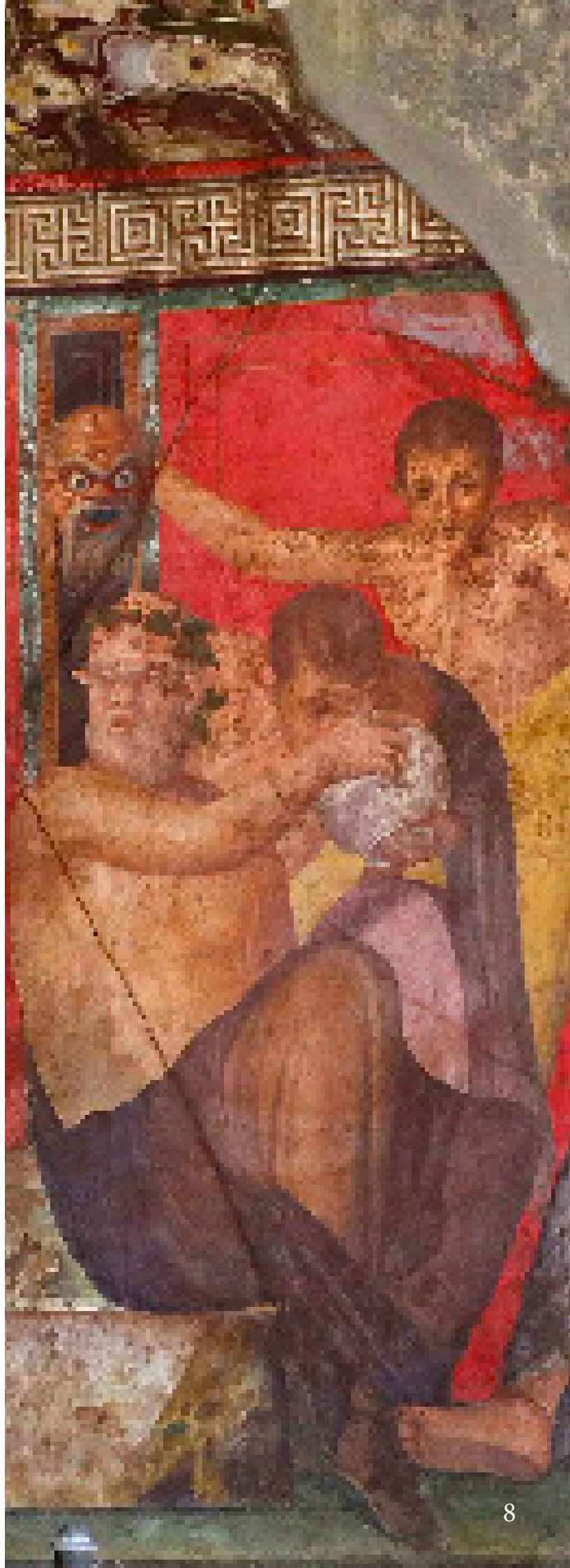
Full day dedicated to a guided tour of **Naples**: Maschio Angioino, Piazza Plebiscito, Teatro san Carlo, Corso and Galleria Umberto I. **Free lunch** to fully appreciate Neapolitan street food. Visit to the Quartieri Spagnoli, via Toledo and the subway station, among the most beautiful in Europe. **Return to hotel dinner and overnight stay.**

DAY 4 - POMPEII

Breakfast at the hotel and departure for **Pompeii** for a guided tour of the excavations. Upon request it will also be possible to visit the Sanctuary. **Lunch in a restaurant.**

THE TOUR INCLUDES

3 overnight stays at Hotel La Piana -3 lunches and 3 dinners - 6 guided tours - 24-hour assistance





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