



Italy... what not to miss

Here is a selection of some of the many highlights to be found in Italy which we hope will inspire you to travel and experience them for yourselves.



Caffè Pedrocchi

When in Padua (Veneto) take a break at this 19th century coffee house and ask for the speciality 'Pedrocchi caffè', a perfect blend of sweet mint and bitter espresso coffee. A meeting place for intellectuals and academics over the years, even Lord Byron was a patron.



Casa Puccini in Lucca (Tuscany)

A charming museum converted from the former childhood home of the great opera composer Giacomo Puccini. It contains personal letters, opera drafts and the piano on which he created his last opera, Turandot.

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Egnazia

A fascinating archaeological park in Puglia which dates back the Bronze Age. A necropolis with pre-Roman tombs, painted vases known as 'Egnazia ceramic', an amphitheatre and forum are some of the historical discoveries from the ancient town of Gnathia.

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Gaeta (Campania)

Gaeta is a city of medieval walls, narrow alleys, a 13th century castle and long sandy beaches. Visit Monte Orlando that rises above the town, famed for its split mountain 'Montagna Spaccata' where legend says split into three crevices when Christ died.

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Lake Como

The funicular railway which has linked Como and Brunate since 1894 is the quickest way of travelling between these two towns and is an ideal opportunity to enjoy stunning views over Lake Como and the Alps.

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La Maremma Natural Park

This pristine rural landscape has an unspoilt Tuscan coastline. Stone pines, low hills, Mediterranean maquis, beach and sea span the coastal area between the town of Talamone and the Ombrone estuary.

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Royal Palace of Caserta

This former royal residence in Caserta (Campania) was constructed for the Bourbon kings of Naples to rival Versailles. It was the largest palace and one of the largest buildings erected in Europe during the 18th century.

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The Island of Capri

A perfect island destination at any time of year, Capri has a very pleasant climate from 50°F in February to 74°F in August, spectacular scenery, blue grottoes and a rich history dating back to the Emperors of Rome.