

Italian Time

From Sicily's islands to Florentine fashion and epicurean Alpine skiing.



Clockwise from top: Sunset over Sicily; Fountain of Artemis at Archimedes Square, Sicily; Peaks of the Dolomites.



Swiss Guard Secrets

Follow behind the billowing purple and saffron stripes of a member of the Swiss Guard and into his private living and training quarters. Ask any burning questions you have about Vatican life and learn what it takes to protect the pontiff.

Custom Italian Shoes

Step into the world of Italian fashion in a pair of custom-made shoes, measured and built for you in a Florentine atelier. After hanging out with the shoemaker, head to Frescobaldi Palazzo to see locally made clothing and take in a fashion show.

Ski for Your Supper

Zoom down the powder-perfect runs of the Marmolada Massif, the highest peak of the Dolomites, before heading to a *rifugio* (an Italian mountain hut) to reward yourself with house-made spinach ravioli or hearty lamb and polenta.

Sicilian Island-Hopping

Join your host at her home on Ortygia Island and sip a glass of Marsala while she cooks up fresh Sicilian specialties. This nine-day private Aeolian Island journey is equal parts rustic adventure and indulgence. Stay at a Baroque castle in the Noto Valley, hike Salina Island, tour a caper farm and swim the secret coves of Panarea Island.

Your Virtuoso travel advisor can arrange these exceptional experiences and more.