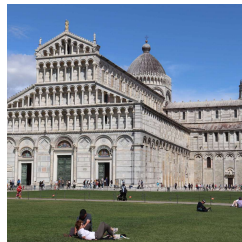


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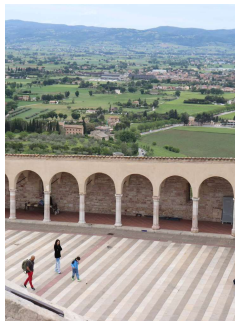
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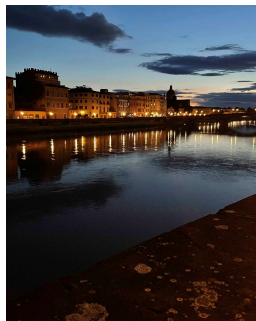
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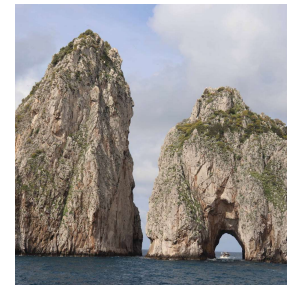
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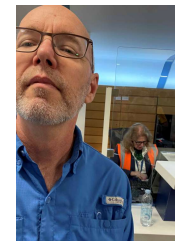
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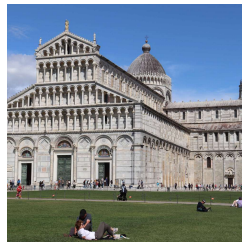
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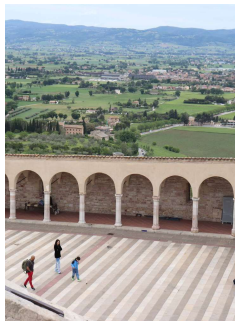
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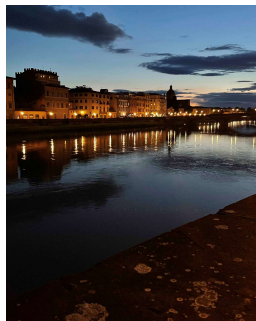
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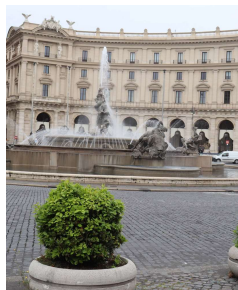
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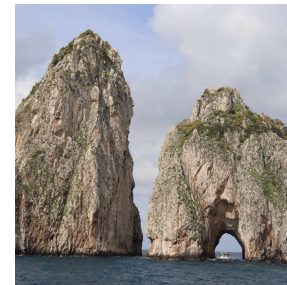
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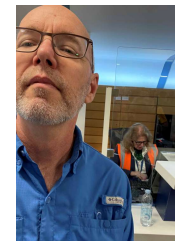
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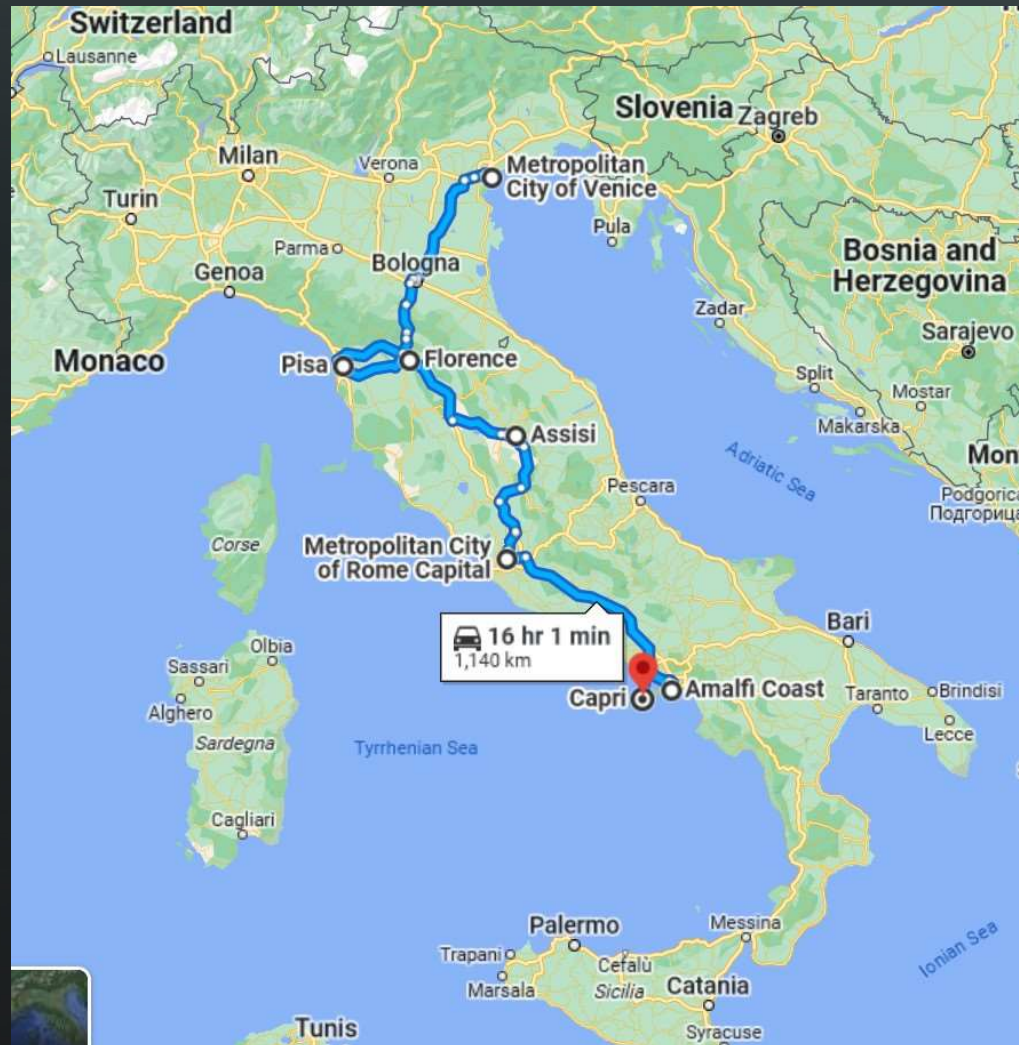


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- Trip Dates: May 8, 2023 - May 19, 2023
- Best of Italy with Sorrento & Amalfi Coast Extension



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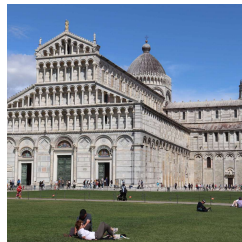


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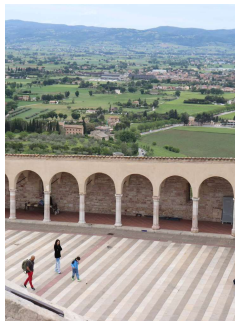
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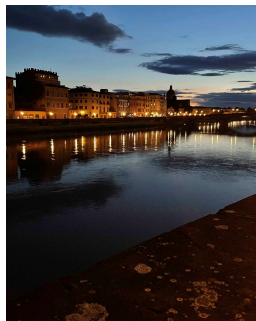
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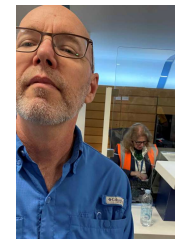
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# Venice





Venice - taking to the "canals bus" on a beautiful day





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Venice – Bridge of Sighs





## Venice - St. Mark's Square (Piazza San Marco)



## Murano - glass artistry





# Murano



## Venice - huddling from the rain near Doge's Palace







# Venice - St. Mark's Basilica



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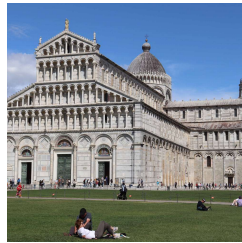


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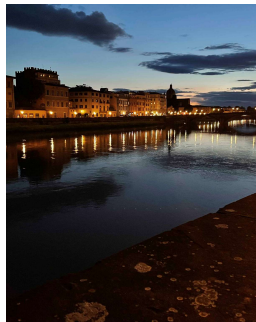
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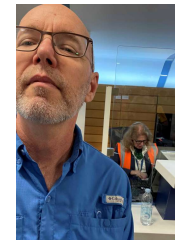
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## Pisa - Robert was a wonderful guide



# Pisa Cathedral





## Pisa - Basilica, Cathedral &.... The TOWER!





## On the way to Florence... Tuscan countryside farm, winery and garden center



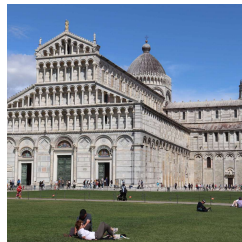


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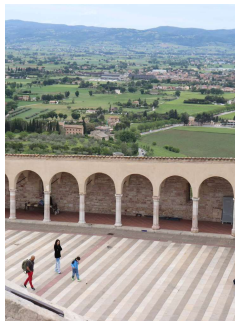
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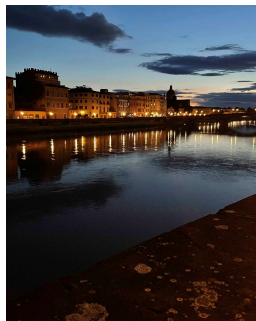
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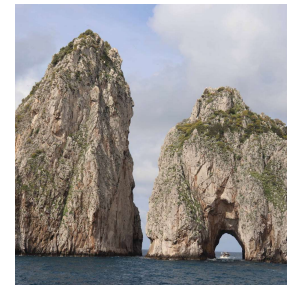
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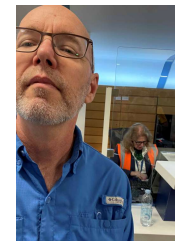
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## Florence - the Arno River and surroundings...





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Florence - our guide Michael leads the walking way...



Florence







# Florence - Accademia Gallery of Fine Arts



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Florence – Duomo





Florence – Uffizi

## Florence - Ponte Vecchio (Old Bridge)







Tuscan villa/winery

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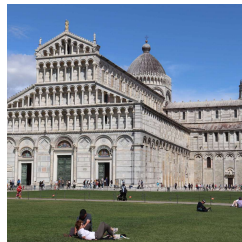


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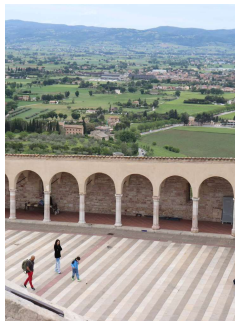
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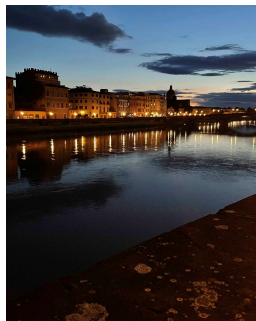
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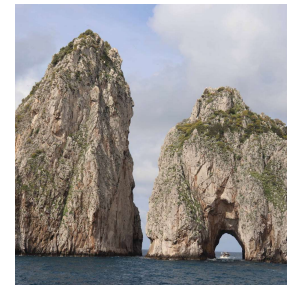
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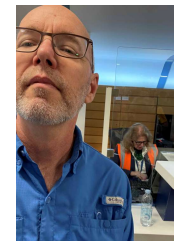
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# Assisi - St. Francis (and St. Clare)





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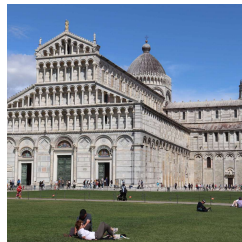


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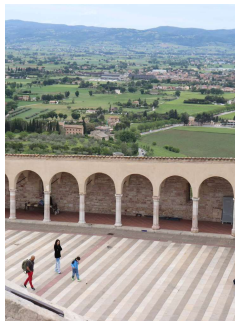
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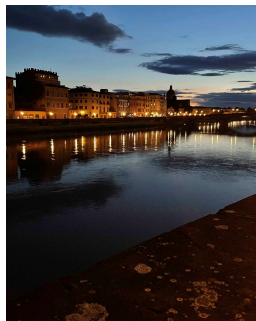
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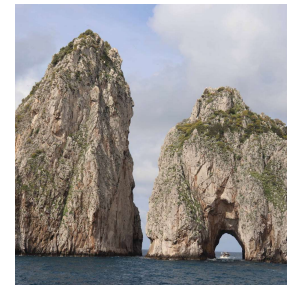
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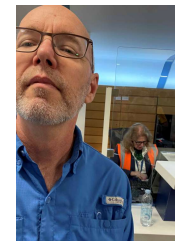
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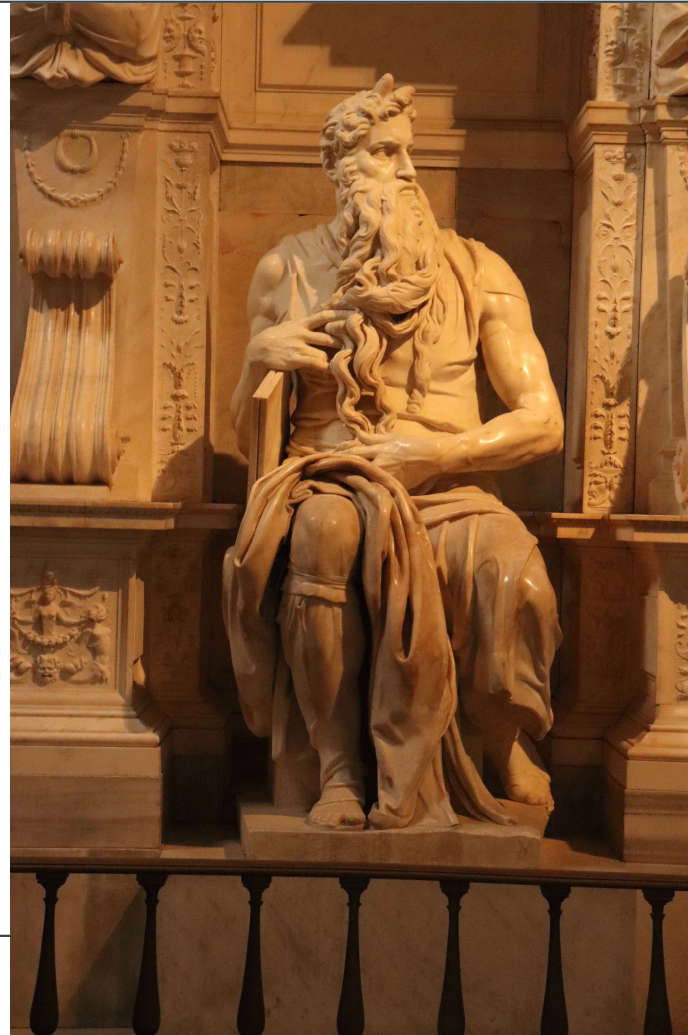
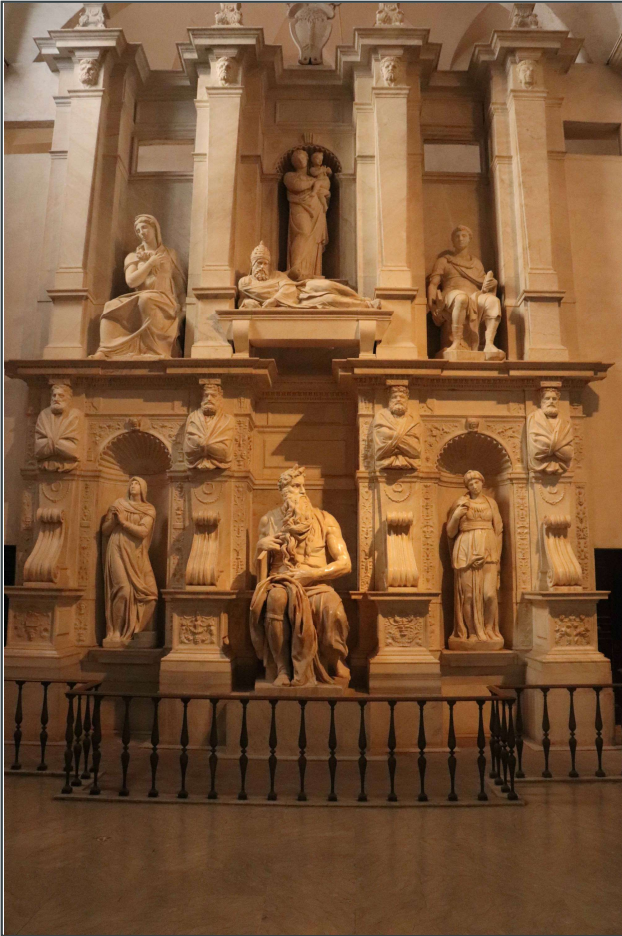




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## Rome - in search of a hidden gem (Michelangelo's Moses @ St. Peter in Chains)





Rome



## Rome - The Forum







Rome



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## Rome - Colosseum



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## Rome - Pantheon (dedicated in early 100s)



## Rome - walking around to Trevi Fountain, leather shop, Spanish Steps...



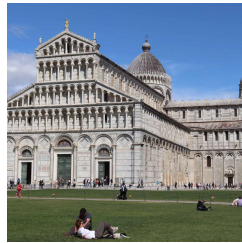


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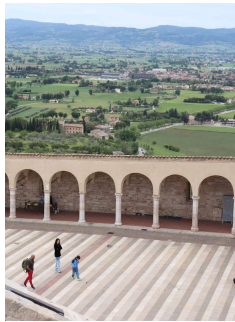
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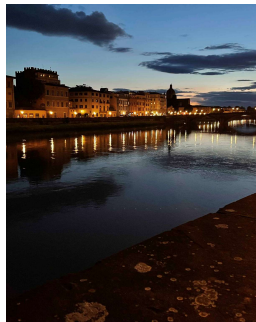
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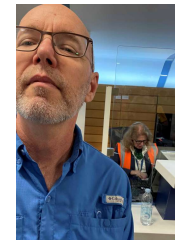
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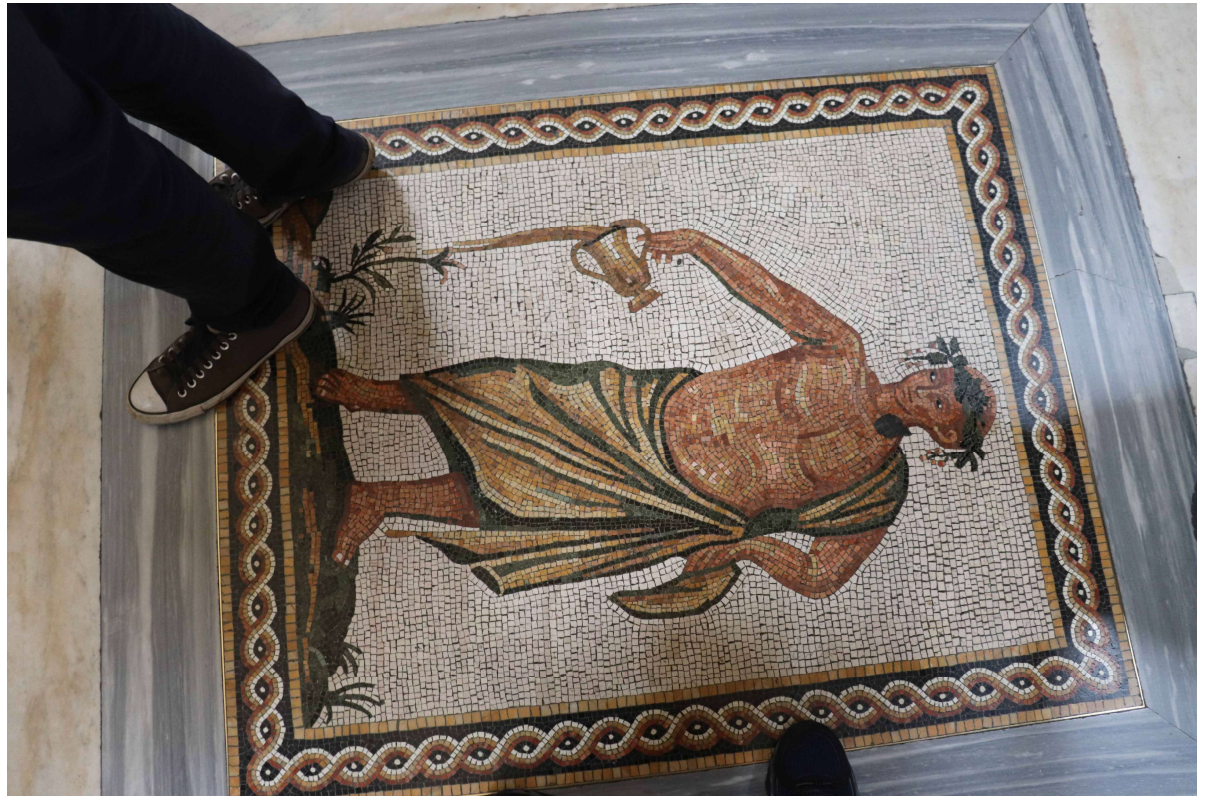




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## Vatican - St. Peter's Basilica





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Vatican - Sistine Chapel (there's a reason the screen below is blank...)

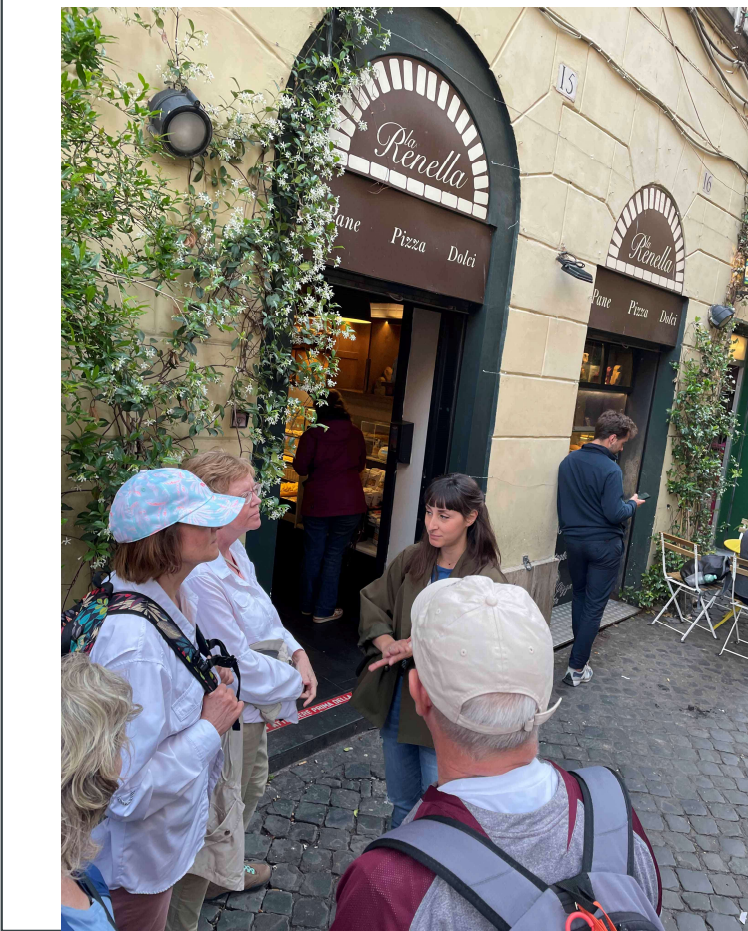




## Vatican - Where the smoke arises; St. Peter's Square (Piazza)



## Rome Food Walking Tour (Trastevere area)





## Rome at Night

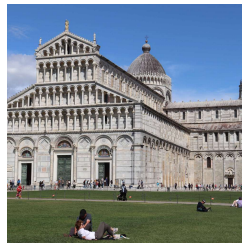


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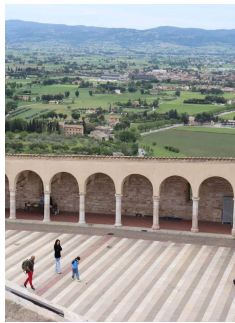
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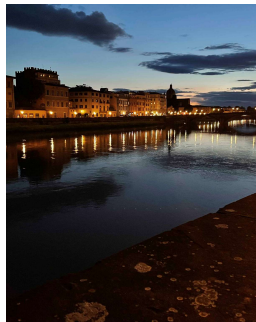
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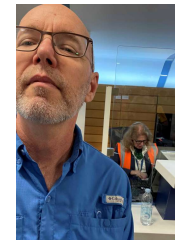
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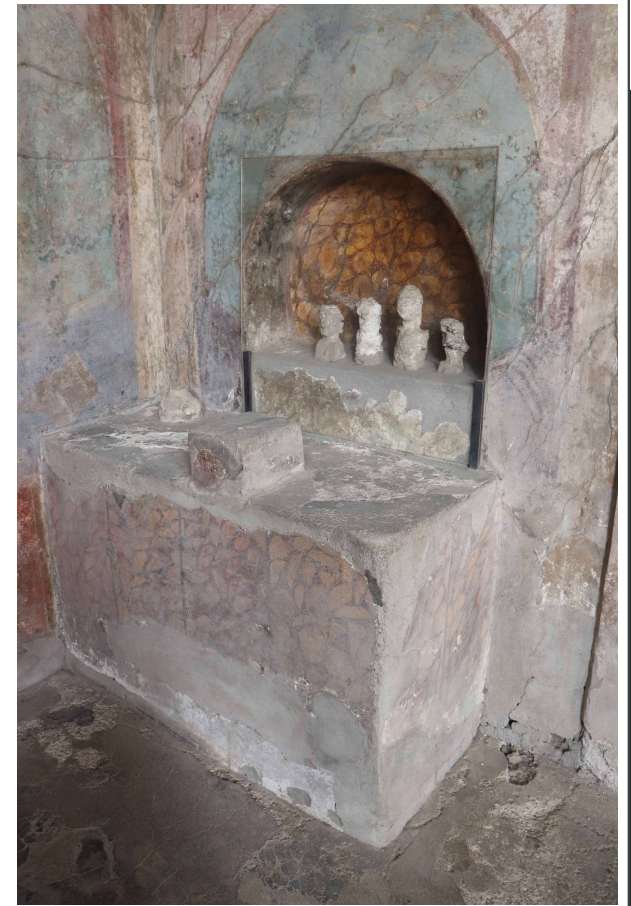


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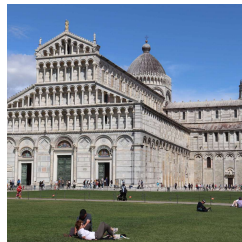


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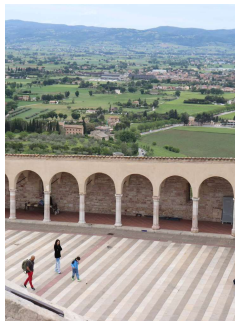
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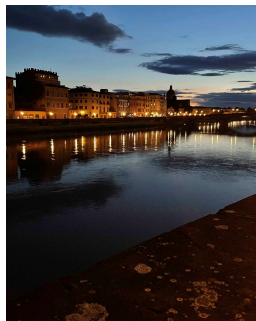
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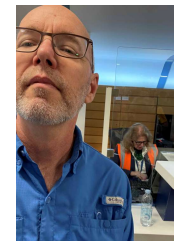
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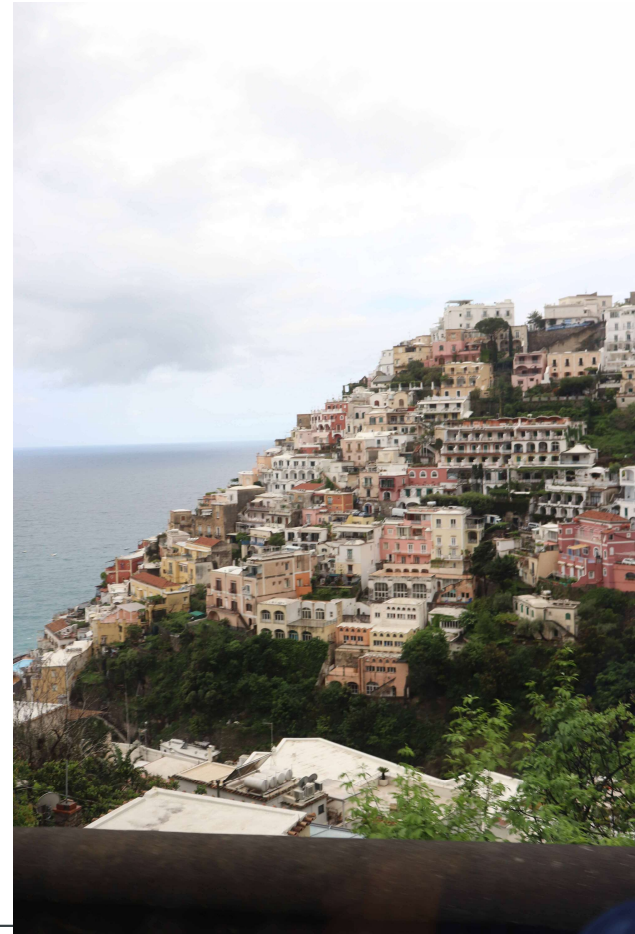


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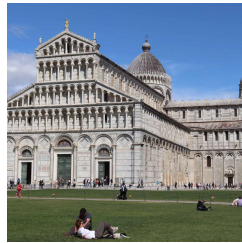


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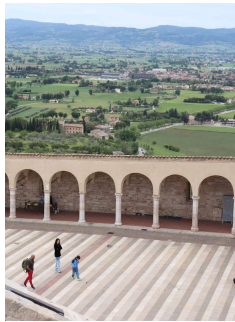
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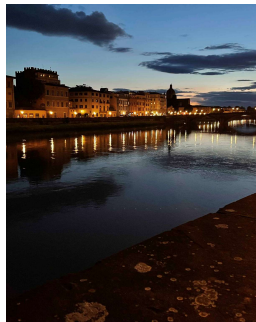
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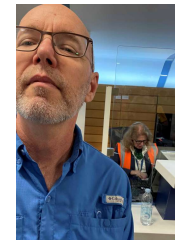
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Is that Vesuvius erupting? 😊 ... on the boat to Capri





# Capri





## Capri - checking out grotto areas





## Capri's Faraglioni (two of the trio) – Stella and di Mezzo



## Phoenician Steps (921 stone steps) from Capri up to Anacapri (6<sup>th</sup> century BCE)





## Views from Anacapri







Anacapri





## Capri / Anacapri



Capri - now THAT'S a switchback!!



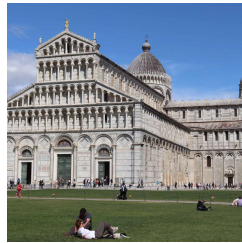


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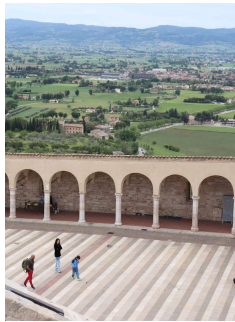
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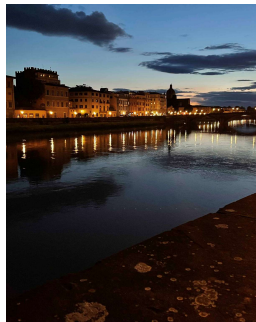
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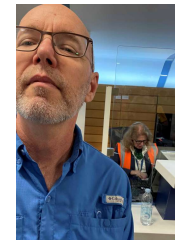
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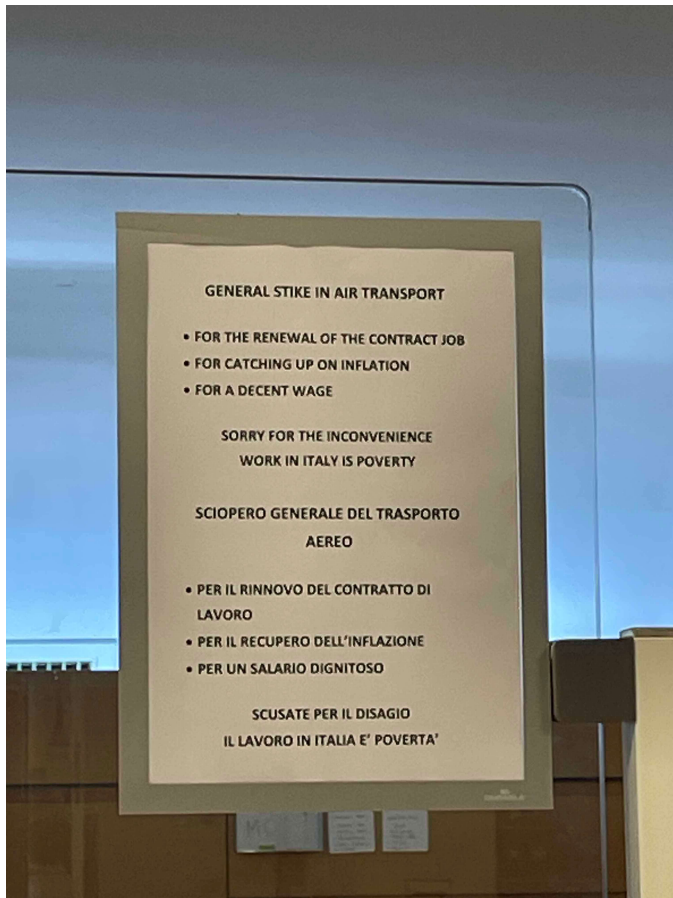


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Flying out of Naples...but not today...





Flying out of Naples...our "travel angel" Francesca in the background...

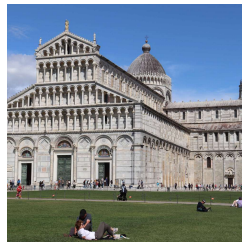


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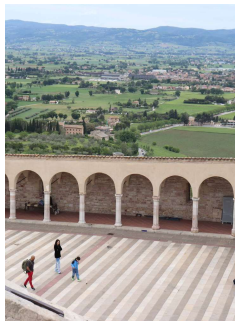
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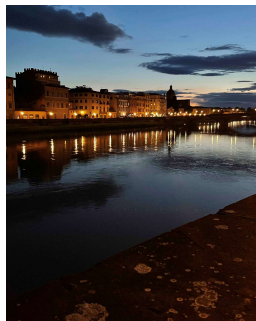
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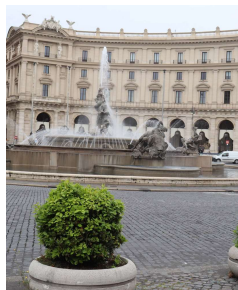
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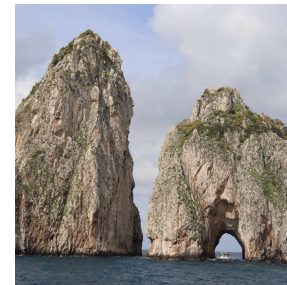
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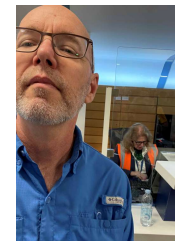
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- Excursions - farm, winery, food, etc. - add so much





Lots of walking opportunities!





Much more here: [www.stevelong.longmemories.info/italy-trip-may-2023/](http://www.stevelong.longmemories.info/italy-trip-may-2023/)

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## Italy Trip – May 2023

Some of us had been waiting over 3 years to make this trip and it finally happened. What an experience, made especially positive because of the 21 people signed up for the journey together.

Were there were plenty of challenges along the way? Yes. But those will be addressed with smarTours separately in hopes they'll "get their act together" (seems like they've heard some of our commentary and taken positive action...)

Here we'll hope to outline some of the fabulous visuals and experiences we enjoyed...

