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**FREE MEETING:**

Sun, May 1 - 3-4pm at Italian Cultural Center,  
 64 Brookwood (park on Chinn St) Santa Rosa  
 By 4/29, RSVP Sharie at [andiamotravel@hotmail.com](mailto:andiamotravel@hotmail.com)

**WELCOME HOME . . .** to 2015 guests on Sharie's  
 Tahiti & Peru & Spain Tours & Gino's Cuba & Sicily Tours.

**ITALIAN & FRENCH RIVIERAS – June 2016**

Sorry but Gino Muzzatti's custom tour is 99% sold out.

**CUBA: Nature & Culture - Every March**

SRJC professor Gino Muzzatti escorts 4<sup>th</sup> annual custom  
 tour of Cuba. Go now before everything changes!

- Day 1** – Fly Miami to Havana for seminar & 3 nights.
- Day 2** – Architect Miguel Coayula & Muraleando Art Project reveal, as do walking tours of lively Havana Vieja.
- Day 3** – Visit museums: Revolution, Bellas Artes & ICAP. Lunch at a family paladar & see an opera or dance show.
- Day 4** – Stroll Las Terrazza art gallery & stay 2 nights in Vinales at Hotel Rancho San Vicente or Los Jazmines.
- Day 5** – See Cueva del Indio cave rock art & sunbathe at Playa Las Jutias. Relax or hike at Pinar del Rio Preserve.
- Day 6** – Drive east to dine at country paladar. Learn about flora & fauna in Zapata Park. Stay at Playa Larga or Giron.
- Day 7** – Tour of Zapata includes snorkeling and history of the Bay of Pigs. After lunch drive to Trinidad for 2 nights.
- Day 8** – Soak up the history of quaint Trinidad on tour before free time for cigars, music, art shops & museums!
- Day 9** – Enjoy artisan Cienfuegos & return to Havana.
- Day 10** – Transfer to Havana airport for our Miami flight.

**ITALIAN FILM FEST: SRJC Petaluma**

Enjoy affordable cinema on April 29. Email Terri Frongia at [tfrongia@santarosa.edu](mailto:tfrongia@santarosa.edu) about 6pm shows.



**SAVOR POLENTA: no passport required!**

Enjoy polenta & fun at MHSAF's 5<sup>th</sup> annual FEED & SILENT AUCTION October 2017; call Bob Parker at 707.477-0145.

**ANYTIME, ANYWHERE . . .**

Some think I only book Italy groups; but I'll plan your trip anytime/anywhere with my 37 years of experience. Enjoy 24/7 reliable help enroute. I work to create your lifetime memories, unlike the web & non-local, big-box agencies.

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Perhaps to Portugal in 1997 or to Sardegna in 2014...

Ever had Sharie arrange your personal trip?

Or just dreaming of Europe and beyond...

**IRELAND: Entire Emerald - May 2016**

Explore Ireland's south AND north! Join host Sharie for escorted tour during 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Uprising.

- May 14** – Arrive Ireland; relax & stay 2 nights in Dublin.
  - May 15** – Free time before Dublin tour & hosted pints! B
  - May 16** – Via Drogheda's 1690 Boyne Battlefield & pre-historic graves, see Downpatrick, burial site of Ireland's patron St Patrick. Belfast has a vibrant history & is home to Titanic, built here in 1914. Stay at Belfast Jurys Inn. B
  - May 17** – UNESCO Giant's Causeway is a geological wonder. Stroll quaint Derry & see ancient Donegal founded by Dane Vikings. Via Donegal Bay, stay at Sligo Southern Inn. B/D
  - May 18** – Visit pilgrimage Knock & lively Galway. Cross The Burren limestone plateau to towering Cliffs of Moher. Stay at Auburn Inn. Option: Bunratty Castle folkloric dinner. B
  - May 19** – Stroll Adare's thatched cottages & drive Ring of Kerry's majestic scenery! Stay Killarney Inn 2 nights. B/D
  - May 20** – Beauty awaits on Dingle Peninsula; view Blasket Islands & learn of their pre-1953 literary goals. Options: jaunt cart to Killarney Ross Castle or Siamsa performance. B
  - May 21** – Via Cork, kiss "Stone of Eloquence" at Blarney Castle. Shop for handicrafts here & cut glass at Waterford Crystal. Stay at Tramore's Majestic Seaside Inn. B/D
  - May 22** – Via Enniscorthy, visit Avoca for oldest Irish hand weaving mill. Via Wicklow Hills, see early Christian ruins at Glendalough; stay 1 night Dublin. B . . . **ADD-ON OPTION:** stay 2 more nights Dublin for city sights & Newgrange tour.
- May 14-22 land:** from \$1497 each twin; add air/tax/waiver. Sorry, but Sharie's hosted tour is 99% sold out.

**Prinsendam SAILS BALTICS - June 2016**

Cruise Holland America's 5-star flagship with only 770 guests this summer to enjoy the Midnight Sun! Sail Amsterdam roundtrip with Sharie to discover the Elbe River, Hamburg (overnight), tiny Kiel Canal transit, Lubeck, Tallinn, St. Petersburg (overnight), Helsinki, Stockholm, Kalmar & Copenhagen plus relaxing sea days. Visit 7 lucky nations: Holland, Germany, Estonia, Russia (visa-free!) Finland, Sweden and Denmark. Sorry, but Sharie's hosted cruise is 99% sold out.

# TUSCAN MAREMMA-ETRUSCAN COAST

Nov. 1 – 15, 2016

*Sharie Sbrazza escorts her 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Autumn Affordable Adventure...for 2 custom weeks in west Tuscany! Savor breakfasts & dinners every day with curious, fun-loving friends. Enjoy small authentic places with local guides. Big cities of Florence/Siena/Arezzo/Orvieto/Rome/Naples beckon you during an optional 6 night extension.*



**Nov 1** – Fly together from SFO to Florence via Zurich.

**Nov 2** – Transfer to my ancestral walled medieval town in northern Tuscany to **stay 5 nights in legendary Lucca.**

**Nov 3** – A guided walking tour of flat **Lucca** is easy before free time: try local olive oils, buccellato cakes, **Montecarlo** white wines & seasonal chestnuts at shops on Via Fillungo. Visit Puccini sights, walk/bike the walls, relax; or quickly rail to **Florence or Montecatini or Pisa** for the afternoon.

**Nov 4** – Up to **Liguria** to stroll fishing villages-gone-glam: **Portovenere & Cinque Terre**. Admire old castles & Roman ruins in **Sarzana-Luni**. Pay respects to poet Shelley at **Lerici Bay of Poets**. Will Italian Navy sailors greet us in **La Spezia** or will Sergio give us a sip of his **Ortonuovo** vintages?

**Nov 5** – **Serchio** River Valley reveals **Villa Reale Marlia**, quaint **Barga** & wild **Garfagnana**. The coast reveals **Forte dei Marmi** resorts, **Viareggio** beaches & Michelangelo's **Massa-Carrara** quarry in "snow-capped" **Apuane Alpi**.

**Nov 6** – **Pisa's** Navy once ruled the world. Pause to see its white-on-green **Campo Miracoli** & Leaning Tower. Follow the **Arno** to **Tirrenia** sands via circa 1004 **St. Peter Grado Chapel**. When Pisa's harbor silted up in 1571, Cosimo made **Livorno** the Medici port. It's now a blend of romantic Venetian-like canals and Italy's busiest port; shop Mercato Americano near the moated fort. Spot rare sea birds at **Calafuria Nature Preserve** and ponder classic Piaggio putt-putts at the museum-factory in **Pontedera**.

**Nov 7** – **San Miniato** offers white truffles: yum! Via poet Boccaccio's **Certaldo**, arrive **San Gimignano** to try its prized gelato & count its Manhattan-like towers. Shop for Etruscan & alabaster crafts in charming **Volterra**. Drive the iconic Cypress Road to sip famous red wines in **Bolgheri** and then **stay 4 nights near Punta Ala on Follonica Bay.**

**Nov 8** – Pause at Museo Gasparri in seaside **Populonia**, once an Etruscan mining town. Ferry to **Elba Island** where Napoleon enjoyed his 1815 exile. It's a mix of fashionable resorts & fishing ports with rocky coves & sandy beaches.

The climate is mild, the water is crystal clear, the seafood is super fresh and the mineral-laden wines are delicious!

**Nov 9** – **Metallifere Hills**, rich in copper, silver & lead, rise above **Follonica Lido Nature Preserve**. **Massa Marittima** boasts gems of medieval art plus exquisite gothic buildings on its main piazza of marble. Wander walled **Suvereto** and its old fortress. Wineries dot the pretty backroads near **Castagneto**. Taste acclaimed gelato in **San Vincenzo**.

**Nov 10** – Tour, shop & dine in **Grosseto**, encircled by 16<sup>th</sup> c. bastion walls. Spot herons, storks & cranes wading in salt marshes at pristine **Maremma Uccellina Area**, first cultivated by Romans. Medici & Aragonese towers watch over sandy beaches. Butteri cowboys herd cattle. Then stroll cobble lanes of **Castiglione Pescaia**, a seaside resort.

**Nov 11** – Learn what the ancient Etruscans were up to at **Vetulonia** outpost. Sip fine wines in scenic **Scansano**. Stop at **Saturnia Spa**, where hot thermal waterfall pools have been enjoyed for 2000+ years! Cross over WWF-protected tidal lagoons to **stay 4 nights near the resort of Orbetello.**

**Nov 12** – A relaxing day by the sea: visit **Orbetello**, ferry to tiny **Giglio Island** and pause in **Monte Argentario's** two Spanish villages of **Porto San Stefano** and **Porto Ercole**.

**Nov 13** – 17<sup>th</sup> century Jewish refugee ghetto of **Pitigliano** is spectacularly perched on limestone cliffs riddled with tufa ancient caves. Explore **Ildebranda Tomb** in nearby **Sovana**. Cross into **Lazio** to lunch by **Lake Bolsena**; sip local Est!Est! wine. In quaint **Tuscania**, see tiny Romanesque chapels and shop for leather, wood, metal & terracotta handicrafts.

**Nov 14** – Both Etruscans & Romans settled near **Ansedonia**; their lifestyles are revealed at Cosa Museum and at nearby **Vulci**. But who dug the famous 4 mile long **Burano Lago Canal**? Cute **Capalbio**, a medieval hilltop village with strong culinary traditions, is our perfect lunch stop! End on a note of whimsy: peek into French artist Niki de Saint-Phalle's modern sculpture garden of colorful Tarot card figures!

**Nov 15** – Transfer to Rome airport for SFO flight or stay on independently, flying from Rome to SFO on Nov 21.

**Group air-land rate per person twin:** \$3870 if 15-19 guests or \$3770 if 20-25 guests or \$3670 if 26-30 guests or \$3570 if 31-34 guests. Limited space; first come, first served!

**Includes:** SFO-Italy openjaw flights, private motorcoach, 13 nights fine hotels, daily buffet breakfasts, daily dinners, tastings, admissions, local guides, escorts & pre-trip book.

**Add:** \$73 tax. Add: \$187 insurance. **Optional:** \$770 single.

**Check payments:** \$1000pp deposit now, final due 8-1-16.

**Discount:** \$100 off per room if deposited before 5-11-16.

**Discount:** \$50 off per room if deposited 5-11-16 to 7-1-16.

**Double Dip:** \$50 off per room if prior Andiamo guest.

**NB:** rate/itinerary subject to changes for euro/weather/etc

**Application:** Email me or print at [www.nbicf.org](http://www.nbicf.org)

**Free Meeting: Sun, May 1 – 3-4pm**

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## ITALY TOURS to personalize:

Missed my custom tours offered only once? *Follow us:*

- Sicily:** stay 16 nights on the biggest island in the Med!
- Sardegna:** stay 4 nights in Alghero, Cagliari, Costa Smeralda.
- Italian Lakes:** stay 3 nights in each resort: Lake Garda, Lake Como & Lago Maggiore. Begin in Venice & end in Torino!
- Puglia-Umbria:** stay 3 nights each in Trani, Ostuni, Spoleto, Citta di Castello & Bologna. End in Verona or Parma!
- Piemonte:** UNESCO has 1000+ World Heritage Sites; Italy's 50<sup>th</sup> is Langhe! Sip Barbaresco/Barolo/Barbera wines at historic Castle Grinzane Cavour--like my Padova amici did!

## ITALY'S BIG 3 with 7 day PO RIVER CRUISE

- Day 1 – Arrive **Milan** and transfer to hotel for 2 nights.
- 2 – See Milan & da Vinci's **Last Supper**; free afternoon.
- 3 – See **Verona**, dine in **Valpolicella** & embark in Venice.
- 4 – See **Venice** & visit St. Mark's Basilica; free afternoon.
- 5 – Sail to **Taglio di Po** for tour of **Padova**, Palladio's town.
- 6 – Sail to **Polesella**: select **Bologna** tour or **Ferrara** tour.
- 7 – Sail to **Chioggia** & **Lido** for seafood/prosecco tastings.
- 8 – Visit lace-making **Burano** and **Mazzorbo** wine village.
- 9 – Select **Venice's** Rialto Market/ghetto or Accademia art.
- 10 – To **Florence** for 2 nights; see Michelangelo's **David**.
- 11 – See Florence's Cathedral, Pitti Palace & Ponte Vecchio.
- 12 – Dine at **Verrazzano** Chianti Winery; **Rome** for 2 nights.
- 13 – See Colosseum, Piazza Navona, Pantheon & Borghese.
- 14 – See **Vatican's** St. Peters & Sistine Chapel; free time.
- 15 – Transfer to airport or stay on!



*Tri-colors delight!*

## CELEBRATE MILESTONES

- 25 years – **Crystal** cruises worldwide on Silver Anniversary.
- 30 years – Eat & sip locavore in every one of Italy's 20 regions, as Bra's **Slow Food Movement** honors 3 decades!
- 50 years – **Princess Love Boats** honor Golden Anniversary.
- 80 years – sail & celebrate Chef Jacques Pepin's milestone birthday on **Oceania's Marina** from Venice to Rome!
- 100 years – Explore our diverse & glorious **National Parks!**
- 175 years – **Cunard** continues a legacy on new **Queen** ships.
- 300 years – Sip wines in **Gallo Nero Tuscany**, 3 centuries after Cosimo di Medici established his Chianti winery.

## SAN FRANCISCO SHIPS year-round

Besides reposition cruises, Princess offers the most sailings:

- Sail 10-15 days to **Hawaii or Mexico** Sept to April.
- Sail the **California Coast**; fares begin so low!
- Cruise to awesome **Alaska** (as does Crystal/RSSC).
- Cruise the fascinating **Panama Canal** autumn to spring; or take **Oceania** from San Francisco to NYC.

## LA DOLCE VITA: ways to enjoy Italy

*Life is short: live your dream! I'll help you define it!*

*Enjoy Italy's big cities, but find joy off the beaten path.*

- FOODIES**--Savor Umbria/Tuscany's treats or taste big red wines, white truffles, hazelnuts & bicerin caffè in Piemonte.
- LADIES**--Relax with fashion, luxury spas & chic shops.
- GUYS**--Test drive a red Ferrari or spin the *Mille Miglia*!
- ROMANTICS**--Venice, Verona & Amalfi always seduce! Register your honeymoon or special anniversary with us.
- STAY PUT**--Hosted tours stay a week in Tuscany or Garda.
- VILLA/BORGO**--Live as locals: market shop & pool lounge.
- SPECIALTY**--Focus on your favorites: art, cuisine, gardens, castles, beaches, architecture, shopping and more!
- RAIL/BUS**--Hosted tours to The 3: Venice, Florence & Rome
- CRUISE**--Sail the Boot Venice-Genova or riverboat the Po.
- WALK/BIKE**--Hike Dolomiti Alps or pedal the Boot from Med to Adriatic. Do serious trekking or biking or just stroll.
- CUSTOM**--Do what you want, when you want. I'll help you mix & match your preferences!



*Gino & Sharie escort small custom tours*

## ALPINE ITALY & SWISS TRAINS

*Combine the best of the Alps via rail-coach on this escorted tour offered weekly from April to October.*

- Day 1 –Tour lively **Munich** & Ludwig's Linderhof Castle in Bavaria. See the Golden Roof & stay in **Innsbruck**. B/D
  - Day 2 – Browse quaint **Kitzbuhel in Tyrol**. Cross into Italy to stay in **Cortina**, in the heart of the majestic **Dolomiti**. B
  - Day 3 – Ah, the Italian Alps: **Canazei**, Lake Carezza, chic **Merano**. In **Bolzano** marvel at Otzi "iceman" exhibit. B
  - Day 4 –See gorgeous scenery of **Glorenza & Engadine Valley**. Stay in lovely **St. Moritz**, center of Swiss chic! B/D
  - Day 5 – **Free day** for shops, hikes or just relaxing. B
  - Day 6 –Rail the famous **Bernina Express** train across the Alps. Continue into Italy to stay on scenic **Lake Como!** B/D
  - Day 7 – Cross **Po River Valley** to stay in charming **Torino**. B
  - Day 8 –Via **Aosta** sip wine in **Martigny**. Stay in **Zermatt**.B/D
  - Day 9 – A day in car-free **Zermatt** for shops & cog rides. B
  - Day 10 – Rail fabled **Glacier Express** & stay in **Lucerne**. B
  - Day 11 – Via **Interlaken & Jungfrau** Peak, see **Berne's** Bear Pits & Capitol Palace before arriving in lively **Zurich**. B/L
  - Day 12 - Fly from Zurich or stay on! B
- Tour Land Rate:** from \$2590 each twin; add air/tax/waiver.

## OUR NATIONAL PARKS TURN 100

Thank Teddy Roosevelt...and John Muir plus Lewis & Clark and many others for "**America's Best Idea**"! Dozens of escorted vacations explore our National Parks this year...be guaranteed a front-row spot as lodging is very scarce! ##