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ITALY

ACCADEMIA CHIGIANA (International music school in Siena-Tuscany)

Every summer in Siena there are important music specialization courses. The teachers are famous international musicians. Students arrive from every country, and often in the night they play in the squares and in the center roads.

AOSTA (Val d'Aosta)

AREZZO (Tuscany)

Historical town in Tuscany. The reportage includes The "Leggenda della Croce" by Piero della Francesca in S. Francesco Church and the "Uno AR" Gold factory.

ARGENTARIO Peninsula (Grosseto-Tuscany)

Porto S. Stefano, Porto Ercole, Cala Galera, Cala Piccola, Cala Purgatorio, La Feniglia, Orbetello, the Polo Club, and landscapes. Includes the *Palio Marinaro di Porto S. Stefano (15 August)* a rowing-boats regatta.

ASCOLI PICENO (Marche)

Important historical town in Marche region.

ASSISI (Perugia-Umbria)

The town of S. Francesco. A particular reportage is dedicated to the *Restoration of S. Francesco Cathedral* destroyed by the earthquake of September 1997.

BAGNO VIGNONI (Siena-Tuscany)

A charming thermal water pool is the "square" of this ancient historical village.

CAMALDOLI Hermitage of (Arezzo-Tuscany)

The Hermitage and the Convent on the Casentino mountains.

CARNIVAL in VIAREGGIO (Lucca-Tuscany)

The first edition of Viareggio Carnival took place in 1873. It is a great Carnival where allegorical floats and processions of masks march past on parade by the Viareggio's promenade. Most of them show in a satirical and funny way, the politic, social and economic problems of Italy and of the rest of the world. Joking about the politicians and the powerful, Viareggio Carnival invites people to reflect about the most important matters which afflict our age. Skimming through the floats' designs and the historical photographs of Viareggio Carnival, is like to run through again 120 years of history of Italy and of the world.

CARNIVAL in VENICE (Venice-Veneto)

CASTIGLIONE DELLA PESCAIA (Grosseto-Tuscany)

CHIANCIANO TERME (Siena-Tuscany)

SPA "Spa Deus" by Christina Newburg. SPA "Acqua Sillene" . SPA "Acqua santa". SPA "Terme Fucoli".

CHIANTI (provinces of Siena/Firenze-Tuscany)

S. Felice, Brolio Castle, Villa a Sesta, S. Marcellino, Radda in Chianti, Monteliscai, Greve in Chianti, Castellina in Chianti, Fonterutoli, Volpaia Castle, Vistarenni Farm, Badia a Coltibuono, Gaiole in Chianti, S. Sano, Campi, S. Polo in Rossa, S. Gusmè, Castelnuovo Berardenga, Liliano, Ama, vineyards, grape-harvest.

COLLINE METALLIFERE (provinces of Grosseto/Pisa/Siena-Tuscany)

The Colline Metallifere extends between the provinces of Siena, Grosseto and Pisa. They are so called because of the pyrite mines, which were their fortune since the Etruscan age. The reportage shows the architectonic beauty of *Massa Marittima* build by the richness of the Campiano mines and

the important rule of the geothermal power in the areas of **Larderello, Sasso Pisano and Castelnuovo Val di Cecina.**

CORTONA (Arezzo-Tuscany)

Historical town in Tuscany with Etruscan origin.

CRETE SENESI (Siena-Tuscany)

Beautiful geographic area between Siena, **Asciano e Buonconvento.** Breeding of horses and sheeps. It is famous for the white truffle.

ELBA (Island) (Livorno-Tuscany)

Landscapes and beaches of the beautiful Tuscany Island.

EOLIE (Islands) (Messina-Sicily)

Panoramic views of the charming Sicilian archipelago. Islands: **Stromboli, Panarea, Salina, Lipari, Vulcano, Filicudi.**

FARMA-MERSE (natural reserve) (provinces of Siena and Grosseto-Tuscany)

A savage valley between the provinces of Siena and Grosseto crossed by the torrents Farma and Merse. This area is a natural reserve.

ETRUSCAN archaeological areas (provinces of Grosseto and Livorno-Tuscany)

Pitigliano (GR), Sorano (GR), Roselle (GR), Sovana necropolis (GR) with Ildebranda Tomb, Sirena Tomb and Tifone Tomb. Populonia archaeological park (LI)

FILICUDI (Island) (Messina-Sicily) look at "Eolie"

FIRENZE (Tuscany)

One of the most important Italian town of art. Ponte Vecchio, the Lungarni, the Cathedral, the Baptistery, Piazza della Signoria, S.Maria Novella, S.Croce, S. Lorenzo, S.Trinita, Palazzo Strozzi, Palazzo Davanzati, Palazzo Rucellai, Galleria Corsini, Via de Tornabuoni.

GARFAGNANA area (province of Lucca-Tuscany)

It a wonderful area in the Appennino mountains which includes historical villages such as Barga and Galliciano, medieval churches, protected natural areas, caves and marble quarries.

GARDA LAKE (provinces of Verona/Trento/Brescia) look at "Lake"

GIANNUTRI (Island) (Grosseto-Tuscany)

GIGLIO (Island) (Grosseto-Tuscany)

GRAZZANO VISCONTI (Piacenza-Emilia Romagna)

A charming village build at the beginning of the 1900 by Count Giuseppe Visconti, father of the famous cine director Luchino Visconti, in a perfect medieval style. The reportage includes the **Festa di Primavera**, A medieval historical commemoration which ends with a tournament and a medieval style dinner.

LA VERNA (Convent) (Arezzo-Tuscany)

LAKE: GARDA LAKE and its area (provinces of Verona/Trento/Brescia)

Sirmione, Grotte di Catullo (Roman villa), Desenzano, Gardone Riviera, the Vittoriale degli Italiani (poet Gabriele D'Annunzio house), Limone, Tremosine, Riva del Garda, Arco, Torbole, Monte Baldo, Torri del Benaco, Punta San Vigilio, Lazise, Gardaland (fun-fair).

LAKE: TRASIMENO LAKE (Perugia-Umbria)

Castiglione del Lago, Passignano sul Trasimeno, Tuoro, S. Feliciano, Panicale, Isola Maggiore, artisans and cooking.

LIPARI (Island) (Messina-Sicily) look at "Eolie"

LUCCA (Tuscany)

Important historical town.

MAREMMA and UCCELLINA PARK (Grosseto-Tuscany)

It is a wonderfull country area with the pine-forest, the beach, the sea and the hill in the interior part. Here the "butteri" (cowboys of the maremma) look after horses and the local cows of maremma.

MONTGOLFIER (Hot air balloon)

Flying by hot air balloon above Crete Senesi and Val di Chiana (provinces of Siena and Arezzo-Tuscany)

MONTALCINO (Siena-Tuscany)

Montalcino, Castelnuovo dell'Abate, Abbazia di S. Antimo, S. Angelo in Colle, **Castello di Poggio alle Mura**, Brunello wine production, vineyards. Includes the **Sagra del Tordo**, traditional feast which take place every autumn.

MONTECRISTO (Island) (Grosseto-Tuscany)

MONTE OLIVETO MAGGIORE (Abbey) (Siena-Tuscany)

MONTEPULCIANO (Siena-Tuscany)

Important historical village famous for its monuments and its wine.

MURLO (Siena -Tuscany)

This village has Etruscan origins and an important Etruscan museum: the Antiquarium of Poggio Civitate.

PADOVA (Veneto)

The restoration of the frescos by Giotto in Scrovegni Chapel.

PIENZA (Siena-Tuscany)

Historical village. Includes cooking

PISA (Tuscany)

The town famous for the Leaning Tower and its university. The reportage includes the restoration of the Leaning Tower.

PITIGLIANO (Grosseto-Tuscany) look at "Etruscan"

PANAREA (Island) (Messina-Sicily) look at "Eolie"

POPULONIA (Livorno-Tuscany)

Etruscan archaeological park. Look at "Etruscan"

PRATO (Firenze-Tuscany)

RADICONDOLI (Siena-Tuscany)

The ranch "il Caggio" where some of the horses of the Siena Palio Race live in a special boarding-house

ROCCA D'ORCIA (Siena-Tuscany)

ROSELLE (Grosseto-Tuscany)

Etruscan ruins. Look at "Etruscan"

SALINA (Island) (Messina-Sicily) look at "Eolie"

SAN BENEDETTO DEL TRONTO (Ascoli Piceno-Marche)

SAN QUIRICO D'ORCIA (Siena-Tuscany)

SANTA FIORA (Grosseto-Tuscany)

The "Panforte Game" is a typical Christmas time game of the country villages in Siena and Grosseto provinces (Italy-Tuscany) around the Maremma area and the hills surrounding the Amiata mountain. It is played in the bar, in the village's clubs, in the houses and in the squares of the villages not frequented by tourists. It consist in throwing a "Panforte" (the famous Sienese cake made with honey and almonds) the nearest to the edge of a table, 4 or 5 meters far-off the throwing position. The ones who lose earn the "Panforte" but have to pay to drink, the winners can drink free all evening long, alternative are invited for dinner.

SANT'ANTIMO (Abbey) (Siena-Tuscany)

SAN CASCIANO DEI BAGNI (Siena-Tuscany)

SPA "**Centro Termale Fonteverde**"

SAN SEPOLCRO (Arezzo-Tuscany)

The village where the artist Piero della Francesca was born

SATURNIA (Grosseto-Tuscany)

Thermal Baths and SPA "**Terme di Saturnia**"

SIENA (Tuscany)

Historical and artistic town. The reportage includes the famous **Palio race** and the **Accademia Chigiana**, important music specialization school.

SORANO (Grosseto-Tuscany) look at "Etruscan"

SOVANA (Grosseto-Tuscany) look at "Etruscan"

STROMBOLI (Island) (Messina-Sicily) look at "Eolie"

TERME DEL BAGNACCIO (Viterbo-Lazio)

Thermal baths made by white limestone in Viterbo province.

TERME DI BAGNO VIGNONI (Siena-Tuscany) look at "Bagno Vignoni"

TERME DI PETRIOLO (Siena-Tuscany)

Ancient Thermal baths. The reportage includes the "Grand Hotel Terme di Petriolo" and its activities

TERME DI SATURNIA (Grosseto-Tuscany) the SPA

TERME di SAN CASCIANO DEI BAGNI (Siena-Tuscany)

SPA "*Centro Termale Fonteverde*

TERME DI S.FILIPPO (Siena-Tuscany)

Thermal baths in the middle of the nature.

TERME DEI PAPI (Viterbo-Lazio)

Ancient thermal bath. The swimming pool, the thermal cave and the modern inhalation system. Nearby there are the *Terme del Bagnaccio*.

TOLFA (Roma-Lazio)

TRASIMENO LAKE (Perugia-Umbria) look at "Lake"

The village and the *Torneo dei Butteri*, a local cowboy competition.

TREMITI (Islands) (Campobasso-Molise)

S.Nicola Island with its ancient Fortress, S.Domino Island and Caprara Island. A charming archipelago in the south Adriatic Sea.

TUSCANY views flying by hot air balloon (provinces of Siena and Arezzo)

Flying above the *Abbazia di Monte Oliveto Maggiore*, the *Val di Chiana*, *Gargonza* ancient village, the *Chianti* area, the *Certosa di Pontignano* and the *Crete Senesi*.

UCCELLINA PARK (Grosseto-Tuscany) look at "Maremma"

VAL D'AOSTA the monumental tree and forests, the castles and the beautiful view of the region.

VENICE (Veneto)

The famous town and its *Carnival*.

VERONA (Veneto)

The historical town famous for the story of *Romeo and Giulietta*.

VIAREGGIO AND FORTE DEI MARMI (Lucca-Tuscany)

The *Versilia* coast animated in the summer time. Its beach life, the night life, the cultural events, the cooking tradition.

VOLTERRA (Pisa-Tuscany)

VULCANO (Island) (Messina-Sicily) look at "Eolie"

EUROP

CYPRUS

Paphos: the fortress, the port, the King tombs, the Roman Theatre. Petratou Romiou (where Afrodite was born), Afrodite's baths, Khrysokhou bay, Akamas peninsula, Coral Beach, Kolossi Castle, Kourion ancient ruins, Apollo Sanctuary, Afrodite Sanctuary, Episcopy Bay, Trodos mountains, Cedar Valley, Kikko Monastery, Larnaka, Limassol.

CORSICA (France)

Bastia, St. Florrent, Agriates desert, Ostriconi Gulf, Isle Rouge, Corbara, Belgodere, Calvi, Girolata Gulf, Porto, the Calanches of Piana, Evisa, Filitosa archaeological area, Propriano, Bonifacio, Giulia Gulf, Palombaggia, Porto Vecchio.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

PRAGUE

A selection of panoramic views and of the most important monuments

GERMANY

HAMBURG

Aussenalster, Binnenalster, the Channels, Rathausmarkt, Arkaden, St. Petri, Train Station, Kunsthalle, Chilehaus, the "Widow Apartments", St. Michaelis, Fish market, the Port, Planten und Blomen Park, the Elba river, the Free Port Stores.

BERLIN

Ex West Berlin: 17 Juni Strasse, Siegessaule, Breitscheidplatz, Kaiser Wilhelm Gedächtniskirche, Kurfürstendamm, University, the Wall, Checkpoint Charlie, the Wall Museum, Charlottenburg, Egyptian Museum, the Zoo, Kreuzberg, Wannsee Lake.

Ex East Berlin: Bradenburger Tor, Unter den Linden, the Cathedral, Marx Engels Brücke, the Republic Palace, the Television Tower, Staatsoper, Neptune Fountain, Alexanderplatz, Neue Wache, military parade.

MÜNCHEN and OKTOBERFEST

Olympic Park, Marienplatz, Karlsplatz, Peterskirche, pedestrian area in the center, Karolinenplatz, Königsplatz, Glyptothek, Max Josef Platz, Residenz, Wittelsbacherplatz, Isar river, Englischer Garten, Schwabing, traditional dances, Deutsches Museum, Nymphenburg, Schleissheim.

NURNBERG

The Castle, Tiergärtnerort, Dürer house, Hauptmarkt, St. Sebaldus, St. Lorenz, Henkersteg, St. Johannis cemetery, the walls, the Traffic Museum, National Museum, Zoo, sweets, plumb soldiers, bear factory.

GREECE

ATHENS

The Parthenon, the Ancient Stadium, the change of the guard, general views, markets, shops, restaurants, night-life.

DELFI archaeological area

EPIRUS: Igoumenitza, Ioannina and its area, Dodoni theatre, Parga and its coast, Preveza and its area, the ancient bridges and the villages of Zagoria

EUBOEA (PENINSULA)

METEORA MONASTERIES

Monasteries of Gran Meteoron, Varlaam, Santo Stefano, Roussanou, San Nicola Anapavsas, Hagia Triada.

KALKIDHIKI (PENINSULA)

Olinto ruins, Agios Oros and the monasteries of Athos Mountain view from the sea. Kassandra. Sithonia.

PELOPONNESUS

Corinto, Micene, Epidauron, Olimpia, Mistras, Monemvassia, Pilos, Mani Peninsula, Vathia, Githio, **Spetses Island** and **Idra island**, the **New Bridge** across Peloponnesus and the mainland

MAKEDONIA: **Prensansko Ezero lake** (borderline Albania-Yugoslavia), **Kastoria** and its area, **Kavala**, **Ancient Dion** ruins

SALONIKA: the second town of Greece, important for its monuments and its history

THESSALIA: **Volos** and the **Pilio** area

THRACE (north-east of Greece, limit with Turkey and Bulgaria): **Xanthi**, **Alexandroupoli**, Delta of the **Evros river**, **Soufli**, **Didimoticho**, **Ardeas river** and the Bulgaria and Turkey limits.

GREECE ISLANDS

Creta, Corfu, Idra, Kato Koufonissi, Kythira, Kos, Lesbo, Limnos, Miconos, Milos, Naxos, Paros, Patmos and the Orthodox Easter, Samos, Santorini, Serifos, Sifnos, Spetses, Tassos, Rodi, Amorgos, Karpatos, Skinoussa, Samothraki, Zakynthos

CRETE

Iraklion, Knossos, Agios Nikolaos, Panaja Kera (monastery), Moni Faneromeni (monastery), Spinalonga, Elounta, Rethimno, Moni Gouvernatou (monastery), Moni Tzagarolou o Agia Triada (monastery), Hania, Frangokastello, Sfakia and its area, Malia, Falassarna (beach), Paleohora, Ierapetra, Samaria Gorge, Elafonissis (beach), Moni Preveli (monastery), Gortis (ancient ruins), Festos (ancient ruins), Sitia, Vai (beach), grape-harvest.

HUNGARY

BUDAPEST

The capital of Hungary and the Synagogue recently included by Unesco in the world heritage

DUNA DRAVA NEMZETI PARK GEMENCI and area (south of Budapest, limit with Croatia)

Baja and bridge on across the Danube river, Hajos, Mohacs, Pecs, Barcs and Danube river (limit with Croatia)

KISKUNSAGI NEMZETI PARK and area (south of Budapest)

Bugac, Kalocsa, Kecskeket, Kecskeket-Kiskoros area, Kiskunsagi Nemzeti Park Tiszaalpar, Kiskunsagi Nemzeti Kelemen szek, Kiskunsagi Nemzeti Park Fulophaza, Kiskoros.

TOKAJ area and wines

This wonderful region famous for its vineyards and wines recently included by Unesco in the world heritage

IRELAN - NORTH IRELAND

BELFAST

The charming of a north Europe capital whose importance for the industrial development at the beginning of XX century lives again in an interesting project about its industrial and architecture heritage and the tragic history of the transatlantic *Titanic* which was built here on 1912. The modern *linen industry* and the famous *Queen's University*.

DERRY or LONDONDERRY

Portrait of the second North Ireland town. A new prospective after the fights of the 1969.

GIANT'S CAUSEWAY BAY

The special rock landscape of the North Ireland coast.

BUSHMILLS

Old Bushmills Distillery. The ancient and famous Irish whiskey Distillery.

(EX) JUGOSLAVIA

BOSNIA ERZEGOVINA

Neretva River, and Neretva delta, *Mostar*, *Pocitelj*, *Sarajevo*, *Medjugorje*, *Stolac necropolis*, *Blagaj*.

DALMAZIA

Dubrovnik, *Makarska*, Makarska coast, *Korcula Island*, *Krka Falls*

SERBIA

Belgrade after the war, an European capital come back to life

MADEIRA AND PORTOSANTO (Islands): look at PORTUGAL

MALTA AND GOZO (ISLANDS)

A nice geographic and architectonic reportage which includes feasts people and several aspects of the Maltese life.

A particular reportage is dedicated to the *Knights of Malta*, which on December 1999 celebrated their 900 years from the Order's foundation.

POLAND

KRAKOW

People and monumental town

PORTUGAL

ALCOBACA (Monastery)

ALMOUROL (Castle) look at "Tomar ed Almourol"

BERLENGAS (Islands)

A charming archipelago seat 6 miles away from *Peniche*, a fishermen village famous for the sardines fishing. Berlengas Islands caves were once a pirates refuge. Now they are a natural reserve with an ancient fortress and beautiful reddish rocks.

COIMBRA

Historical and monumental Town of Roman origin now famous for its University that is one of the older older in Europ. The reportage includes the opening cerimoni of the University year.

EVORA

During the Roman domination was one of the most important communication ways in the Iberian Peninsula. Now is considered a "Museum Town" for its monuments and its beauty. Around there are *dolmens* and *menhirs*

FATIMA

One of the most important sanctuaries in the world.

LISBONA

MADEIRA E PORTO SANTO

A volcanic island in the middle of the ocean known as the "floating garden" Sea, rock, tropical vegetation and high mountains characterize Madeira.

MINHO E DOURO, an itinerary in the Portuguese Pousadas

The reportage includes the following Pousadas: *Pousada Monte de S.Luzia* (Viana do Castelo), *Pousada de Sao Teotonio* (Valenca do Minho), *Pousada de Sao Bento* (Vieira do Minho-Canicada), *Pousada de S.Maria do Bouro* (Amares), *Pousada Barao de Forrester* (Alijò), *Pousada de S.Marinha* (Guimares). The reportage includes the following places: Viana do Castelo, Ponte de Lima, Valenca, Tui and the Minho river, Alijò, Amares, Geràs park, the valley of Douro river, Braganza, Braga.

PENICHE

This important fishermen village is famous for the sardines fishing. From here is possible to reach the *Isole Berlengas* (look at Berlengas).

TOMAR ED ALMOUROL

The ancient village of Tomar was founded in 1160 by the *Knights of the Temple*. *Almourol Castle* was included in the line of defense along the Tejo river formed by the Knights of the Temple against the Moor's attacks.

The reportage includes a special chapter about the investiture of the new initiates of the *Ordine Supremo Militare del Tempio di Gerusalemme* still existing in Portugal (The actual Knights of the Temple). The reportage includes also a chapter about the *Festa dei Tabuleiros*, a beautiful and colored popular feast.

PORTO SANTO (Island) look at Portugal - Madeira

ROMANIA

DEVA and its area (TRANSYLVANIA)

The reportage includes the area around the town of Deva, the *Corvino castle*, *Sarmizegetusa* roman ruins, *Ulpa Traiana* ruins.

CURTEA DE ARGES and its area (WALACHIA)

The reportage includes *Horezu Monastery, Dintr-un-Lemn Monastery, Cozia Monastery, Poienari castle* (the castle of Drakula).

SIGHISOARA and its area (TRANSYLVANIA)

The reportage includes the fortified churches of *Biertan, Alma Vii, Mosna, Valea Viilor, Copsa Mica, Bazna*.

MARAMURES the region of

The reportage includes the town of *Sighetu Marmatiei*, the cemetery of *Sapanta*, and the churches of *Barsana, Ieud, Poienile Izei, Botiza, Budesti, Desesti, Surdesti*.

BUCOVINA region and its monasteries

The reportage includes the monasteries *Moldovita, Sucevita, Voronet, Humor*.

DANUBE River delta (DOBRUGIA)

The reportage includes the town of *Tulcea* and the *Danube river delta* channels.

SERBIA

BELGRADE

Look at Ex Jugoslavia

SPAIN

BARCELONA

Views of the town and the main points of interest

BILBAO

Guggenheim Museum

GRANADA

L'Alhambra, Generalife, the Cathedral, Plaza Bibarrambla, Plaza Isabel la Catolica, Plaza Nueva, Puerta Real, S. Jeronimo. The reportage includes the Albaicin de Granada, ancient Arabian quarter of the town, where now lives and works important Andalusian artisans.

MALAGA

The town where the famous painter Picasso was born

PAMPLONA

St. Fermin Fiesta and the Bull Run

RONDA and SIERRA DE RONDA

The picturesque Andalusian village, its landscape and the white villages

ST.FERMIN FIESTA (look at Pamplona)

SAN SEBASTIAN

Views of the town and the main points of interest

SIVIGLIA

The Cathedral, the Giralda tower and the Patio de los Naranjos. The Alcazar and the Patio de Banderas, the Archives of the Indies, the Quarter of Santa Cruz, Plaza de Toros, Torre de Oro, Guadalquivir river, Puente de Isabel, the Quarter of Triana, Casa de Pilatos, Plaza de Espana.

SWITZERLAND

SEDRUM and DISSENTEN (GRIGIONI region)

These villages of the Grigioni region are surrounded by wonderful mountains. Every winter sport is possible included the *touring ski* and the *trekking by snow-shoes* sleeping in *igloos* Eskimo style. The *curling* is a new winter sport similar to the bowls, but played on the ice with special disks.

INTERLAKEN, the lakes and the JUNGFRAUGLACIER

Interlaken and the beautiful *Brienzersee Lake e Thunersee lake*. In the valley several sports are possible as *rafting, rafting and hang-gliding*. The rack-railway pass through Grindewald and climb up to the *Jungfrauoch*, the higher railway station in Europe (3454 meters), where is the Ice Palace

with its ice statues and every winter sport is possible in every season, included to have a run on a *sledge drawn by dogs*.

BERN

The Switzerland capital during the traditional "**Onions Festival**" (4^o Monday of November).

TURKEY

BODRUM

The port, the theatre, the Grand Master palace

ISTAMBUL

S.Sofia Mosque, Blu Mosque, the Topkapi, Galata Bridge, Yeni Camii Mosque, the spices Bazar, Rustem Pasa Mosque, the Gran Bazar, Beyazit II Mosque, the Beyazit Tower, the University, Solyman Mosque, Beyoglu quarter and Taxim. The Galata Tower, Dolmabahce Palace, Ortakoy Mosque, Eyup Mosque and quarter, the Golden Horn, the Bosforo channel, the Europe/Asia bridge, the Asiatic side.

EXTRAEUROPEAN COUNTRIES

AFRICA

EGYPT

ALEXANDRIA and the New Library

Alexandria was founded by Alexander the Great and planned by architect Dinocrate in 331 BC. It was one of the most important port in the Mediterranean Sea and a cosmopolitan town enriched by the different cultures which reached it and settled down. Alexandria has both wonderful Roman ruins such as the Roman Theatre and the Pompeo Column. Obviously Alexandria has Egyptian archeological ruins and important Archeological Museum. The ancient library was founded by orator Demetrio Falero and wanted by king Tolomeo I Sotere. It greatly influenced the occidental culture. It was probably destroyed in the fire during the capture of Alexandria by Arm ib el-As (580-664). The New Library represents is designed as a modern state-of-art translation of the old, adequate for crossing the frontiers and meeting the challenger of the 21th century. Actually Alexandria shows both Islamic and European architectures.

ABYDOS

ABU SIMBEL

ASSUAN

CAIRO

The Nilo river and Gezira Island, Et Tahrir and the Egyptian Museum, the Citadel, Muhammad Ali Mosque, the Madrasa of Hasan, Ibn Tulun Mosque, il ancient Cairo and the Coptic Museum, Bab Zuweila, El Muaiyad Mosque and the Islamic Art Museum, Bazar of Khan el Khalili, El Azhar Mosque, the Palaces of the Mamelukes, the railway station Square, modern quarters on the left side of the Nilo river. The *Giza Pyramids* and the *Sphinx*, the necropolis of *Saqqara, Menfi*.

DANDARA

EL GOUNA

On the coast of the Red Sea a modern and charming tourist port, and an important golf club characterize this new area for sea sports and diving

FILE

ISNA

KOM OMBO

LUXOR and the KING VALLEY

Luxor, the **Luxor Temple** and **Karnak**. The Nilo river. The **Theban necropolis** and their tombs: the **Kings Valley**, the **Queens Valley**, Deir el Medina, Sheikh Abd el Qurna, El Khokha, Deirel Bahri Temples, Medinet Habu, Ramesseum, Sethi I.

SHARM EL SHEIK

Underwater photos

KENIA

Relais d'Afrique. The landscapes, aerial view and wildlife of this wonderful country where the **Samburu tribu** live. The colonial charming of **Kitich Camp** which is situated in the Mattews Range, in the north of the Samburu Natural Reserve. All around there is the African bush where elephants, buffalos, leopards lives. **Ol Malo** ranch is situated in Laikipia Plateau on a rock which dominates a plateau where elephants, zebras, leopards and buffalos go around. **Tana Delta** ranch is situated in the delta of Tana River, where the Tana flows in the Indian Ocean. There are crocodiles, hippopotamus and 40 Km of savage beach. Along the Tana river live the **Orma Tribu**.

GEDI RUINS (Malindi area)

TZAVO PARK a wonderful trip in the Tzavo Park

LIBYA

Tripoli, the Akakus desert, Sabratha Roman ruins

MOROCCO

Aissa oasis, Azrou, Chefchaouen and its Rif area, Chefchaouen - Meknes area, Dades valley and gorges, Erfoud - Tinerhir area, Errachidia, Foret de cedres, Khenifra, Marrakech, Merzouga and desert, Midelt area, Moulay - Idriss and Meknes area, Rissani , Ouarzazate - Marrakech area, Ouarzazate, Souk de Nzala, Tangeri and ferry boat, Taouz, Tinerhir and area, Todra valley and area, Volubilis Roman ruins, Zagora and area, Ziz valley

AMERICA (North, South, Center)

ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES

A complete reportage of the capital of Argentina. The Colon Theatre, the architecture, lifestyle, day-life, the Tango Argentino, the farming, the industry.

EL CALAFATE and the GLACIERS NATIONAL PARK

Perito Moreno Glacier, Upsala Glacier, Onelli Glacier, Argentino Lake, landscapes of Patagonia.

CORDOBA and its province

The colonial town, the Sierra de Cordoba, the Jesuit's Estancias

JUJUY and its Province

Quebrada de Humahuaca, the Puna highlands, the "Toreada de Casabindo" bullfight with its traditional feast, La Quiaca and Yavi. People and landscapes of the region.

MAR DEL PLATA

The popular Atlantic coast of Argentina, San Clemente del Tuyù, Sierras de los Padres, nightlife, the beaches, the casino, industry, panoramic views.

MENDOZA and its Province

Cerro Aconcagua, Los Penitentes, Las Lenas, ski stations, wine vaults.

MISIONES and its Province

Jesuit's Missions, Iguassù Falls, landscapes, wild animals, lifestyle and people of this charming subtropical region.

SALTA and its Province

Quebrada del Toro, S. Antonio de los Cobres, Calchaquì Valley, Quilmes Ruins, Cuesta dell'Obispo, Parque Nacional de los Cardones, Salinas Grandes, bananas and tomatoes farming.

SAN CARLOS DE BARILOCHE and NAHUEL HUAPI NATIONAL PARK

A wonderful region of lakes and mountains.

TIERRA DEL FUEGO

Ushuaia, cormorans and sea lions, Beagle Channel, National Park of the Tierra del Fuego.

VALDES (Peninsula)

Penguins, sea elephants and sea lions. Trelew town, landscapes.

BRAZIL

AMAZON RIVER area look at Manaus, Santarem, Belem

ARRAIAL D'AJUDA (BAHIA State) look at Porto Seguro

BELEM (PARA' State) look at Manaus, Santarem, Belem

CONGONHAS DO CAMPO (Minas Gerais State) look at Minas Gerais State

MINAS GERAIS State

OURO PRETO, SAO JOAO DEL REY, TIRADENTES, CONGONHAS DO CAMPO

Travelling in the charming Brazilian colonial architecture. The masterpieces of the architect Antonio Francisco Lisboa known as **Aleijadinho**. In the 18° century Ouro Preto was considered the richest town in the world. In that age Ouro Preto had 110.000 inhabitants, while New York had only 50.000 and Rio de Janeiro 20.000.

MANAUS, SANTAREM, BELEM Historical towns along the Amazon River

This reportage runs through the ancient India rubber way along the Amazon River. Manaus and Santarem have developed in the 19° century because of the India rubber production in the middle of the rain forest. Belem was the port from where commercial ships sailed to reach Europe with their India rubber charge. These towns are now important commercial and tourist centers, which still have a lot of their artistic and architectonic heritage.

PORTO SEGURO (BAHIA State)

It is the place where the Portuguese Pedro Alvares Cabral, discoverer of Brazil, arrived on April 22 1500. Porto Seguro is now a tourist colonial town famous for its lively beaches. There are plenty of small hotels called "Pousadas" and the **Parco Marino de Recife de Fora** an important Sea Park.

In the evening the Passarela de Alcool (a pedestrian street) became a market where handicrafts, music, and food is sold. The village **ARRAIAL D'AJUDA** is considered the land of **lambada dance**. **Paradise Water Park** is the biggest water park of South America..

SAO JOAO DEL REY (Minas Gerais State) look at Minas Gerais State

SABARA' (Minas Gerais State) look at Minas Gerais State

SALVADOR (BAHIA State)

Probably the most beautiful town of the Brazilian coast, famous for its magnificent colonial architecture, its wonderful beaches and the Afro-Brazilian culture which strongly characterized its dances, music, religion and lifestyle. This lively town is considered the "soul of Brazil".

SANTAREM (PARA' State) look at Manaus, Santarem, Belem

TIRADENTES (Minas Gerais State) look at Minas Gerais State

ECUADOR

GALAPAGOS (Islands)

JAMAICA

Dolphin Cove, Dunn's River Fall, Treasure Beach & Jake's village, Bob Marley Museum, Rio Cobre, Blue Mountains, Bamboo Avenue, Mayfield Falls, Negril and its beautiful beach, Montego Bay and the famous **SUM FEST** the most famous reggae music festival.

PERU

Lima, Trujillo, Chan Chan ruins, Huanchaco, Tarapoto, Iquitos, Cuzco, Sacsahuaman, Kenko, Tambomachay, Puca Pucara, Piquillacta, Chinchero, Pisac ruins, Ollantaytambo ruins, Machu Picchu, Puno, Sillustani, Titicaca Lake and the floating islands of the Uros tribu.

PUERTO RICO

The charming ancient St. Juan, the beaches and the rainforest of the caribic island. The reportage includes the **Carnevale di Ponce Carnival**.

USA

NEW YORK

WASHINGTON DC

VIRGIN ISLANDS

CULEBRA Island, St. JOHN Island, VIRGIN GORDA Island, JOST VAN DYKE Island
Sailing with the historical "Legacy" sailing vessel, a really special cruise living from Puerto Rico.

ASIA

DUBAYY (UNITED ARAB EMIRATES)

The magnificent of a small and rich cosmopolitan Arabian state, which joins modernity and Arabian tradition.

JORDAN

PETRA The beauty and the importance of the archaeological area

BEIDA archaeological area, known as the small Petra

WADI RUM the fantascit color of the desert

MALAYSIA

KUALA LUMPUR

Malaysia's capital during the **Color Festival**. Architecture and description of the town where Hindu, Taoist, Christians and Muslim live together.

SARAWAK

The story of the State of Sarawak includes the **Iban Tribu** life style and their "New Year" celebration called "**Gawai Dayak**" in occasion of the end of the rice harvest. The reportage began living from **Kapit** Village (the only village of the area, used as a market for the hole region) going along the **Rajang River**. The story cover also the **pepper coltivation** and different aspects of the day life in the "**long houses**" traditional construction where the hole tribu live sharing a large common space. The reportage includes a part regarding the towns of **Kuching** and **Sebu**. It is a very lively reportage.

SABAH

The story of the State of Sabah includes aspects of the towns of **Kota Kinabalu** and **Sandakan**, description of the town and day life aspects. **Turtle Island** where sea turtles lays the eggs.

PHILIPPINES

ATI-ATIHAN Carnival

The ancient Kalibo Island Carnival

BORACAY ISLAND (Visaya Islands)

MANILA

Manila Bay, Intramuros, Ermita, Rizal Park, Quiapo, Makati, Manila Hotel, fashion parade, traditional dances, nightlife, traffic, social aspects. *Jeepney*, the colorful Philippine van built by *Sarao Motors Inc.* factory in Las Pinas (Manila). The *Tabacalera*, cigar factory.

OTHERS SUBJECTS

Rice terraced land in *Banawe* and *Batad*. The cock-fight.

HONG KONG

The ultramodern elegance and the charming of a high developed county where Buddhism, Confucianism and Taoism live together in the Temples and in the culture. The colors and the fun of the Chinese New Year.

MALDIVE ISLANDS

IHURU and RIHIVELI atolls. *Underwater photographs*.

THAILAND

Phuket island and around

PACIFIC OCEAN

FIJI ISLANDS

One of the most beautiful archipelagos in the Pacific Ocean, with a peaceful and affable population. The beauty of the beaches, the reef, the rain forest, the interior and the sugar cane harvest. Taveuni Island is crossed by the 180° meridian that is the date-line. The rare sensation to be on the "day before" islands, the archipelago where the day begins. The reportage includes *Underwater photographs*.

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OTHERS SUBJECTS

BUTTERI (Grosseto-Tuscany-Italy)

The cowboys of the Maremma. In the wonderfull country area of Maremma, with the pine-forest, the beach, the sea and the hill in the interior part, the "butteri" (cowboys of the maremma) look after horses and the local cows of maremma.

FIRE-FIGHTING HELICOPTERS (Lucca-Tuscany-Italy)

The training of the pilots who have to lead the powerful helicopters Erikson air-Crane S-64 in the fire-fighting version, to defeat the big fires in Italy and in the others european countries they can reach.

KITES

The kite is now a hobby and sport which is diffusing more and more all over the word, and lot of people ran to the national and international meetings. The reportage shows who this fans are and which wonderful kites they are able to build to drive in the blowing wind. Acrobatic kites and huge kites representing animals, musical instruments and so on. The Bugging and the Kite-sailing are new sports recently appeared.

INDUSTRIAL FISHING (S.Benedetto del Tronto-Marche-Italy)

The fish from the sea to the market. Industrial fishing in the Adriatic Sea

GEOHERMAL POWER (Larderello-Tuscany-Italy)

The important rule of the geothermal power in the areas of *Larderello*, *Sasso Pisano* and *Castelnuovo Val di Cecina*. The geothermal power by the smoke-holes become electrical power and domestic or industrial heating.

HORSES: A SPECIAL BOARDING-HOUSE (Tuscany-Italy)

Radicondoli (Siena-Tuscany), the ranch "il Caggio" where some of the horses of the Siena Palio Race live in a special boarding-house.

HOT AIR BALOON look at montgolfier-Italy

MALTESE KNIGHTS ORDER - story of a state without a land

The Order of St. John was founded before the taking of Jerusalem in 1099 by the armies of the First Crusade. It began as a monastic community dedicated to St. John the Baptist, which administrated a hospice-infirmery for pilgrims to the Holy Land. While continuing on a vast scale its hospitaller activity, one of its two aims: "obsequium pauperum" (service of the poor), the Order pursued its other aim, the defense of Christendom: "tuitio fidei" (protection of the Faith). In 1530 Emperor Charles V gave to the Order the island of Malta, Gozo and Comino, as well as Tripoli in North Africa, in sovereign fief. On 26 October 1530 the Grand Master Frà Philippe de Villers de l'isle Adam took possession of Malta. From then on the Order of St. John come to be called of Malta also. In 1798, Napoleone Bonaparte, engaged in a campaign against Egypt, occupied the island of Malta and drove out the

Order. The Knights again found themselves without a home. After temporary seats in Messina, Catania and Ferrara the Order finally established itself in 1834 in Rome, where it holds, extra-territorially, the Malta Palace in Via Condotti 68 and the Villa on the Aventine. The sovereignty of the Order is expressed in the diarchy of the Prince and Grand Master who is its Supreme Head, and of the Councils: the Sovereign Council, the General Chapter, and the Council Complete of State. Under the provisions of International Law, the Order maintains diplomatic relations, with the Holy See, on which, in its double nature, it depends as a religious Order, but is independent, as a Sovereign of Knighthood, and with 81 countries in the world. **From 1994, the Order has been admitted as Permanent Observer to the United Nations:** in this capacity, it remains Permanent Delegation to the International organization in New York, Geneva, Paris, Rome and Vienna.

MINE DETECTION DOGS

Mine detection dogs: the famous and fearless dogs trained by the Cynophilist Group of the Italian Army in the Military Veterinary Center of Grosseto (Italy)

MONUMENTAL PLANTS IN VAL D'AOSTA (Val d'Aosta-Italy)

In Val d'Aosta there are more than 100 monumental trees and 6 woods where others 275 monumental plants live. To have the title "monumental" and their own mark printed on, and a plate with their dates written, these plants need to have special botanic and historical characters. In 1990 the administration of the region Val d'Aosta approved a law to protect and valorize its territory and its huge natural and botanic patrimony and made a census of the trees and plants with particular peculiarities, size and history.

SURGEONS OF THE TREES (Val d'Aosta-Italy)

An equipe of highly skilled workers under the coordination of the chief inspector Corrado Letey of the Forest Department of the Region of Val d'Aosta, who instructed them for years, mantains healty and beautiful the inestimable natural patrimony of the monumental trees of the val d'Aosta. These impressive and ultracentenarian plants enjoys good health and have their foliage well mantained by the competence and care of this equipe of men, who are able to work at more than 25 meters of high by a system of ropes and pulleys. They are able to cut the sick branches wherever they are, and to stop illness like the cancer of the bark which attacks some chestnut trees. Their work need to be agiles and technical competence but a great dose of courage and passion.

THE "PANFORTE" GAME (Santa Fiora-Grosseto province-Tuscany)

The "Panforte Game" is a typical Christmas time game of the country villages in Siena and Grosseto provinces (Italy-Tuscany) around the Maremma area and the hills surrounding the Amiata mountain. It is played in the bar, in the village's clubs, in the houses and in the squares of the villages not frequented by tourists. It consist in throwing a "Panforte" (the famous Sienese cake made with honey and almonds) the nearest to the edge of a table, 4 or 5 meters far-off the throwing position. The ones who lose earn the "Panforte" but have to pay to drink, the winners can drink free all evening long, alternative are invited for dinner.

TEMPLAR KNIGHTS (Tomar-Portugal)

Portraits and investiture ceremony of the new initiates, in Tomar (Portugal).

EARTHQUAKE IN UMBRIA ITALY (in September 1997)

St. FRANCESCO CHATHEDRAL RESTORATION AFTER THE EARTQUAKE (Assisi-Umbria-Italy 1998-2002)

SARDINIAN SHEPHERDS IN TUSCANY (Italy, Tuscany)

These are Sardinian shepherds who came to Maremma in the 1950s and 60s, when the local farmers abandoned the countryside for the city, selling their home and farmland for a mere pittance. The story of this mass migration in its third generation but still not completely integrated into the local culture, is full of interesting vicissitudes in Italian agricultural history. The fact that we may continue to admire enchanting landscapes in the Crete, savour the famous *pecorino* cheese made in Pienza and observe bygone traditions here is all thanks to the Sardinian shepherds, a cultural enclave that has enriched the cultural heritage of central Italy and is becoming increasingly prominent in the local economy.

THE DREAMWOODS, DEVA MANFREDO'S STONE SCULPTURES (Italy, Yuscany, Siena province)

In a wood not far away from Siena Deva Manfredo arranges stones, moving them around from the horizontal to the vertical...sometimes standing alone, sometimes combined with others. They are not glued, cemented, cut or broken: they are right just as they are when he finds them. He composes freely and spontaneously.

Nature expresses her creativity in a multitude of unique ways. As part of nature, stones will live much longer than we will. They have witnessed the passing of thousands of generations of mankind. They were, they are, and they will be. Deva Manfredo's contribution is a small movement in a moment of eternity.

IMPORTANT PERSONS

Francesco Cossiga (Ex Italian republic president), the Grand Master of the Maltese Knights Order Fra Andrew Bertie, Duke Amedeo d'Aosta, Mr Peter Zwack industrialist and businessman and his family, the Grand Master of the Maltese Knights Order Fra Matthew Festing.

ARTISTS AND SHOW BUSINESS

THE CIRCUS (Nando Orfei Circus-Italy)

The circus artists in the backstage and in the show

SUM FEST (JAMAICA reggae festival): the most important reggae artists and international guests: **Mackie Consciuous, Paul Elliot, Admiral Tibet, George Nooks, Coco Tea, Queen Ifrica, Tony Rebel, Glen Washington, Luciano, Chevelle Franklin, Damian Marley (Jr Gong), Stephan Marley, Julian Marley, Freddie Mc Gregor, Barrington Levy.** International guests: **Alicia Key, Snoop Dogg.**