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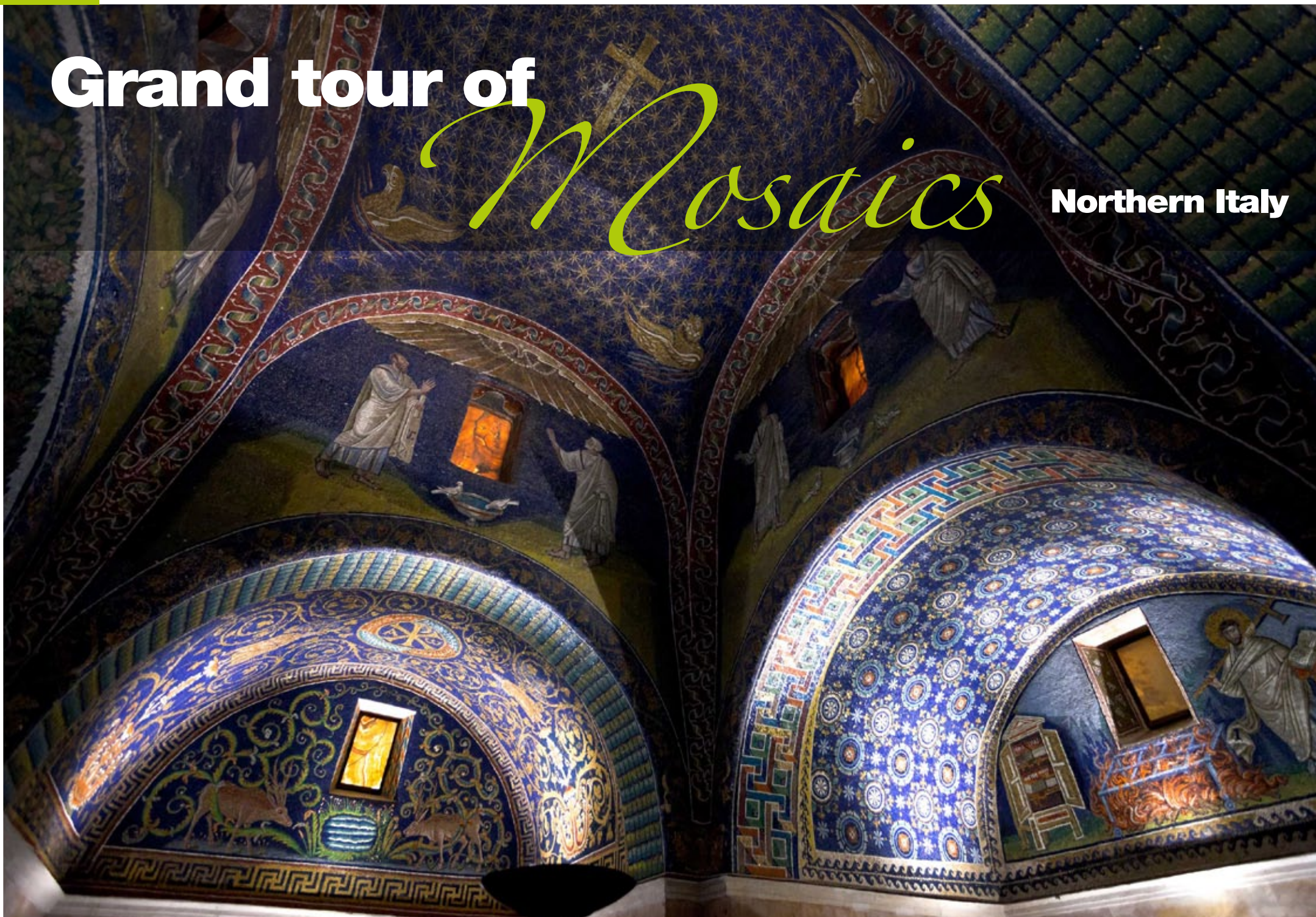
EXPERIENCES YOU WILL TREASURE AT LENGTH



**Grand tour of**

*Mosaics*

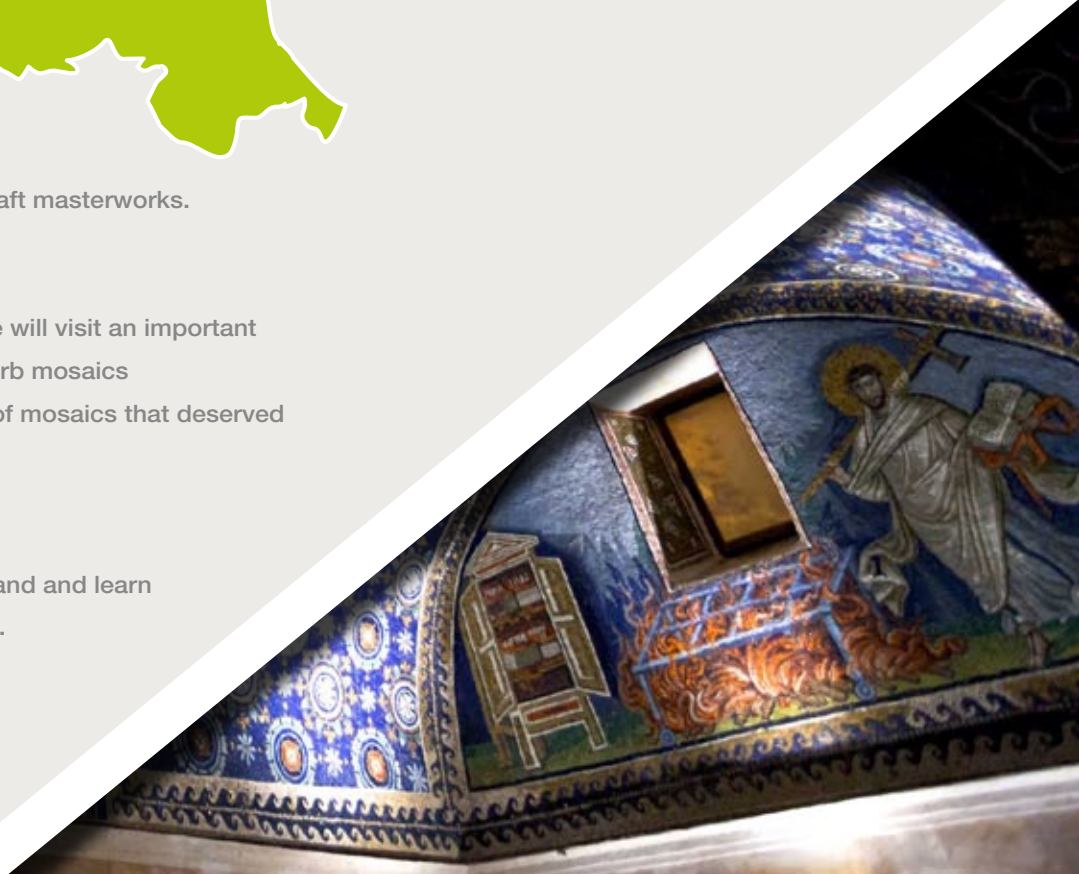
**Northern Italy**





The art of tiny pieces can shape a town: this tour lets you experience how mosaics can craft masterworks. Starting from **Milano**, that hides wonderful examples of this art in two of its main churches. The journey will take you to **Venezia**, where the gold of mosaics is reflected in the lagoon. Moving on to the Adriatic Coast, you will discover the region of Friuli Venezia Giulia and we will visit an important and famous Mosaic School in **Spilimbergo**; the towns of **Aquileia** and **Grado** preserve superb mosaics dating back to the 4th-11th centuries. Then we will go to **Trieste** and **Ravenna**, the capital of mosaics that deserved the inclusion among the UNESCO World Heritage sites with eight monuments.

Our team has designed the journey for people who are passionate about mosaics. In this journey you will visit ateliers of famous mosaicists, see how tiles are still made by hand and learn from the amazing use of mosaics in ancient art for the decoration of churches and palaces. You will have the chance to visit the most famous mosaics school in Italy and to admire a building hosting various mosaics from various centuries. Learn about ancient techniques in a workshop in Ravenna.



# Milano





## Day 1

- **Morning: Welcome to Milan**

Elesta will introduce you to the city, welcoming you to the hotel and introducing you to the expert guide

- **Afternoon: Milan's Modern Mosaic**

We will spend the afternoon focusing on contemporary mosaic design, in the very city center of Milan: from the famous Vittorio Emanuele Gallery with the charming Camparino Coffee Shop, to the fine mosaic floors of another gallery.

- **Dinner time and overnight in Milan.**

## Day 2

- **Morning: Milan's Ancient Mosaic**

Elesta will let you explore some mosaic masterpieces in Milan, both in the rich collections of the Archeological Museum and in ancient churches, such as Sant'Ambrogio and San Lorenzo, with a guided visit led by an expert guide.

- **Lunch time in Milan.**

- **Afternoon: Contemporary Design and Craftsmanship** - We will meet a mosaic artist in his wonderful atelier.

- **Dinner in Milan.**





# Venezia





### Day 3

#### ● Transfer to Venice

Take the train to Venice where you will arrive at lunch time, just in time to enjoy the food and spend the afternoon being introduced to the city: admire the astonishing mosaics in St. Mark's Basilica, followed by a guided tour of the city on water.

#### ● Dinner time and overnight in Venice.

### Day 4

#### ● Morning: Murano

After Breakfast you will visit the island of Murano, where glass and art are forged. Visit Effetre Mosaic and the many glass factories and workshops. Learn about the magic of glass from the experts.

#### ● Afternoon: Mosaic and Venice

After lunch return to Venice, visit Fornace Orsoni and follow our expert to discover Venice's history, spectacular wonders and secret corners across its canals and bridges, remembering the era of the Doges.

#### ● Dinner time and overnight in Venice.



# Palmanova



## Day 5

- Morning: Transfer to Spilimbergo

In the region of Friuli Venezia Giulia, we will visit an important and famous Mosaic School and then we will discover the little town with a guided itinerary.

- Lunch time in Spilimbergo.
- Afternoon: Transfer to Palmanova

Guided visit of the city, an excellent example of a Late Renaissance, star-shaped fort.

- Transfer, dinner time and overnight in Grado.



Spilimbergo





## Day 6

### ● Morning: Grado

Guided visit of Grado. After lunch, a short drive will take you to the ancient Roman city of Aquileia, where you will be able to admire the magnificent mosaic floor.

### ● Afternoon: Aquileia

After the visit we will proceed to Trieste.

### ● Transfer and overnight in Trieste.



*Aquileia*



*Grado*

# Trieste



## Day 7

### ● Morning: Guided Tour of Trieste

We will bring you to Trieste, the capital of Friuli Venezia Giulia region, to admire the mosaics of San Giusto's cathedral.

### ● Afternoon: Trieste - Guided visit of the city, ending the day in the marvelous main city square overlooking the sea.

### ● Dinner time and overnight in Trieste.

# Ravenna



## Day 8

### ● Morning: Transfer to Ravenna

After check out from the hotel, we will start our journey along the Adriatic Coast. Stop at the regional park of Colli Euganei for a short visit at the Villa dei Vescovi.

### ● Afternoon: Ravenna

● Dinner time and overnight in Ravenna

## Day 9

### ● Morning: Enjoy Ravenna

Walking tour of the City and Lunch time in Ravenna.

### ● Afternoon: Workshop

You will do the workshop you have selected

## Day 10

### ● Morning: Enjoy Ravenna

After another day of workshop we will take you to the airport. We can accomodate any request you may have, with reference to specific additional courses that can be taken in Ravenna.





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