

FROM TERRACINA TO ROME IN ONE GOOD HOUR

Or: 'a little detour' to TERRACINA/ROME!

Old friends, new friends and Italian friends at the same time! Could it be better? Yes, and then perhaps with the fact that you can add a sunny beach, a swim in the sea, sightseeing and excellent meals. And you can reach the atmosphere in Rome in just one good hour!

AN EARLY MONDAY MORNING in September – the heat is just right in 'our' part of Italy then - we went by car to SKAVSTA and by air to CIAMPINO the small airport of Rome. 'Old friends' became our company this time. Italian friend picked us up at arrival and we went again by car.

HOTEL PENSIONE CASA YVORIO in TERRACINA is situated ca 90 KM FROM ROME driving in a southerly direction from the airport. We reached 'our hotel' at lunch time. Later on this first day we had – of course - an exquisite meal in the dining-room. MARCO TAMMETTA, hotel director, sees to everything in a perfect way!

'CIAO, Lizzie'! I heard the words behind my back! My friend Gabriella (born Italian and spontaneous) appeared.

Gabriella and her husband surprised us all! 'New' friends came up behind my back!





TERRACINA



CENTRO

DURING OUR SECOND DAY IN TERRACINA we went first for a tour to CENTRO STORICO in the old part of the town. Later on the shopping was also appreciated by EVA FROM ARVIKA - although not so much by our husbands. QUANTO COSTA my friend learned almost at once! If you are in TERRACINA CENTRE, there will also certainly be possibilities to have something to drink. There are several pavement restaurants and the possibilities to have a chat among people around are guaranteed.

After a walk along the beach way, 'UNA PASSEGGIATA' we were back in the hotel garden. A well needed rest (with a good conscience) and a swim in the sea were our activities before evening's dinner. It should be an early night - before midnight at least - to be fresh again to go to Rome in the next morning.

EARLY IN THE MORNING WE TOOK THE TRAIN TO ROME. Marco had taken us to THE STARTINGPOINT, MONTE SAN BIAGGIO STATION. And on arrival in Rome we took a bus to Saint Peter church. After about an hour we continued our sightseeing.



Visiting Saint Peter church is like being near 'the greatness'.

An incomprehensible building with likewise objects!



A great experience! (Saint Peter church)

MY HUSBAND MADE US HIKE through the streets of Rome (they are built with many stones). It is the best way to see and feel at the same time, if the breaks can be many of course. You need to eat and you need to drink water bought on bottles!

Among the best things in Rome is pizza at PIAZZA NAVONE (and a glass of the wine). We also took our friends to this piazza! Although the sun was not strong this day, we took our places under a parasol in the pavement restaurant. And we felt the ATMOSPHERE - free of any cost at all, even if other things are expensive!

Waiting for pizza at PIAZZA NAVONE!



WE VISITED THE EXCLUSIVE SHOPPING AREAS OF ROME, but we made only small purchases. The prices showed again too many zeros, especially following the introduction of the Euro!

We went to FONTANI DI TREVI.

This place is a much smaller area than expected! Water seems inviting, but you are not allowed to cool yourself. We threw our coins only.



FONTANI DI TREVI keeps many secret wishes!

Passing PANTHEON we arrived at COLOSSEUM. To be honest we took a taxi to go there! After a look around we went by bus to Termini, the railway station in Rome.



COLOSSEUM



TERRACINA BEACH

We spent another hour on the train back to TERRACINA and finally we took place again in Marco's car. Back 'home' we defied the waves and went into the sea.

Dinner this evening should be something very special! And in summary, we were satisfied with our Rome-day, which we gladly 'reported' to Signora Yvette and Luca when passing the kitchen. The meal then really was the most excellent! Or to say several times excellent as a meal use to be here! Among other things there were MUSSELS COOKED IN CASA YVORIO WAY!

The next day Luca showed us his place of home, GAETA. This place is worth seeing and can highly be recommended.



Signora YVETTE TAMMETTA and LUCA ALFANO

Team!



MARCO TAMMETTA HERE TOGETHER WITH ELSA AND JOHN ORIENTE – VISITING GUESTS FROM CANADA

WE HEARD THE NICE “BUON GIORNO” early in the morning! With some training pain mostly in our legs, we had come for breakfast. Signora Yvette had made the coffee in Scandinavian way, to let it be kind to our stomachs this time of day. Then we ‘took off’ in Luca’s car and went for - and up to - Gaeta! It took us about half an hour.

Four 'old' friends!



IN MARVELLOUS GAETA you can visit a cave, but need to take ca 250 steps downwards!

The place Gaeta is wonderful, with amazing views, and also 'blessed' with a small and very simple decorated chapel situated in the mountain. When enter this chapel, you may at once get the feeling to be unique.

"You can let the thoughts just come for a moment and then let them pass away"!

‘Chapel decoration’



Outside in the daylight again you certainly, as a second wonder, may catch a glimpse of a perfect and most beautiful white pigeon just before she disappears. She will be gone in the same mysterious way as the thoughts were just 'a moment ago'!

Perhaps the gilded things are not the greatest when everything comes around?



'Miracle'!

On our way to CASA YVORIO we already planned for next day's depart to Sweden! The memories from our excursion- this few days holiday - should carefully be brought back to our 'memory-box'.

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Sincerely our appreciation to FAMILY TAMMETTA and to LUCA ALFANO!