



Seven Oaks Italy

Program Guide

AUGUST 26, 2026 · 10 DAYS · 24 GUESTS MAXIMUM

Rome · Caserta · Pompeii · Amalfi Coast · Molise

Where Italy is not performed. It is lived.

Curated by Lou Tortola · Operated by Travelcafé di Altaquota Srl

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A Welcome from Lou Tortola

Dear Traveller,

Some journeys begin with an itinerary. This one begins with a relationship.

What you hold in your hands is not a conventional tour program. It is the result of years spent returning to places that continue to reward attention — places where daily life still moves at its own natural rhythm, far from the urgency that often accompanies travel. The experience you are about to share has grown from friendships, from trust, and from a genuine desire to introduce others to an Italy that reveals itself gradually.

Italy does not need to be performed for you. It simply needs to be opened — thoughtfully, respectfully, and in good company. That is the spirit in which this journey has been created.

I am grateful that you have chosen to be part of it, and I look forward to sharing the days ahead with you — not only as your host, but as a fellow traveler.

Warm regards,

Lou Tortola



Gabriele Peluso, Lou Tortola, Rocco Peluso & Filomena Iannacone — Le Sette Querce, Molise · January 2026

Program Overview

Ten days. Five regions. One private group. This is Italy as insiders experience it — not the Italy of bus queues and laminated menus, but the living, breathing country behind the postcard.

Day 1	Aug 26	Arrival & Immersion	Staggered transfers from Rome. Welcome aperitivo, orientation walk through the borgo, welcome dinner with live music.
Day 2	Aug 27	The Royal Palace of Caserta	UNESCO World Heritage masterpiece. Royal apartments, monumental fountains and gardens. Optional afternoon at La Reggia designer outlet.
Day 3	Aug 28	Pompeii	Ancient streets, homes and temples frozen in time. Guided visit brings the city to life, scenic return to Molise.
Day 4	Aug 29	Montecassino, Mignano & Pizza	The Abbey of Montecassino. A stop in Mignano. Evening hands-on pizza making class followed by dinner.
Day 5	Aug 30	The Amalfi Coast by Private Boat ★	Private boat past Vietri, Cetara, Maiori, Praiano. Free time in Amalfi. Stop at Positano. Themed dinner “Sea and Mountain.”
Day 6	Aug 31	Roccapiprozzi & Castello Pandone	Medieval village of Roccapiprozzi. Renaissance Castello Pandone in Venafro. Artisan workshops — basket weaving & woodcraft. BBQ dinner.
Day 7	Sep 1	Agnone & Miranda	Di Nucci Dairy for caciocavallo cheese. Marinelli Bell Foundry. Lunch and cultural storytelling in the hilltown of Miranda.
Day 8	Sep 2	Rome — The Eternal City	Colosseum, St. Peter's Basilica, Pantheon, Piazza Navona, Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps. A graceful progression, never rushed.
Day 9	Sep 3	Slow Day & Fresh Pasta	Free morning at the property. Midday fresh pasta cooking class. Farewell aperitivo. Final celebratory dinner with commemorative cake.
Day 10	Sep 4	Departure — Carrying Italy With You	Breakfast, then transfers organized per individual flight schedules with full accompaniment to the airport.

All days subject to minor adjustment. Lou travels with you every step of the way.

Arrival & Immersion

Your journey begins the moment you arrive in Molise.



Guests make their own way to Italy, arriving on August 26th, 2026. For those travelling from North America, this typically means departing the evening of August 25th — your travel agent or airline can confirm the best routing from your home city. Both Rome Fiumicino (FCO) and Naples Capodichino (NAP) are supported arrival airports.

Staggered private transfers bring guests from the airport directly to Villaggio Rurale Le Sette Querce in Molise. Upon arrival, a welcome aperitivo with regional wines and local specialties greets you. An orientation walk through the borgo introduces you to the grounds and the village that will be your home for the week.

The evening closes with a welcome dinner featuring live music and the authentic cuisine of Molise — the beginning of a ten-day conversation that will not easily end.

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- * Staggered transfers from Rome Fiumicino (FCO) or Naples (NAP)
 - * Welcome aperitivo with regional wines
 - * Orientation walk through the borgo
 - * Welcome dinner with live music & Molisan cuisine



Miranda — a hilltop village of Molise, Lou Tortola's birthplace

“Seven Oaks Italy rests quietly in Molise — a region that many travelers have never heard of, and that Italians themselves often describe with a certain affection: “Molise non esiste,” they say with a smile — “Molise doesn’t exist.” The phrase is playful, but what it really suggests is that Molise has remained wonderfully untouched by the pressures that transformed other parts of the country.

“Here, Italy feels intimate and authentic. Hills roll gently toward distant mountains. Stone villages sit where they have stood for centuries. Bells still mark the rhythm of the day. Conversations linger longer at the table. Craft traditions survive not as demonstrations for visitors, but as part of everyday life. It is a place where time moves a little differently — and where the privilege of discovery belongs to those willing to step just slightly beyond the familiar map.”

The Royal Palace of Caserta

A UNESCO World Heritage masterpiece — Italy's most magnificent royal residence.



The Royal Palace of Caserta is one of the largest royal residences ever built and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Commissioned in 1752 by King Charles III of Bourbon, its royal apartments, monumental fountains and sweeping gardens represent the full ambition of the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies at its height.

Today you walk the grand apartments and stand before the extraordinary cascading fountains and formal gardens — a landscape of remarkable scale and beauty. Lunch is nearby.

The optional afternoon offers a visit to La Reggia — one of Italy's premier designer outlet centres, located adjacent to the Palace grounds — for those who wish to browse Italy's finest brands before returning to Molise.

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- * Royal Palace of Caserta — UNESCO World Heritage
 - * Royal apartments & monumental fountains
 - * Sweeping palace gardens
 - * Lunch nearby
 - * Optional afternoon: La Reggia designer outlet

Pompeii

Ancient streets and temples frozen in time.



On the morning of August 24th, 79 AD, Mount Vesuvius erupted. By the following day, the Roman city of Pompeii — its markets, theatres, and homes — had been buried under metres of volcanic ash. It would not be rediscovered for nearly 1,700 years.

Today a guided visit brings the city vividly to life. Ancient streets, homes and temples speak of daily Roman existence with remarkable clarity. This is not a ruin. It is a city, still mid-sentence.

A scenic return through the Campanian landscape brings you back to the tranquility of Molise by evening.

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- * Guided visit to ancient Pompeii
 - * Ancient streets, homes & temples
 - * Scenic return through Campania

“Pompeii offers a rare window into the daily life of the ancient world.”

Montecassino, Mignano & Pizza

Sacred history by day, hands-on tradition by evening.



The Abbey of Montecassino crowns a mountain above the Liri Valley with a presence that has endured for fifteen centuries. Founded by Saint Benedict in 529 AD, it is one of the oldest and most significant monasteries in the Western world, with a history that encompasses art, scholarship, and the most devastating moments of the Second World War.

After the Abbey, a stop in the village of Mignano before the return to Seven Oaks.

This evening belongs to the kitchen. A hands-on pizza making class puts the ancient art of Neapolitan dough in your hands — then dinner celebrates what you made, together.

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- * The Abbey of Montecassino — founded 529 AD
 - * Stop in Mignano
 - * Evening hands-on pizza making class
 - * Dinner celebrating your creation

“We travel as a small private group, never more than twenty-four guests. This allows the experience to remain personal and unhurried, attentive to the details that truly matter. Meals become conversations. Walks become discoveries. Even quiet moments have their place in the rhythm of the days ahead.”

The Amalfi Coast by Private Boat

There are moments on the Amalfi Coast that stop time. Day 5 is one of them.



Today is the emotional peak of the journey. You board a private vessel and cruise one of the world's most celebrated coastlines — past Vietri sul Mare, Cetara, Maiori, and Praiano — with the cliffs and sea in full August splendour.

Free time in the town of Amalfi, then a stop at Positano — its cascade of colour tumbling from cliff to waterfront, its church dome gleaming in the afternoon light.

The evening returns to Seven Oaks for the themed dinner “Sea and Mountain” — a celebration of the day’s contrasts, served with the warmth that defines every evening at Le Sette Querce.

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- ★ Private boat — exclusive to the Seven Oaks group
 - ★ Vietri sul Mare, Cetara, Maiori & Praiano
 - ★ Free time in the town of Amalfi
 - ★ Positano stop
 - ★ Themed dinner “Sea and Mountain” at Seven Oaks

“From the peaceful base of Seven Oaks Italy, we travel outward to some of Italy’s most celebrated places. Rome reveals its layers of history with every step. Along the Amalfi Coast, villages perched above the Mediterranean reflect centuries of maritime culture and resilience. These iconic destinations are balanced with quieter encounters — moments that allow the deeper character of Italy to emerge naturally.”

Agnone & Miranda

The rarest Italy — lived, not staged.



The morning begins at the Di Nucci Dairy in Agnone — a family producer of caciocavallo, the stretched-curd cheese that defines the flavours of this region. You watch it made, then taste it as it was intended: fresh, in the place it came from.

Next, the Marinelli Bell Foundry — the oldest bell foundry in the world, casting bells for popes and cathedrals since the 11th century. The craft has not changed. The bells still ring across Italy from here.

Lunch and an afternoon of cultural storytelling in the hilltown of Miranda — a place of particular significance to Lou Tortola, who was born here. Walking these lanes with him is walking through living memory.

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- * Di Nucci Dairy — caciocavallo cheese making
 - * Marinelli Bell Foundry — casting bells since the 11th century
 - * Hilltown of Miranda — Lou's birthplace
 - * Lunch & cultural storytelling

Rome — The Eternal City

A graceful progression through Rome — never rushed.



Rome is the final great destination of the journey — and arriving with ten days of Italian experience behind you, you will see it differently. Today moves through the Colosseum, St. Peter's Basilica, the Pantheon, Piazza Navona, the Trevi Fountain, and the Spanish Steps.

These are not boxes to be ticked. They are encounters to be had — each one offering something that no photograph has ever fully captured. The scale of the Colosseum. The silence inside the Pantheon. The particular gold of the Trevi at midday.

This is Rome at a human pace, with room to pause, to absorb, and to return to each moment long after the day is over.

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- * The Colosseum
 - * St. Peter's Basilica & Vatican
 - * The Pantheon
 - * Piazza Navona
 - * Trevi Fountain & Spanish Steps

Slow Day & Fresh Pasta

The gift of a morning with nowhere to be.



The final full day at Seven Oaks begins without an agenda. The morning is entirely free — the pool, a walk through the open grounds, a book on the terrace, or simply the pleasure of doing nothing in a place that makes nothing feel like everything.

At midday, a fresh pasta making class brings the group back together — hands in flour, rolling and cutting the shapes that Italian grandmothers have made for centuries. Lunch follows, made from what you just created.

At 18:30, a farewell aperitivo gathers the group one last time before the final celebratory dinner — with a commemorative cake marking the end of a journey that, for most guests, will feel far too short.



- * Free morning — pool, walks, open grounds
- * Midday fresh pasta making class
- * Lunch from your own pasta
- * Farewell aperitivo at 18:30
- * Final celebratory dinner with commemorative cake

Day 10 · September 4, 2026

Departure — Carrying Italy With You

You depart carrying the feeling of a quieter, deeper Italy.



Breakfast at Seven Oaks. Then transfers are organized according to each guest's individual flight schedule, with full accompaniment to the airport. No guest departs without support.

What you carry home is not a souvenir. It is the feeling of having been somewhere real — of having sat at tables that extended without apology, walked streets where the rhythm was your own, and belonged, even if only for a little while.

The 2027 reservation list opens to 2026 guests first. We hope to see you again.

Accommodation

All nine nights are spent at a single, exceptional base. This is the foundation of what makes Seven Oaks Italy different from any conventional tour: you are not moved from hotel to hotel. You arrive, you settle in, and the world comes to you — every day returning to the same terrace, the same table, the same warmth.

“At the heart of the journey stands Seven Oaks Italy, known locally as Le Sette Querce — the welcoming retreat created by Rocco Peluso and his family.”

VILLAGGIO RURALE LE SETTE QUERCE — ALL 9 NIGHTS



Guest rooms at Villaggio Rurale Le Sette Querce — stone-vaulted ceilings, handmade furniture, mountain quiet.

Villaggio Rurale Le Sette Querce is a restored rural hamlet nestled in the rolling hills of Molise. Stone buildings, terracotta rooftops, winding paths, and open countryside as far as the eye can see. This is not a hotel. It is a village that becomes yours for ten days.

Every guest room features a private en-suite bathroom, handcrafted wooden furniture, and the stone arch ceilings that define the property’s character. Wake to birdsong. Fall asleep to silence. There is a full-service restaurant, outdoor terraces, a pool, and expansive grounds — and the Peluso family, who make every guest feel genuinely at home.



Guest cottage entrance & a countryside room — each with private bath and the character of centuries-old stone.

Creative Retreats & Private Group Experiences



Seven Oaks Italy is honored to feature the work of realist painter Ron Di Scenza throughout the estate. The paintings displayed in the restaurant, as well as the frescoes and murals adorning the small chapel, were created by the artist and form an integral part of the atmosphere guests experience here.

Drawing on the great traditions of European painting, Di Scenza's work reflects the influence of masters such as Velázquez, Vermeer, and Caravaggio, while remaining deeply rooted in the present. His figures are known for their expressive realism and emotional presence, revealing a profound understanding of human character.

Born in Ohio and educated at the School of Visual Arts in New York, Di Scenza later returned to Italy, where the landscape, light, and people became central to his artistic vision. Today he lives and works in the Molise region, where his studio practice continues to produce works that connect classical technique with contemporary life.

Seven Oaks Italy also embraces the creative spirit that has long defined this region. The countryside surrounding the estate is home to many artists and craftspeople who share a deep appreciation for art and expression. In that spirit, we warmly welcome artists who may wish to retreat here. When our calendar allows, special stays and creative retreats can be arranged for individuals, families, or corporate groups seeking time and inspiration in this remarkable setting.

“Art is not what you see, but what you make others see.”

Inclusions & Pricing

Seven Oaks Italy is priced as a single, protected travel package through our operating partner Travelcafé di Altaquota Srl. Your investment is safeguarded at every step.

FOUNDING SEASON PRICING

€4,940	Book by June 15, 2026 Save €1,250 — maximum founding season advantage. €750 deposit holds place; balance due June 15.
€5,440	June 16 – July 15, 2026 Save €750. Full payment required at time of booking after June 15.
€6,190	After July 15, 2026 Standard rate. Subject to availability. Full payment required at booking.

Single supplement: €550 · €750 deposit per person secures your place · All prices in Euros (EUR)

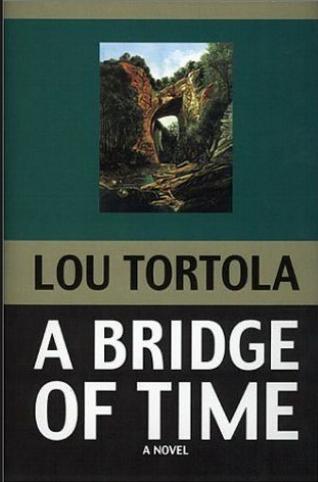
WHAT IS INCLUDED

- * 9 nights private en-suite accommodation at Villaggio Rurale Le Sette Querce
- * Daily breakfast, all scheduled lunches and dinners
- * Airport transfers on official arrival day (August 26) and departure day (September 4)
- * All ground transportation throughout the program
- * Professional English-speaking guides at all cultural sites
- * All entrance fees to scheduled sites
- * Private Amalfi Coast boat experience
- * Pizza and pasta cooking classes
- * Artisan workshops — basket weaving and woodcraft
- * All gratuities on included services
- * Complimentary WiFi throughout the property

NOT INCLUDED

- International airfare to/from Italy (guests arrange their own)
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- Personal shopping or independent activities
- Optional services not listed in the program

About Lou Tortola



Lou Tortola has spent much of his life returning to Italy — not simply as a visitor, but as someone who has developed lasting connections with the people and places that shape the country’s character. For more than twenty-five years he has been closely connected with the Seven Oaks Italy retreat in Molise, where his friendship with Rocco Peluso and family gradually evolved into the foundation for the journey you are about to experience.

An entrepreneur and creative developer, Lou has long focused on building projects that combine thoughtful design, meaningful relationships, and attention to detail. The Seven Oaks Italy program reflects that same philosophy — a carefully considered experience shaped by many years of personal familiarity with every place included in the itinerary.

Lou is also the author of the science-fiction novel *A Bridge in Time*. He travels with the group not only as host, but as a fellow traveler who takes genuine pleasure in sharing the Italy he has come to know through decades of return visits.



Lou Tortola at Le Sette Querce with Rocco Peluso and the team — January 2026

The Experience Begins Long Before You Arrive

eliquidMEDIA is the digital and strategic partner behind SevenOaksItaly.com. With a philosophy that mirrors the program itself — intentional, refined, and human-centered — every point of digital contact reflects the depth and elegance of the Seven Oaks experience.

The company is led by Lou Tortola, CEO of eliquidMEDIA International Inc. His dual role — as both the program’s personal host and its digital architect — ensures that the experience presented online is a faithful and genuine reflection of the journey itself.

eliquidMEDIA’s involvement goes beyond design. The company serves as the strategic and promotional arm of Seven Oaks Italy in North America — educating prospective travelers, managing inquiries with care, and directing confirmed guests to Travelcafé di Altaquota Srl for formal booking under proper tour-operator governance.

“The goal is simple: that your first encounter with Seven Oaks Italy — whether on a screen, in this document, or in a conversation with Lou — already feels like the beginning of the journey.”

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Practical Information

PASSPORTS & DOCUMENTATION

All guests must hold a valid passport from their home country. Please ensure your passport is valid for at least six months beyond your return date. Entry requirements for Italy vary by nationality — most Western passport holders do not require a visa for stays under 90 days, but we recommend confirming your specific requirements with the Italian consulate or embassy in your home country well in advance of travel. Keep a copy of your passport stored separately from the original.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance is strongly recommended and is not included in the package price. Three excellent pathways: premium credit cards (many include comprehensive travel coverage — check your cardholder benefits carefully); standalone online policies from companies such as Manulife, Blue Cross, or TuGo; or an independent travel insurance advisor. Travel with clarity and confidence — the investment is modest and the peace of mind is complete.

PHYSICAL CONSIDERATIONS

This journey involves moderate walking at all sites — comfortable walking shoes are essential. Pompeii and the Amalfi Coast involve uneven surfaces. Le Sette Querce is a hillside village and is not wheelchair accessible. Guests with specific mobility needs are warmly encouraged to contact Lou in advance.

WHAT TO PACK

Late August in southern Italy is warm to very warm (28–36°C). Light, breathable clothing. Some religious sites require covered shoulders and knees — a light scarf is sufficient. Evenings in Molise can be cooler — one light layer recommended.

CURRENCY & PAYMENTS

Italy uses the Euro (EUR). ATMs are widely available in Rome and Campania. In Molise, carry some cash. Most restaurants accept cards; smaller artisan producers may prefer cash.

STAYING CONNECTED

Wi-Fi at all hotels and at Le Sette Querce. WhatsApp is the best way to stay in contact with Lou throughout the journey: +1 (519) 818-9698.

How to Reserve

Seven Oaks Italy 2026 accommodates a maximum of 24 guests. Places are reserved in the order confirmed deposits are received.

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ENQUIRE

Complete the reservation form at sevenoaksitaly.com or contact Lou directly by WhatsApp or email.

2

CONFIRM YOUR PLACE

A confirmed deposit secures your place. Your reservation is not held until the deposit is received.

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TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Your booking is processed through Travelcafé di Altaquota Srl under a single protected package.

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FINAL DOCUMENTS

Approximately 30 days before departure, you receive your final travel documents, flight details, and a pre-departure briefing from Lou.

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Villaggio Rurale Le Sette Querce — the hamlet from above, Molise hills beyond.

This program is curated, managed, and supported by a dedicated team of professionals who have worked together for many years and share an unwavering commitment to world-class guest experience. Every detail — from first inquiry to final departure — is in experienced hands.

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In Partnership with Your Travel Advisor — Or Our Team Is Happy to Assist You

Seven Oaks Italy was built on relationships — with place, with partners, and with travelers. Working with respected travel professionals extends that philosophy naturally. We look forward to collaborating with advisors who value cultural depth, thoughtful design, and meaningful travel experiences for their clients.