**From spectacular pizza to selfies in Pisa, NICOLA BRADY, TYVONNE GORDON and LAURA MILLER have 25 things to do in Italy before you die.**

1 **TAKE A PIATTO SOLO TOUR IN ROME**
   Want to experience the essence of Italian affability while feeling like you’re straying a little? Choose a casual bistro. Instead of choosing from a menu, you’ll be given the choice of one simple plate of pasta, then you’ll be guided through the inevitable courses, and then you’ll be whisked away to the city’s charms.

2 **SEE CINQUE TERRE — WITHOUT THE CROWDS**
   The fiveEntre la mer et le montagne, you’ll find the CINQUE TERRE. The trees hanging from the rocks form a microclimate, where lemon, orange and citrus trees flourish. Sample the fruits at local markets.

3 **FLY LIKE A VOLCANO IN SICILY**
   Is there any plane or train as mesmerising as flying from Palermo to Catania? From the air, you’ll see the largest volcano in Europe — Etna, measuring 3,340 metres (10,986 ft). The earth’s crust is being pulled apart, the volcano is shot up, and the rivers of lava are flowing.

4 **MADE PASTA IN BOLDOCNA**
   If you want to make your own pasta, but have put it off for too long, this is the place to do it. In the Cucina Cattedrale di Boldo, you’ll learn to make the perfect pasta, working those doughs in the process, and afterwards, enjoy it with a glass of prosecco.

5 **DRIVE THE AMALFI COAST**
   It boasts lots of lemons and limes, and a drive along this road will make you feel like a local. You’ll see the houses of the famous Amalfi, overlooking the sea, and you’ll feel the sun’s warmth on your skin.

6 **MARVEL AT MICHELANGELO**
   Don’t visit Rome without paying homage to the country’s artistic hero, Michelangelo. Head south from the Vatican (subway: Chigi) to the Accademia Gallery in Florence. Anyone who has seen the iconic David statue here will never forget it.

7 **TOUR ONE OF THE WORLD’S SMALLEST COUNTRIES**
   San Marino is the smallest country in the world, measuring just 64 km². Visit the enchanting coast of the city, with its medieval citadel, and then walk along the narrow streets of the city, admiring its ancient architecture.

8 **RENT A FARMHOUSE IN UMBRIA**
   Set in the green heart of Italy, and lease one of the most beautiful views of the city.

9 **SUNBATH IN STYLE AT LA SCAVA**
   Surround yourself with the stars, sunbath and relax.

10 **More overleaf**
DO IT: If you're not already sold on the idea of trying Neapolitan pizza, you have to try the very first slice of the day at L'Antica Pizzeria da Michele. The setting for the scene where Roger Moore's character (played by Barbara Bach) isn't actually a suite, but the Pontile Bar at the historic Hotel Excelsior. DO IT: Do you know that the highest horse race in the world is the Palio di Siena, which takes place on Siena’s Piazza del Campo? Riding bareback, 10 jockeys represent their city districts, vying to be the first to cross the finish line. DO IT: See the Palio di Siena. This Roman city was buried under pyroclastic flow and ashfall in 79AD and was frozen in time for over 1,800 years. DO IT: Take a passegiata in Siena. While the city is mainly known for its theatre tradition, it’s also home to an incredible culinary tradition. DO IT: Escape to Ischia. This gorgeous, luscious little island off the coast of Naples is home to the most perfect hot springs and thermal baths. DO IT: The Palio di Siena is a historic horse race around Siena’s Piazza del Campo. Riding bareback, 10 jockeys represent their city districts, vying to be the first to cross the finish line. DO IT: While you’re at it, take a cooking class — using produce from the organic garden. DO IT: You might tell yourself that you’re going to take that first glorious bite. You’ll believe the hype, but you don’t have to stay here, you can have a drink by the pool and tuck into pizza from the wood-fired oven. DO IT: While you’re at it: The Palio di Siena is a historic horse race around Siena’s Piazza del Campo. Riding bareback, 10 jockeys represent their city districts, vying to be the first to cross the finish line. DO IT: Escape to Ischia. This gorgeous, luscious little island off the coast of Naples is home to the most perfect hot springs and thermal baths. DO IT: Take a passegiata in Siena. While the city is mainly known for its theatre tradition, it’s also home to an incredible culinary tradition. DO IT: While you’re at it, take a cooking class — using produce from the organic garden. DO IT: You might tell yourself that you’re going to take that first glorious bite. You’ll believe the hype, but you don’t have to stay here, you can have a drink by the pool and tuck into pizza from the wood-fired oven.

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WHILE YOU’re AT IT: Have you seen the wild flowers and the stunning scenery that make up the beautiful Bay of Naples? Don’t mind if we do.

19. PERFORM LEOPARDI IN CARRI

WHILE YOU’re AT IT: Take a walking trip to Mount Vesuvius and the crater — optionally — for panoramic Bay of Naples views and an excellent taverna on site. DO IT: You might tell yourself that you’re going to take that first glorious bite. You’ll believe the hype, but you don’t have to stay here, you can have a drink by the pool and tuck into pizza from the wood-fired oven.

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