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## 1. THE OTHER SIDE OF VENICE

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### 2. Italian election results MAPPED: Who won the election as latest results flood in

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#### 3. Bye-Bye, Bunga Bunga. Hello, Berlusconi the Elder.

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4. <u>Island-hopping in Venice - by bike Richard Mellor escapes the crowds on a two-wheeled tour of the quieter</u> isles, villages and beaches surrounding the city's lagoon Cycling around the lagoon

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7. <u>'Imagine living with this crap': tempers in Venice boil over in tourist high season As residents leave and visitor numbers soar, the city's quality of life is being eroded. This summer, irate locals have taken to the streets</u>

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## 8. Venice: island-hopping by bike

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## 9. Italy - Q2 2018

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#### 10. Banca Popolare dell' Alto Adige SpA (Volksbank) Assigned ESG Evaluation Of 66; Preparedness Adequate

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## 11. Europe's migrant crisis: Chaos as trains are stopped in Hungary

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## 12. Canal cycling worth a song

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## 13. National Briefs

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#### 14. Congress MLA KR Ramesh Kumar under fire for rape comment in assembly



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## 15. Paris ends Italian ski team's drought with win on home snow

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17. Venice flooding: Watch LIVE webcam of Italy tourist hotspot drowned by floods & heavy rain THE Italian holiday hotspot of Venice is still affected by severe flooding after days of relentless rain caused tides to go up to almost record-breaking levels, forcing Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte to issue a state of emergency for the city.

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18. Summer in the Dolomites Sue Lawley enjoys magnificent views on a hiking holiday in the South Tyrol.

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## 19. ITALIAN ECONOMIC DIPLOMACY JANUARY 09: LATEST NEWS FROM THE WORLD

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## 20. Is Liberalism a Dying Faith?

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#### 22. Sky: arriva in prima tv 'Lovely Boy' di Lettieri Già fuori concorso alle Giornate degli Autori



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## 23. Will Pinot Grigio Suffer The Fate Of Chardonnay?

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#### 24. TV programmes to give you wanderlust this week

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25. Venice: Cruising by bike A voyage from Mantua lets you cycle by day, then sleep on a canal boat, says Adrian Mourby

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#### 26. Alpine Wines Wine

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# 27. We'll always have Paris, in Bormio Dominik Paris wins downhill, five years later, on same course

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## 28. The lake escape: 20 great European holidays beside the water

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### 29. Fresh and fragrant from Italian slopes

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## 30. 5 years later, Paris is still fastest in Bormio downhill

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## 31. 5 years later, Paris is still fastest in Bormio downhill

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#### 32. 5 years later, Paris is still fastest in Bormio downhill

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#### 33. Iceman gets iPhone, iPad apps for kids

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## 34. In northern Italy, the sound of the swirling river suffuses even my hotel room

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#### 35. 5 years later, Paris is still fastest in Bormio downhill 5 years later, Paris is still fastest in Bormio downhill

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36. PEAK SEASON The mountains are just as tempting in summer, when you can run up them, bike down them, paraglide off them or simply enjoy the soaring views, says Sean Newsom

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#### 37. Cookbooks are flavour of the season

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#### 38. High tides persist in Venice

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### 39. Behind every successful Wine is Terroir

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#### 40. Cinema: Orizzonti Vicini al Trento film festival

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41. Venice floods: Italy declares state of emergency after 'widespread devastation' in city ITALY will declare a state of emergency today after deadly floods brought "widespread devastation" to to its historic basilica, with the city's Mayor warning the city is "on its knees".

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## 42.\_11 Die as Severe Winds And Flooding Lash Italy

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43. Optimal Channel Networks accurately model ecologically-relevant geomorphological features of branching river networks

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## 44. 'Life looks better from the banks of an inland sea'

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### 45. Venice Flooding Is Worst in a Decade; Severe Weather in Italy Kills at Least 11

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46. what about the road less travelled? Top world destinations are overrun. Take these suggestions for roads not taken

Client/Matter: -None-

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48. Wine, Etc.: Winemaker takes on Italy 's challenging Trentino region

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49. 3rd record tide enters Venice as Italy hit with snow, rain

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50. 3rd record tide enters Venice as Italy hit with snow, rain 3rd record tide enters Venice as Italy hit with snow, rain

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51. 3rd record tide enters Venice as Italy hit with snow, rain

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52. Researchers from Research and Innovation Centre Publish New Studies and Findings in the Area of Remote Sensing (Estimating grassland vegetation cover with remote sensing: A comparison between Landsat-8, Sentinel-2 and PlanetScope imagery)

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53. Storms death toll climbs to nine (2) Gale-force winds, torrential rain continue to batter Italy

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# 54. Spoilt for choice on a lakes escape COVER STORY; Kiki Deere introduces this sublime Italian region and outlines what's on offer for holidaymakers - from glamour and romance to culture and adventure

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## 55. Nine dead after landslide derails Italian train

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#### 56. NATURAL DISASTER - FLOODING AND GLOBAL SHIELDS

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57. Cycling holidays: readers' tips, recommendations and travel advice Readers share their advice on the best cycling holidays in Britain and beyond.

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58. Great Continental Railway Journeys - 8:47 PM GMT

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59. <u>Preliminary Agreement Between Enel Produzione and Sel to Develop Hydroelectric Power in the Province of</u>
Bolzano

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60. Chatrian, a Berlino meno film ma non tagliamo sezioni Festival da 9 a 20/6, con 'proiezioni all'aperto in tutta città'

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61. Sound of the Dolomites: Italy 's mountainous music festival

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#### 62. Bask in Luxury, Guilt-Free, at These Eco-Friendly Global Boutique Hotels

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## 63. Big Monday crossword WIN £1,000

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### 64. Lagrein-More than a Meat and 3 Veg Wine

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## 65. Nine dead after big landslide hits train

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#### 66. Rebecca Armstrong: Why I'm turning my nose up at vin de Barrymore FreeView from the editors at i

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## 67. Express Guide to Verona

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68. Venice floods: Warnings salt water could damage artifacts

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69. Austrian rule in the Trentino The Trentino is indisputably Italian. Its inhabitants are as Italian as those living in Northern Italy. They are Italian in customs, tradition, and idiom, as well as in culture and mode of living and thinking.

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## 70. Venice floods: Warnings salt water could damage artifacts

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71. Caos IDM, il modello trentino SERVIZI ALLE IMPRESE - Anche in Trentino la ricerca della configurazione societaria più adatta per organizzare le società di servizi all'economia non è stata semplice. Attualmente il modello è quello della holding: la capogruppo Trentino Sviluppo detiene il 100 per cento della controllata Trentino Marketing, che invece si occupa di promozione turistica.

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## 72. Why I'm turning my nose up at vin de Barrymore

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# 73. <u>Jair Bolsonaro : how you live in Italy (the place of origin of your family) the rise of the right-wing candidate in</u> Brazil

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## 74. Ring in spring with a balanced Riesling

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#### 75. Patiently it waits WINE

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#### 76. The Joy of Casting in Clear Italian Waters

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#### 77. The ultimate guide to the Italian Lakes

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#### 79. The Joy of Casting in Italian Waters

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# 80. >ANSA-BOX/ Venezia: Barbera, vediamo la fine del tunnel 'Inondati di film per selezione. Ruolo festival si rafforzerà'

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## 81. The Joy of Casting in Italian Waters

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## 82. Man, 30, confesses to killing parents (11) Benno Neumair admits murdering Peter Neumair, Laura Perselli

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## 83. Man, 30, confesses to killing parents (11) Benno Neumair admits murdering Peter Neumair, Laura Perselli

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### 84. Tv: Curon, nuova serie italiana Netflix Supernatural drama in Alto Adige con Bilello, dal 10 giugno

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#### 85. Italy 's mild ski resorts rely on snow cannons

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## 86. Lycra meets luxe

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## 87. Italy 's mild ski resorts rely on snow cannons

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## 88. Achievers: Rise and Rise of an Ice-Cream Seller

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89. Vulnerability of Venice exposed by devastating series of floods Calls have been made to protect the lagoon-based city which is a tourist magnet but has a dwindling number of residents.

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#### 90. Clicktivism gaining momentum among city youth

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## 91. Salute to old vines made new again

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# **Body**

Who needs a gondola when you have a bike?

From the white marble bridge I stand on, a <u>canal</u> stretches away from the Venetian lagoon. Colonnaded palazzi line one side, opposite wonky buildings in shades of vanilla, peach or beetroot. A church looms overhead, its belltower recurring in the placid green **water**. It's an exotic, enchanting scene. But this is not Venice.

It is, instead, Chioggia, at the far south of the Venetian lagoon. Look closely and despite its "piccola Venezia" nickname, you'll actually see many differences. Chioggia is also formed from islands, but is much smaller, with just three *canals*.

It's thought to be older than Venice, but there are far fewer tourists and almost no selfie sticks. The air is saltier. You might see a car. Fishing boats have the monopoly, with gondolas entirely absent. And whereas Venetian waiters tend to have word-perfect English, few here, including in my favourite, Pizzeria Vigo, where a decent margherita costs just â'¬6.50 (\$9.70), speak more than a smattering of "Inglese".

Another distinction is that you can cycle in Chioggia, which is why I'm here. The tourist board has put together five itineraries for cyclists, taking in lesser-visited spots around the lagoon from scented pine woods to ancient fishing villages such as Caorle.

The support for bicycle travel here connects to continuing efforts to ease Venice's overtourism. When pre-pandemic annual visitor numbers soared to 30 million, the city responded by banning cruise ships from central canals; a trial beginning next month will require day-trippers to book ahead and pay up to â'¬10 to enter, while visitor caps are also being mooted. One way to help ease La Serenissima's burden is to travel further around the lagoon, beyond its headline act.

Staying in Chioggia puts three of the cycling itineraries in easy reach. It helps that my base, the longstanding and luxurious Hotel Grande Italia, rents out comfortable, single-speed bikes and is positioned exactly 10m from Chioggia's vaporetto dock on Piazzetta Vigo. (This location also ensures terrific lagoon views from its neat, neoclassical rooms.) Line 11 duly chugs me and my ride one island north to wisp-thin Pellestrina, southwest of the Lido, for an initial outing.

Though rarely more than 300m wide, Pellestrina is 11km long and completely flat, making for an easy up-and-down pedal. A main road hugs its eastern flank (I see a car every three minutes), bordering a driftwood-strewn sandy

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beach and the Adriatic Sea. More interesting and sedate is the westerly lagoon side, which I follow via a combination of lanes and esplanades. In the hamlet of San Pietro in Volta, more pretty pastel buildings fringe the glinting water.

Pellestrina is mostly quite plebeian: shipyards, empty arable lots and vegetable fields outnumber vivid houses and some handsome churches. Yet there's a joy in meandering through its four sleepy <u>settlements</u>, or watching islanders set the world to rights over espressos. I pause for an all fresco octopus salad and beer at Al Gatto Rosso, just a thin pontoon between me and the water, before proceeding in wobblier fashion along the curving stone sea wall to Ca'Roman, a small nature reserve at Pellestrina's southern end. Wandering along its empty forest paths, I encounter more abandoned Nazi bunkers than fellow walkers.

The itinerary suggests also riding up the Lido island, further north, but since I'm only an out-of-shape, occasional cyclist I decide against that. Instead, with bum pained and energy drained, I leave the bike at the hotel and make the 90-minute journey to Venice on foot via bus, ferry and vaporetti towards Venice's spires and silvery domes.

I roam Venice's quieter corners: the student-trawled periphery of stately Salute, grittier Castello's striking squares and glorified, wide towpaths in Cannaregio's northern reaches. The Rialto Bridge exerts an irresistible pull, offering undeniably idyllic views, but how horribly, overwhelmingly busy it feels to me after Chioggia and Pellestrina. Dozens of tourists elbow, inch or nudge their way into photo spots with no regard for personal space.

The Lido is quieter, perhaps because today's clouds have undermined its star attraction: a long, lovely sandy Adriatic beach with hundreds of huts. There's no one in the leafy Jewish cemetery either, where orange and palm trees shade tombs. Once more, a dreamy <u>peace</u> reigns, interrupted only by snorts of distant Vespas or shrill birdsong. The reliable No. 11 bus then speeds me south to where I might have cycled, past the grand Hotel Excelsior's red-brick fantasia, past stilted houses and an outdoor sculpture museum.

Posterior pains eased, I get back in the saddle a day later and follow a circular version of the tourist board's Chioggia cycling route, which soon deserts the lagoon altogether by heading further south. It takes me to the neighbouring, newer town of Sottomarina, which has a 9km sandy shore famed for its iodine-rich air, beneficial to ailing lungs. I could have pedalled along the pier-like sea wall, but instead I continue through plain suburbs.

Just before I cross the Brenta River, something surprising appears. Can it be? Surely not. But there's no doubt: it's a hill. Admittedly only a slight, brief incline, but nonetheless the first ascent I've had to tackle during the whole trip. Luckily, this being Italy, there's also a bar so I do the sensible thing and have an espresso first.

Post-Brenta, a slumberous lane takes me along the pleasant Canal di Valle before another shadows the wider *Adige* River. It is delightful. Barely a car passes me as I watch jays, then pause to spot radicchio plantations, sugarcane fields and lonely casoni buildings inland. Farmers once lived in these dinky shelters; now they mostly function as tool sheds.

The languid rural splendour gives way to Isola Verde, a beach village with funky coloured (if ugly) apartment blocks. A few country lanes and one more riverside stretch later, and I'm almost home, the 30-odd kilometres having proved a breeze. On my left I spot Chioggia's port. According to recent news reports, millions of euros are being allocated to create a docking point here for surplus Venice cruise ships, surely a *threat* to Chioggia and its character.

I get a full dose of that charm as I finish my ride on its main street, Corso del Popolo. Thursday is market day, but this Saturday still sees a fair number of stalls selling regional breads and cheeses. Some people are sipping wine outside aperitivo bars, others stroll and gossip, disappearing down narrow side streets. I slowly weave around them before stopping beneath Torre di Sant'Andrea, with its blue clock dating from at least 1386; it might well be the world's oldest working example.

Up by Piazzetta Vigo, opposite that white marble Ponte di Vigo bridge, mollusc, scallop and sea-snail shells hang on twine outside a souvenir shop; breezes coming off the nearby lagoon make them tinkle like a foreboding Venetian remake of The Wicker Man.

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A celebratory last-night dinner is called for. Many of Chioggia's posher restaurants have Venice-like prices, but the casual Bacareto da Morgan is more reasonable. Sitting canalside, I order cicchetti (Venetian small plates, from â'¬1.20) with a Chioggiotto twist of radicchio meatballs, marinated sardines and three buttery scallops. Around me are families and couples on seemingly successful dates; a fisherman bobs past, shouting fondly to his friend.

Before bed, I loiter on the lagoon edge and gaze north. Venice is out there somewhere, as magnificent and preposterous as ever. Yet I'm perfectly content here, in its almost forgotten predecessor.

Richard Mellor was a guest of the Lidi di Chioggia tourist board, Turismo Venezia and Hotel Grande Italia.

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# **Body**

ITALY is headed for a hung parliament today as the latest election results start to <u>flood</u> in from around the country. Here are the latest Italian election 2018 results mapped.

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The Italian election 2018 proved to very much be a hard-<u>fought</u> battle between two players, with the Five Star Movement and the centre-right bloc dominating the ballots.

This *fight* is evident in the latest election result maps, where the vote between the two clearly split Italy in half.

The M5S is now in firm control of the South, having scored a single party majority of 32.14 percent, according to the Italian Ministry of the Interior's preliminary results at 9.02am GMT.

Dominating 13 of Italy's 28 constituencies, including Sardinia, Sicily and Puglia, the M5S is now the single biggest party to enter the new Parliament.

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But the Centre-right with Silvo Berlusconi at its helm did equally well in the north of the county where only three regions seceded to Matte Renzi's Centre-left.

The Centre-right bloc, spearheaded by the League and Mr Berlusconi's Italy First, scored 37.05 in the ballots.

Meanwhile the left appears to have been obliterated in the polls, barely peaking over at 23.20 percent at 9.15am GMT.

According to La Repubblica, the five party Centre-left led by the Democratic Party only managed to hold its ground in Emilia Romagna, Tuscany Trentino-Alto <u>Adige</u>, signifying an end to its 5-years in office.

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Nathalie Tocci of the Instituto Affari Internationali Director, said the initial results already strongly indicate the "europhiles are definitely on the big retreat".

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Though the full results are yet to be announced sometime around 2pm, the preliminary votes indicate a hung Parliament.

Under Italy's new electoral rules, this means that a grand coalition Government is now on the table.

It will be up to President Sergio Mattarella to choose the victorious party or coalition and present his choice to Parliament for a vote of confidence. This will still take several weeks to decide.

The new Parliament is scheduled for its first session on March 23 to vote in new speakers of the Lower House and the Senate.

The three most likely options now available to the President are a M5S Government propped by the Centre-right, an M5S coalition with the Centre-left or a partnership between the M5S and the League.

In order to form a majority Government, the M5S only needs to secure 40 percent of the vote.

But regardless of the outcome, analysts have heralded the results as a victory for the antiestablishment - a fist in the face of the status quo.

Italian columnist Ferdinando Giugliano argued: "These calculations should not distract us from the main political message of Italy Election 2018 - this was an anti-establishment triumph, of the same league as the Brexit or the Trump upsets, in the eurozone's 3rd largest country.

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"More than half of the voters have backed the Five Star Movement and the League.

"These parties have been very cautious on the Euro, critical of Italy's migration policy, and open to 'no vax' ideas."

The PD have already accepted loss, with party Vice-Secretary, Maurizio Martina telling a press conference the "results are clear".

Mr Martina said: "It is a clear and obvious defeat for us"

"For us, it is a very clear and obvious defeat. A number below expectations."

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# **Body**

Silvio Berlusconi checked the puffiness of the pillow on his seat as he <u>settled</u> in for another comfortable interview on another of the Italian television <u>channels</u> he owns. In the final silent seconds before the cameras started rolling, a mischievous gleam crossed his eyes as he used an Italian double entendre to recall that, back in his old television days, people used to have sex on the studio floor.

Yes, Mr. Berlusconi, 81, is back. Again. His smile is brighter, his cheeks are Silly Putty-toned and tauter, his waistline is slimmed and his hair has regenerated into a Ken-Doll helmet. But despite his waxworks appearance, pre-Weinsteinian penchant for priapic innuendo and lingering criminal trials, Mr. Berlusconi, a former Italian prime minister, is no longer the joke of European politics.

Instead, political analysts <u>agree</u> that the only sure bet in Italy's coming and critical March 4 elections is that Mr. Berlusconi will return as a major <u>force</u> in Italian, and possibly European, politics. Even if he will not be prime minister immediately (he is barred until next year following a fraud conviction), he is likely to be the kingmaker.

His resurrection is both astonishing and entirely unsurprising when one considers that Mr. Berlusconi has over the decades conditioned and desensitized an electorate that has picked him as prime minister three times despite, well, everything.

He has been investigated over accusations of mob links. He entered politics in part to protect his vast business interests and then, as the owner of the majority of Italy's commercial television stations, used his sprawling media empire to stay in power. He hosted underage women at what he called "elegant dinners" but what the world knew as sex-fueled Bunga Bunga bacchanals. He made a habit of embarrassing Italy on the global stage.

And yet, in a measure of how unpredictable global politics have become, things have come back around for the pre-Trump era's leading personification of *conflicts* of interest, outsize appetites and the politics of victimization and press demonization. In the age of President Trump -- comparisons to whom Mr. Berlusconi cannot stand -- the Italian mogul has successfully recast himself as grandfather, or nonno, to the nation.

Italian elections, frequent and feuding, are often dismissed as opera buffa offerings from a country that never changes. Not this year. After France and Germany gave the European establishment a breather by beating back far-right wing insurgencies, it is Italy's unpredictable and angry Five Star Movement that worries them. In contrast, Mr. Berlusconi suddenly doesn't look so bad. And the master salesman, as crafty as they come, is obligingly playing the role of wise and moderate statesman.

"He believes that he can reinvent himself infinitely, like you can see in his face," said Sofia Ventura, a political scientist at the University of Bologna. Mr. Berlusconi, a master communicator, she said, was presenting himself as a consensus maker as he targeted older Italians who watched his television channels.

In uncertain times, Italians may be choosing the devil they knew. "He's reassuring," she said.

But people close to Mr. Berlusconi say that underneath his new, still surface runs a deep current of revenge. He wants to leave the game a winner and **settle** scores with all those who prematurely danced on his grave.

In 2011, a crushing global debt crisis <u>forced</u> Mr. Berlusconi's resignation. He was at the time distracted by accusations that he had paid an under-aged woman named Karima el-Mahroug, a.k.a. Ruby Heart-Stealer, for sex at wild parties packed with aspiring showgirls. (A court later overturned his conviction for paying for sex, though he is due to stand trial on accusations that he bribed witnesses, including a pianist at one of the parties.)

Then in 2013 an Italian court convicted him of tax fraud related to inflated invoices at his Mediaset television empire. His prison sentence was converted, because of his age, to community service at an old age home. Later that year, Italian lawmakers ousted him from Parliament and barred him from holding office until 2019.

The setbacks knocked him to a political nadir. As he griped about being the victim of a political coup (he ultimately <u>appealed</u>, so far in vain, to the European Court of Human Rights), members of his party defected, and in 2015 Matteo Renzi, the brash new prime minister from the Democratic Party whom Mr. Berlusconi had admired as an heir, dashed his comeback dreams with Machiavellian efficiency. In 2016, Mr. Berlusconi underwent major heart surgery.

But that all seems a long time ago.

With the help of swimming, gymnastics and visits to a beauty farm in Trentino Alto-*Adige*, Mr. Berlusconi's health has recovered. He re-emerged as Italy's kindly granddad, if one with a 32-year-old girlfriend, unlimited means and a television empire that helped him recharm politically important older voters. The stain of Bunga Bunga seemed to lift.

"This is a country that has dedicated a little bit of attention to love," said Emilio Fede, who for more than a quarter century from his perch as an anchor on a Berlusconi-owned television channel acted as Mr. Berlusconi's cheerleader (his detractors say lap dog).

Himself still a defendant in a Bunga Bunga-related case, he insisted Italians have begun saying: "What a bore these stories of Bunga Bunga. Then to speak of Ruby as a minor? For God's sake."

Mr. Fede said that despite all the focus in Italian politics on social media, Mr. Berlusconi believed in the power of television. Mr. Berlusconi himself would not sit for an interview, despite months of repeated requests.

His advisers acknowledge that he has cleverly nurtured a constituency of aging animal lovers -- and potential voters -- by frequently appearing on a show on one of his networks in which he pets his fluffy white dogs and bottle-feeds lambs.

In the meantime, the politics of Italy and the world, it seems, has swung back to him.

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Karima el-Mahroug, the woman at the center of Mr. Berlusconi's sex-for-hire trial, arriving at court in Milan in 2013. (PHOTOGRAPH BY LUCA BRUNO/ASSOCIATED PRESS)

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From the white-marble bridge I stand on, a <u>canal</u> stretches away from the Venetian lagoon. Colonnaded palazzi line one side, opposite wonky buildings in shades of vanilla, peach or beetroot. A church looms overhead, its belltower recurring in the placid green <u>water</u>. It's an exotic, enchanting scene. But this is not Venice.

It is, instead, Chioggia, at the far south of the Venetian lagoon. Look closely and despite its "piccola Venezia" nickname, you'll actually see many differences. Chioggia is also formed from islands, but is much smaller, with just three *canals*.

It's thought to be older than Venice, but there are far fewer tourists and almost no selfie sticks. The air is saltier. You might see a car. Fishing boats have the monopoly, with gondolas entirely absent. And whereas Venetian waiters tend to have wordperfect English, few here - including in my favourite, Pizzeria Vigo, where a decent margherita costs just (EURO)6.50 (£5.50) - speak more than a smattering of "Inglese".

Another distinction is that you can cycle in Chioggia - which is why I'm here. The tourist board has put to- gether five itineraries for cyclists, taking in lesser-visited spots around the lagoon from scented pine woods to ancient fishing villages such as Caorle. The support for bicycle travel here connects to continuing efforts to ease Venice's overtourism. When pre-pandemic annual visitor numbers soared to 30 million, the city responded by banning cruise ships from central canals; a trial beginning next month will require day-trippers to book ahead and pay up to (EURO)10 to enter, while visitor caps are also being mooted. One way to help ease La Serenissima's burden is to travel further around the lagoon, beyond its headline act.

Staying in Chioggia puts three of the cycling itineraries in easy reach. It helps that my base, the longstanding and luxurious Hotel Grande Italia, rents out comfortable, single-speed bikes and is positioned exactly 10m from Chioggia's vaporetto dock on Piazzetta Vigo. (This location also ensures terrific lagoon views from its neat, neoclassical rooms.) Line 11 duly chugs me and my ride one island north to wisp-thin Pellestrina, southwest of the Lido, for an initial outing.

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Venice lagoon San in

Hotel Grande Italia

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#### Chioggia

I pause for an alfresco octopus salad and beer at Al Gatto Rosso, just a thin pontoon between me and the water, before proceeding in wobblier fashion along the curving stone sea wall to Ca'Roman, a small nature reserve at Pellestrina's southern end. Wandering along its empty forest paths, I encounter more abandoned Nazi bunkers than fellow walkers.

The itinerary suggests also riding up the Lido island, further north, but since I'm only an out-of-shape, occasional cyclist I decide against that. Instead, with bum pained and energy drained, I leave the bike at the hotel and make the 90-minute journey to Venice on foot - via bus, ferry and vaporetti towards Venice's spires and silvery domes.

I roam Venice's quieter corners: the student-trawled periphery of stately Salute, grittier Castello's striking squares and glorified, wide towpaths in Cannaregio's northern reaches. The Rialto Bridge exerts an irresistible pull, offering undeniably idyllic views, but how horribly, overwhelmingly busy it feels to me after Chioggia and Pellestrina. Dozens of tourists elbow, inch or nudge their way into photo spots with no regard for personal space.

The Lido is quieter, perhaps because today's clouds have undermined its star attraction: a long, lovely sandy Adriatic beach with hundreds of huts. There's no one in the leafy Jewish cemetery either, where orange and palm trees shade tombs.

Once more, a dreamy peace reigns, interrupted only by snorts of distant Vespas or shrill birdsong.

Lido

Five miles

Pietro Volta

Pellestrina

Ca'Roman Nature reserve

The reliable 11 bus then speeds me south to where I might have cycled, past the grand Hotel Excelsior's red-brick fantasia, past stilted houses and an outdoor sculpture museum. Posterior pains eased, I get back in the saddle a day later and follow a circular version of the tourist board's Chioggia cycling route, which soon deserts the lagoon altogether by heading further south. It takes me to the neighbouring, newer town of Sottomarina, which has a six-

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#### Sottomarina

Just before I cross the Brenta River, something surprising appears. Can it be? Surely not. But there's no doubt: it's a hill. Admittedly only a slight, brief incline, but nonetheless the first ascent I've had to tackle all trip. Luckily, this being Italy, there's also a bar so I do the sensible thing and have an espresso first.

Post-Brenta, a slumberous lane takes me along the pleasant Canal di Valle before another shadows the wider *Adige* River. It is delightful: barely a car passes me as I watch jays, then pause to spot radicchio plantations, sugarcane fields and lonely casoni buildings inland. Farmers once lived in these dinky shelters; now they mostly function as tool sheds.

The languid rural splendour gives way to Isola Verde, a beach village with funkily coloured (if ugly) apartment blocks. A few country lanes and one more riverside stretch later, and I'm almost home, the 20-odd miles having proved a breeze. On my left I spot Chioggia's port. According to recent news reports, millions of euros are being allocated to create a docking point here for surplus Venice cruise ships - surely a *threat* to Chioggia and its character.

I get a full dose of that charm as I finish my ride on its main street, Corso del Popolo. Thursday is market day, but this Saturday still sees a fair number of stalls selling regional breads or cheeses. Some people are sipping wine outside aperitivo bars, others stroll and gossip, disappearing down narrow side streets. I slowly weave around them before stopping beneath Torre di Sant'Andrea, whose blue clock dates from at least 1386 and might well be the world's oldest working example.

Up by Piazzetta Vigo, opposite that white-marble Ponte di Vigo bridge, mollusc, scallop and sea-snail shells hang on twine outside a souvenir shop; breezes coming off the nearby lagoon make them tinkle like a foreboding Venetian remake of The Wicker Man.

A celebratory last-night dinner is called for. Many of Chioggia's posher restaurants have Venice-like prices, but the casual Bacareto da Morgan is more reasonable. Sitting canalside, I order cicchetti (Venetian small plates, from (EURO)1.20) with a Chioggiotto twist: radicchio meatballs, marinated sardines, three buttery scallops. Around me are families and couples on seemingly successful dates; a fisherman bobs past, shouting fondly to his friend.

Before bed, I loiter on the lagoon edge and gaze north. Venice is out there somewhere, as magnificent and preposterous as ever. Yet I'm perfectly content here, in its almost forgotten predecessor.

#### Need to know

Richard Mellor was a guest of the Lidi di Chioggia tourist board (lididichioggia.it), Turismo Venezia (en.turismo venezia.it) and Hotel Grande Italia, which has B&B doubles from £103; bike hire from £8.50 (hotel <a href="https://www.grandeitalia.com">www.grandeitalia.com</a>). Seven nights' B&B on a selfguided cycling trip from Lake Garda to Venice from £1,645pp, including bike hire (<a href="https://www.skedaddle.com">www.skedaddle.com</a>)

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The political environment that has aided his comeback has also benefited the Five Star Movement, now the country's leading party. But Italy's politics remain a system of ever-shifting coalitions, and the Five Star Movement, for now, has refused to sully itself with partners.

If the Five Star Movement has grown as digital media darling, Mr. Berlusconi is unapologetically old media. But that might just still work in a country where more than 20 percent of the population is 65 or older.

"You win an election on television," Mr. Fede said.

Almost nightly, Mr. Berlusconi is on air calmly excoriating members of the Five Star Movement as inexperienced know-nothings and the modern incarnation of Communists taking orders from a Milanese Politburo.

While "aesthetic treatments" physically turned Mr. Berlusconi into "another person," Mr. Fede said, "the thing that he hasn't lost, which is very important, is his voice." And television channels to speak on.

Mr. Berlusconi's party still has only about 17 percent support in polls, and must still contend with mutinous and euroskeptic partners. In contrast, Mr. Berlusconi appears a mitigating *force*.

In the event of an absolute electoral victory, a long shot, Mr. Berlusconi has said he would act as a movie director guiding a handpicked "super candidate" or maybe — by the time the ban on his political participation is lifted in 2019 — himself. At this stage, anything is possible, including a broad coalition with Mr. Renzi that chooses a consensus prime minister.

But for now, it is Mr. Berlusconi who is on a <u>winning streak</u>. His coalition scored big in last summer's municipal elections. A judge recently ruled that he no longer needs to pay 1.4 million euros a month in alimony to his ex-wife, Veronica Lario, who once called him "shameless trash" after he attended the birthday party of an 18-year-old woman.

Other relationships have held up better. Earlier this year, Mr. Berlusconi gave his good friend President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia a birthday present. It was <u>a duvet cover</u> featuring the two old pals shaking hands.

Mr. Berlusconi's confidants say the Italian sees himself as a potential bridge between Mr. Putin, who is increasingly popular in Italy, and Mr. Trump, who isn't. Mr. Berlusconi has been deeply reluctant to discuss Mr. Trump.

One person who spoke privately with the Berlusconi family about Mr. Trump said Mr. Berlusconi had a low opinion of the American president and disliked being compared to him, though the comparisons seem nearly inevitable.

"Surely Berlusconi doesn't love it," <u>agreed</u> Giovanni Toti, a close ally of Mr. Berlusconi and the president of Liguria. He argued that while Mr. Berlusconi pretended to be coarse during campaigns, he was really a sophisticate. "It's a mistake to compare Trump to one of the most experienced statesmen in Europe," he said.

Alan Friedman, the author of <u>My Way</u>, <u>an authorized biography</u> of Mr. Berlusconi, said he had brought up the incessant comparisons to Mr. Trump. "I'm more moderate than Trump," Mr. Berlusconi said grumpily, according to Mr. Friedman.

But in important ways, and not just their backgrounds in real estate, television and hair care travails, there are similarities between Mr. Trump and his Italian antecedent. As Mr. Friedman pointed out, Mr. Berlusconi's <u>objectification of women</u> and coarse language "steadily debased Italian culture over time."

And like Mr. Trump, Mr. Berlusconi essentially drove the political opposition bonkers during his collective nine years in office. All discussion focused on him rather than issues, and Mr. Berlusconi expertly played the victim and won the sympathy of moderates who tired of outrage over his personal life. He is poised to do so again.

On Thursday night, as Mr. Berlusconi left the television studio to broker a key deal with coalition partners in his Roman palace, Rita Monaco, a 59-year-old member of the studio audience, said that while Mr. Berlusconi could

have "done without" the dirty joke about sex in the studio, she found him "positive and optimistic, notwithstanding everything." He had won her vote.

PHOTO: Silvio Berlusconi arriving to attend the broadcast of a TV show in Rome this month. (PHOTOGRAPH BY Andreas Solaro/Agence France-Presse — Getty Images FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES)

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# **Body**

Emotions run high in Venice, the Italian island city that fascinates visitors even as it exasperates the dwindling band of local inhabitants.

Venice is still known as La Serenissima, the most serene, and was once a place where the population rubbed gracefully along with visitors made up mostly of intellectuals, writers and artists. It is difficult now to imagine that happy coexistence, when you wander through the intricate maze of alleys and <u>waterways</u> and speak to local people. Depopulation and mass tourism have long been causes of local despair. But this summer it feels as if a tipping point may not be far away.

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Earlier this month an estimated 2,000 Venetians marched against a tourism industry they argue has eroded their quality of life, that is damaging the environment and driving residents away: Venice's population has fallen from about 175,000 in the post-second world <u>war</u> years to 55,000 today.

Carlo Beltrame, one of the event's organisers and a researcher in humanities at Venice's Ca' Foscari University, yearns for a time when taking a motorboat was not stressful or when a trip to his doctor in the Rialto Bridge area did not involve getting caught up in the slow-moving tourist throng.

"Around 2,000 people leave each year," he said. "If we go on this way, in a few years' time Venice will only be populated by tourists. This would be a social, anthropological and historical disaster."

Whether irritated by selfie sticks, noisy wheelie suitcases or people snacking on one of the 391 bridges, Venetians' contempt towards the 28 million visitors who flood the city each year has reached alarming levels.

On a July morning in Cannaregio - a neighbourhood tucked away from the congested Piazza San Marco area - you can still catch a glimpse of the authentic Venetian lifestyle. The scene plays out much as it does in other Italian

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cities: smartly dressed people chat animatedly as they shop at the butcher's and baker's or congregate at the bar. Children play freely on the streets.

The area remains mostly undisturbed by tourists, but Luciano Bortot, who was born here, is feeling anything but serene. "You're asking me what it's like to live with this crap?" he said. "It used to be wonderful, we had lots of artisans ... the problem now is the mass tourism, the people who come for just a few hours and see nothing - it's as much of a nightmare for them."

Like many of his neighbours, Bortot despises the behemoth cruise ships that chug through the Giudecca canal four or five times a day, emitting fumes before disgorging thousands of people - on some days as many as 44,000 - into the historic centre.

He also laments the surge in the number of B&Bs, which make it impossible for residents to find a home to rent on a long-term contract.

With its carnival, star-studded film festiva I and the Biennale art exhibition, Venice has a long history of cultivating tourism. It is an industry that brings millions to the coffers each year and provides thousands of jobs. The city cannot live with it or without it and, even among themselves, it seems that stressed Venetians are becoming increasingly fractious.

"Venetians of today are not so proud, not like our ancestors were," said Michelangelo Adamo, 23, a restaurant worker who is training to be a boat skipper so that he can escape to the quieter islands. "They don't really care about art or culture, they drive speedboats and eat junk food, it's more like Miami Beach."

Another resident of Cannaregio is Galliano di Marco, the CEO of VTP, the Venice passenger terminal that manages and provides services to the cruise liners and their passengers. Originally from the central Abruzzo region, he enjoys life in Venice, despite being a target for those involved in the No Big Ships activist group, which for years has battled against the cruise liners and in June held an unofficial referendum in which Venetians voted in favour of ousting the ships from the city's lagoon.

Venetians are quick to point the blame at cruise-ship passengers for the demise in their quality of life, arguing that they stay for only a few hours, spend little money and leave a trail of litter in their wake.

Di Marco <u>disputes</u> this, citing figures that paint a different picture: only 1.5 million of the 28 million visitors to Venice each year arrive on a cruise vessel, with the rest coming by bus, car, train or plane. With an average age of 65, they spend between (EURO)120 and (EURO)160 per head, bringing about (EURO)250m to the city each year. The passenger terminal also provides jobs for an estimated 5,000 people.

But the well-publicised controversy, which even prompted New York mayor Bill De Blasio to urge his Venice counterpart, Luigi Brugnaro, to ban the ships, has left VTP and the cruise industry in turbulent waters. With this in mind, since taking on the role in December Di Marco has striven to strike a compromise between the sector and the activists, devising a plan that would see the ships instead take a longer journey into the lagoon via the Vittorio Emanuele canal.

The proposal needs approval from the Italian government, but is backed by the cruise companies. "It will take 1.5 hours longer to enter and leave the lagoon, but the cruise companies accepted that because they want to keep Venice on their itineraries - it's one of the top three destinations in the world," he said.

"It's not our call, but we are doing whatever we can to take the big ships away from the Giudecca canal because really, enough is enough."

Di Marco is less conciliatory towards <u>demands</u> for the passenger terminal, a vast, well-structured area that also provides services to hydrofoils arriving from Croatia and Slovenia, to up sticks to Marghera, an unsightly industrial area on the mainland.

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"They're trying to build a ghetto for the cruise passengers and I will *fight* this as much as possible," he said. "At the moment passengers arrive in the living room of Venice; in Marghera it would be like welcoming them in the toilet."

The citizens who marched recently carried banners reading: "I'm not leaving". But despite their determination to stay, they are pessimistic about the future. Residents were hoping that Unesco would send a strong signal to the authorities by following through with a <u>threat</u> to place the world heritage site on its endangered list. Instead, the organisation recently granted the city another year to come up with measures to protect its monuments and preserve its fragile environment.

"It feels as if we're at a point of no return because it's already out of control," said Beltrame. He would like tourist numbers to be limited, while focusing on improving the quality and promoting the city as a hub for scientific and maritime research.

Luciano Bortot, meanwhile, looks with envy towards the neighbouring semi-autonomous region of Trentino-Alto *Adige*, which until the end of the first world *war* was part of Austria.

He believes the answer to Venice's woes lies in the Veneto region, among Italy's richest, obtaining greater, if not full, independence from Rome. A non-legally binding referendum will be held in October. "Venice would be better managed by Venetian heads, not Roman ones," he said. "If we had an official referendum, Veneto would definitely vote to break away.

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Highlight: Richard Mellor escapes the crowds on a two-wheeled tour of the lesser-known isles, villages and

beaches surrounding the city's lagoon

# **Body**

From the white-marble bridge I stand on, a <u>canal</u> stretches away from the Venetian lagoon. Colonnaded palazzi line one side, opposite wonky buildings in shades of vanilla, peach or beetroot. A church looms overhead, its belltower recurring in the placid green <u>water</u>. It's an exotic, enchanting scene. But this is not

#### Venice

It is, instead,

#### Chioggia

, at the far south of the Venetian lagoon. Look closely and despite its "piccola Venezia" nickname, you'll actually see many differences. Chioggia

is also formed from islands, but is much smaller, with just three canals.

It's thought to be older than Venice, but there are far fewer tourists and almost no selfie sticks. The air is saltier. You might see a car. Fishing boats have the monopoly, with gondolas entirely absent. And whereas Venetian waiters tend to have word-perfect English, few here - including in my favourite, Pizzeria Vigo, where a decent margherita costs just 6.50 (£5.50) - speak more than a smattering of "Inglese".

Another distinction is that you can cycle in Chioggia - which is why I'm here. The tourist board has put together

#### five itineraries for cyclists

, taking in lesser-visited spots around the lagoon from scented pine woods to ancient fishing villages such as Caorle.

The support for bicycle travel here connects to continuing efforts to ease Venice's overtourism. When pre-pandemic annual visitor numbers soared to 30 million, the city responded by

#### banning cruise ships from central canals

; a trial beginning next month will require day-trippers to book ahead and pay up to 10 to enter, while visitor caps are also being mooted. One way to help ease La Serenissima's burden is to travel further around the lagoon, beyond its headline act.

Staying in Chioggia puts three of the cycling itineraries in easy reach. It helps that my base, the longstanding and luxurious

#### Hotel Grande Italia

, rents out comfortable, single-speed bikes and is positioned exactly 10m from Chioggia's vaporetto dock on Piazzetta Vigo. (This location also ensures terrific lagoon views from its neat, neoclassical rooms.) Line 11 duly chugs me and my ride one island north to wisp-thin Pellestrina, southwest of the Lido, for an initial outing.

Though rarely more than 300m wide, Pellestrina is seven miles long and completely flat, making for an easy upand-down pedal. A main road hugs its eastern flank (there's a car every three minutes), bordering a driftwoodstrewn sandy beach and the Adriatic Sea. More interesting and sedate is the westerly lagoon side, which I follow via a combination of lanes and esplanades. In the hamlet of San Pietro in Volta, more pretty pastel-shade buildings fringe the glinting water.

Pellestrina is mostly quite plebeian: shipyards, empty arable lots and vegetable fields outnumber vivid houses and some handsome churches. Yet there's a joy in meandering through its four sleepy **settlements**, or watching islanders set the world to rights over espressos.

I pause for an alfresco octopus salad and beer at Al Gatto Rosso, just a thin pontoon between me and the water, before proceeding in wobblier fashion along the curving stone sea wall to Ca'Roman, a small nature reserve at Pellestrina's southern end. Wandering along its empty forest paths, I encounter more abandoned Nazi bunkers than fellow walkers.

The itinerary suggests also riding up the Lido island, further north, but since I'm only an out-of-shape, occasional cyclist I decide against that. Instead, with bum pained and energy drained, I leave the bike at the hotel and make the 90-minute journey to Venice on foot - via bus, ferry and vaporetti towards Venice's spires and silvery domes.

I roam Venice's quieter corners: the student-trawled periphery of stately Salute, grittier Castello's striking squares and glorified, wide towpaths in Cannaregio's northern reaches. The Rialto Bridge exerts an irresistible pull, offering undeniably idyllic views, but how horribly, overwhelmingly busy it feels to me after Chioggia and Pellestrina. Dozens of tourists elbow, inch or nudge their way into photo spots with no regard for personal space.

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### Fun things to do in Venice

The Lido is quieter, perhaps because today's clouds have undermined its star attraction: a long, lovely sandy Adriatic beach with hundreds of huts. There's no one in the leafy Jewish cemetery either, where orange and palm trees shade tombs. Once more, a dreamy **peace** reigns, interrupted only by snorts of distant Vespas or shrill birdsong.

The reliable 11 bus then speeds me south to where I might have cycled, past the grand

#### Hotel Excelsion

's red-brick fantasia, past stilted houses and an outdoor sculpture museum.

Posterior pains eased, I get back in the saddle a day later and follow a circular version of the tourist board's Chioggia cycling route, which soon deserts the lagoon altogether by heading further south. It takes me to the neighbouring, newer town of Sottomarina, which has a six-mile sandy shore famed for its iodine-rich air, beneficial to ailing lungs. I could have pedalled along the pier-like sea wall, but instead I continue through plain suburbs.

Just before I cross the Brenta River, something surprising appears. Can it be? Surely not. But there's no doubt: it's a hill. Admittedly only a slight, brief incline, but nonetheless the first ascent I've had to tackle all trip. Luckily, this being Italy, there's also a bar so I do the sensible thing and have an espresso first.

Post-Brenta, a slumberous lane takes me along the pleasant Canal di Valle before another shadows the wider **Adige** River. It is delightful: barely a car passes me as I watch jays, then pause to spot radicchio plantations, sugarcane fields and lonely

casoni

buildings inland. Farmers once lived in these dinky shelters; now they mostly function as tool sheds.

The languid rural splendour gives way to Isola Verde, a beach village with funkily coloured (if ugly) apartment blocks. A few country lanes and one more riverside stretch later, and I'm almost home, the 20-odd miles having proved a breeze. On my left I spot Chioggia's port. According to recent news reports, millions of euros are being allocated to create a docking point here for surplus Venice cruise ships - surely a *threat* to Chioggia and its character.

I get a full dose of that charm as I finish my ride on its main street, Corso del Popolo. Thursday is market day, but this Saturday still sees a fair number of stalls selling regional breads or cheeses. Some people are sipping wine outside aperitivo bars, others stroll and gossip, disappearing down narrow side streets. I slowly weave around them before stopping beneath Torre di Sant'Andrea, whose blue clock dates from at least 1386 and might well be the world's oldest working example.

Up by Piazzetta Vigo, opposite that white-marble Ponte di Vigo bridge, mollusc, scallop and sea-snail shells hang on twine outside a souvenir shop; breezes coming off the nearby lagoon make them tinkle like a foreboding Venetian remake of

The Wicker Man

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A celebratory last-night dinner is called for. Many of Chioggia's posher restaurants have Venice-like prices, but the casual Bacareto da Morgan is more reasonable. Sitting canalside, I order cicchetti (Venetian small plates, from 1.20) with a Chioggiotto twist: radicchio meatballs, marinated sardines, three buttery scallops. Around me are families and couples on seemingly successful dates; a fisherman bobs past, shouting fondly to his friend.

Before bed, I loiter on the lagoon edge and gaze north. Venice is out there somewhere, as magnificent and preposterous as ever. Yet I'm perfectly content here, in its almost forgotten predecessor.

Richard Mellor was a guest of the Lidi di Chioggia tourist board Lidi di Chioggia tourist board , Turismo Venezia Turismo Venezia and Hotel Grande Italia Hotel Grande Italia , which has B&B doubles from £103; bike hire from £8.50. Seven nights' B&B on a self-guided cycling trip from Lake Garda to Venice from £1,645pp, including bike hire ( skedaddle.com skedaddle.com )

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Best view: T Fondaco dei Tedeschi

This 16th-century trading hall beside the Rialto bridge was turned into a posh department store in 2016. Head to the rooftop terrace for a peerless bird's-eye view of the Rialto and Grand Canal, past the domes of San Marco and campanili galore to the shimmering Dolomites in the distance. Book ahead online.

Details

#### dfs.com

Best artisan shopping: Paolo Olbi and Paolo Pelosin

Don't buy anything at the Fondaco; put your money into local hands. Both Paolos work with paper: Pelosin in Campiello dei Meloni, on San Polo's main drag, marbles it before wrapping it around notebooks and boxes at his store, Il Pavone. Olbi, in his shop beside Ca' Foscari university, binds everything from diaries to bins with his block-printed Byzantine and Venetian motifs.

**Details** 

#### olbi.atspace.com

; Il Pavone, Campiello dei Meloni 1478

Best cicchetti: Schiavi

Alessandra De Respinis is the undisputed queen of cicchetti, Venice's finger food. At her bar/wine shop Schiavi you'll find crostini with inventive toppings - tuna with horseradish and radicchio perhaps - dusted with ingredients such as pomegranate seeds, flowers or cocoa powder.

**Details** 

Cicchetti from £1.30;

#### cantinaschiavi.com

Best seafood: Trattoria al Gatto Nero

Enjoyed your meal? Thank your neighbour, who is likely the one who caught it. Burano's Bovo family runs a truly inclusive joint where Cruise, Clooney et al dine with the island's fishermen. Try the sublime risotto alla buranella, made with lagoon goby fish.

Details

Mains from £15;

gattonero.com Best museum: Museo Fortuny

Closed after the November 2019 flood, the designer Mariano Fortuny's old home and atelier has finally reopened and it's as mind-blowing as ever: a 15th-century gothic palazzo lined from top to bottom with Fortuny's opulent textiles. Don't miss his signature Delphos dress, one of the many fashion pieces on display.

Details

£9.30;

fortuny.visitmuve.it

Best church: San Lazzaro dei Mendicanti

Tacked onto a hospital, this lovely, unassuming church is classic Venice. There's a gaudy Tintoretto (depicting St Ursula and her parade of virgins) and a moody crucifixion by Veronese, but even they are outshone by the swaggering 17th-century funerary monument of Alvise Mocenigo - a baroque, sculpted depiction of his victories on sea and land, with ships lurching drunkenly.

**Details** 

Fondamenta dei Mendicanti 30122

Best budget meal: Orient Experience

Fast, cheap and delicious - there are few better budget places than this one in Cannaregio. It's owned and staffed by refugees, and all the recipes come from their homelands. Go for the five-course platter; the

aashak

(Afghan vegetable dumplings) and

dajaj

(chicken thighs with potato and lemon from Syria) are superb.

Details

Five courses £13;

orientexperience.it Best hotel: Casa Burano

You'll see a different side of the tourist-swarmed lagoon at Casa Burano, an

albergo diffuso

("scattered hotel"), where the rooms are dotted around five fishermen's houses on the island of Burano. The sunrise over the glassy water is unforgettable.

Details

B&B doubles from £120;

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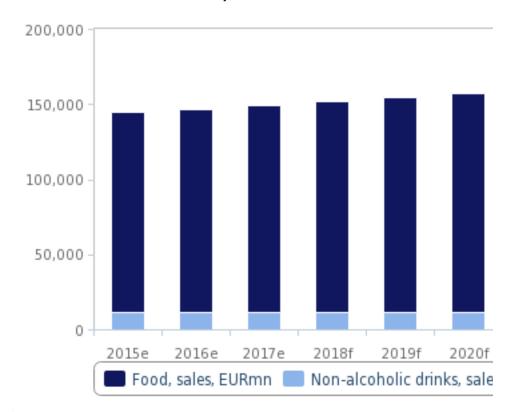
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**Highlight:** The Italian food and drink market shows promising potential as rising household spending levels translate into higher consumption patterns. This is a reflection of Italy's strong food culture, with Italians placing great importance on fresh and high-quality ingredients and home cooking. Consumer <u>demand</u> for more modern retail formats is seeing a number of new players entering the Italian MGR sector, particularly in the discount <u>channels</u>.

# **Body**

BMI View: Italy's food and drinks market is gradually attracting greater investment as a more stable economic outlook in the country translates to rising household spending rates and higher food and drink consumption. **Demand** for modern and convenient retail formats is increasing and a number of new supermarkets are in development across the country, including the entry of new regional chains as confidence in the growth potential on offer in the market improves. The positive market outlook is predicated on Italy maintaining its economic recovery and any downturn would impact heavily on the somewhat tentative forecasts for growth.

Food and Drink Spending (2015-2022)



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Latest Updates And Industry Developments There are positive signals coming from the Italian economy as the recovery strengthens, driven to a significant extent by the broader upswing across major trading partners. However, with structural reform momentum stalled and 2018 general elections unlikely to produce a reform-minded government, longer-term growth potential will remain subdued. Total food sales in Italy are forecast to increase by 1.5% in 2018 (in local currency terms) to reach a total of EUR140.4bn. Annual average growth rates will then slowly increase reaching 2% by the end of our forecast period in 2022. In 2018 the non-alcoholic drinks market in Italy is expected to be relatively stagnant rising by 0.9% in local currency terms. Through to 2022 the average annual growth rate will increase marginally. Soft drinks and carbonated drinks will outperform the market average through to 2022. Total alcohol consumption in Italy is expected to increase by 1.5% in 2018 standing at per capita consumption of 84.5 litres. Wine will continue to account for over half of total alcohol consumption. By 2022 per capita consumption will rise to 88.3 litres. German discounter Aldi Sud is to open its first ten stores in Italy at the beginning of March 2018 in the northern regions, Emilia-Romagna, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Lombardy, Trentino-Alto Adige and Veneto. These are then to be followed by at least another 35 before the end of 2018. In December 2017 Campari announced the acquisition of Cognac brand Bisquit Dubouche from Distell Group in South Africa for EUR52.5mn. The acquisition is a continuation of Campari's efforts to focus on its core spirits brands. In January 2018, Italian based confectionery manufacturer Ferrero announced a deal to acquire Nestle's confectionery business in the USA in a deal worth CHF2.8bn. The acquisition of the Nestle assets will make Ferrero the third largest confectionery company in the States. In February 2018 it was announced that Leader Price discount stores will open in Italy as the result of an agreement between French retailer Casino and local retailer Crai. Reportedly the first stores will open in the second quarter of the year in the north of the country

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# Banca Popolare dell' Alto Adige SpA (Volksbank) Assigned ESG Evaluation Of 66; Preparedness Adequate

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S&P Global Ratings today assignedBanca Popolare dell'Alto <u>Adige</u> SpA(Volksbank) an environmental, social, and governance (ESG) Evaluation of 66. OurVolksbank ESG Evaluationis the result of an ESG profile of 66 combined with an adequate preparedness. Higher numbers indicate stronger sustainability in our evaluations.

The ESG Evaluation of 66 reflects Volksbank's specificities as a regional bank. The bank's defining local anchorage translates into a tailored governance structure with community leaders at the board, strong and long-lasting relationships with the communities in which it operates, and lower exposure to environmental and social risks relative to the wider banking industry. Volksbank has recently started factoring ESG into its lending and investment activities and across its supply chain, including several environmental factors, such as waste and <u>water</u> usage, as well as social and governance aspects like equal pay, safety management, and ESG reporting. Although the bank has clear plan and quantified objectives, it has yet to fully deploy and implement its ESG tools and policies.

Volksbank's recent efforts to embed ESG deeper into everyday operations and strategy formulation demonstrate its leadership's adequate preparedness to identify and adapt to the banking industry's long-term risks and opportunities.

Volksbank is a commercial bank headquartered in Bolzano, Italy. The bank had 159 branches in the provinces of Bolzano, Belluno, Padua, Pordenone, Trento, Treviso, Venice, and Vicenza at year-end 2021, and generated revenue of €321 million. Like other regional banks focusing on retail customers and small and medium-sized enterprises, Volksbank derives a large portion of its recurring revenue from net interest income (close to 55% in 2021) and <u>commissions</u> from banking services (close to 20%), and to lesser extent from offering wealth management products.

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Second, we assess the entity's long-term preparedness, namely its capacity to anticipate and adapt to a variety of long-term plausible disruptions.

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## **Body**

Chaotic scenes erupted Thursday as trains packed with Syrian refugees were halted at a station outside the Hungarian capital, Budapest, in the latest setback for desperate families seeking to reach Western Europe.

Police gathered at the side of the track as the trains abruptly stopped at Bicske.

A CNN crew on one of the trains said the families -- who boarded hoping to travel to Austria or ultimately Germany - were refusing to get off despite suffocating heat and limited food and *water*.

Some youths and men were holding on to the handles of train cars in case police attempted to board and remove them forcibly. Meanwhile, parents fanned their crying children in an attempt to cool them down.

Tents and desks had been set up near the station in what the migrants feared was a relocation camp to transfer them to a nearby refugee center.

The trains had left Budapest, destination unknown, after the city's main Keleti station -- packed with weary migrants and refugees who've been waiting for days to travel onward to Western Europe -- reopened in the morning.

Only domestic trains are leaving the station, Hungarian government spokesman Zoltan Kovacs told CNN earlier.

U.N. official: European leaders have explaining to do

In recent days, Keleti station has become a focal point of the crisis engulfing parts of Europe as an unprecedented wave of people -- mostly refugees fleeing **conflict** in Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan -- seek to reach Northern and Western Europe.

Most every European country has been affected in some way. And leaders and citizens around the continent, for the most part, have adopted positions that they hope will deal with the crisis.

Hungary is more a transit point than an end destination on a long journey north from Greece to wealthier nations such as Austria and Germany, where they hope to claim asylum. Still, it's been inundated. U.N. refugee agency spokesman Babar Baloch said there have been 140,000 asylum applications filed in Hungary since January, with about 2,000 new arrivals daily.

Previously, these migrants were allowed to move on, according to Baloch. But not anymore, with Kovacs saying these migrants are free to travel to holding camps in Hungary, but won't be able to board an international train service.

Why?

"We don't know," said Baloch, the U.N. spokesman. "That needs to be answered by European leaders."

Hungarian authorities have said that under EU legislation, they can't allow people to travel without the proper documentation -- a valid passport, a ticket and any necessary visas.

Hungarian railway operator MAV said Thursday it had decided not to run direct trains from Budapest toward Western Europe "for safety reasons." International tickets will be accepted on domestic trains, it said.

Migrants hesitant to head to camps

There was wide unease among the families on the train boarded by CNN's crew as it pulled away, but many said they just couldn't stay at the Keleti station any longer.

Few want to go to the migrant camps set up by authorities, however, fearing that once there they may not be able to continue on to other European Union states -- and that they won't be treated with respect there.

Hungarian authorities said the camps provide shelter, food and water to those in need. But a number of migrants have said they were traumatized by their treatment at camps on the country's border with Serbia.

Some recounted a shortage of water and said that when it was provided, bottles were thrown into the crowds of people, *forcing* them to scramble like animals to get some.

Members of one Syrian family on the train told CNN they had been on the road for two months, having fled <u>war</u> at home, and are hungry, dirty and running out of money.

The dramatic scenes in Hungary come a day after the photo of a toddler's lifeless body -- one of 12 people who drowned off Turkey and washed up on a beach -- dominated headlines around Europe.

The 3-year-old boy has been identified as Aylan Kurdi, a Syrian Kurd whose family was trying to find sanctuary in Canada. The boy's brother, Galip, and their mother, Rehen, also died, according to Fin Donnelly, a member of the Canadian Parliament.

Prime Minister: 'Don't criticize Hungary'

On Thursday, Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban was meeting with other EU members to figure out how to cope with the emergency.

Speaking to reporters in Brussels, Belgium, alongside European Parliament President Martin Schulz, Orban said the situation was not of his country's making.

"The problem is not a European problem; the problem is a German problem," he said.

Germany's government said last month it expected up to 800,000 asylum seekers to come this year -- four times more than in 2014. But, Orban said, German Chancellor Angela Merkel has said that they must be registered before leaving Hungary.

"All of them would like to go to Germany; our job is only to register them," Orban said.

Without strict border controls, EU migrant quotas are "an invitation" for migrants to come, he said. "Turkey is a safe country, why don't you stay there?" he said, adding that migrants who reach Serbia should also stay put.

Hungary's right-wing government has faced criticism for erecting a barbed-wire fence along its more than 100-mile border with Serbia in a bid to prevent migrants' crossing illegally as they make their way north.

Strangers in their own country -- now in Serbia

But Orban said his country was just trying to enforce EU rules and that new measures would be in place shortly. "Don't criticize Hungary for what is being done. Let Hungary do the job as it is written in the European regulations," he said.

Schulz warned the EU must work together. "This is a crucial moment for the European Union," he said. "A deeper split of the union is a risk."

While European leaders struggle to come up with a coherent plan, the men, women and children caught up in the crisis continue to suffer.

On Wednesday, some refugees in Budapest held up scraps of paper: "Help Syrians," they read. "Babies are tired."

"We hope you will save us," a Syrian refugee named Houriye told CNN. "I beg you to save us."

Mahmoud, a chemical engineer, said he was a successful businessman until he lost it all to Syria's <u>war</u>. The face of his 4-year-old son is scratched from a fall at a border crossing.

"It's too tough for me to see my family like this," he said.

How you can help in the migrant crisis

EU foreign policy chief urges 'united' action

France and Germany are sending common proposals to the EU to organize the welcome and fair distribution of refugees in Europe, the French President said in a *statement*.

French President François Hollande and Germany's Merkel stressed the need to reinforce the European asylum system to ensure the return of migrants who are in an irregular situation to their country of origin and to support countries of origin and transit, the Élysée Palace said.

Speaking in Paris, Hollande said it was "time to act" to prevent more tragedies such as the death of Aylan Kurdi -- and that some countries not doing enough must step up and shoulder their share of the burden.

The EU's foreign policy chief, Federica Mogherini, urged "united" action Wednesday and said the issue would be part of the next EU foreign ministers' meeting on Friday and Saturday. The EU <u>Commission</u> was meeting to prepare new proposals.

EU Council President Donald Tusk warned of a divide between Eastern and Western European nations in the way they handle the situation.

"Some member states are thinking about containing the wave of migration, symbolized by the controversial Hungarian fence. Others expect greater solidarity in advocating ... a so-called obligatory basis for quotas," he said.

See the latest from CNN teams in the field

Joyful refugees reach Germany

Germany's government has been more accepting of asylum seekers than some, but political leaders there have had to contend with xenophobic *protests*.

The German Chancellor said Monday that her country must show "flexibility" when it comes to dealing with the crisis.

Caught in the middle of the confusion are the desperate men and women, with children in tow, who have fled <u>wars</u> in Syria and Iraq to embark on fraught, sometimes deadly voyages by land or across the Mediterranean Sea.

Tired, hungry, weak from the heat, those who arrived in Munich this week spoke of harrowing journeys -- and the joy of finally making it to Germany.

"It was so hard for us. It took a very long time," said a woman from Afghanistan. "Especially in Hungary, it was very difficult to get through Hungary. We had almost no food and water."

Many refugees welcome: Citizens of Germany, Iceland show the way

Border controls reinstated

EU rules usually allow people with proper documentation to travel through much of the EU without border checks -but the current influx of migrants has led to extraordinary measures in some places.

Italian authorities on Wednesday said they were temporarily reinstating border controls at the Italian-Austrian line in the Alto <u>Adige</u> region after Bavarian authorities in Germany requested them to do so because they are "overwhelmed" by the influx of migrants, according to a <u>statement</u> by Italy's Bolzano prefecture.

Bavaria has had a great number of refugees arriving mainly from the Balkan route, and the situation is getting difficult to handle, the Italian *statement* said.

Czech authorities, meanwhile, said they have started to remove migrants from trains.

In the United Kingdom, Prime Minister David Cameron has come under new pressure to offer shelter to more refugees from the Middle East after saying the best policy was to focus on bringing *peace* to the region.

The Council of Europe commissioner for human rights, Nils Muiznieks, said that Cameron's position "seriously concerned" him.

"The truth is that at the moment the UK is doing much less than other European countries, like Germany or Sweden, which give refuge to thousands of Syrians," Muiznieks said in a <u>statement</u>.

An online petition calling for the UK Parliament to accept more asylum seekers has passed the 100,000 mark required to ensure debate.

"We can't allow refugees who have risked their lives to escape horrendous **conflict** and violence to be left living in dire, unsafe and inhumane conditions in Europe. We must help," the petition states.

In Iceland, citizens have also called online for their government to take in more Syrian refugees.

Things to know about Europe's migrant crisis

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## Canal cycling worth a song

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Arriving in Chioggia at the end of our fourth day, I was caught up in Norwegian celebrations. Most of the cyclists on this Italian route are couples from Oslo, who enliven meal times with hearty choruses of O Tannenbaum.

Having avoided falling into the picturesque <u>canals</u>, they stowed their bicycles and made for our boat's dining room to continue the celebrations.

It's a mystery to me why cyclists are so friendly. My companions come from Norway, Denmark, North America and New Zealand, but they have treated me like family just because I'm cycling from Mantua to Venice on an orange bike like theirs.

We're all sleeping and eating on board Ave Maria, a new purpose-built canal boat **commissioned** by Girolibero, the Italian company that leads cycling tours through the Veneto.

Over five days we've covered 230km. Every night we've been tucked up in 20 compact cabins with our cycles stored in special racks. It's a great way to see the birdlife of the Po delta and the Brenta and <u>Adige</u> rivers, as well as cities such as Chioggia, at the southern end of the Venetian lagoon, which I'd never visited.

I join our group for a walk around Chioggia, led by Martina, our tour guide. She takes us through the fish market and warns us about the locals.

"The people here are slightly eccentric. You must never say that Chioggia is like Venice. They don't like Venice. They were here first."

Say it or not, Chioggia is like Venice. It has canals and palazzi and rioterras and a cathedral designed by the man who built Santa Maria della Salute.

It even has a small Venetian lion on top of a column (known locally as "the cat" because the sculptor got the dimensions wrong).

Instead of gondolas, Chioggia has fishing boats that moor in the city centre. And unlike Venice, it has a few narrow streets of traffic.

Chioggia also has history. We're taken to meet Luciano Bellemo, a jovial historian who is custodian at the clock tower of Chiesa San Andrea.

#### Canal cycling worth a song

The church interior is unusual, with plaster hacked off to a height of 4m (the result of salt seeping up from its foundations), but its Torre dell'Orologio contains the oldest working clock in Europe, constructed in 1386.

Two floors up, Luciano shows us cupboards stuffed full of bundled vellum documents. He pushes it into the hands of a couple from Seattle.

"This dates from the mid-15th century," he announces, "before Columbus found America."

Other pieces of history are passed around. In most countries these manuscripts would be behind glass, but here they're just bundled into unlocked drawers.

We're led to the fifth floor to find the clock, which looks satisfyingly ancient. Luciano encourages one of the Norwegian women to set the mechanism going by raising one on its rope. It ticks away obligingly.

Back at Ave Maria it's time to island-hop to Pellestrina, one of the long spits of land that act as a barrier between the Venetian lagoon and the Adriatic.

She's a reliable, low watercraft, plodding along at 13km/h.

Captain Luciano drops us just south of the village of Pellestrina, where we offload our 20 orange bikes and set off behind Martina along the sea wall.

In a brightly painted village square, Martina calls a halt in case anyone wants ice cream. I take a look at the church of Ognissanti, which also has exposed brickwork, but has decorated its naked pillars with temporary tabards of red flocked wallpaper.

Heading north in our orange convoy, we pass fishermen working on their boats. Overnight, huge prow-mounted conveyor belts have scooped up clams from the lagoon and now they're being parcelled up in bags for market. The ragazzi find it hilarious when several women dismount to photograph them at work.

Further on lies the Venetian Fort of San Pietro in Volta, built to guard the lagoon from Genoese and Turkish attack. The going is easy: few cars and no gradients.

Finally, we reach the ferry for Lido Island and pile on board: 20 bikes, several cars, two buses and an ambulance for the 10 minute journey to the Lido village of Alberoni. Tonight we will get our first sight of Venice. I've been here by car, plane and train, but this time the travel will have been as much fun as the arrival. - The Independent

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Ex-Marine found not guilty in four killings

<u>RIVERSIDE</u>, Calif. - A former Marine accused of killing unarmed Iraqi detainees was acquitted of voluntary manslaughter Thursday in a first-of-its-kind federal trial.

The jury took six hours to find Jose Luis Nazario Jr. not guilty of charges that he killed or caused others to kill four unarmed detainees on Nov. 9, 2004, in Fallujah, Iraq, during some of the fiercest *fighting* of the *war*.

The verdict left the 28-year-old defendant in tears. He cried so loud that the judge smacked his gavel to call for order. Nazario's family and friends also sobbed in the courtroom.

Thursday's verdict marks the first time a civilian jury has determined whether the alleged actions of a former military service member in combat violated the law of *war*.

One of the jurors, Ingrid Wicken, hugged Nazario's sobbing mother.

Unusually honest ad attracts nanny anyway

NEW YORK - It was an unusually honest ad for a live-in nanny, a 1,000-word tome beginning, "My kids are a pain." But it worked, attracting a brave soul who's never been a nanny before.

"If you cannot multitask, or communicate without being passive aggressive, don't even bother replying," Rebecca Land Soodak, a mother of four on Manhattan's Upper East Side, wrote Aug. 19 in her advertisement on Craigslist.

"I can be a tad difficult to work for. I'm loud, pushy and while I used to think we paid well, I am no longer sure."

This being the age of instant communications, the ad took on a life of its own, making the rounds of parenting blogs and e-mail inboxes and inspiring an article in Thursday's New York Times.

Soodak, a 40-year-old painter whose husband owns a wine store, eventually hired Christina Wynn, a 25-year-old University of Virginia graduate, to take care of Rubin, 12; Ellis, 9; and Shay and Cassie, both 6.

"I made a commitment to stay in the job for at least a year," Wynn told the Times.

Despite outcry, crucified frog still on display

#### **National Briefs**

ROME - An art museum in northern Italy said Thursday it will continue displaying a sculpture portraying a green frog nailed to a cross that has angered Pope Benedict XVI and local officials.

The board of the foundation of the Museion in the city of Bolzano voted to keep the work by the late German artist Martin Kippenberger, the museum said in a <u>statement</u>.

Earlier in August the pope had written a letter to Franz Pahl, the president of the Trentino-Alto <u>Adige</u> region that includes Bolzano, denouncing the sculpture.

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## Congress MLA KR Ramesh Kumar under fire for rape comment in assembly

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Former assembly speaker and Congress MLA KR Ramesh Kumar came under fire for making a controversial rape comment on the floor of the House on Thursday. The present Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri, however, laughed it away. The Speaker on Thursday said he was unable to bring the Assembly under control even as MLAs continued to speak one after another on the recent spate of *floods* and crop losses. "I have decided to give up on trying to control and streamline this situation...I'll just let them talk," Speaker Hegde said. In February 2019, when KR Ramesh Kumar was the assembly Speaker, he courted controversy by saying that he felt like a "rape victim". He had then stated that, "My situation is like that of a rape victim. The rape happened just once. If you had left it at that, it would have passed. When you complain that a rape has happened, the accused is put in jail. But his lawyers ask how did it happen? When did it happen and how many times? The rape happens once but you get raped 100 times in the court. This is my condition." Congress MLA Dr Anjali Nimbalkar took to social media *demanding* that the House should apologise to the entire womanhood, every mother, sister & daughter of this nation for such obnoxious & shameless behaviour.

The House shall apologise to entire womanhood, every mother, sister & daughter of this nation for such an obnoxious & shameless behaviour <u>@INCIndia @INCKarnataka @BJP4India @BJP4Karnataka @MahilaCongress @BJPMahilaMorcha pic.twitter.com/wPKbnxJlnp</u> - Dr. Anjali Nimbalkar (@DrAnjaliTai) <u>December 16, 2021</u>

Another Congress MLA Sowmya Reddy said this is "just NOT ok," adding that there "needs to be an apology".

This is just NOT ok. There needs to be an apology <a href="https://t.co/Wba0KnpOKZ">https://t.co/Wba0KnpOKZ</a> - Sowmya | (@Sowmyareddyr)</a> December 16, 2021

Activist Brinda <u>Adige</u> hit out at the Congress MLA saying, "How much more shameful can this kind of a talk be in the Assembly where women voters have sent these fellows, voting and paying our taxes? Don't they know that rape is the most heinous, brutal and violent crime against women? Wasn't KPCC president supposed to suspend the MLA and not give him a ticket so that he does not stand for election. This is not acceptable in a democracy."

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## Paris ends Italian ski team's drought with win on home snow

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BORMIO, Italy - Dominik Paris dominated on home snow in a World Cup downhill Thursday to end the season-long podium *drought* for Italy's men's team.

Paris won by a slim 0.04-second margin ahead of Aksel Lund Svindal of Norway on the **demanding** Stelvio course, which was softer than usual due to heavy snowfall a day earlier.

Kjetil Jansrud of Norway finished third, 0.17 seconds behind.

It was the ninth career win and second in Bormio for Paris, a muscular skier who has also claimed the feared downhill in Kitzbuehel, Austria, twice.

Svindal and Jansrud had already completed their runs and were preparing to celebrate when Paris came down and got the crowd roaring by leading through the first two checkpoints. Paris trailed slightly at the last split but was able to carry his speed through the final zig-zag turns - when lactic acid was bursting through his muscles - and create a minimal advantage.

The Italian's speed topped out at 129.7 kph (80 mph).

At the finish, Paris pumped his fists and waved to the crowd as the circuit returned to Bormio after a three-year absence.

"The two Norwegians are always fast so you've got to pull out something extra to beat them," Paris said. "Today I was able to and now I hope I can do it in the next races, too."

The start of the race was delayed for 45 minutes while course workers finished clearing the 40 centimetres (16 inches) of snow that fell on the piste Wednesday.

"I'm always happy when it snows. In winter you need snow," said Paris, who comes from the Val d'Ultimo in Italy's German-speaking Alto *Adige* region.

Downhill world champion Beat Feuz of Switzerland finished fourth and Hannes Reichelt of Austria was fifth.

Paris also won this race in 2012, when he shared victory with Reichelt by 0.01 seconds ahead of Svindal in one of the tightest podiums in skiing history.

"Faster is faster," Paris said of the continually tight margins on the Stelvio.

#### Paris ends Italian ski team's drought with win on home snow

Svindal, who had won the previous two downhills, still leads the discipline standings.

With the sun moving in and out behind clouds and the course mostly in the shade to begin with, there were several ugly falls.

Dominik Schwaiger of Germany was airlifted off the course and brought to a local hospital with unspecified injuries after a high-speed crash. Guillermo Fayed and Matthieu of France were dealing with various bruises after similar falls and Travis Ganong of the United States was getting his knee checked at the U.S. team hotel.

An Alpine combined race is scheduled for the Stelvio on Friday.

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## **Body**

BICSKE, Hungary (CNN) -- Chaotic scenes erupted Thursday as trains packed with Syrian refugees were halted at a station outside the Hungarian capital, Budapest, in the latest setback for desperate families seeking to reach Western Europe.

Police gathered at the side of the track as the trains abruptly stopped at Bicske.

A CNN crew on one of the trains said the families -- who boarded hoping to travel to Austria or ultimately Germany - were refusing to get off despite suffocating heat and limited food and *water*.

Some youths and men were holding on to the handles of train cars in case police attempted to board and remove them forcibly. Meanwhile, parents fanned their crying children in an attempt to cool them down.

Tents and desks had been set up near the station in what the migrants feared was a relocation camp to transfer them to a nearby refugee center.

The trains had left Budapest, destination unknown, after the city's main Keleti station -- packed with weary migrants and refugees who've been waiting for days to travel onward to Western Europe -- reopened in the morning.

Only domestic trains are leaving the station, Hungarian government spokesman Zoltan Kovacs told CNN earlier.

U.N. official: European leaders have explaining to do

In recent days, Keleti station has become a focal point of the crisis engulfing parts of Europe as an unprecedented wave of people -- mostly refugees fleeing **conflict** in Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan -- seek to reach Northern and Western Europe.

Most every European country has been affected in some way. And leaders and citizens around the continent, for the most part, have adopted positions that they hope will deal with the crisis.

Hungary is more a transit point than an end destination on a long journey north from Greece to wealthier nations such as Austria and Germany, where they hope to claim asylum. Still, it's been inundated. U.N. refugee agency spokesman Babar Baloch said there have been 140,000 asylum applications filed in Hungary since January, with about 2,000 new arrivals daily.

Previously, these migrants were allowed to move on, according to Baloch. But not anymore, with Kovacs saying these migrants are free to travel to holding camps in Hungary, but won't be able to board an international train service.

Why?

"We don't know," said Baloch, the U.N. spokesman. "That needs to be answered by European leaders."

Hungarian authorities have said that under EU legislation, they can't allow people to travel without the proper documentation -- a valid passport, a ticket and any necessary visas.

Hungarian railway operator MAV said Thursday it had decided not to run direct trains from Budapest toward Western Europe "for safety reasons." International tickets will be accepted on domestic trains, it said.

Migrants hesitant to head to camps

There was wide unease among the families on the train boarded by CNN's crew as it pulled away, but many said they just couldn't stay at the Keleti station any longer.

Few want to go to the migrant camps set up by authorities, however, fearing that once there they may not be able to continue on to other European Union states -- and that they won't be treated with respect there.

Hungarian authorities said the camps provide shelter, food and water to those in need. But a number of migrants have said they were traumatized by their treatment at camps on the country's border with Serbia.

Some recounted a shortage of water and said that when it was provided, bottles were thrown into the crowds of people, *forcing* them to scramble like animals to get some.

Members of one Syrian family on the train told CNN they had been on the road for two months, having fled <u>war</u> at home, and are hungry, dirty and running out of money.

The dramatic scenes in Hungary come a day after the photo of a toddler's lifeless body -- one of 12 people who drowned off Turkey and washed up on a beach -- dominated headlines around Europe.

The 3-year-old boy has been identified as Aylan Kurdi, a Syrian Kurd whose family was trying to find sanctuary in Canada. The boy's brother, Galip, and their mother, Rehen, also died, according to Fin Donnelly, a member of the Canadian Parliament.

Prime Minister: 'Don't criticize Hungary'

On Thursday, Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban was meeting with other EU members to figure out how to cope with the emergency.

Speaking to reporters in Brussels, Belgium, alongside European Parliament President Martin Schulz, Orban said the situation was not of his country's making.

"The problem is not a European problem; the problem is a German problem," he said.

Germany's government said last month it expected up to 800,000 asylum seekers to come this year -- four times more than in 2014. But, Orban said, German Chancellor Angela Merkel has said that they must be registered before leaving Hungary.

"All of them would like to go to Germany; our job is only to register them," Orban said.

Without strict border controls, EU migrant quotas are "an invitation" for migrants to come, he said. "Turkey is a safe country, why don't you stay there?" he said, adding that migrants who reach Serbia should also stay put.

Hungary's right-wing government has faced criticism for erecting a barbed-wire fence along its more than 100-mile border with Serbia in a bid to prevent migrants' crossing illegally as they make their way north.

But Orban said his country was just trying to enforce EU rules and that new measures would be in place shortly. "Don't criticize Hungary for what is being done. Let Hungary do the job as it is written in the European regulations," he said.

Schulz warned the EU must work together. "This is a crucial moment for the European Union," he said. "A deeper split of the union is a risk."

While European leaders struggle to come up with a coherent plan, the men, women and children caught up in the crisis continue to suffer.

On Wednesday, some refugees in Budapest held up scraps of paper: "Help Syrians," they read. "Babies are tired."

"We hope you will save us," a Syrian refugee named Houriye told CNN. "I beg you to save us."

Mahmoud, a chemical engineer, said he was a successful businessman until he lost it all to Syria's <u>war</u>. The face of his 4-year-old son is scratched from a fall at a border crossing.

"It's too tough for me to see my family like this," he said.

EU foreign policy chief urges 'united' action

France and Germany are sending common proposals to the EU to organize the welcome and fair distribution of refugees in Europe, the French President said in a <u>statement</u>.

French President François Hollande and Germany's Merkel stressed the need to reinforce the European asylum system to ensure the return of migrants who are in an irregular situation to their country of origin and to support countries of origin and transit, the Élysée Palace said.

Speaking in Paris, Hollande said it was "time to act" to prevent more tragedies such as the death of Aylan Kurdi -- and that some countries not doing enough must step up and shoulder their share of the burden.

The EU's foreign policy chief, Federica Mogherini, urged "united" action Wednesday and said the issue would be part of the next EU foreign ministers' meeting on Friday and Saturday. The EU **Commission** was meeting to prepare new proposals.

EU Council President Donald Tusk warned of a divide between Eastern and Western European nations in the way they handle the situation.

"Some member states are thinking about containing the wave of migration, symbolized by the controversial Hungarian fence. Others expect greater solidarity in advocating ... a so-called obligatory basis for quotas," he said.

Joyful refugees reach Germany

Germany's government has been more accepting of asylum seekers than some, but political leaders there have had to contend with xenophobic *protests*.

The German Chancellor said Monday that her country must show "flexibility" when it comes to dealing with the crisis.

Caught in the middle of the confusion are the desperate men and women, with children in tow, who have fled <u>wars</u> in Syria and Iraq to embark on fraught, sometimes deadly voyages by land or across the Mediterranean Sea.

Tired, hungry, weak from the heat, those who arrived in Munich this week spoke of harrowing journeys -- and the joy of finally making it to Germany.

"It was so hard for us. It took a very long time," said a woman from Afghanistan. "Especially in Hungary, it was very difficult to get through Hungary. We had almost no food and water."

#### Border controls reinstated

EU rules usually allow people with proper documentation to travel through much of the EU without border checks -but the current influx of migrants has led to extraordinary measures in some places.

Italian authorities on Wednesday said they were temporarily reinstating border controls at the Italian-Austrian line in the Alto <u>Adige</u> region after Bavarian authorities in Germany requested them to do so because they are "overwhelmed" by the influx of migrants, according to a **statement** by Italy's Bolzano prefecture.

Bavaria has had a great number of refugees arriving mainly from the Balkan route, and the situation is getting difficult to handle, the Italian **statement** said.

Czech authorities, meanwhile, said they have started to remove migrants from trains.

In the United Kingdom, Prime Minister David Cameron has come under new pressure to offer shelter to more refugees from the Middle East after saying the best policy was to focus on bringing *peace* to the region.

The Council of Europe commissioner for human rights, Nils Muiznieks, said that Cameron's position "seriously concerned" him.

"The truth is that at the moment the UK is doing much less than other European countries, like Germany or Sweden, which give refuge to thousands of Syrians," Muiznieks said in a **statement**.

An online petition calling for the UK Parliament to accept more asylum seekers has passed the 100,000 mark required to ensure debate.

"We can't allow refugees who have risked their lives to escape horrendous **conflict** and violence to be left living in dire, unsafe and inhumane conditions in Europe. We must help," the petition states.

In Iceland, citizens have also called online for their government to take in more Syrian refugees.

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Venice flooding: Watch LIVE webcam of Italy tourist hotspot drowned by floods & heavy rain; THE Italian holiday hotspot of Venice is still affected by severe flooding after days of relentless rain caused tides to go up to almost record-breaking levels, forcing Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte to issue a state of emergency for the city.

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## **Body**

The northern Italian city of Venice as seen its worst **flooding** in more than 50 years, with two people reported to having died so far. More than 85 percent of Venice has been **flooded**, and a state of emergency was declared on Wednesday. City mayor Luigi Brugnaro described the **floods** as an "apocalyptic disaster". He said: "Venice has been tortured, but there are also other parts of the Veneto region besides Venice.

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The lagoon tide peaked at 6ft 2inches, the highest level recorded since 1966.

In 1966, the lagoon tide reached a record 194cm.

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In a <u>statement</u>, he wrote: "The disaster that hit Venice is a blow to the heart of our country. It hurts to see the city so damaged, its artistic heritage compromised, and its business activities so severely affected.

"I gave a clear signal to the authorities and local institutions I met this afternoon: the government is there for you. It is with Venice and Venetians.

"Tomorrow I will be in the city again, I will meet the local community and we will have another operational meeting in the Prefecture to see the real damage and to give the first solutions.

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"In the afternoon I will return to Rome for a Council of Ministers during which we will take charge of the request for a state of emergency.

"We are ready to allocate the first funds. I will also accelerate the structural solution to the problems, linked to the extraordinary maintenance of the barriers and the hydraulic systems.

"But it is not only Venice. In these hours many other regions are affected by this violent wave of bad weather.

"With the Head of Civil Protection, we are constantly monitoring the news from all over Italy.

"From the rest of the Veneto, as from Friuli Venezia Giulia, from Puglia to Trentino Alto <u>Adige</u>, from Naples to Matera and from other territories.

"On the Government's part, our attention is maximum."

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The city's famous Saint Mark's Square was flooded with more than a metre of water.

The Saint Mark's Basilica was also flooded, prompting fears for the priceless artwork inside.

Venice Archbishop Francesco Moraglia said: "The Basilica is suffering structural damage because the water has risen and so it's causing irreparable damage, especially when it dries out in the lower section of the mosaics and tiling."

"I have never seen anything like it. Venice is a wounded city, but it can't keep on being wounded every year in the same way."

The clear-up following the floods is expected to cost hundreds of millions of pounds.

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## **Body**

In the Alto <u>Adige</u> everyone is abroad - even the people who live there. The Alto <u>Adige</u> ("Upper <u>Adige</u>" after its most famous <u>river</u>) is the Italian name for the South Tyrol, where long, deep mountain valleys, dense forests, bubbling <u>rivers</u> and still, cold <u>lakes</u> spread across the landscape, guarded everywhere by the pink-grey walls of the Dolomites. It was Austrian but became part of Italy after the First World <u>War</u> when the two countries <u>fought</u> a bleak and merciless battle across its mountain terrain.

But becoming part of another country doesn't change the habits of centuries. This is Western Europe's melting heart where the cultures of Austria and Italy are inextricably mixed - plus a third element: the Ladin people who **settled** in its valleys long before nationalist aspirations claimed them, and whose language is still widely spoken.

As a result the towns and villages often have three names - German, Italian and Ladin. Reading the road signs can be a lengthy business. This is an area of Italy as different from the Neapolitan south as, say, Hamburg is from Nice - a corner of Europe that in summer the Brits rarely reach. It's a beautiful secret, as those who escape there know only too well.

Your spirits are set free here. There's nowhere that doesn't have a view and in summer you are overwhelmed by its **force** of nature. You can stand and admire, or better still, put on your hiking boots and march out to embrace it. That's what we did for 10 glorious August days.

We began in the Pustertal, close to the Austrian border in a town called Olang (if you're German) or Valdaora (if you're Italian). It may be Italy but 96 per cent of the population here speak German as their first language. Our hotel, the Hubertus, was packed with families from Rome and Naples who were escaping the suffocating August heat of the south by taking the mountain air. Gathering each morning after a hearty breakfast, they would set off into the countryside, their chattering voices fading as the Dolomite mountains enveloped them.

They were a striking contrast to their host, Herr Gasser, whose Tyrolean roots make him a very different sort of Italian national. Indeed, he frequently refers to his guests as "The Italians" - as if he weren't one himself.

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On Fridays, dressed in lederhosen and three-quarter socks, he drives up to the hotel's mountain hut. We and "The Italians" walked there - two hours up the steep mountainside - arriving to find him preparing our barbecue lunch. A glass of schnapps, a bottle of beer and three sausages later, Herr Gasser produced his accordion, encouraging his guests to accompany him in a selection of Tyrolean tunes by providing them with various pieces of equipment, including castanets and a motor horn. The sun shone, the local butcher turned up to watch with his magnificent Saint Bernard dog and we sat gazing out on a picture-book Alpine view, happily bewildered by the cultural stew being mixed before us.

To enjoy the Dolomites you have to walk. The best hikes take five or six hours and involve plenty of steep uphill climbs and a bit of rock scrambling once you get near the top. We set out one day, beyond the head of the nearby Antholz Lake, to walk up the Croda Rossa mountain - a long, steady, ever-ascending path that leads eventually to a pinnacle of red rock nearly 9,000ft high and a breathtaking 360-degree view of the mountain ranges beyond. Then the long downhill, gingerly at first to avoid slipping on loose shale and stone ("alvays walk down mit zee legs apart, knees bent", a German guide had instructed us), and then more confidently as the rock gave way to grass and our valley destination inched into view. Oh, the quiet relief of the moment when I spotted our car glinting patiently in the sun, just where we'd left it.

From the Pustertal we drove south for about an hour and a half into our next valley-home, Alta Badia. Our hotel there was an old friend, the Rosa Alpina in San Cassiano (Sankt Kassian, San Ciascian). The Italian influence in this area is stronger, although German and Ladin are still widely spoken.

The Rosa Alpina has been owned by the Pizzinini family since the late Thirties when Mariangel (Englebert in his early life when this was Austria) Pizzinini, convinced Mussolini's government, *intent* on a process of Italianisation in the region, that the fact he had 10 children would safeguard the hotel's future ownership. Hugo Pizzinini, his grandson and the present owner, is a passionate advocate of the quality of life in the Alto *Adige* - and the hotel's main restaurant, the Hubertus, which has two Michelin stars and a menu based on the traditional ingredients of the region.

Here, too, we went walking, this time advised by Hugo, himself a keen biker, hiker and general Dolomites-man-of-all-sports. The highlight was a five-hour excursion that took us on a winding trail up through a forest with constant glimpses of splendid mountains, on to a magnificent ridge walk that was one of the Alta Via Dolomiti, the high-level pathways that link the peaks and can take as long as a fortnight to complete in full. Three hours was enough for us before we paused at one of the mountain huts - a frequent feature in these parts. We lolled in the sun with a glass of weissbier and a plate of macaroni mixed with fresh woodland mushrooms before beginning the long descent home.

That night the village was en fête - as it is every two weeks during the summer - and at a stall, one of the hotel's chefs was cooking Kaiserschmarr'n, a light batter pudding served with plum compote, beloved of the Emperor Franz Joseph. We ate it of course - an Austrian delicacy that now belongs naturally to an Italian village. But the entertainments were not all bucolic. Next day we were invited to the Cortina Summer Party, where the jet set was out in *force*. As one local observed, never had so much Botox and silicone been gathered together in one Alpine field.

Leaving the mountains, we drove south again to round off our holiday near the foothills of the mountains, by the shores of Lake Iseo in Lombardy. This was Franciacorta, made famous in the last few decades by its production of Italy's answer to champagne - a wine that matches its surroundings: gentle, elegant and refined. Lake Iseo is not nearly as developed as its more famous neighbours, Lakes Garda and Maggiore, but has the largest lake island in Western Europe. Monte Isola rises 1,200ft out of the water and is home to nearly 2,000 people living in tiny villages dotted around it. The town of Iseo itself is a charming resort, slowly acquiring the trappings of greater refinement as people seek out an alternative to the overcrowded bigger lakes. There's even a rumour that George Clooney has had a nose around in the hope of finding something quieter than his present berth on Lake Como.

In the midst of all this was our hotel - L'Albereta - a lovely old villa in a wooded garden owned by the Moretti family, wealthy industrialists who have taken Franciacorta under their wing and now act as its committed protectors. They

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bought its finest winery - Bellavista - which these days produces more than a million bottles a year, stored in network of tunnels deep in the cool of the hillside, and persuaded the father of Italian cuisine, Gualtiero Marchesi, to open a restaurant at their hotel. Marchesi is 82 and has had more stars to his name than a planetarium. But he has given up all that. He always said he was a cuoco - a cook, not a chef - so now he simply prepares the food he loves in surroundings he enjoys, presiding each night over his discreet operation.

Daily activity here is at a rather slower pace than in the mountains. You can walk to the church at the top of Monte Isola, take a serene bike ride through the vineyards or play golf at the Franciacorta Golf Club (another Moretti institution). We were there towards the end of Northern Italy's hottest summer for years and were happy, after our exertions further north, to do very little. Franciacorta is good for that: it's a beautifully relaxing part of the world.

Italy, like the rest of Europe, grumbles a lot these days. Any conspicuous expenditure can lead to questions from the taxman about whether you've been honest about your income. But striding across a mountain ridge in the Dolomites or lounging on a terrace in the Franciacorta countryside transports you away from all that. Our economic woes are for now: the mountains, the rivers and the lakes are forever.

#### Essentials

Sue Lawley stayed at the Rosa Alpina, San Cassiano (0039 047 184 9500; rosalpina.it), doubles from (EURO)350 (£300) b & b per night; at L'Albereta, Franciacorta (030 776 0550; albereta.it) doubles from (EURO)260 (£225) per night; and at Hotel Hubertus, Olang (047 4592 104; hotel-hubertus.com), doubles from (EURO)260 (£225) per night half board. The nearest airport is Bergamo, served by Ryanair (ryanair.com).

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Norway: in Troyer turbine supply contract for *hydroelectric* power generation

The Italian company Troyer, based in Alto-<u>Adige</u> region, has been awarded a contract worth around EUR 2 million for the supply of two turbines for hydroelectric power generation to the Norwegian client Nordkraft.

The turbines will serve the production needs of two hydro-electric power plants to be built in the municipality of Tysfjord in the northern county of Nordland, about 10 km away from the town of Kjopsvik, the largest centre in the area. The two power plants will be owned by Nordkraft, the company responsible for the entire project as "main contractor" and will carry out the civil works for the construction of the power stations where the two turbines will be installed. The two Ovre Russvik and Nedre Russvik power plants will have an annual production capacity of 10 and 6.5 GWh respectively for a total installed capacity of approximately 7 megawatts.

The main feature of the turbines will be the absence of environmental impact since much of the water used for power generation will be discharged into the sea; the installation of the pipelines necessary for the water supply of the turbines will mainly take place along existing routes, so construction work will be minimised. The energy produced will be fed into the regional electricity grid in Nordland.

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## Is Liberalism a Dying Faith?

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## **Body**

Asked to name the defining attributes of the America we wish to become, many liberals would answer that we must realize our manifest destiny since 1776, by becoming more equal, more <u>diverse</u> and more democratic and the model for mankind's future.

Equality, diversity, democracy this is the holy trinity of the post-Christian secular state at whose altars Liberal Man worships.

But the congregation worshiping these gods is shrinking. And even Europe seems to be <u>rejecting</u> what America has on offer.

In a retreat from diversity, Catalonia just voted to separate from Spain. The Basque and Galician peoples of Spain are following the Catalan secession crisis with great interest.

The right-wing People's Party and far-right Freedom Party just swept 60 percent of Austria's vote, delivering the nation to 31-year-old Sebastian Kurz, whose anti-immigrant platform was plagiarized from the Freedom Party. Summarized it is: Austria for the Austrians!

Lombardy, whose capital is Milan, and Veneto will vote Sunday for greater autonomy from Rome.

South Tyrol (Alto <u>Adige</u>), severed from Austria and ceded to Italy at Versailles, written off by Hitler to appease Mussolini after his Anschluss, is astir anew with secessionism. Even the Sicilians are talking of separation.

By Sunday, the Czech Republic may have a new leader, billionaire Andrej Babis. Writes The Washington Post, Babis "makes a sport of attacking the European Union and says NATO's mission is outdated."

Platform Promise: Keep the Muslim masses out of the motherland.

To ethnonationalists, their countrymen are not equal to all others, but superior in rights. Many may nod at Thomas Jefferson's line that "All men are created equal," but they no more practice that in their own nations than did Jefferson in his.

On Oct. 7, scores of thousands of Poles lined up along the country's entire 2,000-mile border to pray the rosary.

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It was the centennial of the Virgin Mary's last apparition at Fatima in Portugal in 1917, and the day in 1571 the Holy League sank the Muslim fleet at Lepanto to save Europe. G. K. Chesterton's poem, "Lepanto," was once required reading in Catholic schools.

Each of these traditionalist-nationalist movements is unique, but all have a common cause. In the hearts of Europe's indigenous peoples is embedded an ancient fear: loss of the homeland to Islamic invaders.

Europe is <u>rejecting</u>, resisting, recoiling from "diversity," the multiracial, multicultural, multiethnic and multilingual future that, say U.S. elites, is America's preordained mission to bring about for all mankind.

Indeed, increasingly, the indigenous peoples of Europe seem to view as the death of their nations and continent, what U.S. liberal elites see as the Brave New World to come.

To traditionalist Europeans, our heaven looks like their hell.

Thus Poles fall on their knees to pray to the Virgin Mary to spare them from <u>threats</u> of an Islamic future, as their ancestors prayed at the time of Lepanto, and of Vienna in 1683, when the Polish King John Sobieski marched to halt the last Muslim drive into the heart of Europe.

European peoples and parties are today using democratic means to achieve "illiberal" ends. And it is hard to see what halts the drift away from liberal democracy toward the restrictive right. For in virtually every nation, there is a major party in opposition, or a party in power, that holds deeply nationalist views.

European elites may denounce these new parties as "illiberal" or fascist, but it is becoming apparent that it may be liberalism itself that belongs to yesterday. For more and more Europeans see the invasion of the continent along the routes whence the invaders came centuries ago, not as a manageable problem but an existential crisis.

To many Europeans, it portends an irreversible alteration in the character of the countries their grandchildren will inherit, and possibly an end to their civilization. And they are not going to be deterred from voting their fears by being called names that long ago lost their toxicity from overuse.

And as Europeans decline to celebrate the racial, ethnic, creedal and cultural diversity extolled by American elites, they also seem to *reject* the idea that foreigners should be treated equally in nations created for their own kind.

Europeans seem to admire more, and model their nations more, along the lines of the less diverse America of the Eisenhower era, than on the polyglot America of 2017.

And Europe seems to be moving toward immigration polices more like the McCarran-Walter Act of 1950 than the open borders bill that Sen. Edward Kennedy shepherded through the Senate in 1965.

Kennedy promised that the racial and ethnic composition of the America of the 1960s would not be overturned, and he questioned the morality and motives of any who implied that it would.

So, why is liberalism dying?

Because it is proving to be what James Burnham called it in his 1964 "Suicide of the West" the ideology of Western suicide.

What we see in Europe today is people who, belatedly recognizing this, have begun to "rage, rage, against dying of the light."

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## Paris ends Italian ski team's drought with win on home snow

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## **Body**

Dec 28, 2017( The Today File: <a href="http://blogs.seattletimes.com/today">http://blogs.seattletimes.com/today</a>/ Delivered by Newstex) BORMIO, Italy (AP) — Dominik Paris dominated on home snow in a World Cup downhill Thursday to end the season-long podium <a href="mailto:drought">drought</a> for Italy's men's team. Paris won by a slim 0.04-second margin ahead of Aksel Lund Svindal of Norway on the <a href="mailto:demanding">demanding</a> Stelvio course, which was softer than usual due to heavy snowfall a day earlier. Kjetil Jansrud of Norway finished third, 0.17 seconds behind.

It was the ninth career win and second in Bormio for Paris, a muscular skier who has also claimed the feared downhill in Kitzbuehel, Austria, twice. Most Read Stories Unlimited Digital Access. \$1 for 4 weeks.[1]Svindal and Jansrud had already completed their runs and were preparing to celebrate when Paris came down and got the crowd roaring by leading through the first two checkpoints. Paris trailed slightly at the last split but was able to carry his speed through the final zig-zag turns — when lactic acid was bursting through his muscles — and create a minimal advantage. The Italian's speed topped out at 129.7 kph (80 mph). At the finish, Paris pumped his fists and waved to the crowd as the circuit returned to Bormio after a three-year absence. The two Norwegians are always fast so you've got to pull out something extra to beat them,' Paris said. 'Today I was able to and now I hope I can do it in the next races, too.' The start of the race was delayed for 45 minutes while course workers finished clearing the 40 centimeters (16 inches) of snow that fell on the piste Wednesday. 'I'm always happy when it snows. In winter you need snow,' said Paris, who comes from the Val d'Ultimo in Italy's German-speaking Alto Adige region. Downhill world champion Beat Feuz of Switzerland finished fourth and Hannes Reichelt of Austria was fifth. Paris also won this race in 2012, when he shared victory with Reichelt by 0.01 seconds ahead of Svindal in one of the tightest podiums in skiing history. Faster is faster, Paris said of the continually tight margins on the Stelvio. Svindal, who had won the previous two downhills, still leads the discipline standings. With the sun moving in and out behind clouds and the course mostly in the shade to begin with, there were several ugly falls. Dominik Schwaiger of Germany was airlifted off the course and brought to a local hospital with unspecified injuries after a high-speed crash. Guillermo Fayed and Matthieu of France were dealing with various bruises after similar falls and Travis Ganong of the United States was getting his knee checked at the U.S. team hotel. An Alpine combined race is scheduled for the Stelvio on Friday. \_\_\_ More AP skiing coverage: https://apnews.com/tag/Alpineskiing \_\_\_ Andrew Dampf on Twitter: www.twitter.com/asdampf [ 1]: https://www.seattletimes.com/subscribe/signup-

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## Sky: arriva in prima tv 'Lovely Boy' di Lettieri; Già fuori concorso alle Giornate degli Autori

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## **Body**

(ANSA) - 01 OTT - Lunedì 4 ottobre alle 21.15 arriva in prima tv assoluta su Sky Cinema Uno, in <u>streaming</u> su NOW e disponibile on <u>demand</u>, Lovely Boy, un film Sky Original prodotto da Indigo Film in coproduzione con Vision Distribution, con il sostegno di IDM Film Fund & <u>Commission</u> dell'Alto <u>Adige</u>. Presentato fuori voncorso alle Giornate degli Autori della 78ª Mostra di Venezia, è un film di Francesco Lettieri, scritto da Peppe Fiore e Francesco Lettieri, che racconta l'ascesa e il declino di una star della trap music, con protagonista Andrea Carpenzano nel ruolo di Nic, in arte Lovely Boy. Nel cast anche Daniele Del Plavignano, Ludovica Martino, Enrico Borello, Riccardo De Filippis, Pierluigi Pasino, Martino Perdisa, Federica Rosellini, Gennaro Basile, Davide Valle, Valerio Desirò, Rosella Tancredi.

Nic, in arte Lovely Boy, è l'astro nascente della scena musicale romana. Tatuaggi e talento puro, Nic forma insieme all'amico Borneo la XXG, un duo lanciato verso il successo. Risucchiato in una spirale di autodistruzione, Nic è perso e trascinato dagli eventi che lo porteranno fino a un punto di rottura: potrà fare i conti con sé stesso solo lontano da tutto quel rumore. In una comunità di recupero sulle Dolomiti che ora accoglie persone che come lui sono cadute nel baratro della droga, tenterà faticosamente di ritrovarsi condividendo quella grande solitudine che si porta dentro.

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## Will Pinot Grigio Suffer The Fate Of Chardonnay?

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## **Body**

PINOT Grigio is the most widely-planted pink- skinned grape in the world. **<u>Demand</u>** for its wine is buoyant, but it comes in a bewildering range of styles.

The very light, slightly sharp, Pinot Grigio that <u>floods</u> out of the vast vineyards on the plains of the Veneto in northern Italy does nothing for me. It is picked too early, before flavour fully develops in the grapes, from vines that are <u>forced</u> to produce so great a yield that their grapes would still be tasteless whenever they were harvested.

Cheap Italian Pinot Grigio is the perfect choice for the surprisingly large number of people who don't want wine to taste of anything much and makes a refreshing spritzer.

Pinot Grigio has been gaining ground fast in New Zealand and Australia. There are also substantial new plantings in other leading southern hemisphere wine producing countries and in California.

Part of its <u>appeal</u> is that it isn't Chardonnay, but if it is well made, it can be attractive, in a light, melony, slightly smoky, rather understated way. Fetzer Valley Oaks' Pinot Grigio 2008 (£7.49 in Tesco) is a pretty good example from California. And there are an increasing number of others.

But I'm not sure that it will remain a favourite. Because so many of these wines lack character, I'm pretty sure that folk will eventually get bored and move on to something else.

It's quite on the cards that Chardonnay will take over again, especially the elegant new wines being made in cooler sites, like Chile's Límari Valley.

Over the past 12 months or so I've asked a number of leading wine producers from Australia and New Zealand whether they think the *demand* for Pinot Grigio will continue to grow or will tail off.

They all think that the Pinot Grigio bubble will burst, though one New Zealand grower added, somewhat ruefully, that this will probably happen just when his Pinot Grigio vines have aged long enough to produce much more interesting fruit.

For evidence he might well point to Alsace, the region in north eastern France where Pinot Grigio probably originates from.

Pinot Gris, as it is known there, makes up around 15% of Alsace's vineyard and has been slowly growing in popularity over the last 30 years.

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From old, low-yielding vines, and especially when it's harvested late, it can be a glorious drink: so rich and powerful for a white wine, that the locals used to suggest drinking it with red meat.

But cheaper wines, especially those made by one of Alsace's excellent co-operative cellars, also offer seriously interesting drinking.

For example, Tesco's Finest' Pinot Gris 2008, made by the Co-op at Turkheim, which has vineyards on some of the region's best sites.

It is rich, spicy and complex with a smoky apple taste.

It's also excellent value at £6.99. It's dry and balanced by fresh acidity, which is not always the case with Pinot Gris in Alsace: some wines seem almost sweet, even when they are bone dry, such is the effect of a combination of richly ripe fruit and low acidity.

The reason for this is that it is a mutation of Pinot Noir, and like Pinot Noir, it is much more prone to further mutation than other well-known grape varieties. In some places it has developed as a variety with naturally high acid levels, in others it has much lower acid - quite apart from the influence of when it is picked.

In Germany, where it is even more widely grown than in Alsace, it is known as Grauburgunder or Ruländer (though many wines destined for export are now labelled Pinot Grigio'), and it produces rich, spicy wines, relatively low in acid.

In Friuli in the far north east of Italy, as I discovered recently, it also makes unusually full-bodied dry whites, spicy, but with quite fresh acidity and often a distinct saltiness.

The variety was first planted there at least 150 years ago and has clearly developed its own local personality.

A similar situation exists in the Alpine foothill vineyards of the Alto <u>Adige</u>, where the local Pinot Grigio is particularly aromatic.

Another unusual and fascinating variation is made in the Central French vineyards of Reuilly.

Most of the wine made here is bracingly fresh, dry white Sauvignon Blanc, but Pinot Gris has long been prized as a delicate pink wine, made by long, slow, pressing of the blue-tinged berries to extract just enough colour to tint the wine.

This too is quite soft, usually so for rosé, and can develop an entrancing smell a bit like rhubarb and ginger. Very little is exported.

It's a world away from the Pinot Grigio Blush' being churned out in the Veneto. The last one of those that I tried (the label was covered so that I didn't know what it was) was sour, unripe and really rather grim.

It would be such a shame if wines like this are responsible for turning wine lovers away from the many better examples of Pinot Grigio in the way that over-oaked, over-alcoholic New World Chardonnays stained the reputation of that most noble of all white wine grapes.

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Cuvée Royale, Crémant de Limoux £8.99 Waitrose

LIMOUX, near Carcassonne, claims the world's longest tradition of making sparkling wine.

This thoroughly modern dry fizz is excellent value, with toasty richness and peachy fruit delicious with or without food.

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#### Will Pinot Grigio Suffer The Fate Of Chardonnay?

In the far south of France you have to go uphill to find cooler sites where the grapes ripen more slowly to produce more subtle, delicate wine.

Marquis de Pennautier, Terroirs d'Altitude, Chardonnay 2008 (£8.99 at Majestic) is just the kind of wine that should win Chardonnay new friends.

It has a lovely, complex aroma and taste of coconut, melon and peach, dusted with spice, freshened by lemon and orange acidity.

Mont Tauch, Terroir d'Altitude Vieilles Vignes, Fitou 2008 (£7.99) is an even more remarkable bargain.

Century-old Carignan, Grenache and Syral vines grown on sites at up to 600 metres above sea level yield the fruit for a wonderfully juicy red.

It has bags of plummy, spicy, chocolatey fruit.

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## TV programmes to give you wanderlust this week

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## **Body**

Saturday October 15Britain's Ancient Tracks with Tony Robinson (Channel Four, 8.00pm)

The historian explores the UK's network of ancient trackways and roads, which have been walked by pilgrims, hunters and invaders over the course of the past 5,000 years, each one shrouded in myth, mystery and legend. In the first episode, Robinson delves into the stories, songs and sacred places along the Icknield Way in Norfolk and Cambridgeshire.

Sunday October 16Giraffes: Africa's Gentle Giants - Natural World (BBC Two, 6.00pm)

Conservationist Dr Julian Fennessy is on a mission to learn more about the giraffes of Africa, but the most important fact is that they are disappearing. In an urgent attempt to save them, he and a determined Ugandan team round up 20 of the world's rarest giraffes to take across and beyond the mighty Nile River. Narrated by David Attenborough. Repeat.

Meet some giraffes on SundayCredit: AFP or licensors/JEAN-FRANCOIS MONIER Countryfile (BBC One, 6.15pm)

Matt Baker and Anita Rani explore the Isle of Wight, where Baker abseils down the walls of Carisbrooke Castle to clear the ivy and works with two donkeys to draw water from a well, while Rani helps local volunteers to round up feral goats and visits a vineyard. Naomi Wilkinson also drops in at Ventor Botanic Gardens.

Countryfile explores the Isle of WightCredit: Ian Jones The Greatest Tomb On Earth: Secrets of Ancient China (BBC Two, 8.00pm)

Dan Snow, Alice Roberts and Albert Lin explore the final resting place of China's first emperor, a site 200 times larger than Egypt's Valley of the Kings and home to the famous Terracotta Warriors. Making use of both the latest forensic technology and ancient texts, they delve into this historic site's secrets and uncover evidence that casts a new light on the founding of the nation.

china weirdest tourist attractionsWild West: America's Great Frontier (BBC Two, 9.00pm)

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This episode takes in Wildlife in America's mountain regions, including the Rockies and the Sierra Nevada, areas infamous for extremes of temperature from freezing winters to scorching summers. The programme examines the survival strategies employed by animals including black bears, pikas and bison, as well as parasitic plants. Plus, a look at the challenges faced by these region's human inhabitants, including ranchers..

Monday October 17Canal Walks with Julia Bradbury (BBC Four, 7.30pm)

The presenter embarks on an eight-mile trip along the Caledonian Canal, the waterway that cuts through beautiful Scottish mountain country and is regarded as one of the most ambitious canals of its time. Its engineer, Thomas Telford, intended not only to create an engineering marvel, but also provide badly needed jobs and wealth for the Highlands.

Julia Bradbury heads to the HighlandsGino's Italian Escape: Hidden Italy (ITV1, 8.00pm)

Gino D'Acampo heads to the northern state of Trentino Alto-<u>Adige</u>, which borders both Switzerland and Austria and is home to the Dolomite mountains. The chef meets dairy farmer Graziano, who shows him how to make a local soft cheese, before he moves further into the mountains to learn about the local cured meat known as speck, which is the most important produce to come out of the region.

Tuesday October 18Great Continental Railway Journeys (BBC Two, 8.00pm)

Michael Portillo braves the freezing temperatures of the Baltic Sea and finds <u>peace</u> paddling a canoe on the Lakes of Finland. On his journey from the Latvian capital Riga to Tampere in Finland, he encounters medieval knights in Tallinn, grills sausages in Helsinki and samples cloudberry liqueur in a hot tub. He later arrives in Estonia, where in the setting of a ruined 13th-century cathedral he learns how the Baltic countries demonstrated their desire for independence from the Soviet Union with a `singing revolution'.

Portillo commences this week's journey in RigaThe Hotel Inspector Returns (Five, 11.05pm)

Alex Polizzi returns to the Oakland Hotel in South Woodham Ferrers, Essex, where two years ago she found a struggling business suffering from bad decor and family in-*fighting*. Repeat.

Wednesday October 19Coast: The Great Guide (BBC Two, 8.00pm)

Neil Oliver and Tessa Dunlop continue their comprehensive guide to Britain's coastline, this time turning attention to the North Sea coast, a stretch that takes in two nations, and is bordered by a pair of huge estuaries, the Forth in Scotland, and the Humber in England. Oliver sheds light on a military shipbuilding project in Rosyth, and heads to the island of Inchmickery to investigate a bird colony with a difference. From there, he tells a tragic story that still haunts the fishing village of Eyemouth, and then visits the holy island of Lindisfarne to make a dramatic archeological discovery.

Little British Isles with Alison Steadman (Channel Four, 8.00pm)

The actress celebrates the natural beauty of some of the 6,000 islands that surround mainland Britain. Inspired by memories of a childhood holiday on the Isle of Man, Alison sets out meet some of the people who live on the UK's 267 inhabited islands. She begins on Scotland's windswept Inner Hebrides, exploring the sparsely populated Gigha, Jura, Coloonsay and Oronsay over the course of a week. She learns how to extract orchid essence, visits a fish farm, meets the keeper in charge of the country's only native honey bee reserve, and meets the resourceful natives thriving off the tough land that sustains them.

Britain's best islandsThursday October 20Nature's Weirdest Events (BBC Two, 8.00pm)

Chris Packham presents more mysteries and strange stories, including the strange balls of worms that turned up on a road, fish stuck in fences in Texas and how an Australian town became plagued by giant bats. Plus, why so many sperm whales became stranded around the North Sea in 2015, how a robot could help save the Great Barrier Reef and how a spider in the Sahara could help take humans to other planets.

#### TV programmes to give you wanderlust this week

Railways: The Making of a Nation (BBC Four, 8.00pm)

Liz McIvor examines how the railways enabled people to live further and further from the places where they worked, visiting London and the south east of England, the nation's largest commuter zone.

Forgotten railwaysFriday October 21Countrywise: Guide to Britain (ITV1, 8.00pm)

Liz Bonnin witnesses one of the country's greatest natural wonders as she takes a trip down the River Severn during one of its massive tidal bores - and meets the surfers who say there is nothing quite like it. Ben Fogel takes his son to Cornwall, where the pair enjoy some rock pooling.

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# Venice: Cruising by bike; A voyage from Mantua lets you cycle by day, then sleep on a canal boat, says Adrian Mourby

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## **Body**

Arriving in Chioggia at the end of our fourth day I was caught up in Norwegian celebrations. The majority of cyclists on this Italian route are couples from Stavanger and Oslo who enliven meal times with hearty choruses of "O Tannenbaum". Now, having avoided falling into the picturesque <u>canals</u> of Chioggia, they stowed their bikes and made immediately for our boat's dining room to continue the celebrations.

It's still a mystery to me why cyclists are so friendly. My companions come from Norway, Denmark, North America, and New Zealand but, from the start, they have treated me like a family member just because I'm cycling from Mantua to Venice on an orange bike identical to theirs.

We're all sleeping and eating on board Ave Maria, a new purpose-built canal boat <u>commissioned</u> by Girolibero, the Italian company that leads cycling tours through the Veneto. Over five days our route has covered 230km. Every night we've been tucked up in 20 compact cabins with our cycles stored in special racks. It's a great way to see the birdlife of the Po delta and the Brenta and <u>Adige</u> rivers, as well as cities such as Chioggia, at the southern end of the Venetian lagoon, which I'd never visited before.

I join our group for a walk around Chioggia led by Martina, our tour guide. Martina takes us through the fish market (the biggest in northern Italy) and warns us about the locals. "The people here are slightly eccentric. Goldoni wrote a famous comedy about them, The Scuffle in Chioggia. You must never say that Chioggia is like Venice. They don't like Venice. They were here first."

Say it or not, Chioggia is like Venice. It has canals and palazzi and rioterras and a cathedral designed by the man who built Santa Maria della Salute. It even has a very small Venetian lion on top of a column (known locally as "the cat" because the sculptor got the dimensions wrong). Chioggia is what La Serenissima would be like today if it hadn't become Italy's major tourist attraction. Instead of gondolas, Chioggia has fishing boats that moor in the centre of the city under a swarm of noisy seagulls. And unlike Venice it has a few narrow streets of traffic that arrives here across bridges from the mainland and gets horribly snarled up, horns blaring. ("As bad as Naples," claims Martina.)

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Chioggia also has history. We're taken to meet Dr Luciano Bellemo, a jovial historian with eccentric teeth who is custodian at the clocktower of Chiesa San Andrea. The interior of the church is unusual, with plaster hacked off to a height of four metres (the result of salt seeping up from its foundations) but its Torre dell'Orologio contains the oldest working clock in Europe, constructed in 1386.

Two floors up Luciano shows us cupboards stuffed full of bundled vellum documents. He unfolds one and pushes it into the hands of a couple from Seattle. "This dates from the mid 15th century," he announces. "Before Columbus found America!" Other pieces of history are passed around for examination. In most countries these manuscripts would be behind glass but here they're just bundled into unlocked drawers. We're led to the fifth floor (past a picture of local saint Pope Pius X) to find the clock itself, which looks satisfyingly ancient, with two large white rocks employed as counterweights. Luciano encourages one of the Norwegian ladies to set the mechanism going by raising one on its rope. It ticks away obligingly.

Then to the belfry for a tremendous view of ancient Chioggia filling every inch of this tiny island and vistas north to the Alps. Suddenly 10am sounds and the peal of bells is deafening. Most of my fellow cyclists head rapidly downstairs, fingers in their ears, but I can't resist waiting till last and shouting: "Sanctuary!" Dr Luciano waits amiably. I doubt I'm his first guest to channel Quasimodo.

Back at Ave Maria it's now time to island-hop to Pellestrina, one of the long spits of land that act as a barrier between the Venetian lagoon and the Adriatic. She's a reliable, low watercraft, plodding along at 13kph (8mph). Captain Luciano, who also waits at table in the evening, drops us just south of the village of Pellestrina, where we offload our 20 orange bikes and set off behind Martina along the sea wall, while the Ave Maria heads for the Lido, where it will pick us up this afternoon. In a brightly painted village square Martina calls a halt in case anyone wants ice cream. I take a look at the church of Ognissanti which also has exposed brickwork, but has decorated its naked pillars with temporary tabards of red flocked wallpaper.

Heading on north in our orange convoy we pass fishermen working on their boats. Overnight huge prow-mounted conveyor belts have scooped up clams from the lagoon and now they're being parcelled up in bags for market. The ragazzi find it hilarious when several women dismount to photograph them at work.

And further on to the Venetian Fort of San Pietro in Volta, built to guard the lagoon from Genoese and Turkish attack. The going is very easy: few cars and no gradients whatsoever. Finally we reach the ferry for Lido Island and pile on board: 20 bikes, several cars, two buses and an ambulance for the 10-minute journey to the Lido village of Alberoni. Tonight we will get our first sight of Venice. In the past I've come here by car, plane and train, but this time the travelling will have been as much fun as the arrival.

#### Cruising there

Adrian Mourby travelled as a guest of Girolibero (00 39 0444 330724; girolibero.com) which offers seven-night cruises between Mantua and Venice, and Venice and Mantua, from (EURO)1,055pp (£834) based on two people sharing, including full board, tour leader, cycles, guided visits and transfers, but excluding flights.

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# Alpine Wines; Wine

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# **Body**

#### **ABSTRACT**

A selection of Alpine Wines.

#### **FULL TEXT**

Alpine wines

Notwithstanding the claims about the altitude of their vineyards, Alpine winemakers produce an interesting range of wines that highlight the region's *diverse* grape varieties and terroirs.

Here are some interesting examples that I have tasted recently.

**2010 Heida Visperterminen, St. Jodern Kellerei, Valais, Switzerland.** Powerful yet delicate wine with a complex nutty, citrusy, floral taste. About (EURO)16.

**2010** La Piagne, Cave du Vin Blanc de Morgex et de La Salle, Valle d'Aosta, Italy. Characterful organic wine from a single site near the apex of the Morgex vineyards. About (EURO)16.

**2010 Kerner Praepositus, Abazia di Novacella, Alto** <u>Adige</u>, **Italy.** Lush, complex, exotic white from the Kerner variety, related to Riesling. About (EURO)16.

**2009 Fumin Vigne** La Tour, Les Crètes, Valle d'Aosta, Italy. An open, generous red with violet and dried fruit flavors. A little bit grapey, but in an *appealing* way. About (EURO)22.

**2008 Arbin Mondeuse Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Louis Magnin, Savoie, France.** One of the most convincing examples of mondeuse that I have come across - a peppery, floral red variety reminiscent of syrah. About (EURO)25.

**2008 Humagne Rouge, Christoph Abbet, Valais, Switzerland.** Another indigenous Swiss variety, humagne, yields this delicate yet intense red. Lovers of big, sweet New World reds, steer clear. About (EURO)40.

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# We'll always have Paris, in Bormio; Dominik Paris wins downhill, five years later, on same course

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# **Body**

After a five-year absence, Dominik Paris rediscovered that winning feeling on the Stelvio downhill course.

Returning to the site of his first World Cup victory, Paris dominated on home snow Thursday to end the season-long podium *drought* for Italy's men's team.

"I've still got the same feeling here," Paris said.

"I had a lot of confidence even after the training run."

Paris won by a slim 0.04-second margin ahead of Aksel Lund Svindal of Norway on the <u>demanding</u> Stelvio course, which was softer than usual due to heavy snowfall a day earlier.

Kietil Jansrud of Norway finished third, 0.17 seconds behind.

It was the ninth career win for Paris, a muscular skier who has also claimed the feared downhill in Kitzbuehel, Austria, twice.

After his 2012 win, Paris missed the downhill on the Stelvio in 2013 due to injury.

Then the race was moved to nearby Santa Caterina Valfurva for the past three years.

"I'm glad it's back in Bormio," said Paris, who keeps his responses brief and to the point.

Last season, the Italian team set a squad record with 43 podium results - 25 for the women and 18 for the men. This season, they have six for the women and now one for the men.

"Now I hope I can maintain this form for the classics," Paris said, looking forward to the downhills next month in Wengen, Switzerland, and Kitzbuehel.

Svindal and Jansrud had already completed their runs and were preparing to celebrate when Paris came down and got the crowd roaring by leading through the first two checkpoints.

We'll always have Paris, in Bormio; Dominik Paris wins downhill, five years later, on same course

Paris trailed slightly at the last split but was able to carry his speed through the final zigzag turns - when lactic acid was bursting through his muscles - and create a minimal advantage.

The Italian's speed topped out at 129.7 km/h.

At the finish, Paris pumped his fists and waved to the crowd.

"The two Norwegians are always fast so you've got to pull out something extra to beat them," Paris said.

When he was an overly aggressive child, Paris was sent by his father to meditate amid grazing cows in the mountains.

Now, he expends his energy on the world's toughest downhill courses - or by playing heavy metal music with his guitar.

The start of the race was delayed for 45 minutes while course workers finished clearing the 40 centimetres of snow that fell on the piste Wednesday.

"I'm always happy when it snows. In winter you need snow," said Paris, who comes from the Val d'Ultimo in Italy's German-speaking Alto *Adige* region.

The snow softened the Stelvio's bumps, making it less of a physical test than in past years - when most skiers doubled over in exhaustion at the finish.

"The right word is 'easier' but that doesn't mean it's easier to win," Svindal said.

"It means it was easier to get to the finish line."

Downhill world champion Beat Feuz of Switzerland finished fourth and Hannes Reichelt of Austria was fifth.

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# **Body**

Sometimes, even the most turbulent seasons can be soothed into serenity by a sighting of waves flowing softly to land. Ask Maxim Gorky. Exiled from Russia in the wake of the Moscow uprising of 1905 (a pre-cursor to the revolution that would ensue in 1917) and his imprisonment in St Petersburg, the great author would find himself at the edge of *Lake* Saimaa in Finland. And though he was -already divorced from her, he would write to his first wife, Ekaterina Volzhina, and tell her: "It's beautiful here, like a fairy tale."

He had a point. Life usually looks better on the bank of an inland expanse of <u>water</u> - and Europe is awash with such locations. From Scandinavia to the Balkans via northern Italy and the quieter corners of Britain, the vision of a hot day reflected in the mirror of a <u>lake</u> will always enhance a few days (or a fortnight) of -escapism, whether the time is used for relax-ation, exploration or activity. The following 20 natural joys are all distinct entities, yet all have something in common. You may want to glimpse them in the coming months.

#### Italy1. Lake Como

The Italian Lakes are the brochure stars of Europe's inland bodies of water - and Lake Como is arguably the most photogenic, ebbing through Lombardy for 29 miles (47km) and performing the splits at Bellagio, where its two legs kick further south towards Como and Lecco. A place ideal for woozy contemplation of the currents even in Roman times, it remains so today. A three-night sojourn at the five-star Grand Hotel Tremezzo, midway up the west shore (in Tremezzo), starts at £1,298 a head, with flights, transfers and breakfast, via Kirker Holidays (020 7593 1899; kirkerholidays.com).

#### 2. Lake Garda

The largest of the glacier-cut grooves in northern Italy stretches 32 miles (52km), flirting with the lower reaches of the Dolomites in the north and basking in flatter terrain where its waves nuzzle the hamlet of Maraschina on the Lombardy-Veneto border in the south. Its dual personality makes it perfect for admiration by bike. Flexitreks (01273 410550; *flexitreks.com*) sells an eight-day *Adige* River and Lake Garda Cycling Holiday, which starts its 171-mile (275km) journey in the mountains at Bolzano, and descends to the lake (with the option of a ferry jaunt to Peschiera at the opposite end). From £561 a head - flights extra.

#### 3. Lake Orta

If Garda and Como seem too obvious, the smaller Lake Orta - just eight miles (13km) long and concealed to the west of Lake Maggiore - is a quieter jewel. Undeniably pretty (with the Isola San Giulio and its Benedictine monastery at its core), here is a fine possibility for a genteel summer trip with children. A seven-night half-board break for a family of three at the four-star Hotel L'Approdo (which offers an outdoor pool) costs from £2,779, flying from Birmingham on July 18, via Inghams (01483 345633; inghams.co.uk).

#### Switzerland4. Lake Maggiore

Shared by Switzerland and Italy, Lake Maggiore is a tapering ribbon of such sun-dappled mystique that even the flight of Frederic Henry - the narrator of Ernest Hemingway's First World <u>War</u> novel A Farewell To Arms, who rows north across the border under cover of darkness to evade a charge of desertion - sounds a romantic endeavour. Henry and his lover find refuge in a Swiss hotel - a step into shelter you can mimic today via a weekend at Hotel Eden Roc (0041 91 785 7171; <u>edenroc.ch</u>), a grand five-star with four restaurants on the water at Ascona. Double rooms in June start at 300 francs (£226) with breakfast.

#### 15 alternatives to another predictable Med holiday5. Lake Geneva

Switzerland is well practised at playing nicely over its great water features, holding joint custody of Lake Geneva with France, while laying claim to its prime urban area. Geneva is an underrated option for a city break, offering clever slabs of 21st-century flair in its Musée d'Art Moderne et Contemporain ( <u>mamco.ch</u> ) and first-rate lodging at the Mandarin Oriental (0041 22 909 0000; <u>mandarinoriental.com/geneva</u> ), which adorns the Rhône at the point it leaves the lake. Doubles in June from 420 francs (£317), room only.

#### 6. Lake Lucerne

Switzerland does not have to haggle over visitation rights when it comes to Lake Lucerne, which lies wholly in its territory, 30 miles (48km) south of Zurich. Switzerland also specialises in train lines that inch through glorious rocky vistas and Expressions Holidays (01392 441245; expressionsholidays.co.uk) salutes this in its By Rail to Lake Lucerne trip. This seven-night tour rolls in from London via Paris and Zurich, slumbers in a five-star hotel in Weggis on the north shore, and includes a three-day rail pass for wider exploration. From £1,960 per person including train travel.

#### Central Europe7. Lake Constance

The Bodensee (to use its German title) goes one better than Lake Maggiore and Geneva by lapping the shores of three countries (Germany, Austria, Switzerland). It is a neat fit for a cycle break that flits across the European land mass. Freedom Treks (01273 224066; *freedomtreks.co.uk*) meets this *demand* with 4 Countries and 3 Lakes - a 205-mile (330km) self-guided eight-night circular route from Kreuzlingen, Switzerland. The trip costs £795 a head in July, with hotels and breakfast (flights and bike extra). The fourth country - pub-quiz kings will know - is Liechtenstein.

#### 8. Lake Bled

A postcard staple of such pastoral persuasion - thanks, not least, to the island at its centre, where the 17th-century Church of the Assumption raises its head - Lake Bled is probably more famous than anything else in Slovenia. It is a place to slow down in a waterside spa hotel - but can also be enjoyed in conjunction with the capital, which waits 35 miles (56km) to the south-east. Regent Holidays (020 3131 6400; <a href="regent-holidays.co.uk">regent-holidays.co.uk</a>) sells a seven-day Ljubljana & Lake Bled Twin-Centre which divides its time equally between the two locations. From £725 per person, with flights and breakfast.

#### 9. The Masurian Lakes

Poland's countryside rarely appears on the British travel radar - a shame, as the Masurian Lake District is one of Europe's marvels. It shines in the Polish north-east, sunlight bouncing on Lake Sniardwy, the biggest body of water in the country. Here is an area framed by marshland, where elk and bison roam. It is at its most fascinating in the coldest months - a corner of the calendar explored by Naturetrek (01962 733051; <u>naturetrek.co.uk</u>) and its sevenday Poland in Winter group trip, which visits the region to seek said animals. The next departure is on Jan 13, from £1,695 a head with flights.

#### 25 places in Eastern Europe you must see in your lifetimeNordic Lakes10. Lake Saimaa

Finland likes to shimmer under the tagline "Land of a Thousand Lakes". However, this is something of an underselling - there are 187,888 such expanses of water strewn across its forested contours. Saimaa, 160 miles (258km)north-east of Helsinki, is the largest, with 1,700 sq miles (4,400 sq km) in surface area. It is a joy in winter, when Best Served Scandinavia (020 7664 2237; <a href="mailto:best-served.co.uk">best-served.co.uk</a>) sells a four-day ice-skating break that allows participants to glide across its frozen skin from the Hotel Jarvisydan at Porosalmi. From £870 per person, including flights.

#### 11. Lake Nasijarvi

Finland's abundance of lakes seeps into its urban areas. Tampere is a case in point - the third-biggest city in the country is infused with a post-industrial charm by its position at the meeting of Lakes Nasijarvi and Pyhajarvi (the Tammerkoski Rapids are a splash-and-spray divider). With attractions such as the Nasinneula Observation Tower ( <a href="mailto:sarkanniemi.fi">sarkanniemi.fi</a>), it makes for a niche but alluring mini-break. A three-night stay at the four-star Grand Hotel Tammer, flying from Heathrow on July 12, starts at £508 a head with Expedia (020 3684 2907; <a href="mailto:expedia.co.uk">expedia.co.uk</a>).

#### 18 reasons why Finland is the greatest country on Earth12. Lake Animmen

Sweden can boast the biggest lake in the European Union in Lake Vanern, but this tiny (in comparison) neighbour of the 2,180 sq mile (5,646 sq km) behemoth opens a window on to the calm Scandinavian condition. Last September saw the installation of five glass-sided cabins on Henriksholm, a sliver island in the middle of Lake Animmen (which lies 100 miles/160km north-east of Gothenburg) - the idea being that guests learn to switch off in a pristine rural setting. The cabins contain double beds and can be hired from 3,995 krona (£343) per person for a three-night full-board stay at *vastsverige.com/en/72hcabin* .

#### <u>Top 5 | Beautiful European national parks you've never heard of The Balkans 13. Lake Skadar</u>

Skadar helps to define the boundary between Montenegro and Albania. That it does so as a place hugely carpeted in lilies and home to bird life like the rare Dalmatian pelican adds to its air of mystery. Responsible Travel (01273 823700; <a href="responsibletravel.com">responsibletravel.com</a>) runs a regular seven-day group kayaking holiday that paddles out into Lake Skadar National Park, on the Montenegrin side of the water. From £595 a head, flights extra, with 11 departures in 2018.

#### 14. Lake Vrana

Croatia is renowned for its splendid coastline, but it excels away from the sea in the form of Lake Vrana. Set 20 miles (32km) south-east of Zadar, this is the country's largest lake, at 12 sq miles (31 sq km)- yet it is separated from the Adriatic by a strip of land hardly a mile (1.6km) wide at its narrowest and easily seen on a beach break. A seven-night stay at the Hotel Kornati in Biograd, flying from Stansted to Split on June 24, costs £767 a head, with breakfast and transfers, via Jet2Holidays (0800 408 0778; jet2holidays.com).

#### 15. Lake Ohrid

Those who think Europe can no longer spring a travel surprise reckon without a wonder so picturesque that it has been on Unesco's natural and cultural heritage list since 1979. Like Lake Skadar, it helps to delineate the Albanian

border, but it is the Macedonian side of Lake Ohrid that sings to travellers. The small city of Ohrid is a fine place to spend a weekend, in one of any number of waterfront hotels. And remarkably, there are direct flights from the UK. A four-night stay at the four-star Park Lakeside, leaving Luton on June 27, costs from £243, with breakfast, through Wizz Air (0333 155 4997; wizzair.com).

#### The UK16. Lough Neagh

The UK is festooned with lakes - but the identity of the largest is often unappreciated. This role falls to Lough Neagh - a giant of 151 sq miles (391 sq km) that fringes five of Northern Ireland's six counties. A rippling refuge from it all? Certainly - via the Irish Landmark Trust (00353 1 670 4733; <u>irishlandmark.com</u>), which lists Ballealy Cottage. This three-bedroom oasis is pitched just north of the shore at Randalstown in Co Antrim - and is still available to rent in July from £806 per week.

#### 17. Loch Ness

While Loch Lomond is the biggest of the Scottish lakes, its profile is generally eclipsed by its compatriot, with its hoary talk of monsters. But then, Loch Ness is a spectacular context for a break. Water-holiday specialists Le Boat (023 9280 1385; <a href="leboat.co.uk">leboat.co.uk</a>) sell "The Grand Highland Fling Cruise" - a self-guided floating trip through Lochs Lochy, Oich and Ness, as well as along the Caledonian Canal, which covers 120 miles (193km) and is designed to take between a week and 14 leisurely days. Seven nights' hire of a Horizon vessel (which sleeps four in two cabins), beginning on July 14, costs from £2,505 in total.

#### 18 amazing places you won't believe are in Scotland18. Windermere

Neither this titan of Cumbria nor its status as England's largest natural lake require much introduction, but familiarity does not diminish Windermere's majesty, nor its suitability as a backdrop to getaways on foot. Exodus Travels (020 3733 4525; <a href="exodus.co.uk">exodus.co.uk</a>) suggests a seven-day Literary Walking in the Lake District self-guided break that trawls the settings which inspired writers from Wordsworth to Beatrix Potter - the Lake District's big beast among them. From £679 per person - including accommodation with breakfast.

#### Hidden gems19. Lake Onega

True, it's hard to describe Lake Onega as "hidden". Such a word barely befits a basin with a surface area of 3,700 sq miles (9,580 sq km)\_which ranks as the second-largest lake in Europe. Its lack of fame is due to location. It skulks in Russia, although it is near enough to St Petersburg (which gleams 225 miles/362km to the south-west) to be accessible. It is the focus of a four-day adventure called Karelia & Kizhi Island (the latter being a church-dotted shard in the water), offered by On The Go Tours (020 7371 1113; <a href="mailto:onthegotours.com">onthegotours.com</a>) which can be tailored to also take in the neighbouring Lake Ladoga, Europe's biggest. From £599 a head, flights extra.

#### 20. Lagoa das Sete Cidades

There is something especially photogenic about two lakes merging. Lakes Michigan and Huron demonstrate this in the US Midwest, although neither has the visual wow factor of Lagoa das Sete Cidades - a volcanic oddity where two individual pools occupy the same caldera in the west of Sao Miguel, the main island of the Portuguese Azores. Helpfully, Lagoas Azul (Blue) and Verde (Green) identify themselves by being different colours - and are part of the seven-night family break on Sao Miguel sold by Azores expert Sunvil (020 8758 4722; <a href="mailto:sunvil.co.uk">sunvil.co.uk</a>). From £4,039 in total for a family of four, including flights.

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# Fresh and fragrant from Italian slopes

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## **Body**

NESTLED on the steep hills of the Italian Alps is the wine region of Alto <u>Adige</u>. The northernmost wine region in Italy features vineyards that slope down to the <u>Adige River</u> and its <u>tributaries</u>. The combination of sloping vineyards with excellent exposure to the sun and a climate featuring sunny days and cool evenings results in some of the world's most fresh and fragrant white wines. Any connoisseur of good wines will appreciate these wines but many of my female Chinese acquaintances find them particularly <u>appealing</u>. No longer willing to submit themselves to the heavy tannic reds favored by their husbands and boyfriends, the upwardly mobile young female professionals of China are making their own decisions on wines. This new market dynamic is changing the wine landscape in China and benefiting fragrant white wines like those from Alto <u>Adige</u>.

Long history

Recent archaeological digs in Alto <u>Adige</u> have uncovered ancient winemaking tools dating from 500 BC. Centuries later during the height of the Roman Empire the wine trade in Alto <u>Adige</u> was flourishing. As the sun was setting on the Roman Empire, Frankish and Bavarian monks took over many wineries and keep the art of winemaking in this region alive. After Austro-Hungarian Empire and Holy Roman Empire rule, the region was eventually returned to Italy in 1918.

#### **Aromatics**

So what distinguishes the wines of this region? In one word, aromatics. Your ability to differentiate aromas is actually much more perceptive than your sense of taste. There are well over 500 aromatic compounds that have been identified in wines. Every step of the winemaking process influences the resulting aromas in a wine. Alto *Adige*'s top wines offer a symphony of delightful smells ranging from yellow and tropical fruits to white flowers and herbs. Three particularly aromatic types of wines from this region are Pinot Grigio, Sauvignon Blanc and Gewurztraminer. Good Alto *Adige* Pinot Grigios offer an abundance of ripe fruit scents and flavors, good weighty mouthfeel and restrained acidity. Their graceful and friendly characters have made them some of the most popular white wines globally. The Sauvignon Blanc wines of this region are more serious with more acidity and complexity. Many experienced drinkers love these wines because of their balance between fruit and acidity. And should you want to pleasantly surprise someone, offer them a Gewurztraminer from Alto *Adige*. Just watch their eyes as the exotic floral and spice aromas jump out of the glass. The experience shares some qualities with a German Gewurztraminer but is decidedly distinct and Italian in style. On the palate the wine may also have a slight numbing effect drawing a fascinating sensual parallel with one of my favorite meals, mala hotpot.

Food pairing

The good fruit ripeness and acidity of most Alto <u>Adige</u> white wines make them very food friendly. A few of my favorite combinations are simply grilled or roasted freshwater fish as the vibrant fruitiness of the wines add flavor dimensions to the dish while the acidity in the wines accentuates the freshness. The combination of ripe fruit, sometimes slightly sweet, and spiciness of Gewurztraminers from Alto <u>Adige</u> make them natural companions to moderately spicy Sichuan and Hunan dishes.

Top producers

Many of the best wineries in Alto <u>Adige</u> are small to medium in size and family-owned. Two of my favorite producers are Alois Lageder and Elena Walch. Alois Lageder is a family-owned winery with a range of beautifully made white and red wines. Elena Walch married into a family who owned two of the region's most acclaimed estates. Her wines are consistently good and feature a range of personalities that accurately reflect their variety.

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(ANSA) - February 15 - Italy's famous Iceman mummy is set to hit iPads and iPhones with a new app allowing youngsters to learn about his Copper Age life and the **stream** of scientific discoveries made about him.

The application aims to provide "fun ways to get to know Europe's oldest natural human mummy", including games featuring his well-known tattoos - rumoured to have been copied by Brad Pitt - and "his extraordinary gear including his bow and arrow", said the Larixpress publishing house in the Iceman's northern Italian hometown of Bolzano.

Larixpress developed the app in *collaboration* with the Alto *Adige* (South Tyrol) Archaeological Museum, where the mummy is kept in a refrigerated cell.

New discoveries about the 5,300-year-old Iceman, dug out of a northern Italian glacier in 1991 and also known as Oetzi from the Alpine valley where he was found, are being made all the time.

Last May traces of blood were found on him, the oldest blood sample ever found.

A year ago the first complete DNA map of the ancient man found that he was lactose intolerant, or unable to digest a sugar in milk.

The study also showed Oetzi had a predisposition towards heart disease, a finding corroborated by the thickened arteries in the body.

The mapping said the Iceman probably suffered from Lyme Disease, a tick-borne infection whose symptoms may include fever, headache, fatigue, depression, and a characteristic circular skin rash.

According to an international team, the rugged mountain man also shared a common ancestor with the inhabitants of today's Sardinia and Corsica.

He had brown eyes and his blood group was O, the team said.

The Iceman attracts thousands of visitors a year to his Bolzano home.

He had an anniversary bash there in September 2011 when the purpose-built museum celebrated 20 years since two German tourists spotted him peeping out of the glacier.

"Oetzi has been great for us, the city and tourism in the entire region," Alto <u>Adige</u> Archaeology Museum Director Angelika Fleckinger said as the mummy, 2,000 years older than Tutankhamen, 'welcomed' kids to play with prehistoric weapons and offered 'neolithic' food for visitors.

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Fleckinger said the anniversary celebrations had a "special resonance" for her.

"Sometimes I think it is so strange. He died 5,000 years ago yet this person, this Iceman, has become an important part of my life".

Forensic science has made great strides since the Iceman was found in the Oetzal Alps by a couple of German hikers on September 19, 1991.

"We know so much about him, that he had brown eyes and a few diseases, was getting on a bit at 46, and died from an arrow wound.

"But we will maybe never know what really happened in the last hours and minutes of his life".

The Iceman may still be something of a mystery but his generosity to his adoptive home town is no secret.

According to the most recent figures, the refrigerated man earns a total of four million euros each year for restaurants, hotels and souvenir-sellers, Fleckinger said.

Year round, except for Christmas Day, New Year's Day and May Day, he also raises 3.5 million in ticket fees at the restructured bank that houses him.

That means he pays about half of the Bolzano Archaeological Museum's costs, drawing in over one thousand people a day.

This compares to the average of 15% which other Italian museums defray out of visitors' pockets.

The Iceman's status as a global star is reflected by the 26 documentaries made about him by the world's TV companies.

He is perhaps the world's most famous mummy outside Egypt.

The body, which dates back to 3000 BC, has spawned a global cottage industry of studies.

As well as discoveries about what he ate and what illnesses he suffered from, there has been a keen debate on how he died from the arrow wound found in his body - initially, it was thought, in a *fight* with rival hunters.

One theory says he was assassinated in a tribal power struggle.

Another suggested he was the victim of ritual sacrifice.

Another study - fiercely contested by patriotic residents of the formerly Austrian region who see Oetzi as their proud forefather - reckons he was cast out from his community because a low sperm count rendered him childless.

An eerie aura has also grown around the Iceman because of the allegedly mysterious deaths of seven people who came into contact with him soon after he was found.

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# In northern Italy, the sound of the swirling river suffuses even my hotel room

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# **Body**

In the deeply wooded hills of South Tyrol, Italy, a quick, silvery <u>river</u> tumbles wildly over long, tawny spills of fallen rock. By the time it reaches distant Verona, it is wide and slow, but here it still remembers its origins as a mountain <u>stream</u>, a <u>watercourse</u> that the old Celts called "Yt-ese" – that is, quite simply, "the <u>water</u>". In Italian this became the <u>Adige</u>, while for German speakers it is the Etsch.

That this clear, strangely musical <u>waterway</u> has two names is one consequence of Tyrol's troubled history, a sorry tale of annexation, <u>forced</u> migration and the "Italianisation" programme imposed by Mussolini when the fascists came to power. For many of the predominantly German-speaking locals, this is still Austria – and some of the older folk refuse to speak Italian to this day.

Oblivious to all of this, the water wends its way through mixed woodland and rocky outcrops, purling between fallen boulders, or pooling suddenly in the deeper shade. Here and there, a thin tributary cascades over a rock face, a haunting grace-note to the music of the main current. Butterflies flicker in and out of the shade around these miniature waterfalls; wildflowers dot the damp undergrowth and the banks of the river are lined with hop-hornbeam, bird cherry and manna ash.

Meanwhile, under it all, the geology is formed from a rare mix of granite, quartz-porphyry and gneiss. Go walking in the little Gaul Canyon nature reserve, where the swift and occasionally unpredictable Valsura river (German: Falschauer) meets the <u>Adige</u>, and you can read an entire geological history in the rippling, varicoloured layers of rock along the narrow track that leads to the upper meadow.

Directly adjacent to Gaul Canyon lies the town of Lana, famed in this region and beyond for its apple orchards. It is a pretty place, packed with remarkable buildings and, in early June, when I was passing through, full of the heady scent of star jasmine. On street after street, in the specially designed park for the elderly and around the fine public buildings – once the homes of rich merchants and churchmen – this sweetly perfumed shrub is grown as a hedge plant. From early summer onwards, it lends an air of sensual festivity to this neat, somewhat reserved market town.

Meanwhile, off the main thoroughfares, Yt-ese reappears in altered form, diverted from its scrambling run to fair Verona by generations of apple-growers, who carefully guided it through the back lanes, between tall monastery

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walls and neat, well-managed orchards, via narrow irrigation canals, or Waale – not only to keep the apples and vines well-watered in summer, but also to protect them from winter frosts. This system of waterways, which local people say dates back to the 13th century, demonstrates the effectiveness of an appropriate technology that, as simple as it is, works very well; on top of that, however, it adds a real, if unquantifiable, richness to the fabric of daily life.

I became aware of this on the night I first arrived in the town. Having travelled some distance through an impressive thunderstorm (which one local dismissed as a "little night-time rain") I was aware of nothing, at first, save the steady downpour hammering at the windows of my *Gasthaus* and filling the air with a sweet ozone-y richness.

The next morning, however, long after the storm had abated, I could still hear water from my second-storey room. I went out on to the balcony and looked out over the street: it was still, empty, touched with the gold of the morning sun – but the sound of running water continued, gentle, constant, yet infinitely variable. Though I did not know it then, I was near a Waale – and the purl of running water haunted my visit, over several days of scorching sun, so I always knew that, hot as this particular summer might be, a river ran through it.

[See also: Dead birds falling from the sky is a bad omen for the planet]

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# <u>5 years later, Paris is still fastest in Bormio downhill; 5 years later, Paris is still fastest in Bormio downhill</u>

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# **Body**

BORMIO, Italy - After a five-year absence, Dominik Paris rediscovered that winning feeling on the Stelvio downhill course.

Returning to the site of his first World Cup victory, Paris dominated on home snow Thursday to end the season-long podium *drought* for Italy's men's team.

"I've still got the same feeling here," Paris said. "I had a lot of confidence even after the training run."

Paris won by a slim 0.04-second margin ahead of Aksel Lund Svindal of Norway on the **demanding** Stelvio course, which was softer than usual due to heavy snowfall a day earlier.

Kjetil Jansrud of Norway finished third, 0.17 seconds behind.

Vancouver's Manuel Osborne-Paradis was 10th, earning his first top-10 result of the World Cup season and qualifying for the Canadian Olympic team in the process.

Broderick Thompson of Whistler, B.C., was 42nd and Ben Thomsen of Invermere, B.C., was 51st.

It was the ninth career win for Paris, a muscular skier who has also claimed the feared downhill in Kitzbuehel, Austria, twice.

After his 2012 win, Paris missed the downhill on the Stelvio in 2013 due to injury. Then the race was moved to nearby Santa Caterina Valfurva for the past three years.

"I'm glad it's back in Bormio," said Paris, who keeps his responses brief and to the point.

Last season, the Italian team set a squad record with 43 podium results - 25 for the women and 18 for the men. This season, they have six for the women and now one for the men.

"Now I hope I can maintain this form for the classics," Paris said, looking forward to the downhills next month in Wengen, Switzerland, and Kitzbuehel.

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Svindal and Jansrud had already completed their runs and were preparing to celebrate when Paris came down and got the crowd roaring by leading through the first two checkpoints. Paris trailed slightly at the last split but was able to carry his speed through the final zig-zag turns - when lactic acid was bursting through his muscles - and create a minimal advantage.

The Italian's speed topped out at 129.7 kph (80 mph).

At the finish, Paris pumped his fists and waved to the crowd.

"The two Norwegians are always fast so you've got to pull out something extra to beat them," Paris said.

When he was an overly aggressive child, Paris was sent by his father to meditate amid grazing cows in the mountains. Now, he expends his energy on the world's toughest downhill courses - or by playing heavy metal music with his guitar.

The start of the race was delayed for 45 minutes while course workers finished clearing the 40 centimetres (16 inches) of snow that fell on the piste Wednesday.

"I'm always happy when it snows. In winter you need snow," said Paris, who comes from the Val d'Ultimo in Italy's German-speaking Alto Adige region.

The snow softened the Stelvio's bumps, making it less of a physical test than in past years - when most skiers doubled over in exhaustion at the finish.

"The right word is 'easier' but that doesn't mean it's easier to win," Svindal said. "It means it was easier to get to the finish line."

Downhill world champion Beat Feuz of Switzerland finished fourth and Hannes Reichelt of Austria was fifth.

Svindal, who had won the previous two downhills, still leads the discipline standings.

With the sun moving in and out behind clouds and the course mostly in the shade to begin with, there were several ugly falls.

Dominik Schwaiger of Germany was airlifted off the course and brought to a local hospital with unspecified injuries after a high-speed crash. Guillermo Fayed and Matthieu of France were dealing with various bruises after similar falls and Travis Ganong of the United States was getting his knee checked at the U.S. team hotel.

An Alpine combined race is scheduled for the Stelvio on Friday.

More AP skiing coverage: <a href="https://apnews.com/tag/Alpineskiing">https://apnews.com/tag/Alpineskiing</a>

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# <u>PEAK SEASON; The mountains are just as tempting in summer, when you can run up them, bike down them, paraglide off them or simply enjoy the soaring views, says Sean Newsom</u>

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# **Body**

#### A LIVING IN A BUBBLE, CAMPAN

Stargazing has rarely been so laid-back. Tucked up in bed in a Moontain Bubble, map of the stars in hand, you can gaze through the clear plastic roof of your space-age pod and ponder the night sky. New for 2019, the two bubbles are set in farmland in the French Pyrenees, with a wall of jagged peaks at the far end of the valley and the pilgrim town of Lourdes (the nearest airport) two miles to the north. La Grande Ourse is the one to book; prices start at £180 a night, B&B, excluding travel (<a href="https://www.moontain-bubble.com">www.moontain-bubble.com</a>). Hours of languid lounging beckon from its wood-fired hot tub.

#### B CANYONING FOR KIDS, NEAR ANNECY

The French call it ruisseling, and it's a gentler, more playful version of canyoning, perfect for 8-to 13-year-olds. Equipped with helmets and wetsuits, you walk the gorges of the <u>River</u> Fier, sloshing about its pools and eddies (£72 for a family of four; <u>www.guides-des-aravis.com</u>).

It's typical of the summer scene in the mountains east of Annecy, where big outdoor pools, a trampoline park, laser rifle shooting, mini golf, zip wires, archery and a toboggan course are combined in a majestic playground for tweenagers. Erna Low has an August week in a two-room apartment at the Grandes Alpes residence, in La Clusaz, from £257pp for a family of four, self-catering; the price includes return Eurotunnel crossings (<a href="www.ernalow.co.uk">www.ernalow.co.uk</a>).

#### C THE RIDE OF YOUR LIFE, TIGNES

Ski lifts might be an integral part of the mountain scene, but they are rarely the main event. Except in the French resort of Tignes, where, this summer, you'll feel the wind in your hair - and get a somewhat alarmingly real sense of the plunging depths beneath you - as you ride on the roof of the Grande Motte cable car to the dizzy height of

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11,338ft. It's a fitting addition to the resort's roster of blood-pumping activities. Mix in glacier skiing, mountain-biking, trail running, watersliding and rock-climbing, and your heart will be thumping from start to finish. A week in a two-bedroom flat at the Nevada apartments starts at just £160pp, self-catering, with Peak Retreats, based on four sharing and including return ferry crossings (<a href="https://www.peakretreats.co.uk">www.peakretreats.co.uk</a>).

#### D TRAIL RUNNING, CHAMONIX

Running up mountains isn't just for goats. You might question the wisdom of it as you toil up the knee-crushing 7,200ft Signal Forbes on the first morning of a five-day running camp. But that's only because you haven't acclimatised. After two days of hell, your lungs will stop screaming and you'll wake up to the staggering Mont Blanc views. You'll also be astonished by your body's mountain-beating capabilities. The result? Euphoria. This summer, Icicle Mountaineering is offering four of these six-night camps - starting on June 23 - for £699pp, including guiding and B&B accommodation, but not travel (<a href="https://www.icicle-mountaineering.ltd.uk">www.icicle-mountaineering.ltd.uk</a>). Fly to Geneva.

#### E CLASSICAL MUSIC, VERBIER

This year's Verbier Festival kicks off with Valery Gergiev, director of St Petersburg's Mariinsky Theatre, conducting Bartok and Shostakovich. It's a suitably heavyweight opening to a star-studded programme that runs for two weeks from July 18; the mezzo-soprano Ekaterina Gubanova, the pianist Andras Schiff and the cellist Sheku Kanneh-Mason are also performing. This isn't what you'd expect in a Swiss ski resort famous for party-loving royals and hardcore off-piste skiing, but there's no denying that the mountain setting adds fizz (tickets from £40; <a href="https://www.verbierfestival.com">www.verbierfestival.com</a>). Stay at the central Hotel Bristol (doubles from £186, B&B;

Geneva is the nearest airport.

#### HELI-BIKING, ZERMATT

Those who join Bramble Ski's Fearless Families programme in the Swiss resort this summer will earn serious bragging rights. With the Matterhorn as your backdrop, you'll plunge into an adrenaline-fuelled week that includes tandem paragliding, a via ferrata climb and a night in a mountain hut. But it's the helicopter ride up to 10,000ft, accessing remote MTB trails with a guide, that will leave your kids buzzing. Base camp is a swanky self-catering apartment, with restaurants nearby in case Mum and Dad are too tired to cook. Seven nights start at £1,822pp for a family of four, including six activities (<a href="https://www.brambleski.com">www.brambleski.com</a>). Fly to Geneva or Zurich. Heli-bikers must be 12 or older.

G PATHS OF GLORY, NEAR ROVERETO A trip along the Vallarsa, southeast of Rovereto in Trentino, Italy, will render you dumbstruck for two reasons. The first is the sublime beauty of this tight, steep-sided valley of forests, cliffs and sparkling mountain streams. The second is the history. Just over 100 years ago, the Austrians and Italians *fought* a full-blown mechanised *war* through this all but impassable landscape. Local expert Michele Zandonati will guide you through it, visiting key sites such as Monte Pasubio and revealing the murderous ingenuity of the two sides as they *fought* battles on the edge of precipices, carved trench systems into solid rock and turned mountain peaks into mass graves (£210 a day for up to 20 people; *zando@gruppogrotte.it* for bookings). The Hotel Leon d'Oro, in Rovereto, is the best base (doubles from £70, B&B, hotelleondoro.it). Verona is the nearest airport.

#### WINE TASTING, TRENTINO

Sit in the garden at the family-run Dorigati winery, in Mezzacorona, and the view - beyond the burbling fountain - is of a sheer 2,000ft cliff. It's typical of the soaring scenery that characterises the *Adige* Valley as it cuts deep into the Italian Alps. The ever-changing geology adds variety to the wine, as you'll learn sipping your way from rich, fruity teroldego reds to the creamy, champagne-style Trento DOC. Pick up a hire car at Verona airport, 70 miles south, and base yourself at the Albergo Caffe Centrale, in Mezzacorona (doubles from £129, B&B; <a href="https://www.hotelcaffecentrale.com">www.hotelcaffecentrale.com</a>), or the Villa Weingarten, further up the valley in Caladaro (doubles from £102, B&B; <a href="https://www.villaweingarten.it">www.villaweingarten.it</a>). Allow a healthy budget for tasting taxis.

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I BIKES AND BATHS, OTZTAL Founded in 2015, Sölden's Bike Republic has rapidly grown into an Alpine MTB hub, with four lifts serving a range of trails. This year, 15 natural descents and nine manmade ones will test your mettle, alongside e-biking and road routes (<u>www.bikerepublic.soelden.com</u>). When your legs are like jelly, it's time for some world-class splashing, whooshing down a giant waterslide in Austria's largest adventure park (£22; area47.at) or lolling in an elevated hot tub in the Aqua Dome spa (£19; aqua-dome.at). Doubles at the chic, MTB-friendly Die Berge hotel start at £115, B&B (dieberge.at). Innsbruck is the nearest airport.

#### J HUT TO HUT, ZILLERTAL ALPS

Fancy a proper stomp? Then stretch your legs on the Berliner Höhenweg, which knits together eight huts amid raw, top-of-the-world scenery in the Austrian Alps. The full 53-mile circuit takes seven days, but it's easy to pick a single section, with the Furtschaglhaus to Berliner Hut leg the most highly rated. You'll need a head for heights and a walker's harness to clip onto fixed cables above the most precipitous drops, but the vast views repay every ounce of effort. Book the huts at naturpark-zillertal.at (£108pp for two nights, half-board) and stay in pretty Mayrhofen either side of the trip. Inghams has one-week packages from £399pp, half-board, including flights and transfers (<a href="https://www.inghams.co.uk">www.inghams.co.uk</a>).

#### K TRADITIONAL FARMHOUSE, TYROL

Pining for a mountain farmhouse festooned with geraniums? The Hinterbranterhof is the real deal. Built in 1832, with a bell on top and a barn at the back, it has been restored in a low-key style that makes so much of its ancient timber, it's like living inside a tree. Even better, this idyllic self-catering property offers doorstep access to the pastures and stirring ridge walks of the Wildschönau, an unsung area of the Tyrol that's home to one of the prettiest villages in the Alps, Thierbach. Fly to Innsbruck, pick up a hire car and don't forget the Sound of Music songbook. One week's rental of the whole house, which sleeps nine, starts at £1,460 (hinterbranterhof.at).

#### L FOREST LUXURY, ZELL AM SEE

Need to intersperse family fun with some me-time? Then whisk your brood to the Forsthofgut. in Leogang, Austria. This five-star spa hotel has its roots firmly planted in the local forests and spoils weary parents with yoga, artisan G&Ts and a big adults-only area in the spa while the young 'uns are in the kids' club. The menu is heavy on vegan food, with many of the ingredients sourced from within 30 miles; pine panelling adds a soothing scent to the bedrooms. When you're ready to face the world, the hotel's own hiking and biking guides await. A week in July starts at £550pp for a family of four, half-board, including daily childcare (forsthofgut.at). Salzburg is the nearest airport.

Feel the wind in your hair and the alarmingly real sense of the depths beneath you

# Graphic

WOLFGANG WATZKE; YVES GAMEAU; MARTIN HEMMINGTOP SPOT Your swanky chalet base for a breathless week in Zermatt, Switzerland. Above, hitting the trails in Otztal, AustrialN SUSPENSE A zip wire near Annecy; top, the Aqua Dome spa, Austria

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# Cookbooks are flavour of the season

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# **Body**

Bengaluru, Oct. 5 -- Cookery books are still the rage, even in the face of glamorous programmes with renowned star chefs wooing viewership on food *channels*, or the touch-and-you-get recipes off the Internet.

In fact, market observers, hoteliers, publishers and authors feel technology with visual glamour has only increased the sale of books. While the unprecedented <u>demand</u> of Srinidhi Publications' Oggarane Dabbi, presented by D.R. Muralidhar, which saw a record 50,000 copies sold in 50 days this year, have left publishers amazed, authors too are amazed by the responses of readers who just "want more". What are the reasons behind the rapid sales of cookery books in every bookstore?

Publishing houses such as Sapna Book House, Prism and Srinidhi Publications, and retailers like Gangarams and Nagashri Book House confirm the overwhelming <u>demand</u> for cookbooks, and the wave of new entrants writing them in the last five years. "There are a dime a dozen TV programmes on food that seem to have kindled the curiosity for food and wellness, helping the print medium benefit from the trend," says K.V. Venkatesh of Nagashri Book House in Jayanagar, who sells nearly 25 cookery books a week.

At Prism too, the talk is about bestsellers such as Veena Bhat's Seven Wonders In My Spice Box that has won international gourmet awards. Vijayalakshmi Reddy's non-vegetarian Kodi Masala is an evergreen hit, just as her Andhra Gumagumalu is any Home Science student's reference book.

Cash registers just don't stop ringing for cookbooks, says Nitin Shah of Sapna Book House. From the traditional authentic cuisine of each region, vegetarian and non-vegetarian, to microwave recipes and the latest organic variants, "the assortment of books is a serpentine list, and sales touch nearly 250 books a month".

At Gangarams, more than 50 cookery books get sold in a week. "A whole new set of new authors have arrived and that's why we see an increase in the number of cookery books," says the owner, Prakash Gangaram. "Of the 2-lakh catalogue in our shop, nearly 7,000 titles are on cookery, written by around 15 authors. The latest takeaways are Husna Rahaman's Spice Sorcery: The Kutchi Memon Cookbook by HarperCollins, with bewitching tales of the community and its delectable recipes, followed by Bridget White's Anglo-Indian recipe books," he says.

Today, food is discussed not just within the realm of recipes, but from a holistic viewpoint, making it a whole new habit for the reader.

More bestsellers

Bombaat Bhojana by Sihi-Kahi Chandru

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Tiffin Box for Children by Vijayalakshmi Reddy Sampradayika Pakashastra by Sri Melukote Sitarama Iyengar Sampath Iyengar

Udupi Adige by Rajeshwari
The Udupi Kitchen by Malati Srinivasan and Geetha Rao
Oota Upahara by Jaya V. Shenoy
Gruhini by Hemalatha Parashuram
Making a big splash

This a generation of hoteliers behind him, Sadananda Maiya of Maiyas was drawn into writing interesting anecdotes and legends related to food and its preparations. Ahaara Vihaara was born out of public *demand* for sharing his knowledge "in a book format". Be it the history of asafoetida or its earliest use in India by vocalists, who used a pinch to clear their throats; the food allergy noticed by Mr. Maiya that has a link with each blood group; or preparing pure coffee from naturally preserved moisture-free seeds without chicory, Mr. Maiya's narrations are practical accounts of his personal encounters. Mr. Maiya, the food scientist, is releasing five more books this Dasara.

Her students are her inspiration

For Vijayalakshmi Reddy, who has 12 books to her credit with six more expected to hit the stands anytime, it is a connect with her students in her cookery classes and TV programmes that get extended to books.

"I have conducted classes for 30 years and trained 3 lakh students. The working lot also requested me for a 'Working Woman's Cookbook' for weekly planning, which I did recently," says Ms. Vijayalakshmi.

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# High tides persist in Venice

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# **Body**

#### BY LUCA BRUNO

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VENICE, Italy - Venice was hit Sunday by a record third exceptional tide in the same week while other parts of Italy struggled with a series of weather woes, from rain-swollen <u>rivers</u> to high winds to an out-of-season avalanche.

Stores and museums in Venice were mostly closed in the hardest-hit area around

St. Mark's Square, but tourists donned high rubber boots or even hip waders to witness and photograph the spectacle.

Most were disappointed when officials closed the historic square as winds rippled across the rising waters. The doors of the famed St. Mark's Basilica were securely shut to the public, and authorities took precautions - stacking sandbags in canal-side windows - to prevent salt-laden water from entering the crypt again.

Venice's Tide Office said the peak tide of nearly 5 feet hit just after 1p.m. but a weather front off the coast blocked southerly winds from the Adriatic Sea from pushing the tide to the predicted level of 5 feet, 2 inches. By early evening, the level was less than three feet.

Still it marked the third time since Tuesdaythat water levels in Venice had reached exceptional levels. Since records began in 1872, that level had never been reached even twice in one year, let alone three times in one week.

While Venetians had a bit of relief, days of heavy rainfall and snowfall elsewhere in Italy swelled rivers to worrisome levels, triggered an avalanche in the Alps and saw dramatic rescues of people unable to flee rising waters.

The flooding has raised renewed debates about the city's Moses flood defense project, a corruption-riddled underwater barrier system that is still not operational after more than 16 years of construction and at least 5 billion euros of public funding. It was supposed to be working by 2011.

In Pisa, famed for its Leaning Tower, workers sandbagged the road along the rising Arno River, which authorities said had reached the highest level there and in another Tuscan city, Florence, since 1992.

#### High tides persist in Venice

"I ask citizens to go home and stay there," Pisa Mayor Michele Conti, said in an <u>appeal</u> on state TV. He said bridges were being closed as a precaution in case the Arno overran its banks. Pisa's offices and stores were ordered shuttered until midday Monday.

The Arno also surged through the heart of historic Florence, reaching a level near the Uffizi Galleries that was described as the highest in some 20 years. In 24 hours, 2.5 inches of rain had fallen in Florence, which was whipped by winds as high as 42 mph.

A popular Florence tourist attraction, the Boboli Gardens, was closed as a precaution for fear of falling trees. Near the Tuscan town of Cecina, 500 people were evacuated when a local river swelled to the top of its banks.

Elsewhere in Tuscany, 2,000 people were ordered evacuated in Grosseto as the Ombrone river swelled dangerously. Near Grosseto, firefighters rescued a man clinging to a tree as floodwaters surrounded him.

In Italy's mountainous Alto <u>Adige</u>, or South Tyrol region, a mid-autumn snowstorm triggered power outages and blocked roads in several Alpine valleys. The mayor of Val Martello, Georg Altstaetter, told state TV that an avalanche had damaged two houses but caused no injuries. Other homes were evacuated as a precaution. The town was left without electricity.

The region's governor told people to stay home so crews could clear snow-clogged roads.

A windstorm overnight in the Rome area toppled scores of trees, with two falling on cars, severely injuring a motorist.

Some politicians lamented that the drama over Venice's high tides was eclipsing the needs of other areas.

In Matera, a once-impoverished southern town that has experienced a renaissance through tourism, heavy rain sent torrents of mud racing through its streets last week, ruining shops and lodging.

"There are no minor-league regions," said Luigi Di Maio, a populist who leads the 5-Star Movement, the government's main party.

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# **Body**

May 29: The Northeast Italian wine region is blessed with excellent geographical location with <u>diverse</u> soils and cool and moderating weather that makes Veneto and Friuli Venezia Giulia excellent wine regions, writes our guest writer Ms. Sheetal Kadam, a Mumbai member of the Italics Wine Club, who was part of the group that visited Vinitaly and several wineries in these two regions of Italy last month and came back mesmerized

The region is blessed with Alps extending beyond the northern borders of Italy and sheltering the region from the rains, edged by the alluvial debris of *River* Po, the limestone matrix of basalt peaks and chalky blue *waters* of *Adige River* at the base of jagged dolomite peaks in the Northern Verona. The region is also influenced by cool and moderating weather between *Lake* Garda in the West and Adriatic Sea to the Southeast. All these factors make the region of Veneto and Friuli Venezia Giulia ideal for the viticulture related activities. It was this region that I was fortunate to visit and get a feel of the real Italian 'wine culture' and the passion, creativity and pride behind the regional produce. It was a heavenly experience that went beyond the feel of just technical experience of Italian wine production.

The Visit started with introduction to the Italy's wine regions and wine tastings at the Vinitaly, an Italian wine treasure in my opinion. What followed thereafter was just a dream-walk through a series of wineries which had personalized touches, passionately cultivated dream of wine making embedded with traditional yet creative procedures.

Sartori diVerona

#### www.sartorinet.com ( http://www.sartorinet.com)

This was the first in the list of my visits. It was founded by the entrepreneurial spirit of grandfather Pietro in 1898, when he bought his first vineyard in Negrar. After a walk through the vineyards and the cellars with Daniele Cristanelli, the Export Manager it was time to taste their wide range of stunning Rosso, Bianco and the Spumante.

The Valpolicella Classico Superiore DOC is a beautiful combination of the trio of Corvina, Rondinella and Molinara indigenous grape varieties. One distinctly felt the sour cherry flavour of Corvina with delicate aromas of plum and rich ripe berries on the palate. It is slightly tannic with good amount of acidity and alcohol, lighter structure, harmonious easy to drink wine.

The winemaker chooses to leave the fully ripened berries on the vine to be picked towards the end of harvest. The grapes are then spread out on mats, or strung up from the ceiling. Drying the grapes in this fashion *forces* them to

shrivel, leaving concentrated sugars and flavours in them. Finally, when the grapes are crushed and fermented, the resulting wine is opulent and full-bodied Amarone della Valpolicella DOC.

Cooling influences that come from altitude, exposing the vineyards in the foothills to a large diurnal temperature range and featuring volcanic soils, are well-suited to white varieties like Garganega, Trebbiano and Oseleta. The Soave DOC 'Still Wine' appeared to be bright and lemon-yellow with fresh aromas of apple, pear, almond and herbaceous, crisp and refreshing on the palate and rich in minerality. Recioto di Soave DOC is a sweet straw white wine made from dried Garganega grown in the Soave. Rich in texture with candied lemon and honey flavour.

Io Mazzucato

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The next in line was a winery in the Breganze DOC appellation, close to Asiago in the North-Centre of Veneto. Breganze is of volcanic origin, with basalt and calcareous and alluvial deposits left by the glaciers, rich in minerals, favourable climate, warm but ventilated summers and humid winters.

The owner of the winery, Andrea Mazzucato explained 'why' the name. "You can blame me or compliment me for my wines", he adds, "I am solely responsible for my wines". I was excited to taste his wines and visit the vineyards.

Amongst all the white varieties - chardonnay, pinot bianco and pinot grigio, Andrea likes to cultivate Vespaiola more, as this grape narrates a story of this territory. The first written notes date back to 1754. Purely native of Breganze doc, it is a pretty rustic vine. He makes Vespaiola wine with the best of these bunches and then produces Torcolato, a sweet dessert wine with the rest. The bunches undergo Appasimento after harvest.

The Vespaiola grape is best suited to sweet wine production. Resulting into naturally intense acidity, dry wine style, light bodied and aromatically subdued wine. However, when used to make sweet dried-grape wines like Torcolato, Vespaiola, can produce sweetly spiced, honeysuckle scented and nectarine wines, with an ideal sugar and acid balance. The Breganze terroir is varied. Many red berry varieties like Cabernet Sauvignon, Marzemino, Syrah and Merlot are also found here.

#### Prosecco Land

The next stop was Val d'Oca and Astoria wineries close to the Venice Lagoon between the hills of Treviso, the plain of River Piave and Adriatic coast. It is typical to produce the famous Prosecco exclusively from Glera grapes and also a few other varieties like Merlot, Carmenere, Verduzzo, Refosco, Verdiso and Marzemino.

Val d'Oca

#### www.valdoca.com ( http://www.valdoca.com)

It was established on 14th April 1952. Located at the base of the Veneto's Pre-Alps, in the delightful hilly region between Asolo and Conegliano, it was started by a handful of vine growers who had a strong belief in the benefits of *cooperative* as a solution to face the economic difficulties of the time.

Today there are 602 grape growers with almost 959 hectares of vineyards, predominantly growing Glera on moraine and argillaceous soils. This winery is recognised as one of the leading companies in the Valdobbiadene area, tracing the lines of the development of prosecco production from a local wine to an international best seller.

Today it is recognized as one of the oldest companies growing, processing and bottling Prosecco. It is on a Landscape of colours and scents, embroidered by vineyards, rich in woods and rugged slopes, historic towns and picturesque villages, a place where over the centuries vines have taken on a central role in the material and productive culture. It's the Land of Prosecco. While tasting the Prosecco facing the vineyards, Mr Aldo Franchi - the

procurator of the winery - took us into the past explaining the historic foundation of the winery, its success story till date as an international brand on co-operation basis.

Astoria Winery

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Astoria's Prosecco has peculiarity of fruity aromas and freshness. It is easy to drink wine. These conditioning aspects are assured by the environment and viticulture practices fundamentally, I believe. Mr Giorgio the wine producer himself and Paolo Favero the export manager clearly mentioned the fact that the clayey or marly soil with Mediterranean influence ensures a good acidic heritage essential for the freshness and aromatic characteristics of the Prosecco. Before the harvest, the medium-high temperatures and drier climate bring the bunch to complete ripening. Ideally that is the right time for them to harvest while the grapes are a perfect balance of its components. We were served with Astoria's fine Prosecco wines with the local Italian cuisine, a perfect food and wine combination made for each other.

I Feudi di Romans

#### www.ifeudidiromans.it ( http://www.ifeudidiromans.it)

Entering into the Friuli- Venezia- Giulia, we visited 'I Feudi di Romans' winery. Here, Enzo Lorenzon, along with his sons Davide and Nicola, successfully manages about 90 hA of vineyards with tenacity and passion, the land his father Severino bought in the '50s. Together they grow best grapes, supported by the River Isonzo, and by the flora found on its banks, an ideal habitat to thrive in.

"I Feudi di Romans" is the top label of the Lorenzon Winery, born in the early '90s from the desire to captivate and conquer the lovers of the Friulian wine tradition. The Winery, located in the Friuli Isonzo DOC, produces prestigious wines, as advantaged by the Mediterranean micro-climate. Nicola revealed the facts about the variety selection.

Since last 40 years they have been carefully selecting the clones that best suit the territory. These are Friulano, Ribolla Gialla, Malvasia Striana, Verduzzo, Refosco dal Peduncolo Rosso. The Friulano was much lively and fruit driven with citrus and almond flavours, rich in minerality, crisp acidity and balance of alcohol. Ribolla Gialla had firm acidity, peach, citrus and apple notes, floral aromatic profile and was very smooth on palate. Malvasia Bianca goes in for dry, sweet, sparkling and speciality wines. The minerality is its main character in terms of palate.

Marco Felluga

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It was indeed a great experience to meet Roberto and Ilaria Felluga. In 1967, Marco Felluga (father of Roberto) purchased Russiz Superiore one of the finest estates of Collio hills. Collio region is the first DOC of Friuli Venezia Giulia, covering the Marly hills of Gorizia. In the middle of the vineyards a coral reef was discovered, with plenty of fossils. These minerals give their character to the wines.

Roberto introduced many innovations to a classic style of wine making such as choosing elegance and minerality, balanced structure with longevity. He loves to play with the three historic varieties of local grapes Friulano, Ribolla Gialla and Pinot Bianco with partial and well-balanced oak-ageing. With a long term vision to make world's finest white wines, Ilaria - daughter of Roberto and the rising star of Russiz Superiore, is sharpening her knowledge of oenology by pursing higher studies from Udine University.

The personality of Italian wines is shaped by its indigenous grape varieties; undoubtedly the soil lends the wines their structure, freshness and salinity. The micro-climate of the vineyard contributes to its identity. But the Italian

wine culture fosters highest degree of its nobility. Also, the passionate people with a long term vision characterize pride in their regions focusing creative mindsets to produce world class top-selling wines.

A memorable visit that lingered on my mind, long after it was over.

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# Cinema: Orizzonti Vicini al Trento film festival

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(ANSA) - 23 APR - Anche quest'anno la sezione Orizzonti Vicini, organizzata in collaborazione con Trentino Film Commission, sarà protagonista del programma cinematografico del 69° Trento Film Festival (30 aprile - 9 maggio 2021). La sezione, che include 6 tra lungo e mediometraggi e 10 cortometraggi, è dedicata alle storie, agli scenari, alle produzioni e agli autori del Trentino Alto Adige. Trentino Film Commission è presente al Trento Film Festival anche nella sezione Alp&Ism dedicata al mondo dell'alpinismo e agli appassionati di montagna con i film documentari Climbing Iran (Disponibile online dal 03/05) e My upside down world (Disponibile online dal 07/05), e nell'evento di apertura con il corto di animazione Mila (Disponibile online dal 01/05). La selezione cinematografica del 69. Trento Film Festival sarà interamente proiettata al Multisala Modena di Trento, seguendo le normative e i protocolli legati all'emergenza sanitaria. Il programma giornaliero delle proiezioni che si terranno in presenza sarà consultabile dalle 17.00 di oggi, 23 aprile, sul sito https://trentofestival.it/ Inoltre la selezione cinematografica sarà accessibile, a partire dal 30 aprile, sulla piattaforma di streaming all'indirizzo online.trentofestival.it: dal 26 aprile sarà possibile acquistare gli abbonamenti e prenotare i film.

La piattaforma sarà attiva fino al 16 maggio. Il Trento FF online pass a 25(EURO) consente di accedere all'intero programma durante le oltre due settimane di streaming. Il noleggio dei singoli film è gratuito fino ai 30 minuti di durata, al costo di 3(EURO) per i mediometraggi fino ai 60 minuti, e di 5(EURO) per i lungometraggi.

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Venice floods: Italy declares state of emergency after 'widespread devastation' in city; ITALY will declare a state of emergency today after deadly floods brought "widespread devastation" to to its historic basilica, with the city's Mayor warning the city is "on its knees".

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Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte described the *flooding* as a "blow to the heart of our country", and vowed to allocate the first round of funds and accelerate the "structural solution to the problems", which are expected to cost hundreds of millions of euros. He will make the move in a Cabinet meeting today as part of an urgent response to respond to the near-record *floods*. In a post on Facebook, Mr Conte said: "The disaster that hit Venice is a blow to the heart of our country. It hurts to see the city so damaged, its artistic heritage compromised, and its business activities so severely affected.

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"I gave a clear signal to the authorities and local institutions I met this afternoon: the government is there for you. It is with Venice and Venetians.

"Tomorrow I will be in the city again, I will meet the local community and we will have another operational meeting in the Prefecture to see the real damage and to give the first solutions.

"In the afternoon I will return to Rome for a Council of Ministers during which we will take charge of the request for a state of emergency. We are ready to allocate the first funds.

"I will also accelerate the structural solution to the problems, linked to the extraordinary maintenance of the barriers and the hydraulic systems.

Mr Conte added: "But it is not only Venice. In these hours many other regions are affected by this violent wave of bad weather. With the Head of Civil Protection we are constantly monitoring the news from all over Italy.

"From the rest of the Veneto, as from Friuli Venezia Giulia, from Puglia to Trentino Alto <u>Adige</u>, from Naples to Matera and from other territories.

"On the Government's part, our attention is maximum."

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The flooding has destroyed shops and hotels, leaving many of the city's historic squares and side streets deep underwater, with the tide peaking at a huge 6ft 2in on Tuesday night - second only to the record 6ft 5in set in 1966.

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Mayor of Venice Luigi Brugnaro said the city was "on its knees" and warned of further "widespread devastation".

He said it would cost hundreds of millions of euros to repair the damage across the city, and told reporters at a news conference the devastation was "enormous".

The Mayor said on Twitter: "Venice is on its knees. "St. Mark's Basilica has sustained serious damage, like the entire city and its islands."

Luca Zaia, the premier of the Veneto region, warned the city was "faced with total, apocalyptic devastation".

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He told Italian media: "I'm not exaggerating - 80 percent of the city is under water, the damage is unimaginable."

Torrential rainfall has *forced* tides to peak at near record highs, inflicting huge chaos onto a city built on canals.

Five ferries that serve as water buses were damaged. The are a critical means of transport in Venice as there are no road or rail links, except to the mainland.

This is also the fourth flood to hit St. Mark's Basilica in the last 20 years, with the vestibule of the church flooded with water on Tuesday.

It has sparked fears the church's historic collection of rich mosaics and artworks could be destroyed, with muddy water surrounding marble tombs in the crypt.

Carlo Alberto Tesserin, first procurator of the Basilica, who is the president of a team responsible for managing the historic site, said: "We're talking about millions of euros worth of damage.

"We said last year that the Basilica had aged 20 years in a high tide. It risks having aged much more than that in this one."

Venice archbishop Francesco Moraglia said the Basilica is "suffering structural damage because the water has risen and so it's causing irreparable damage, especially when it dries out in the lower section of the mosaics and tiling."

But fury has swept across Venice at the delay of a flood barrier project, which has been blamed on corruption.

Mayor Brugnaro demanded a the long-delayed "Moses" barrier protection project "must be finished soon".

The plan, which began in 2003, involves 78 moveable gates under the sea that can be raised to protect Venice's lagoon during high tides.

But there is no completion in sight, and a recent attempt to test part of the barrier caused huge vibrations, with engineers discovering parts had rusted.

Local Dino Perzolla said: "They've done nothing, neglected it. It doesn't work and they have stolen six billion euros. The politicians should all be put in jail."

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### **Body**

ROME -- Violent thunderstorms, small tornadoes that blew roofs off homes, and hurricane-<u>force</u> winds lashed Italy from Piedmont to Sicily early this week, leaving at least 11 people dead, many more injured and firefighters and other rescue workers scrambling to respond to emergency calls.

In Venice, ferocious winds drove the high tide to more than 61 inches, or 156 centimeters, above average sea level on Monday, one of the highest levels ever recorded, plunging much of the city under <u>water</u>. It was the highest <u>flood</u> in a decade in Venice, though far short of the record, more than 76 inches above level, set in November 1966.

Venetians and tourists tottered on raised walkways throughout the city, while others waded through thigh-high water. Many shops and restaurants flooded when barriers across doorways failed to keep the water out.

Some tourists decided to go for a swim in famed Saint Mark's Square, in front of the city's cathedral.

The cathedral itself was damaged by flooding as water submerged part of the floor in the central part of the basilica for only the fifth recorded time in its nine-century history, officials said. The water covered "several dozens of square meters" of the marble pavement in front of the altar of the Madonna Nicopeia, a 12th century icon, and submerged the baptistery, the board responsible for the building said in a **statement**.

Near the covered entrance to the basilica, the mosaic floor was under as much as 35 inches of water, it said, "soaking the monumental bronze doors, columns and marble." Water levels remained above ground in the basilica for 16 hours.

"It may not be visible to the eye, but structures age because of the salt water drenching the bricks, which were not meant to remain underwater for long; that goes for bronze, too," said Pierpaolo Campostrini, one of the board members. "The bricks are like sponges, and if the water levels don't drop, the water rises several meters to the mosaic level."

"In one day, the basilica aged 20 years," he said.

An editorial on Tuesday in the Venice daily II Gazzettino asked what had happened to the Moses Project, the divisive, still-unfinished, multibillion-dollar system of floodgates that has been under construction for years. Venice,

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built on a lagoon of the Adriatic on Italy's northeastern coast, has always been vulnerable to flooding, and the system of barriers is supposed to offer some protection as global warming and rising seas make the **threat** worse.

"If there was one day it would have been useful, it was yesterday," the editorial read.

Mr. Campostrini, of St. Mark's, <u>agreed</u>. "That event shouldn't have happened, not if the Moses Project had been operational," he said.

The situation was equally dramatic in other Italian regions.

Winds reached 112 miles per hour in Liguria, on Italy's northwest coast, one of the hardest-hit regions. The Italian news agency ANSA described a "massacre of yachts" in the town of Rapallo, near Genoa, where dozens of boats moored in the port broke loose and crashed against the shore or were driven out to sea.

A storm destroyed the provincial road to Portofino, isolating the picturesque coastal town and stranding residents and tourists. ANSA reported that the eldest son of former Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, Pier Silvio, was stranded with his family in the area, in the castle that he owns. Pier Silvio is deputy chairman and chief executive of the family media group Mediaset.

Hundreds of people were evacuated from their homes in towns in the mountainous Trentino-Alto <u>Adige</u> region, northwest of Venice, after rivers rose over their banks. Newspapers described fish swimming in the streets of one town.

In some places, hillsides soaked by heavy rain gave way.

The operational command of the Civil Protection Department met late Monday to coordinate and deploy disaster relief teams throughout the country, where winds and rains continued with **force** on Tuesday.

Schools remained closed on Tuesday in many regions. Century-old pine trees toppled in Rome, blocking roads and clogging traffic.

In Venice, the city's high-water telephone message system warned citizens that high tides on Tuesday and Wednesday would be unusually severe, but not as bad as Monday's. A "code orange" was in place, with flooding expected to reach more than 43 inches above sea level.

In Naples, many trees fell in the cemetery of Poggioreale, famed for its tombs and monuments, which was closed to the public.

Mayor Luigi de Magistris of Naples said on Tuesday that the city had been exposed to "an atmospheric earthquake."

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## Graphic

PHOTO: Visitors to Saint Mark's Square in Venice on Monday witnessed the city's highest flood in a decade. (PHOTOGRAPH BY MANUEL SILVESTRI/REUTERS)

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#### Introduction

<u>River</u> networks are endowed with a ubiquitous fractal signature, that is, the similarity between the parts and the whole—. The shape of <u>river</u> networks observed in Nature results from the interplay between chance (precipitation events, landslides and tectonic activity engendering local changes in landscape morphology) and necessity (the action of gravity and erosion driving network configurations towards optimal states),. Indeed, the most probable <u>river</u> network configurations are those corresponding to a local minimum of energy dissipation,. The fractal character of <u>river</u> networks is subsumed by Horton's laws on bifurcation, length and area ratios, and by the power-law scaling of distributions of drainage areas and lengths—. These distinguishing features of <u>river</u> networks are relevant from a hydrological and geomorphological perspective as they control the hydrological response of a basin, its hydraulic geometry attributes and its sediment transport rates...

Equally important, but hitherto often neglected, is the relevance of these river network properties from a biological perspective, and thus the adequate understanding of biological processes in river networks, such as biogeochemical cycling, and the distribution of populations, species and pathogens—. Understanding how the spatial structure of landscapes influences community and ecosystem dynamics is a classic theme in ecology—. In this respect, river networks have recently attracted considerable interest by ecologists, due to their distinct dendritic structure— and the outstanding relevance of riverine biodiversity, ecosystem functions, and their respective *threats*, at both local and global scales,. This spurred extensive research investigating how river connectivity affects biodiversity patterns—, genetic diversity—, dispersal, and characteristics of a metapopulation (that is, a set of spatially structured populations of the same species connected by dispersal), such as persistence—, stability and synchrony—.

Systematic study of hydrological and ecological dynamics in rivers depends on a realistic representation of river network structures, and requires either the use of real river networks or the construction of synthetic network analogues. While the former is interesting for case-specific studies, only the latter allows generalisations and an analytical investigation of recurrent patterns. The use of synthetic analogues of river networks is especially interesting because it enables the generation of potentially infinite replicates of river networks sharing the same size and properties, which permits a proper assessment of ecological dynamics (and the uncertainty thereof) irrespective of the shape of a given river network. Several approaches have been used to approximate river networks in ecological studies. While some studies acknowledged possible shortcomings of certain network approximations, the effects of inadequate network analogues on the ecological dynamics analyzed have not been

systematically addressed (but see ref. ). Specifically, a first group of studies,,,,,,,,, modelled river networks as trees where all paths from the tree root to the source nodes (see Supplementary Note 1) have equal length; borrowing an analogy from computer science, these will hereafter be defined balanced binary trees (BBTs – Fig. a). A second group of studies,,, considered a somewhat more realistic type of structures, where river network analogues were built as random assemblages of links of different lengths (e.g. following an exponential distribution,); these will hereafter be referred to as random branching networks (RBNs – Fig. b). Importantly, many of these studies,,–claimed a property of such random networks, their branching probability p, to be a major driver of ecological processes such as richness patterns, genetic diversity and metapopulation stability. Finally, a third group,,,, exploited river network analogues derived following geomorphological principles, i.e. Optimal Channel Networks (OCNs - Fig. c–f). OCNs are spanning trees (see Supplementary Note 1) that correspond to a local minimum of a functional describing total energy expenditure across the network,. As such, the topological and scaling features of OCNs are indistinguishable from those of real river networks.

Examples of networks analyzed as river analogues.

a a BBT network. b a RBN network. c A small OCN built on a  $20 \times 10$  lattice and extracted with AT = 10 pixels. The river network is depicted in blue, while flow directions in the regions where AT Less Than 10 pixels are drawn in grey. d–f An OCN built on a  $200 \times 200$  lattice and extracted with three different values of AT. g–i A real river (*Adige*, Italy) extracted from a DEM (with pixel size I = 409.25 m) with three different values of AT; the catchment spans an area of 40,608 pixels. Network nodes are marked with grey dots in panels a, b and c (with filled dots corresponding to "branching" nodes, i.e. identifying the start of a link); the black solid lines in panels c–i depict the extent of the areas drained by the river networks. Orange areas (highlighted by arrows in panels d, g) depict the extent of the area (equal to AT) drained by an arbitrary headwater.

Here, we show that, contrary to some <u>statements</u> and applications made in the literature, branching probability is not an inherent property of river networks and therefore does not allow distinguishing them according to their complexity level. Rather, p is a feature that depends on the scale at which a river network is observed. Next, we compare the topological and scaling features of BBTs, RBNs and OCNs with those of real rivers. Finally, we show that using purely random river network analogues such as BBTs and RBNs in ecological applications instead of OCNs leads to biased conclusions with respect to metapopulation stability and persistence, evaluated based on distributions of between-node distances and patch sizes. We therefore call for the use of OCNs as the only appropriate landscape model to investigate ecological processes in riverine environments. The outstanding suitability of OCNs to accurately depict hydrologic dynamics has been well-established in geosciences, yet not necessarily cascaded to other fields, and thus highlights, more in general, the need for a tighter integration of geosciences and biosciences in the study of the patterns of Nature.

Results and Discussion

Drainage area and branching ratio: a matter of scale

Geomorphological and ecological viewpoints on river networks generally differ owing to discordant definitions of the fundamental unit (the node) used to analyze them. From a geomorphological perspective, the determination of a river network entails the definition of an observational scale. Real river networks can be extracted from digital elevation models (DEMs) via algorithms for flow direction determination such as D8 (i.e., each pixel drains towards the lowest of its 8 nearest neighbors). After the outlet location has been specified (and hence the upstream area A spanned by the river network), the first observational scale required is thus the pixel length I of the DEM, which defines the extent of a network node. A second scale is then needed to distinguish the portion of the drainage network effectively belonging to the channel network. The simplest but still widely used method defines channels as those pixels whose drainage area exceeds a threshold value AT. Hydrologically based criteria to determine the appropriate value for AT exist; however, for the sake of simplicity, we here consider AT as a free parameter.

BBTs and RBNs are random constructs, and as such they do not satisfy the optimality criterion of minimizing total energy expenditure, which is the fundamental physical process shaping fluvial landscapes. Furthermore, neither of

these networks is a spanning tree, which is a key attribute of real fluvial landforms: in fact, in both BBTs and RBNs, the extent of the drained domain is not defined. As a result, the drainage area at an arbitrary network node cannot in principle be attributed, unless by using the number of upstream nodes as a proxy. This has practical implications from an ecological viewpoint because drainage area is the master variable controlling several attributes of a river, such as width, depth, discharge, or slope,, which in turn impact habitat characteristics and the ecology of organisms therein.

In BBTs and RBNs, branching probability p has been defined,,– as the probability that a network node is branching, i.e. connected to two upstream nodes. As such, the branching probability of a realized river network (be it a real river or a synthetic construct) could be evaluated as the ratio between the number of links NL constituting a network and the total number of network nodes N; if a unit distance between two adjacent nodes is assumed, the denominator equals the total network length. We note that the former definition of branching probability only holds in the context of the generation of a synthetic random network; it is in fact improper to refer to a "probability" when analyzing the properties of a realized river network. We clarify this aspect by introducing the concept of branching ratio pr for the latter definition (pr = NL/N). Moreover, in the case of BBTs, p and pr do not coincide (see Methods). Importantly, p and pr have no parallel in the literature on fluvial forms, nor do they refer to any of the well-studied measures of rivers' fractal character.

The choice of different observational scales for the same drainage network results in different values of NL and N, and hence of pr. Remarkably, the very same drainage network can result in river networks that virtually assume any value of pr (ranging from 0 to 1) and N (up to the upper bound A) depending on the choice of AT and A (the latter corresponding to a given I value when measured in the number of pixels; Fig. d–i); networks with low AT/A ratios result in high N (Fig. a), while networks with low AT result in high pr (Fig. b). Furthermore, pr does not identify the inherent (i.e., scale-independent) branching character of a given river network in relation to other river networks. In fact, by extracting different river networks at various scales (i.e., various AT values) and assessing the rivers' rank in terms of pr, one observes that rivers that look more "branching" (i.e., have higher pr) than others for a given AT value can become less "branching" for a different AT value (Fig. ). We therefore conclude that branching probability is a non-descriptive property of a river network, which by no means describes its inherent branching character, and depends on the observational scale.

Variation of N and pr as a function of observational scales for OCNs and real river networks.

a Expected value of number of network nodes N as a function of threshold area AT and total drained area A (from Eq. ()); the white dots indicate the values of AT and A used to generate the OCNs used in this analysis. b Expected value of branching ratio pr as a function of AT and A (from Eq. ()); symbols as in a.

Values of branching ratio as a function of AT for the 50 real river networks analyzed in this study.

a Natural values of pr in logarithmic scale. bz-normalized branching ratios (i.e., for each AT value, values of pr are normalized so that they have null mean and unit standard deviation), which better shows how rivers rank differently in terms of pr for different observation scales (i.e., AT). Lines connect dots relative to the same river. For visual purposes, rivers that rank first, second, second-to-last or last in at least one of the AT groups are displayed in colors; the other rivers are displayed in grey.

Scaling is also crucial when looking at river networks from an ecological perspective. In this case, the relevant scale determining the dimension I of a node is the extent of habitat within which individuals (due to e.g. physical constrains) can be assigned to a single population,; the riverine connectivity and ensuing dispersal among these populations give rise to a metapopulation at the river network level. The specific spatial scale largely depends on the targeted species (e.g. being larger for fish than for aquatic insects), and it is conceivably much larger than (or, at least, it has no reason to be equal to) the pixel size of the DEM on which the river network is extracted. Since the evaluation of pr depends on the number of nodes N, which, in turn, is defined based on the scale length I, the resulting pr of a river network under this perspective would depend on the characteristics of the target taxa, which is inconsistent with the alleged role of pr as a scale-invariant property of river networks.

Note also that using the ecological definition of I (i.e., spatial range of a local population) to discretize a real river network into N nodes, and from there calculate the branching ratio pr = NL/N, is problematic. Indeed, this would imply an elongation of all links shorter than I (which constitute a non-negligible fraction of the total links, under the assumption of exponential distribution of link lengths), hence preventing a correct estimation of the connectivity patterns (i.e., distances between nodes) and the resulting ecological metrics of the river network (see section Ecological implications).

From an ecological perspective, it could be reasonable to consider AT as a parameter expressing how a particular taxon perceives the suitable landscape, rather than a value to be determined from geomorphological arguments: for instance, large fishes inhabit wide and deep river reaches, and do not access small headwaters. In this case, imposing a large AT would result in a coarser, less branching network constituted by few main channels (Fig. f, i), which could mimic the potentially available habitat for such species. Conversely, aquatic insects inhabit also small headwaters,, therefore their perceived landscape would resemble the finely resolved networks of Fig. d, g, characterized by low AT and higher (apparent) pr.

Topology and scaling of river networks and random analogues

To verify the topological (i.e., Horton's laws on bifurcation and length ratios) and scaling (i.e., probability distribution of drainage areas) relationships of the different network types, we extracted from DEMs 50 real river networks encompassing a wide range of drainage areas (Fig. ), and we generated 50 OCNs, 50 RBNs and 50 BBTs of comparable size (see Methods).

Location of real river basins used in the analysis.

River basins are shown in dark grey; countries in light grey. Rivers' numbering is sorted in ascending order according to drainage area values.

Typical values,, for the bifurcation ratio RB lie between 3 and 5, while length ratios (RL) range between 1.5 and 3.5. As expected, we observed that the real rivers and OCNs used in our analysis have RB and RL values within the aforementioned ranges (Fig. a, b). The same is true for RBNs, while the RB and RL values found for BBTs are lower than the typical ranges. This finding holds regardless of the scale (subsumed by AT) at which real river networks and OCNs are extracted (Supplementary Figs. 1 and 2). Remarkably, BBTs fail to satisfy Horton's laws despite the statistical inevitability of such laws for any network argued by ref. . To this regard, we note that the networks analyzed by ref. did not include constructs where all paths from the source nodes to the outlet have the same length, which is the defining feature of BBTs (Fig. a).

Comparison of topological and scaling properties of the different networks.

a Scaling of number of network links N $\omega$  as a function of stream order  $\omega$  for the various network types (rivers and OCNs obtained with AT = 20 pixels; RBNs and BBTs derived accordingly - see Methods). b Mean link length L $\omega$  (in units of I) as a function of  $\omega$ . Networks used are as in panel a. c Scaling of drainage areas: probability P[A  $\geq$  a] to randomly sample a node with drainage area A  $\geq$  a as a function of a. The displayed trend lines are fitted on the ensemble values for the 50 network replicates, by excluding nodes with drainage area larger than 2000 pixels (cutoff value marked with a black solid line). The scaling coefficients  $\beta$  reported correspond to the slopes of the fitted trend lines. Extended details on all panels are provided in the Supplementary Methods.

While the power-law scaling of areas in OCNs (Fig. c) has an exponent  $\beta \approx 0.45$  that closely resembles the one found for the real rivers ( $\beta \approx 0.46$ ) and within the typically observed range,  $\beta = 0.43 \pm 0.02$ , drainage areas of RBNs scale as a power law with an exponent  $\beta \approx 0.51$ , which departs from the observed range. Conversely, BBTs do not show any power-law scaling of areas. Scaling exponents of drainage areas fitted separately for each real river network yielded values in the range  $0.36 \div 0.57$  (Supplementary Table 1). In particular, we observed that these values tend to the expected range  $\beta = 0.43 \pm 0.02$  for increasing values of A, expressed in number of pixels (Supplementary Fig. 3), hence implying that highly resolved catchments are required in order to properly estimate  $\beta$ . Interestingly, the observed values of Horton ratios and scaling exponent  $\beta$  for RBNs are compatible with the

values RB = 4, RL = 2,  $\beta$  = 0.5 predicted for Shreve's random topology model,,, which is actually equivalent to a RBN with infinite links.

#### **Ecological implications**

We compared the different network types via two metrics that express the ecological value of a landscape for a metapopulation: the coefficient of variation of a metapopulation of a metapopulation cVM and the metapopulation capacity  $\lambda M$ . The coefficient of variation of a metapopulation is a measure of metapopulation stability (a metapopulation being more stable the lower CVM is), while the metapopulation capacity, expresses the potential for a metapopulation to persist in the long run (persistence being more likely the higher  $\lambda M$  is). Both measures are among the most universal metrics describing dynamics of spatially fragmented populations,. In order to assess the impact of the two landscape features mostly affecting metapopulation dynamics, i.e. spatial connectivity and spatial distribution of habitat patches, we calculated these metrics for the four network types under two different scenarios: uniform (CVM,U,  $\lambda M$ ,U) and non-uniform (CVM,H,  $\lambda M$ ,H) spatial distribution of habitat patch sizes. In the first scenario, CVM,U and  $\lambda M$ ,U assess stability and persistence (respectively) of a metapopulation solely based on pairwise distances between network nodes; in the second scenario, CVM,H and  $\lambda M$ ,H depend on the interplay between pairwise distances and spatially heterogeneous habitat availability (namely, downstream nodes being larger than upstream ones).

We found that the values of CVM (be it derived with uniform (CVM,U) or nonuniform (CVM,H) distributions of patch sizes) obtained for OCNs match strikingly well those of real rivers (Fig. ). These CVM values are consistently lower than those found for RBNs, while values of CVM for BBTs are even higher. Notably, this result holds for different values of AT (and hence different pr values) at which real rivers and OCNs are extracted (Fig. a–c; g–i), and for values of mean dispersal distance  $\alpha$  (see Methods) spanning multiple orders of magnitude (Supplementary Figs. 4–7).

Comparison of values of metapopulation metrics across river network types and observational scales (AT).

a-cCVM,U. d-f $\lambda$ M,U. g-iCVM,H. j-l $\lambda$ M,H. Boxplot elements are as follows: center line, median; notches, , where IQR is the interquartile range; box limits, upper and lower quartiles; whiskers, extending up to the most extreme data points that are within  $\pm 1.5 \cdot IQR$ ; circles, outliers. Metapopulation metric values were obtained by setting  $\alpha = 100$  I. Note that in Eq. (), given A = 40, 000, AT = 20 results in E[N]  $\approx 4574$ , E[pr]  $\approx 0.228$ ; AT = 100 yields E[N]  $\approx 2231$ , E[pr]  $\approx 0.098$ ; AT = 500 results in E[N]  $\approx 1088$ , E[pr]  $\approx 0.042$ .

For a constant  $\alpha$  value, the CVM of real rivers, OCNs and RBNs decreases as the <u>resolution</u> at which the network is extracted increases (i.e., AT decreases; see Fig. and Supplementary Figs. 4–7). This is expected, since a decrease in AT corresponds to an increase in N (Fig. a), leading to a decrease in CVM. Indeed, a larger ecosystem, constituted of more patches, has the potential to include a larger (and more diverse) number of subpopulations, which increases stability at a metapopulation level through statistical averaging—a phenomenon widely known as the portfolio effect. We also found that BBT networks do not generally follow the above-described pattern of decreasing CVM with increasing N; rather, the CVM of BBTs increases with N when the mean dispersal distance  $\alpha$  is set to intermediate to high values (Fig. and Supplementary Figs. 5–7), and only when  $\alpha$  is very low (e.g.  $\alpha$  = 10 I as in Supplementary Fig. 4) and a uniform patch-size distribution is assumed does CVM,U follow the expected decreasing trend with increasing N.

However, we need to warn against the conclusion that river networks with higher values of pr (and hence lower AT, see Fig. b) are inherently associated with higher metapopulation stability. Indeed, our result was obtained by changing the scale at which we observed the same river networks, and not by increasing the river networks' size. If the number of network nodes (and, consequently, the branching ratio pr) is determined by the scale at which the landscape is observed, one cannot directly assume that any of such nodes is a node (or patch) in the ecological sense, i.e. the geographical span of a local population: the extent of such patches should be determined based on the mobility characteristics of the focus species, and should be independent of the scale at which the river network is observed. In contrast, we note that, if different river networks spanning different catchment areas (say, in km2)

are compared, all of them extracted from the same DEM (same I and same AT in km2), then the larger river network will appear more branching (i.e., have larger pr). Indeed, by selecting catchments with larger A (in km2) for fixed I and AT (in km2), one moves towards the top-left corner of Fig. a, b (i.e., perpendicular to the level curves AT/A). The apparent higher "branchiness" of the river network with larger A will result in lower values of CVM; however, the higher metapopulation stability of the larger network will not be due to its (alleged) inherent more branching character, but only dictated by its larger habitat availability.

We observed that metapopulation capacity  $\lambda M$  values of OCNs (be it evaluated under uniform ( $\lambda M$ ,U) or non-uniform ( $\lambda M$ ,H) patch-size distribution assumption) are the closest to those of real rivers, while RBNs (and even more so BBTs) generally overestimate  $\lambda M$  with respect to real rivers and OCNs (Fig. d–f; j–l). This result holds irrespective of the choice of AT and for intermediate to high values of  $\alpha$  (Supplementary Figs. 5–7). When the mean dispersal distance is instead set to very low values ( $\alpha$  = 10 l – Supplementary Fig. 4) and the river network is extracted at a high *resolution* (i.e., low AT), the metapopulation capacity of OCNs under assumption of uniform patch-size distribution ( $\lambda M$ ,U) is underestimated with respect to that of real rivers. A likely explanation for this apparent mismatch is that, for low values of AT, the number of nodes N tends to be somewhat higher for the extracted river networks used in this analysis than for OCNs (Supplementary Fig. 8), and the effect of the different dimensionality of real rivers and OCNs in the metapopulation capacity estimation tends to be more evident as the mean dispersal distance decreases. Interestingly, such mismatch is absent when a non-uniform patch size distribution is assumed, as  $\lambda M$ ,H values for OCNs match those for real rivers regardless of the mean dispersal distance value and the river network *resolution* (Fig. ; Supplementary Figs. 4–7).

The OCN construct encapsulates both random and deterministic processes, the former related to the stochastic nature of the OCN generation algorithm, and the latter pertaining to the minimization of total energy expenditure that characterizes OCN configurations. As such, OCNs reproduce the aggregation patterns of real river networks. From an ecological viewpoint, this implies that both pairwise distances between nodes and the distribution of patch sizes (expressed as a function of drainage areas, or of a proxy thereof such as the number of nodes upstream) are much closer to those of real networks than is the case for fully random synthetic networks as BBTs and RBNs. In particular, BBTs and (to a lesser extent) RBNs tend to underestimate pairwise distances with respect to real rivers and OCNs, as documented by a comparison of mean pairwise distances across network types (Supplementary Fig. 9a–c). Our analysis shows that the connectivity structure of these random networks (subsumed by the matrix of pairwise distances) is too compact with respect to that of real rivers, which leads to an overestimation of the role of dispersal in increasing the ability of a metapopulation to persist in the long run, but also an increased likelihood of synchrony among the different local populations, which results in higher instability.

Comparison of patch size distributions among the network types expressed in terms of CVM,0 (i.e., the portion of CVM,H that uniquely depends on the distribution of patch sizes and not on pairwise distances) shows that, while for coarsely resolved networks (AT = 500) no clear differences in CVM,0 emerged, for highly resolved networks (AT = 20) BBTs heavily underestimate the CVM,0 of real rivers and OCNs, while RBNs slightly overestimate it (Supplementary Fig. 9d–f). As a result of the interplay of differences in distance matrices and patch size distributions, BBTs and (to a lesser extent) RBNs generally tend to overestimate the coefficient of variation of a metapopulation and the metapopulation capacity of real rivers and OCNs in both scenarios of uniform and non-uniform patch size distribution. The only exception to this trend occurs for the metapopulation capacity  $\lambda$ M,H of very large BBTs (corresponding to AT = 20) in the case of very high dispersal distances ( $\alpha$  = 1000 I – Supplementary Fig. 7): here, the patch-size effect (i.e., underestimation of CVM,0) predominates over the distance effect (i.e., overestimation of mean dij), resulting in an underestimation of  $\lambda$ M,H with respect to real rivers and OCNs.

Our results were derived under a number of simplifying assumptions. In particular, we acknowledge that, while the distance matrix of a landscape and the distribution of patch sizes have in general important implications for metapopulation dynamics, other factors not considered here, such as Euclidean between-patch distance, fat-tailed dispersal kernel and density-dependent dispersal could also play a relevant role in this respect. However, it needs to be noted that, especially with regards to the assessment of the Moran effect in metapopulation synchrony (i.e., increased synchrony in local fluvial populations that are geographically close but not flow-connected), the use of OCNs allows integration of Euclidean distances in a metapopulation model, while this is not possible for RBNs and

BBTs, where Euclidean distances are not defined. Moreover, if a larger degree of realism is required for a specific ecological modelling study, such as heterogeneity in abiotic factors (e.g. water temperature or flow rates), the use of OCNs as model landscapes allows a direct integration of these variables, as they can conveniently be expressed as functions of drainage area,. In contrast, this is not possible for RBNs or BBTs, because only OCNs verify the scaling of areas (Fig. c), while RBNs and BBTs lack a proper definition of drainage areas.

Our comparison of synthetic and real river networks showed that riverine metapopulations are more stable and less invasible than what would be predicted by random network analogues. Conversely, the use of OCNs as model landscapes allows capturing not only the scaling features of real rivers, but also drawing ecological conclusions that are in line with those that could be observed in real river networks. We thus support the use of OCNs as analogues of real river networks in theoretical and applied ecological modelling studies. While we found that BBTs are highly inaccurate in reproducing ecological metrics of real river networks and should be therefore discarded altogether in future modelling applications, RBNs show a certain degree of similarity with OCNs and real river networks in this respect; moreover, RBNs (as is the case for any random tree) satisfy Horton's laws on bifurcation and length ratios. A relevant advantage of RBNs over OCNs is that their generation algorithm is at least one order of magnitude faster. Therefore, we acknowledge that RBNs could be considered as a suitable surrogate for real river networks as null models in cases where a large number of network replicates is required. To this end, we encourage researchers exploiting synthetic river networks (whether they be OCNs or RBNs) to always clarify the observational scales (that is, total area drained, size of a node, area drained by a headwater) subsumed by the synthetic network and which give rise to a certain complexity measure (i.e., branching ratio). Only in such a way could the predictions from these studies be compared with real river networks.

In conclusion, our results advocate a tighter integration between physical (geomorphology, hydrology) and biological (ecology) disciplines in the study of freshwater ecosystems, and particularly in the perspective of a mechanistic understanding of drivers of persistence and loss of biodiversity.

#### Methods

#### Generation of synthetic river networks

We generated 50 OCNs via the R-package OCNet on lattices of size  $200 \times 200$  with a random positioning of the outlet pixel. All OCNs hence spanned an area A = 40, 000 pixels. Each of the 50 OCNs was extracted by imposing a threshold area AT equal to 20, 100 and 500 pixels. A threshold area value AT = 1 pixel was also applied in order to assess the scaling of drainage areas shown in Fig. c.

For each OCN and each AT value, we computed the respective number of nodes N and branching ratio pr = NL/N, and generated a corresponding random branching network (RBN) and balanced binary tree (BBT). Following ref. , RBNs were generated by randomly sampling network links with length following a geometric distribution with mean 1/pr, and such that the total network length be equal to N. The geometric distribution is the discrete equivalent of the exponential distribution, which approximates well the distribution of link lengths. The network was then randomly assembled by imposing each link to have an outdegree (see Supplementary Note 1) of 1 (except possibly one link—the most downstream one) and an indegree (see Supplementary Note 1) of either 0 (source links) or 2 (links downstream of a confluence); moreover the network configuration had to be loopless. Details are provided in the Supplementary Methods.

BBTs were generated following ref.: the network was initialized with one node (the root), which was attributed to order 1. For all nodes belonging to a given order i, one or two upstream nodes were randomly assigned, the latter event occurring with probability p; all nodes thus generated belonged to order i + 1. The algorithm stopped when N nodes were allocated. Note that p is different (i.e., lower) than the branching ratio pr of the network, since all nodes lacking an upstream connection (i.e., the sources) are by construction the starting point of independent links, while this would be true only for a fraction p of them, if new nodes were added to the network by following the above-described algorithm. For these networks, we found p = pr/(2 - pr) (see Supplementary Methods for the derivation).

#### Extraction of real river networks

We extracted 50 real river networks from open-source digital elevation models retrieved via the R-package elevatr. We selected catchments from different geographical areas: 25 in Europe and 25 in North America (Fig. . To guarantee a high similarity between extracted and actual river networks, catchments were essentially selected from regions with marked elevational gradients (i.e. the Alps, the North American Cordillera and the Appalachian Mountains). We chose catchments spanning a wide range (367 km2 - 57,949 km2) of drained areas (Supplementary Fig. 10a). To enable comparison between the extracted real rivers and the synthetic networks, we limited our search to catchments made up of 40,000 pixels  $\pm$  20% (Supplementary Fig. 10b). To do so, we used DEMs of different resolutions, by appropriately tuning the zoom option in the function get\_elev\_raster of elevatr. Note that the value in meters of the pixel side I varies both as a function of the zoom level and of latitude (Supplementary Table 2). Flow directions were derived via the D8 algorithm in a TauDEM routine. The networks were finally extracted by imposing AT = 20, 100 or 500 pixels.

#### Relationships between the networks' parameters

Ref. evaluated how N and NL scale as a function of the two observational scales AT and A for four large OCNs. By rearranging those relationships, the expected values of N and pr for OCNs (and, in turn, real rivers) read, respectively:where A, AT and N are expressed in the number of pixels, and pr is dimensionless. Note that the approximately equal sign in Eq. () highlights the fact that these relationships, being derived from a limited number of OCNs without exploring the full range of parameters involved in the OCN generation, are to be intended as a first approximation. A graphical representation of these expressions is provided in Fig. a, b. Note that Eqs. () are valid as long as AT lies in the range of drainage area values for which the power-law scaling of the drainage area is verified; for example, in the limiting case AT = 1, every pixel of the drainage domain belongs to the channel network, hence A = N and pr approaches 1.

#### Coefficient of variation of a metapopulation

In the general case, the coefficient of variation of a metapopulation made up of N nodes reads: where µi and σi are the mean and standard deviation of the local population abundance at node i, respectively, while Cij is the covariance between nodes i and j. We hypothesized that both mean and standard deviation of local population abundances scale linearly with the local habitat size Hi:  $\mu$ i =  $\mu$ Hi,  $\sigma$ i =  $\sigma$ Hi; without any loss of generality, we further assumed  $\sigma = \mu$ . The covariance Cij was expressed via an exponential kernel: , where dij is the along-stream distance between i and i, and α a parameter expressing the distance dependence of local population covariance. Note that dij Greater Than 0 also for pairs of nodes that are not flow-connected, as in a so-called tail-down exponential covariance model, which has been used to describe the spatial covariance of any variable measured in streams, including ecological population counts. Note also that dependence of population synchrony on alongstream distance has been widely observed in long-term fish population time series in European basins. In the case of uniform patch size distribution, Hi = H does not depend on i, and Eq. () becomes: In the non-uniform patch-size distribution scenario, we assumed that local habitat size Hi is proportional to the river width, which is known to scale along a river as the square root of drainage area. Given that drainage areas are not defined in BBTs and RBNs, to enable a fair comparison between the different network types we used the number Ui of nodes upstream of a node i as a proxy for drainage area; moreover, we normalized the local habitat size so that each network has a regional habitat availability of 1:In this case, Eq. () becomes:

To assess the sensitivity of our results to variation of the mean dispersal length, we evaluated CVM,U and CVM,H for  $\alpha$  equal to 10, 20, 100, 200 and 1000 pixel sizes I. Moreover, we evaluated CVM,H in the limit  $\alpha \to 0$ , which is equal to , as a measure of the role of patch size distribution on metapopulation stability.

#### Metapopulation capacity

We evaluated the metapopulation capacity as the maximum eigenvalue of a matrix M of order N with entries if  $i \neq j$  and mii = 0. In particular, in the uniform patch-size distribution scenario,  $\lambda M$ ,U was evaluated by assumingHi = 1; in the non-uniform scenario,  $\lambda M$ ,H was calculated with Hi given by Eq. (). As stated previously,  $\alpha$  represents the mean dispersal distance (assuming an exponential kernel for the dispersal process). To assess the sensitivity of our

results to variation of such parameter, we evaluated  $\lambda M, U$  and  $\lambda M, H$  for  $\alpha$  equal to 10, 20, 100, 200 and 1000 pixel sizes I.

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### **Body**

Sometimes, even the most turbulent seasons can be soothed into serenity by a sighting of waves flowing softly to land. Ask Maxim Gorky. Exiled from Russia in the wake of the Moscow uprising of 1905 (a pre-cursor to the revolution that would ensue in 1917) and his imprisonment in St Petersburg, the great author would find himself at the edge of *Lake* Saimaa in Finland. And though he was already divorced from her, he would write to his first wife, Ekaterina Volzhina, and tell her: "It's beautiful here, like a fairy tale."

He had a point. Life usually looks better on the bank of an inland expanse of <u>water</u> - and Europe is awash with such locations. From Scandinavia to the Balkans via northern Italy and the quieter corners of Britain, the vision of a hot day reflected in the mirror of a <u>lake</u> will always enhance a few days (or a fortnight) of escapism, whether the time is used for relaxation, exploration or activity. The following 20 natural joys are all distinct entities, yet all have something in common. You may want to glimpse them in the coming months.

#### **ITALY**

#### 1 LAKE COMO

The Italian Lakes are the brochure stars of Europe's inland bodies of water - and Lake Como is arguably the most photogenic, ebbing through Lombardy for 29 miles and performing the splits at Bellagio, where its two legs kick further south towards Como and Lecco. A place ideal for woozy contemplation of the currents even in Roman times, it remains so today. A three-night stay at the five-star Grand Hotel Tremezzo, midway up the west shore (in Tremezzo), starts at £1,298 a head including flights, transfers and breakfast, through Kirker Holidays (020 7593 1899; <a href="www.kirkerholidays.com">www.kirkerholidays.com</a>).

#### 2 LAKE GARDA

The largest of the glacier-cut grooves in northern Italy stretches 32 miles, flirting with the lower reaches of the Dolomites in the north and basking in flatter terrain where its waves nuzzle the hamlet of Maraschina on the Lombardy-Veneto border in the south. Its dual personality makes it perfect for admiration by bike.

#### 'Life looks better from the banks of an inland sea'

Flexitreks (01273 410550; <u>www.flexitreks.com</u>) offers an eight-day <u>Adige</u> River and Lake Garda Cycling Holiday, which starts its 171-mile journey in the mountains at Bolzano, and descends to the lake (with the option of a ferry trip to Peschiera at the opposite end). From £561 a head - flights extra.

#### 3 LAKE ORTA

If Garda and Como seem too obvious, the smaller Lake Orta - just eight miles long and concealed to the west of Lake Maggiore - is a quieter jewel.

Undeniably pretty (with the Isola San Giulio and its Benedictine monastery at its core), here is a fine possibility for a genteel summer trip with children. A seven-night half-board break for a family of three at the four-star Hotel L'Approdo (with an outdoor pool) costs from £2,779, flying from Birmingham on July 18, booked through Inghams (01483 345633; <a href="www.inghams.co.uk">www.inghams.co.uk</a>).

#### **SWITZERLAND**

#### **4 LAKE MAGGIORE**

Shared by Switzerland and Italy, Lake Maggiore is a tapering ribbon of such sun-dappled mystique that even the flight of Frederic Henry - the narrator of Ernest Hemingway's First World <u>War</u> novel A Farewell To Arms, who rows north across the border under cover of darkness to evade a charge of desertion - sounds a romantic endeavour. Henry and his lover find refuge in a Swiss hotel - a step into shelter you can mimic today with a weekend at Hotel Eden Roc (0041 91 785 7171; <u>www.edenroc.ch</u>), a grand five-star with four restaurants on the water at Ascona. Double rooms in June start at 300 francs (£226) with breakfast.

#### **5 LAKE GENEVA**

Switzerland is well practised at playing nicely over its great water features, holding joint custody of Lake Geneva with France, while laying claim to its prime urban area. Geneva is an underrated option for a city break, offering clever slabs of 21st-century flair in its Musée d'Art Moderne et Contemporain (<a href="www.mamco.ch">www.mamco.ch</a>) and first-rate lodging at the Mandarin Oriental (0041 22 909 0000; <a href="www.mandarinoriental.com/geneva">www.mandarinoriental.com/geneva</a>), which adorns the Rhône at the point where it leaves the lake. Doubles in June from 420 francs (£317), room only.

#### **6 LAKE LUCERNE**

Switzerland does not have to haggle over visitation rights when it comes to Lake Lucerne, which lies wholly within its territory, 30 miles south of Zurich. Switzerland also specialises in train lines that inch through glorious rocky vistas and Expressions Holidays (01392 441245; <a href="www.expressionsholidays.co.uk">www.expressionsholidays.co.uk</a>) salutes this in its By Rail to Lake Lucerne trip. This seven-night tour rolls in from London via Paris and Zurich, slumbers in a five-star hotel in Weggis on the north shore, and includes a three-day rail pass for wider exploration. From £1,960 per person including train travel.

#### **CENTRAL EUROPE**

#### **7 LAKE CONSTANCE**

The Bodensee (to use its German title) goes one better than Lake Maggiore and Geneva by lapping the shores of three countries (Germany, Austria and Switzerland). It is a neat fit for a cycle break that flits across the European land mass. Freedom Treks (01273 224066; <a href="www.freedomtreks.co.uk">www.freedomtreks.co.uk</a>) meets this <a href="demand">demand</a> with 4 Countries and 3 Lakes - a 205-mile, self-guided eight-night circular route from Kreuzlingen, Switzerland. The trip costs £795 a head in July, with hotels and breakfast (flights and bike extra). The fourth country - pub-quiz kings will know - is Liechtenstein.

#### 8 LAKE BLED

#### 'Life looks better from the banks of an inland sea'

A postcard staple of great pastoral persuasion - thanks, not least, to the island at its centre, where the 17thcentury Church of the Assumption raises its head - Lake Bled is probably more famous than anything else in Slovenia. It is a place to slow down in a waterside spa hotel - but can also be enjoyed in conjunction with the capital, located 35 miles to the south-east. Regent Holidays (020 3131 6400; <a href="https://www.regentholidays.co.uk">www.regentholidays.co.uk</a>) offers a seven-day Ljubljana & Lake Bled Twin-Centre tour which divides its time equally between the two locations. From £725 per person, including flights and breakfast.

#### 9 THE MASURIAN LAKES

Poland's countryside rarely appears on the British travel radar - a shame, as the Masurian Lake District is one of Europe's marvels. It shines in the Polish north-east, sunlight bouncing on Lake Sniardwy, the biggest body of water in the country. Here is an area framed by marshland, where elk and bison roam. It is at its most fascinating in the coldest months - a corner of the calendar explored by Naturetrek (01962 733051; <a href="https://www.naturetrek.co.uk">www.naturetrek.co.uk</a>) and its seven-day Poland in Winter group trip, which visits the region to seek said animals. The next departure is on Jan 13, from £1,695 a head with flights.

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#### 10 LAKE SAIMAA

Finland likes to shimmer under the tagline "Land of a Thousand Lakes". However, this is something of an understatement - there are 187,888 such expanses of water strewn across the country's forested contours. Saimaa, 160 miles north-east of Helsinki, is the largest, with 1,700 sq miles of surface area. It is a joy in winter, when Best Served Scandinavia (020 7664 2237; <a href="www.best-served.co.uk">www.best-served.co.uk</a>) offers a four-day iceskating break that allows participants to glide across its frozen skin from the Hotel Jarvisydan at Porosalmi. From £870 per person, including flights.

#### 11 LAKE NASIJARVI

Finland's abundance of lakes seeps into its urban areas. Tampere is a case in point - the third-biggest city in the country, infused with a postindustrial charm by its position at the meeting of Lakes Nasijarvi and Pyhajarvi (the Tammerkoski Rapids are a splash-and-spray divider). With attractions such as the Nasinneula Observation Tower (sarkanniemi.fi), it makes for a niche but alluring mini-break. A three-night stay at the four-star Grand Hotel Tammer, flying from Heathrow on July 12, starts at £508 a head with Expedia (020 3684 2907; <a href="https://www.expedia.co.uk">www.expedia.co.uk</a>).

#### 12 LAKE ANIMMEN

Sweden can boast the biggest lake in the European Union in Lake Vanern, but this tiny (in comparison) neighbour of the 2,180 sq mile behemoth opens a window on to the calm Scandinavian condition. Last September saw the installation of five glass-sided cabins on Henriksholm, a sliver of island in the middle of Lake Animmen (which lies 100 miles north-east of Gothenburg) - the idea being that guests learn to switch off in a pristine rural setting. The cabins contain double beds and can be hired from 3,995 krona (£343) per person for a three-night full-board stay at <a href="https://www.vastsverige.com/en/72/hcabin">www.vastsverige.com/en/72/hcabin</a>.

#### THE BALKANS

#### 13 LAKE SKADAR

Skadar helps to define the boundary between Montenegro and Albania. That it does so as a place hugely carpeted in lilies and home to bird life like the rare Dalmatian pelican adds to its air of mystery.

Responsible Travel (01273 823700; <u>www.responsibletravel.com</u>) runs a regular seven-day group kayaking holiday that paddles out into Lake Skadar National Park, on the Montenegrin side of the water. From £595 a head, flights extra, with 11 departures in 2018.

#### 14 LAKE VRANA

Croatia is renowned for its splendid coastline, but it excels away from the sea in the form of Lake Vrana. Set 20 miles south-east of Zadar, this is the country's largest lake, at 12 sq miles - yet it is separated from the Adriatic by a strip of land hardly a milewide at its narrowest and easily seen on a beach break. A seven-night stay at the Hotel Kornati in Biograd, flying from Stansted to Split on June 24, costs £767 a head, with breakfast and transfers, through Jet2Holidays (0800 408 0778; <a href="www.jet2holidays.com">www.jet2holidays.com</a>).

#### 15 LAKE OHRID

Those who think Europe can no longer spring a travel surprise reckon without a wonder so picturesque that it has been on Unesco's natural and cultural heritage list since 1979. Like Lake Skadar, it helps to delineate the Albanian border, but it is the Macedonian side of Lake Ohrid that sings to travellers. The small city of Ohrid is a fine place to spend a weekend, in one of any number of waterfront hotels. And remarkably, there are direct flights from the UK. A four-night stay at the four-star Park Lakeside, leaving Luton on June 27, costs from £243, with breakfast, through Wizz Air (0333 155 4997; <a href="https://www.wizzair.com">www.wizzair.com</a>).

#### THE UK

#### 16 LOUGH NEAGH

The United Kingdom is festooned with lakes - but the identity of the largest is often unappreciated. This role falls to Lough Neagh - a giant of 151 sq miles that fringes five of Northern Ireland's six counties. Looking for a rippling refuge from it all? The Irish Landmark Trust (00353 1 670 4733; <a href="www.irishlandmark.com">www.irishlandmark.com</a>) lists Ballealy Cottage, which might just fit the bill. The three-bedroom oasis is pitched just north of the shore at Randalstown in Co Antrim - and is still available to rent in July from £806 per week.

#### 17 LOCH NESS

While Loch Lomond is the biggest of the Scottish lakes, its profile is eclipsed by its compatriot, with its hoary talk of monsters. But then, Loch Ness is a spectacular context for a break. Water-holiday specialists Le Boat (023 9280 1385; <a href="https://www.leboat.co.uk">www.leboat.co.uk</a>) offer The Grand Highland Fling Cruise - a self-guided floating trip through Lochs Lochy, Oich and Ness, as well as along the Caledonian Canal, which covers 120 miles and is designed to take between a week and 14 leisurely days. Seven nights' hire of a Horizon vessel (which sleeps four in two cabins), beginning on July 14, costs from £2,505 in total.

#### 18 WINDERMERE

Neither this titan of Cumbria nor its status as England's largest natural lake require much introduction, but familiarity does not diminish Windermere's majesty, nor its suitability as a backdrop to getaways on foot. Exodus Travels (020 3733 4525; <a href="www.exodus.co.uk">www.exodus.co.uk</a>) suggests a seven-day Literary Walking in the Lake District self-guided break which trawls the settings that inspired writers ranging from Wordsworth to Beatrix Potter - the Lake District's big beast among them. From £679 per person - including accommodation with breakfast.

#### 'HIDDEN' GEMS

#### 19 LAKE ONEGA

True, it's hard to describe Lake Onega as "hidden". Such a word barely befits a basin with a surface area of 3,700 sq miles which ranks as the secondlargest lake in Europe. Its lack of fame is due to location. It skulks in Russia, although it is near enough to St Petersburg (which gleams 225 miles to the south-west) to be fairly accessible. Lake Onega is the focus of a four-day adventure called Karelia & Kizhi Island (the latter being a church-dotted shard in the water), available through On The Go Tours (020 7371 1113; <a href="www.onthegotours.com">www.onthegotours.com</a>) which can be tailored to take in the neighbouring Lake Ladoga, Europe's biggest, as well. From £599 a head, flights extra.

#### 20 LAGOA DAS SETE CIDADES

There is something especially photogenic about two lakes merging. Lakes Michigan and Huron demonstrate this admirably in the US Midwest, although neither has the visual wow factor of Lagoa das Sete Cidades - a volcanic oddity where two individual pools occupy the same caldera in the west of Sao Miguel, the main island of Portugal's Azores archipelago. Helpfully, Lagoas Azul (Blue) and Verde (Green) identify themselves by being different colours - and are part of the seven-night family break on Sao Miguel offered by Azores expert Sunvil (020 8758 4722; <a href="https://www.sunvil.co.uk">www.sunvil.co.uk</a>). From £4,039 in total for a family of four, including flights.

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swan off Plan a pilgrimage to the Church of the Assumption on Lake Bled in Slovenia, above; Hotel Eden Roc on the Swiss side of Lake Maggiore, below leftput your feet up If you tire of the shore, you can always get out on the waterA steamer on Lake Windermere, CumbriaSee the light A glass-sided cabin on Lake Annimen, top; pelicans on Lake Skadar, below

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## <u>Venice Flooding Is Worst in a Decade; Severe Weather in Italy Kills at Least</u> 11

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reached their highest level in a decade.

### **Body**

ROME — Violent thunderstorms, small tornadoes that blew roofs off homes, and hurricane-<u>force</u> winds lashed Italy from Piedmont to Sicily early this week, leaving at least 11 people dead, many more injured and firefighters and other rescue workers scrambling to respond to emergency calls.

<u>In Venice</u>, ferocious winds drove the high tide to more than 61 inches, or 156 centimeters, above average sea level on Monday, <u>one of the highest levels</u> ever recorded, plunging much of the city under <u>water</u>. It was the highest <u>flood</u> in a decade in Venice, though far short of the record, more than 76 inches above level, set in November 1966.

Venetians and tourists tottered on raised walkways throughout the city, while others waded through thigh-high water. Many shops and *restaurants flooded* when barriers across doorways failed to keep the water out.

Some tourists decided to *go for a swim* in famed Saint Mark's Square, in front of the city's cathedral.

The cathedral itself was damaged by flooding as water submerged part of the floor in the central part of the basilica for only the fifth recorded time in its nine-century history, officials said. The water covered "several dozens of square meters" of the marble pavement in front of the altar of the Madonna Nicopeia, a 12th century icon, and submerged the baptistery, the board responsible for the building said in a **statement**.

Near the covered entrance to the basilica, the mosaic floor was under as much as 35 inches of water, it said, "soaking the monumental bronze doors, columns and marble." Water levels remained above ground in the basilica for 16 hours.

"It may not be visible to the eye, but structures age because of the salt water drenching the bricks, which were not meant to remain underwater for long; that goes for bronze, too," said Pierpaolo Campostrini, one of the board members. "The bricks are like sponges, and if the water levels don't drop, the water rises several meters to the mosaic level."

"In one day, the basilica aged 20 years," he said.

An editorial on Tuesday in the Venice daily II Gazzettino asked what had happened to the <u>Moses Project</u>, the divisive, still-unfinished, multibillion-dollar system of floodgates that has been under construction for years. Venice,

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built on a lagoon of the Adriatic on Italy's northeastern coast, has always been vulnerable to flooding, and the system of barriers is supposed to offer some protection as global warming and rising seas make the *threat* worse.

"If there was one day it would have been useful, it was yesterday," the editorial read.

Mr. Campostrini, of St. Mark's, <u>agreed</u>. "That event shouldn't have happened, not if the Moses Project had been operational," he said.

The situation was equally dramatic in other Italian regions.

Winds reached 112 miles per hour in Liguria, on Italy's northwest coast, one of the hardest-hit regions. The Italian news agency ANSA described a "massacre of yachts" in the town of Rapallo, near Genoa, where dozens of boats moored in the port broke loose and crashed against the shore or were driven out to sea.

A storm <u>destroyed</u> the provincial road to Portofino, isolating the picturesque coastal town and stranding residents and tourists. ANSA reported that the eldest son of former Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, Pier Silvio, was stranded with his family in the area, in the castle that he owns. Pier Silvio is deputy chairman and chief executive of the family media group Mediaset.

Hundreds of people were evacuated from their homes in towns in the mountainous Trentino-Alto <u>Adige</u> region, northwest of Venice, after rivers rose over their banks. Newspapers described fish swimming in the streets of one town.

In some places, hillsides soaked by heavy rain gave way.

The operational command of the Civil Protection Department met late Monday to coordinate and deploy disaster relief teams throughout the country, where winds and rains continued with *force* on Tuesday.

Schools remained closed on Tuesday in many regions. Century-old pine trees toppled in Rome, blocking roads and clogging traffic.

In Venice, the city's high-water telephone message system warned citizens that high tides on Tuesday and Wednesday would be unusually severe, but not as bad as Monday's. A "code orange" was in place, with flooding expected to reach more than 43 inches above sea level.

In Naples, many trees fell in the cemetery of Poggioreale, famed for its tombs and monuments, which was closed to the public.

Mayor Luigi de Magistris of Naples said on Tuesday that the city had been exposed to "an atmospheric earthquake."

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PHOTO: Visitors to Saint Mark's Square in Venice on Monday witnessed the city's highest flood in a decade. (PHOTOGRAPH BY MANUEL SILVESTRI/REUTERS)

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## Wine, Etc.: Winemaker takes on Italy's challenging Trentino region

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## **Body**

Most wine enthusiasts are familiar with the Tuscany and Piedmont regions of Italy. But what about Trentino, the mountainous region with 300 *lakes* tucked in Italy's northwest corner? Do they really make wine here?

It isn't easy with so many hills and mountains, but, yes, they do make wine here.

We recently met with Andrea Faustini, winemaker for Bottega Vinaia, who was in town to introduce several new vintages of red wine.

Red wine is a challenge in this region, but that's not the only hurdle for Faustini and export director Massimiliano Giacomini. Its owner, Cavit, is known more for its cheap supermarket wines. More daunting is getting consumers in this country to try obscure grape varieties, like lagrein and teroldego.

The son of an enologist, Faustini spent several years at prestigious wineries like Marco Felluga and Bellavista before joining up with Cavit - a large *cooperative* that has contracts with about 4,500 of Trentino's growers.

Cavit wanted to diversify its portfolio and prove to the wine world that it could make quality wines - a path once taken by the Gallo brothers who likewise wanted to prove to the world that they could make a \$70 cabernet sauvignon. We hope Cavit has more success. Changing an image is not easy, but Faustini represents a younger generation ready to take the challenge.

Faustini says red and white grapes were grown indiscriminately in the region for years. But in the past 20 years, growers shifted to white grapes, which now account for 60 percent of the wine produced in the region.

Bottega Vinaia's pinot grigio - one of the best we have tasted - demonstrates its ability to make white wine. Red wine made in this area will be a bigger challenge.

Because of the soil and climate, the grapes produce simple wines that emphasize elegance over body. Cold nights and high temperatures during the day make for medium-body pinot noir, but not bold cabernet sauvignon.

More than 80 percent of the region is covered by mountains, and the hillside vineyards defy mechanical means of harvesting. The labor that goes into growing the grapes is intensive.

Faustini says winemakers like himself are given a lot of help from San Michele all'<u>Adige</u>, a viticultural school in the region that works closely with growers. Its research has helped growers understand the best areas for their grapes.

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Here are tasting notes for those of you who want to try something different:

Bottega Vinaia Pinot Grigio 2007 (\$18). Intense and tantalizing aromas are enough to sell us on this beauty. But the flavors didn't let us down, either. Fresh acidity gives it the body to serve alongside food. Finally, we found a quality pinot grigio we like.

Bottega Vinaia Teroldego Rotaliano 2004 (\$20). Floral, raspberry aromas are followed by fresh berry flavors, a dash of licorice, a long finish and good tannin to give body to the wine. Teroldego rotaliano is a native grape similar to syrah.

Bottega Vinaia Legrein 2005 (\$20). There is more complexity here with violet aromas and fruit-forward wild berry flavors. Good acidity.

Cavit Collection Arele Vino Santo 1997 (\$90/500ml). Sporting an elegant label, this sweet after-dinner wine is simply exquisite. Deep gold color, honey and almond aromas and rich apricot and peach flavors. Very nice.

Wine dinners

Fishpaws Marketplace will host a wine dinner at Carrol's Creek Cafe at 6:30 p.m. March 31.

Justin Taylor will be pouring his family's Wakefield wines.

The cost is \$70 a person. For reservations, call 410-647-7363.

Yellowfin in Edgewater will hold a wine dinner on March 26 featuring five wineries. The cost is \$65 a person.

For reservations, call 410-573-1333.

Wine picks

Bodega Septima Gran Reserva Mendoza Argentina 2005 (\$25). The blend is 55 percent malbec, 34 percent cabernet sauvignon and 11 percent tannat. Cherry, cassis and oak nose with bold ripe fruit flavors, firm tannins and a long finish. Pair with bold beef or game dishes such as venison.

Chateau St. Jean Pinot Noir Sonoma County 2004 (\$24). Luscious cherry and ripe strawberry nose with lively strawberry jam flavors, in a mild oak frame. Serve this with poultry or salmon dishes.

Artezin Petite Sirah Mendocino County 2006 (\$25). Another winning wine from the Hess Group. Deep dark color with dense ripe fruit, cassis nose and flavors. Well-balanced with good acidity, and would be a great match with grilled red meat.

Sbragia Family Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon Monte Rosso Vineyards 2005 (\$50). Black cherry and ripe plum nose. Big bold mouthfilling oak, and black fruit flavors. Classic delicious California cabernet sauvignon from a classic vineyard. Good now, but will age and mature for at least 5-7 years.

Cupcake Vineyards Chardonnay Central Coast 2007 (\$15). This is for those fans of big style, full blown, California chardonnays. Citrus oak nose and flavors with a nice creamy element in the finish. Try this with barbecued chicken.

Rodney Strong Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve Sonoma County 2004 (\$52). Berries and lead pencil in the nose and mouth in a somewhat lean style that is **appealing**. Nice long presence in the mouth that would pair well with beef dishes both roasted or off the grill.

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## 3rd record tide enters Venice as Italy hit with snow, rain

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## **Body**

VENICE, Italy (AP) - Venice was hit Sunday by a record third exceptional tide in the same week while other parts of Italy struggled with a series of weather woes, from rain-swollen <u>rivers</u> to high winds to an out-of-season avalanche.

Stores and museums in Venice were mostly closed in the hardest-hit area around St. Mark's Square, but tourists donned high rubber boots or even hip waders to witness and photograph the spectacle.

Most were disappointed when officials closed the historic square as winds rippled across the rising waters. The doors of the famed St. Mark's Basilica were securely shut to the public, an authorities took precautions - stacking sandbags in canal-side windows - to prevent salt-laden water from entering the crypt again.

Venice's Tide Office said the peak tide of 1.5 meters (nearly 5 feet) hit just after 1 p.m. but a weather front off the coast blocked southerly winds from the Adriatic Sea from pushing the tide to the predicted level of 1.6 meters (5 feet, 2 inches). By early evening, the level was less than a meter (three feet).

Still it marked the third time since Tuesday night's 1.87-meter flood - the worst in 53 years - that water levels in Venice had topped 1.5 meters. Since records began in 1872, that level had never been reached even twice in one year, let alone three times in one week.

While Venetians had a bit of relief, days of heavy rainfall and snowfall elsewhere in Italy swelled rivers to worrisome levels, triggered an avalanche in the Alps and saw dramatic rescues of people unable to flee rising waters.

In Venice, many store owners in the swanky area around St. Mark's completely emptied their shops, while others put their wares as high as possible and counted on automatic pumping systems to keep the water at bay. In one luxury boutique, employees used water vacuums and big squeegee mops to keep the brackish lagoon waters from advancing.

Venice's mayor has put the flooding damage at hundreds of millions of euros and Italian officials have declared a state of emergency for the area. They say Venice is both sinking into the mud and facing rising sea levels due to climate change.

Luca D'Acunto and his girlfriend Giovanna Maglietta surveyed the rising water from a bridge, wondering how to reach their nearby hotel in their colorful yet inadequate rubber boots.

"We made the reservation this week before the floods and had paid already, so we came," said D'Acunto, a 28-year-old from Naples. "Instead of a romantic trip, we'll have an adventurous one."

Most museums were closed as a precaution, but the Correr Museum, which overlooks St. Mark's Square and explores the art and history of Venice, remained open. Tourists enjoyed a Venetian Spritz - a colorful aperitif with an Italian bitter and Prosecco - as the waters rose.

Officials said 280 civil protection volunteers were deployed to assist as needed. Young Venetian volunteers in rubber boots have also showed up at key sites, including the city's Music Conservatory, to help save precious manuscripts from the invading salt water.

The flooding has raised renewed debates about the city's Moses flood defense project, a corruption-riddled underwater barrier system that is still not operational after more than 16 years of construction and at least 5 billion euros ((EURO)5.5 billion) of public funding. It was supposed to be working by 2011.

Floods were also hitting other parts of Italy on Sunday.

In Pisa, famed for its Leaning Tower, workers sandbagged the road along the rising Arno River, which authorities said had reached the highest level there and in another Tuscan city, Florence, since 1992.

"I ask citizens to go home and stay there," Pisa Mayor Michele Conti, said in an <u>appeal</u> on state TV. He said bridges were being closed as a precaution in case the Arno overran its banks. Pisa's offices and stores were ordered shuttered until midday Monday.

The Arno also surged through the heart of historic Florence, reaching a level near the Uffizi Galleries that was described as the highest in some 20 years. In 24 hours, 6.26 centimeters (2.5 inches) of rain had fallen in Florence, which was whipped by winds as high as 76 kilometers per hour (42 mph).

A popular Florence tourist attraction, the Boboli Gardens, was closed as a precaution for fear of falling trees. Near the Tuscan town of Cecina, 500 people were evacuated when a local river swelled to the top of its banks.

Elsewhere in Tuscany, 2,000 people were ordered evacuated in Grosseto as the Ombrone river swelled dangerously. Near Grosseto, firefighters rescued a man clinging to a tree as floodwaters surrounded him.

In the countryside outside of Bologna, in the central-north Emilia Romagna region, an elderly couple was plucked to safety by a helicopter when the Idice river overran its banks.

In Italy's mountainous Alto <u>Adige</u>, or South Tyrol region, a mid-autumn snowstorm triggered power outages and blocked roads in several Alpine valleys. The mayor of Val Martello, Georg Altstaetter, told state TV that an avalanche had damaged two houses but caused no injuries. Other homes were evacuated as a precaution in the town, which was left without electricity.

The region's governor told people to stay home so crews could clear snow-clogged roads.

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2022 AUG 05 (NewsRx) -- By a News Reporter-Staff News Editor at Tech Daily News -- Investigators publish new report on remote sensing. According to news reporting out of Trento, Italy, by NewsRx editors, research stated, "Grassland fractional vegetation cover (FVC) accurate mapping on a large scale is crucial, since degraded grasslands contribute less to provisioning services, carbon storage, <u>water</u> purification, erosion control and biodiversity conservation."

The news reporters obtained a quote from the research from Research and Innovation Centre: "The spatial and temporal <u>resolution</u> of Sentinel-2 (S2) and PlanetScope (PS) data has never been explored for grassland FVC estimation so far and will enable researchers and agencies to quantify and map timelier and more precisely grassland processes. In this paper we compare FVC estimation models developed from Landsat-8 (L8), S2 and PS imagery. The reference grassland FVC dataset was obtained on the Paganella ski runs (46.15°N, 11.01°E, Italy) applying unsupervised classification to nadir grassland RGB photographs taken from 1.35 m above the soil. Fractional Response Models between reference FVC and 18 vegetation indices (VIs) extracted from satellite imagery were fitted and analysed. Then, leave-one-out cross validation and spatiotemporal change analysis were also performed. Our study confirms the robustness of the commonly used VIs based on the difference between NIR and the red wavelength region (R2 = 0.91 for EVI using S2 imagery) and indicate that VIs based on the red-edge spectral region are the best performing for PS imagery (R2 = 0.89 for RECI)."

According to the news editors, the research concluded: "Only medium to high spatial <u>resolution</u> imagery (S2 and PS) precisely mapped spatial patterns at the study site, since grasslands FVC varies at a fine scale. Previously available imagery at medium to low spatial and temporal <u>resolution</u> (e.g., L8) may still be interesting for analysis requiring long time-series of data."

For more information on this research see: Estimating grassland vegetation cover with remote sensing: A comparison between Landsat-8, Sentinel-2 and PlanetScope imagery. Ecological Indicators, 2022,141():109102. The publisher for Ecological Indicators is Elsevier.

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# Storms death toll climbs to nine (2); Gale-force winds, torrential rain continue to batter Italy

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# **Body**

(ANSA) - October 30 - The death toll of the wave of extreme weather that is lashing Italy climbed to nine on Tuesday.

Three more victims were registered early on Tuesday after the gale-<u>force</u> winds and torrential rain claimed six lives on Monday.

A woman was killed by <u>flood waters</u> at Dimaro, a volunteer firefighter was hit by a falling tree during an operation at San Martino in Badia, in Alto <u>Adige</u>, and a 63-year-old kite-surfer was thrown against rocks at Cattolica.

Schools in many cities are closed again on Tuesday.

Falling trees the cause of many of the deaths and of major disruption.

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# **Body**

The Romans were first to see the potential of the Italian <u>lakes</u> as a holiday destination. They built their sumptuous villas in some of the prime positions around Como and Garda, where the southern foothills of the Alps sweep down towards the Mediterranean and the fertile plains of northern Italy, forming some of the most beautiful landscapes in Europe.

Modern tourism has transformed the towns, but the <u>lakes</u>, mountains and views are as beautiful as they were 2,000 years ago, and the villages, Baroque gardens and lakeside hotels are still wonderful places to enjoy a holiday, especially during the long, warm autumn.

Spread out over four of Italy's northern regions - Piedmont, Lombardy, Veneto and Trentino Alto <u>Adige</u> - the <u>lakes</u> extend north of Milan and stretch to Verona, varying enormously in size and setting. The westernmost, <u>Lake</u> Orta, is a gorgeous little slice of deepblue <u>water</u> harbouring one of the country's prettiest medieval villages, Orta San Giulio. A short drive away is the longest, <u>Lake</u> Maggiore, which extends north across the Swiss border. East lies modish <u>Lake</u> Como, lined with opulent villas and glitzy hotels. Further east still is <u>Lake</u> Iseo, the least well-known of the five, while the largest of all, <u>Lake</u> Garda, is one of the country's most popular holiday destinations.

So how do you choose the right one for you? Those after a little romantic corner may favour Lake Orta or Lake Como. Outdoorsy types should head to the northern shores of Lake Garda for canyoning and kite surfing, while Lake Iseo is ideal for hikers and cyclists. Nature and culture lovers in search of a quiet break will find a solution on Lake Maggiore's peaceful shores. Size might also determine the length of your stay. Little Orta and Iseo work well as short-break destinations, while Como, Maggiore and Garda require longer stays to explore.

There are other aspects to consider, too. Here is our guide to the five key lakes along with our recommended hotels to suit both higher and lower budgets - rates quoted are per room per night and vary according to date and **demand**. Follow the links given for full reviews on our website.

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READER OFFER Explore the Italian lakes over eight days on an escorted tour from £849pp: <a href="https://www.telegraph.co.uk/tt-italylakes">www.telegraph.co.uk/tt-italylakes</a> Lake Como The most exclusive of the lakes, this is a trendy destination with luxurious hotels and modish restaurants lining the shores, and a generous sprinkling of celebrity visitors, including Madonna, George Clooney, Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie.

The elegant town of Como on the lake's southern shore comprises a walled old quarter with pretty narrow lanes lined with boutiques, open-air cafés and restaurants. From here steamers head north from one wooded mountain slope to another, passing one of Lake Como's most attractive houses, the 18th-century Villa del Balbianello, the setting for the remake of Casino Royale. Further north is Villa Carlotta, a pink and white grand house where the main attraction is the spectacular 14-acre garden where camellias, rhododendrons and azaleas tumble towards the waterfront.

The resort of Menaggio has an attractive centre and views across the water to Bellagio and Varenna, picturesque towns that are among the lake's highlights. Fringed by cypresses, Bellagio sits on the tip of the Como and Lecco branches of the lake, while the romantic town of Varenna comprises a cluster of attractive houses nestled along a rocky shoreline.

About seven miles (12km) north of Menaggio is Dongo, where Benito Mussolini was captured by resistance partisans as he attempted to flee to Switzerland in 1945. The northern shores of Lake Como are largely off the tourist track, and there are excellent hiking opportunities, in particular around the town of Gravedona.

Where to stay | For a treat: Le Sereno -see our exclusive hotel review on page 5 | For value: Hotel Belvedere is set above Bellagio among terraced gardens leading down to the lake. It opened its doors in 1880, and has since been run by five generations of women of the Martinelli family. From £112 (<a href="https://www.telegraph.co.uk">www.telegraph.co.uk</a>/ tt-hotelbelvedere). | Nearest airports: Lecco is an hour from Bergamo airport; Como town is 45 minutes from Lugano and Milan Malpensa airports. For flight options and fares to this and all other airports listed below, see skyscanner.net.

Lake Garda The largest lake in Italy, Lake Garda's topography varies dramatically. In the south, it is fringed by rolling hills, while the northern shore is characterised by sheer cliffs with villages clinging on to the rock faces. Located on a long promontory at the bottom of the lake is Sirmione, a pretty spa town surrounded by ancient castle walls that attracts the bulk of the tourists.

The western shore is home to the old Venetian town of Salò, with its pleasant waterfront promenade, while further north is Gardone Riviera, home to II Vittoriale degli Italiani, the former house of the poet Gabriele D'Annunzio. The tranquil town of Gargnano is worth noting, while pretty Limone sul Garda, the last lakeside town in Lombardy, sits along a narrow road that runs along the side of jagged cliffs. It is famous for its lemon cultivation; the Limonaia del CastÈl, a lemon garden and museum, provides an insight.

Situated beneath sheer cliffs on the lake's northern shore, Riva del Garda has a quiet pedestrianised quarter, while two miles (3km) north is Cascata Grotta Varone, a gorge and waterfall. The northern shore is a major hub for watersports, including windsurfing, sailing, canyoning and ice climbing.

The main attraction of Malcesine on the lake's eastern shore is the 13thcentury Castello Scaligero, where Goethe was briefly imprisoned in 1786. To the south lies Torri del Benaco, one of the lake's most beautiful villages, surrounded by remnants of 10thcentury walls, while the resort of Bardolino is the home of the red wine.

Where to stay is a treat: Villa Feltrinelli is a historic villa on the western shore with 21 lavishly restored rooms. It's expensive, however. From £906 (<a href="https://www.telegraph.co.uk/tt-feltrinelli">www.telegraph.co.uk/tt-feltrinelli</a>). Is a hillside overlooking Lake Garda, Due Di Moro is a laidback, eco-friendly b&b with its own vegetable garden and orchard supplying the restaurant. From £91. (

\*\*www.telegraph.co.uk/tt-duedimoro\*\*). Is a laidback. Sirmione is about 80 minutes from Bergamo and Verona airports.

Lake Iseo Much smaller than its neighbours and the leastknown of the lakes, Iseo is nevertheless popular with local tourists and day-trippers, who come here for the excellent trekking and mountain biking. Europe's largest lake

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island, Monte Isola, is a charming spot with a perimeter promenade that is best explored by bike. Cycling and walking routes criss-cross the interior of the island, and there are lovely views from the 15th-century Santuario della Madonna della Ceriola.

On the south-western shore of the lake is Sarnico, an attractive old town with a number of Art Nouveau villas peppered around the hills. On the south-eastern shore is Iseo, an <u>agreeable</u> town with cobbled streets that makes a pleasant place for a stroll. Most of the lake's attractions lie on the eastern shore, carpeted with wooded slopes and sprinkled with olive groves.

The ancient trading route of the Via Valeriana, today a popular hiking route, is a 15-mile (24km) stretch that passes through hamlets, vineyards and olive groves, commanding wonderful lake views. Outside the village of Zone lies an impressive landscape of rocky pyramids with granite boulders, the result of centuries of rain erosion of moraine deposits. Stretching north of the lake up to Sonico is the littlevisited Val Camonica, home to prehistoric rock carvings that cover a period of 13,000 years. Heading south of the lake, between Iseo and Brescia, is the hilly region of Franciacorta, which produces Italy's finest sparkling wine.

Where to stay 'For a treat: L'Albereta overlooks the vineyards of Franciacorta and Lake Iseo beyond. Converted from a 19th-century mansion, it has a stateof-the-art health spa. From £219 (<a href="www.telegraph.co.uk">www.telegraph.co.uk</a> /tt-albereta). 'For value: Casa Visnenza is a cosy, welcoming b&b in the town of Cemmo di Capo di Ponte, 20 miles north of Lake Iseo. From £42 (

\*\*www.telegraph.co.uk/tt-casavisnenza\*\*). 'Nearest airports: Sarnico is half an hour from Bergamo airport.

Continued on page 4 CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3 Lake Maggiore Following the opening of the Simplon Tunnel between Italy and Switzerland in the early 20th century, Lake Maggiore became holiday retreat for European nobility. While the lake's heyday has long past, it is still a relaxing and peaceful place to unwind for a few days. Palms and oleanders line the lakeside, and verbena and orange blossom grow abundantly.

The main sights, such as the grand resorts of Stresa and Pallanza, are around the Golfo Borromeo, which takes its name from the prominent Borromeo family of bankers. Lined with opulent hotels, Stresa comprises a compact centre with narrow cobbled lanes, while offshore are the picturesque Isole Borromee. A short boat ride from Stresa's imbarcadero, Isola Bella is the highlight, with its Baroque palazzo and impeccably manicured terraced gardens. The larger Isola Madre houses smaller, more modest villa and lush gardens, while nearby Isola Superiore, known as Isola dei Pescatori, is an attractive place with alleys and old buildings that once housed fishermen, but are now mostly souvenir shops. North of Stresa is Pallanza, a quiet little resort with a pretty a waterfront whose main attraction is the lush garden of the 19th-century Villa Taranto.

The northern part of Lake Maggiore is wilder and less explored, home to the charming village of Cannero and the town of Cannobio. Across the border into Switzerland is the resort of Ascona, which faces the pretty Isole di Brissago, while at the very top of the lake is the elegant town of Locarno. The eastern shore is much more sedate, but offers excellent mountain hiking opportunities.

Where to stay lFor a treat: The Grand Hotel Majestic is a Belle Époque villa on a promontory with wonderful views of the Borromean Islands. It has a delightful lakefront garden and a small sandy beach, from where it's possible to swim in the lake. From £140 (<a href="https://www.telegraph.co.uk">www.telegraph.co.uk</a> /tt-grandmajestic). lFor value: Relais Casali della Cisterna is a family-run hotel on a hillside running down to the lake - it also has beautiful gardens and a private beach. From £99 (<a href="https://www.telegraph.co.uk">www.telegraph.co.uk</a> /tt-relaiscisterna). lNearest airport: Stresa/Pallanza are an hour from Milan Malpensa; Locarno is less than an hour from Lugano airport in Switzerland.

Lake Orta is an azure slither that remains largely off the tourist track, although its romantic views and tranquil, relatively quiet atmosphere attracts its fair share of Milanese and Torinesi who flock here for weekend breaks. It is probably most beautiful of the lakes, home to the picturesque medieval village of Orta San Giulio, undoubtedly one of the lakes' most captivating towns, with its winding cobbled streets and pastel-coloured palazzi. The lakefront square of Piazza Motta dotted with chestnut trees and framed by frescoed buildings.

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Lying offshore is Isola San Giulio, a tiny car-free island the with only one cobbled lane that runs the perimeter of the island. Home to 60 nuns, the Benedictine Basilica di San Giulio houses frescoes dating to the 14th century. Above Orta San Giulio, reached on foot from Santa Maria Assunta Church, is Sacro Monte di San Francesco, a forested area sprinkled with 21 chapels built between the 16th and 18th centuries. Each of these has painted terracotta statues that act out scenes from the life of St Francis of Assisi, attracting scores of pilgrims year-round.

The cool air attracts just as many tourists who come to admire the spectacular views of the and enjoy a picnic in the pine-scented surrounds.

Where to stay IFor a treat: Villa Crespi is a 19thcentury villa in the Moorish style, with incredibly ornate décor. It is owned and run by two-Michelin star chef Antonino Cannavacciuolo. Rooms from £281 (<a href="www.telegraph.co.uk">www.telegraph.co.uk</a>/ tt-villacrespi).

For value: La Contrada dei Monti is a three-star hotel which offers welcoming little rooms in a restored 18th-century building in the heart of Orta San Giulio. From £85 (<a href="https://www.telegraph.co.uk/tt-contradamonti">www.telegraph.co.uk/tt-contradamonti</a>). Nearest airport: Orta San Giulio is less than an hour from Milan Malpensa airport.

Warm days, cool nights When to go The lakes' season runs from Easter to October. The best times to visit are May to early June and September, when temperatures are warm and the evenings are clear and cool. In July and August, the lakes are definitely at their most crowded, and the weather can often be unbearably hot. Always avoid August if possible, when Italians descend en masse on the lakes for their summer holidays and prices are at a premium.

Getting around Passenger boats ply the lakes, with car ferries crossing Garda, Maggiore and Como. Exploring different lakes by public transport can be tricky as buses and trains are often prone to erratic timings, and journeys often involve changes. Renting a car allows more flexibility, but the lake roads often get very busy in summer and queues are common, especially along the shores of Lake Garda and Lake Como.

'The lakes and views are as beautiful as they were 2,000 years ago'

# **Graphic**

Limone sul Garda, right, is famous for lemon cultivationLake Iseo, right, is ideal for trekking and mountain bikingLake Como attracts celebrities such as George Clooney and his wife Amal, right; Varenna is a highlight, below. Cover image: Limone sul GardaThe ornate gardens of Teatro Massimo on Isola Bella, right; ice creams on Lake Maggiore, belowSILVERHUB; GETTY IMAGESTranquil Lake Orta, right; and a spa treatment at Villa Crespi, leftGETTY IMAGES

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# Nine dead after landslide derails Italian train

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# **Body**

A landslide swept a passenger train off the rails in mountainous northern Italy on Monday, killing nine people and injuring 28, and leaving one car dangling precariously over the *Adige river*.

The regional three-carriage train came off the rails at around 9:00 am (0700 GMT) when the landslide hit the front passenger car near the city of Bolzano, a rescue official said.

Seven seriously injured people were hospitalised.

The toll, which was revised down from 11 because of an error, is not final, since "there could still be someone buried in the mud," said Bolzano provincial governor Luis Durnwalder, quoted by the ANSA news agency.

Another train had passed in the other direction without incident just two minutes before the landslide struck in the rugged mountain area, he said.

"The operation posed immediate difficulties given that the first car was dangling between the rails and the <u>Adige</u> River... and the second was invaded by mud and debris," he added.

The front car of the train lodged between two large trees which stopped it from falling into the river below between the towns of Laces and Castelbello.

The wagon was left hanging precariously over the river and firefighters used cables to prevent it from slipping further down the mountainside.

Rescue workers had to climb up from the forested riverbank to reach the train, comprising a passenger carriage at each end and a locomotive in the middle.

The some 400 cubic metres (14,000 cubic feet) of mud covered around 15 metres (50 feet) of track, according to a local geologist, Ludwig Noessing.

A field hospital was set up nearby, media reports said.

"We are speechless over this catastrophe, whose magnitude and causes are not completely clear yet," the head of the Bolzano provincial council, Dieter Steger, said in a <u>statement</u>.

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Consumer advocacy group Codacons, calling the accident "a massacre of innocents," <u>demanded</u> an investigation into any "omissions or neglect on safety or maintenance over the entire rail line."

Police have located the train's badly damaged "black box," reports said.

According to a preliminary reconstruction, the landslide was caused by a broken irrigation pipe in a field above the rails, "drenching the terrain below," a provincial spokesman told Italian television.

The railway line, inaugurated in 2005, is considered one of the most modern in the country.

Italian Transport Minister Altero Matteoli expressed "condolences to the victims families", but refused to make any "hypothesis about responsibilities for the cause."

Prosecutors in Bolzano have opened an investigation.

Monday's accident was the worst in Europe since a Belgian train crash in February in which 18 people died when two rush-hour commuter trains collided outside Brussels.

Italy suffered its worst rail accident in 20 years last June, when 29 people died after a freight train ferrying liquefied petroleum gas derailed in Viareggio, on Italy's northwest coast, causing a series of explosions.

The force of the blast brought down two small blocks of flats, where many of the victims lived.

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# NATURAL DISASTER - FLOODING AND GLOBAL SHIELDS

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# **Body**

<u>Flooding</u> may take place when volume of <u>water</u> within a body of <u>water</u> such as a <u>river</u> or <u>lake</u> overflows or breaks levees and as a result, some of the **water** escapes its usual boundaries.

While the size of a <u>lake</u> or other body of <u>water</u> will vary with seasonal changes in precipitation and snowmelt, it is not a significant <u>flood</u> unless such escapes of <u>water</u> endanger land areas used by man like a village, city, or other inhabited area.

**Floods** can also occur in **rivers** when flow exceeds the capacity of the **river channel**, particularly at bends or meanders. **Floods** often cause damage to homes and businesses if they are placed in natural **flood** plains of **rivers**. While **flood** damage can be virtually eliminated by moving away from **rivers** and other bodies of **water**, since time out of mind, people have lived and worked by the **water** to seek sustenance and capitalise on the gains of cheap and easy travel and commerce by being near **water**. That humans continue to inhabit areas **threatened** by **flood** damage is evidence that the perceived value of living near the **water** exceeds the cost of repeated periodic **flooding**.

# FLASH *FLOODING* CAUSED BY A SEVERE THUNDERSTORM

- \* SLOW KINDS: Runoff from sustained rainfall or rapid snowmelt exceeds the capacity of a river's channel. Causes include heavy rains from monsoons, hurricanes and tropical depressions, foreign winds and warm rain affecting snow pack. Unexpected drainage obstructions such as landslides, ice, or debris can cause slow flooding upstream of the obstruction.
- \* FAST KINDS: Include flash floods resulting from convective precipitation (intense thunderstorms) or sudden release from an upstream impoundment created behind a dam, landslide, or glacier. A storm surge, from either a tropical cyclone or an extra-tropical cyclone, falls within this category. Caused by severe sea storms, or as a result of another hazard (e.g. tsunami or hurricane). Caused by a significant and unexpected event e.g. dam breakage, or as a result of another hazard (e.g. earthquake or volcanic eruption). A muddy flood is generated by run off on cropland.

A muddy flood is produced by an accumulation of runoff generated on cropland. Sediments are then detached by runoff and carried as suspended matter or bed load. Muddy runoff is more likely detected when it reaches inhabited areas. Muddy floods are therefore a hill slope process.

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Floods can occur if water accumulates across an impermeable surface (e.g. from rainfall) and cannot rapidly dissipate (i.e. gentle orientation or low evaporation). Dam-building beavers can flood low-lying urban and rural areas, often causing significant damage. They can damage any type of structure including bridges, cars, buildings, sewer systems, roadways and canals. People and livestock die due to drowning. It can also lead to epidemics and waterborne diseases. Clean drinking water becomes scarce. It results in spread of waterborne diseases. Shortage of food crops can be caused due to loss of entire harvest. However, lowlands near rivers depend on river silt deposited by floods in order to add nutrients to the local soil. Non-tolerant species can die from suffocation.

FLOOD CONTROL: In many countries across the world, rivers prone to floods are often carefully managed. Defences such as levees bunds, reservoirs, and weirs are used to prevent rivers from bursting their banks. When these defences fail, emergency measures such as sandbags or portable inflatable tubes are used. Coastal flooding has been addressed in Europe and the Americas with coastal defences such as sea walls, beach nourishment, and barrier islands. Remembering the misery and destruction caused by the 1910 Great Flood of Paris, the French government built a series of reservoirs called Les Grands Lacs de Seine (or Great Lakes) which help remove pressure from the Seine during floods, especially the regular winter flooding. London is protected from sea flooding by a huge mechanical barrier across the River Thames, which is raised when the sea water level reaches a certain point.

Venice has a similar arrangement, although it is already unable to cope with very high tides; a new system of variable-height dikes is under construction. The defences of both London and Venice would be rendered inadequate if sea levels were to rise. The *Adige* in Northern Italy was provided with an underground canal that allows to drain part of its flow into the Garda Lake (in the Po drainage basin), thus lessening the risk of estuarine floods. The underground canal has been used twice, in 1966 and 2000. The River Berounka, Czech Republic, burst its banks in the 2002 European floods and houses in the village of HI-sn-T'eba', Beroun District were inundated.

The largest and most elaborate flood defences can be found in the Netherlands, where they are referred to as Delta Works with the Oosterschelde dam as its crowning achievement. These works were built in response to the North Sea flood of 1953 of the southwestern part of the Netherlands.

The Dutch had already built one of the world's largest dams in the north of the country: the Afsluitdijk (closing occurred in 1932). Currently the Saint Petersburg Flood Prevention Facility Complex is to be finished by 2008, in Russia, to protect Saint Petersburg from storm surges. It also has a main traffic function, as it completes a ring road around Saint Petersburg. Eleven dams extend for 25.4 kilometers and stand eight metres above water level. In Austria, flooding for over 150 years, has been controlled by various actions of the Vienna Danube regulation, with dredging of the main Danube during 1870-75, and creation of the New Danube from 1972-1988. Another elaborate system of floodway defences can be found in the Canadian province of Manitoba.

The Red River flows northward from the United States, passing through the city of Winnipeg (where it meets the Assiniboine River) and into Lake Winnipeg. As is the case with all north-flowing rivers in the temperate zone of the Northern Hemisphere, snowmelt in southern sections may cause river levels to rise before northern sections have had a chance to completely thaw.

This can lead to devastating flooding, as occurred in Winnipeg during the spring of 1950. To protect the city from future floods, the Manitoba government undertook the construction of a massive system of diversions, dikes, and floodways (including the Red River Floodway and the Portage Diversion). The system kept Winnipeg safe during the 1997 flood and which devastated many communities upriver from Winnipeg, including Grand Forks, North Dakota and Ste, Agathe, Manitoba. It also kept Winnipeg safe during the 2009 flood.

In the US, the New Orleans Metropolitan Area, 35 per cent of which sits below sea level, is protected by hundreds of miles of levees and floodgates. This system failed catastrophically, in numerous sections, during Hurricane Katrina, in the city proper and in eastern sections of the Metro Area, resulting in the inundation of approximately 50 per cent of the metropolitan area, ranging from a few centimetres to 8.2 metres (a few inches to 27 feet) in coastal communities.

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In an act of successful flood prevention, the federal government of the United States offered to buy out flood-prone properties in the United States in order to prevent repeated disasters after the 1993 flood across the Midwest. Several communities accepted and the government, in partnership with the state, bought 25,000 properties which they converted into wetlands. These wetlands act as a sponge in storms and in 1995, when the floods returned, the government did not have to expend resources in those area.

In India, Pakistan Bangladesh and China, flood diversion areas are rural areas that are deliberately flooded in emergencies in order to protect cities. Many have proposed that loss of vegetation (deforestation) will lead to a risk increase. With natural forest cover, the flood duration should decrease. Reducing the rate of deforestation should improve the incidents and severity of floods. Recent flood in Pakistan has damaged the houses, road, building, bridges, crops, and many other things. The recent flood in the country caused colossal losses of the properties.

In Egypt, both the Aswan Dam (1902) and the Aswan High Dam (1976) have controlled various amounts of flooding along the Nile river. Clean-up activities following floods often pose hazards to workers and volunteers involved in the effort.

POTENTIAL DANGERS INCLUDE: water polluted by mixing with and causing overflows from foul sewers, electrical hazards, carbon monoxide exposure, heat or cold stress, motor vehicle-related dangers, fire, drowning, and exposure to hazardous materials.

Because flooded disaster sites are unstable, clean-up workers might encounter sharp jagged debris, biological hazards in the flood water, exposed electrical lines, blood or other body fluids, and animal and human remains. In planning for and reacting to flood disasters, managers provide workers with hard hats, goggles, heavy work gloves, life jackets, and watertight boots with steel toes and insoles.

BENEFITS: There are many disruptive effects of flooding on human <u>settlements</u> and economic activities. However, floods (in particular the more frequent/smaller floods) can bring many benefits, such as recharging ground water, making soil more fertile and providing nutrients in which it is deficient. Floodwaters provide much needed water resources in particular in arid and semi-arid regions where precipitation events can be very unevenly distributed throughout the year. Freshwater floods in particular play an important role in maintaining ecosystems in river corridors and are a key factor in maintaining floodplain biodiversity. Periodic flooding was essential to the well-being of ancient communities along the Tigris-Euphrates Rivers, the Nile River, the Indus River, the Ganges, and the Yellow River, among others. The viability for hydrological based renewable sources of energy is higher in flood prone regions.

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# **Body**

# This week's top tip

#### Freewheeling days

Our favourite cycling holiday route is from the Riesa Pass, close to the Austrian border in the Dolomites, down to Verona via Bolzano and <u>Lake</u> Garda. The week-long journey is mostly along the banks of the <u>River Adige</u>, which has excellent cycle paths. We followed the <u>river</u> downstream from 5,000ft, so it was not too strenuous - quite a bit of freewheeling. The hardest day was the journey to Trento because we lingered too long at a wine bar for lunch and so rode against the afternoon wind that often blows towards the mountains in that area.

We made the trip in late September, which coincided with the brass band and beer festival that centres on Bolzano, but included some of the mountain villages where local bands played as we supped our drinks in the warm sunshine.

Reaching <u>Lake</u> Garda on day six, we took our bikes on the boat trip from Riva del Garda down the <u>lake</u> to Peschiera, which enabled us to relax and avoid cycling on the busy lakeside road.

We hired bikes, which included luggage transfers between hotels and bike transfer from Bolzano to Riesa Pass, and booked through Freewheel Holidays (0116 255 8417; freewheelholidays.co.uk).

Many locals use the excellent cycle track, especially on Sundays. The one thing we wished we had taken was a clip-on rear view mirror as some of them appear suddenly from behind and don't use bells!Brian Harris, Devon

### More advice from readers

French lesson

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If you're unsure about committing to a cycling holiday in France, then try this as a "taster". The island of Île de Ré is just off the coast of western France, opposite La Rochelle. It can be reached by car across an impressive 1.8-mile bridge, complete with cycle lanes (charente-maritime.fr).

La Rochelle is accessible by car, train or air and there is a connecting bus service which caters for cyclists ( rtcr.fr ). The whole island, originally dependant on fishing and sea-salt production, is now geared to tourism and the cyclist. There are more than 60 miles of signposted routes with nothing more strenuous than the odd slope (no hills).

Many of the cycle paths follow the route of a dismantled tramway used to transport dried salt. The numerous small <u>settlements</u> on the island are best explored by foot and bicycle as the streets are not car friendly. Each town has its own bicycle hire depot from which an impressive a range of bikes, tandems and trailers (for children) can be rented. We stay in La Flotte at the Hôtel La Galiote (0033 546 095095; hotellagaliote.com), which is a 10-minute walk from the harbour and centre of the small town.Gwenda Cope, Birmingham

#### Peak practice

Many mountainous areas allow you to take bikes on the ski lifts in the summer. This can make lots of areas accessible and make it easier for a family or a group of novices to spend a day cycling without having to endure some long, hard climbs.

Most cycle-hire shops sell maps showing where the ski lifts are and where the linking downhill routes are located. Be sure to plan the descent to avoid routes that are too <u>demanding</u> - sometimes these are off-road and require some skill, but there are many that are suitable for the less experienced. Dick Edwards, North Yorkshire

### Essex adventure

For a superb day's family cycling in Essex head for Benfleet station and exit on the estuary side. Turn left, take the track alongside the bridge. Entering the country park, the track/path takes you along the flat countryside following the twists and turns of Benfleet Creek. Skylarks sing and during September and October waves of geese fly in to spend the winter months on the mud flats. Two hours of gentle cycling brings you out by the driving range. Then you pass Leigh-on-Sea railway station, and farther along, the cockle sheds.

Refreshments are available here or a bit farther away at a couple of pubs and a tea room; or have fish and chips on the small sandy beach.

The more adventurous cyclist could take the route from Benfleet and exit right to Hadleigh, the mountain-bike track, cycle across country to Leigh-on-Sea, then roadside to Chalkwell and Southend-on-Sea. Elizabeth Swift, Essex

#### Coastal path

A ride along part of the north Kent coast offers the chance of a superb coastal cycling route. It runs 13 miles, from Herne Bay station to Margate station. The ride takes in Reculver Towers - which are said to be haunted - and also offers the opportunity of a visit to the excellent Turner Contemporary gallery (turnercontemporary.org) in Margate. Be sure to cycle with the wind at your back - it is no fun going against it. Steve Jones, Cardiff

### Family tips

If you are cycling with your family, here are some tips. Make sure you stock up on snacks to keep spirits up. Carry a small first-aid kit; plan the trip to take in some interesting diversions; and pack some warm or wet-weather clothes just in case. Also don't be too adventurous and always have a backup plan. Sue Stanley, Cornwall

#### Flat out

Bicycles are everywhere in Holland and it's a great place for a cycling holiday. The flat landscape and open skies make it easy, too. Bicycles can be hired from railway stations. Instead of footpaths, Holland has fietspad (cycle

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paths). They cover the whole of the country from cities to remote parts. All cycle routes are numbered and very easy to follow.

Many of the rivers also have cycle paths along them. In June I cycled along the meandering IJssel, stopping at b & bs on the way. The large uncultivated river banks were full of wildlife, including cuckoos, storks, herons and boxing hares. Pleasure boats and working barges added interest. There were plenty of benches to rest and cafés to buy appelgebak - spicy apple pie.

Crossing the river was simply a matter of going by pontje - small ferries for bicycles. Returning was easy too - buy a fietskaartje (bicycle ticket) and return by train.Liz Verwoerd, Northamptonshire

### The Dutch way

We have just returned from a five-week cycling trip in Holland. It's a fantastic place to cycle and we hope our story might inspire others to try it.

We followed a very glamorous woman out of a supermarket and wondered what car she was driving. Must be an upmarket Volvo or a Saab? No, it was an old sit-up-and-beg bicycle. She whizzed off expertly through the traffic, her purchases slung over her shoulder - it was a reminder that Holland is cycling heaven. Any motorist who dares to stray onto a bike path is stared down and humbly retreats. Pedestrians who have the temerity to wander into a bike lane are quickly sent packing.

Planning any journey is part of the fun and the following will get you started: anwb.nl for maps and books and the Netherlands tourist board (holland.com).Geoff and Helen Selby, Somerset

## Easing down the Exe

Not many people might know this but since 1995, Exeter has become one of Cycling England's leading cycling towns, with a wide range of routes. One cycle ride we really enjoy is a circuit of the Exe estuary. The plan is for the route to eventually link Exmouth, Exeter and Dawlish. The route is pretty flat and the one we undertake begins and ends at Exeter St David's station, runs for about 12 miles, and makes use of the Topsham ferry (topshamtoturfferry.co.uk). Take note, too, of The Turf pub (turfpub.net). Brian Chandler, London

#### Cool idea

If you use a CamelBak drinking system, my tip is to almost fill a second bag and freeze overnight. Most b & bs will do this for you and use this to pack with your lunch and it will give you a great cold drink for the afternoon, keep your lunch cool and save space on a freezer pack. Nicole Walton, Essex

### What to avoid

# Watch the weight

I have one tip for anyone planning a cycle holiday for the first time - don't immediately rush out and buy expensive pannier bags. Six of us recently did a five-day fund-raising cycle ride from London to Utrecht. Four of us brought panniers and one man brought a rucksack, while I fitted all I needed in to a 25-litre dry bag, which perched on my rear rack. Everyone was jealous of my set up.

As a first-timer myself, before I went I scanned the web for advice on what I needed to take and came across some useful tips for ultralight cycle touring (serious ultralighters even cut off their toothbrush handle to save on weight).

As soon as you hit that first hill you'll be grateful that you haven't filled your panniers with loads of stuff you don't need. For cycle touring, be light and be happy.Ali Walmsley, address withheld

In tune

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Don't forget to check your bike before going on a long ride. Simple adjustments to the height and position of the saddle, for example, can make a world of difference and can avoid unnecessary strains and aches.

And if you cycle regularly, it's worth having an experienced bike mechanic giving your machine a thorough service. In the meantime you should check tyres, brakes and lights every week.B Warner, Hampshire

# Win a stay in Brighton

Do you have tips, advice or observations on Dubai to share with other readers? If so, we would like to hear from you. A selection of your submissions will be published in Discover and on our website. The sender of the best entry will win a two-night stay for two at Guest and the City, Brighton, courtesy of Enjoybedandbreakfast.com

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landscape, Rovereto is built along the <u>Adige River</u> and dominated by its 14th-century castle. In the early 20th century, all eyes turned to it during a celebrated challenge for the world's best-known carmakers, the Alpine Trial. I'm reliving the glamour and excitement in one of the most luxurious cars available to the 21st-century motorist, a Rolls-Royce Dawn. Sharing the thrill on the winding roads above Rovereto is motoring writer Davide Bassoli.

What were these trials that were held here in the early part of the 20th century? Yeah, the Alpine Trial was an endurance test for the major car manufacturers. These endurance tests had rules. One of the rules was that the cars cannot stall, and this was for 1,800km, 1,200 miles. What sort of technology did they have in those days? The gearbox was very difficult to use because you needed the double-declutching, not just for the down change but also for the up change. So it was very, very difficult to drive those cars and also the steering - no power steering at all. Rolls-Royce knew that a win at the trial would show the world what British engineering could do. In 1912, British motorist tried and failed when his Silver Ghost stalled on the mountain roads. But Radley was not to be deterred. In 1913, the next year, they entered four cars. Three cars were official by Rolls-Royce and one private, by James Radley. When James Radley took delivery of the car in London, to christen the car, he ordered a bottle of champagne, and he poured a glass inside the radiator. So, at the end of the trial, what is the result? Oh, it was immense. James Radley was the man who won this race. In Europe, and outside Europe, also in America, everybody knew now about the Rolls-Royce and its reliability, and Europe and the world realised that that was the best car in the world. My four-wheeled alpine diversion has been invigorating but the rails beckon once more. The Brenner Railway transports me north, through the province of Trentino. My next stop will be Trent, or Trento. It's in Italy today but appears in Bradshaw's in the Austrian section. "It has many fine streets, "palaces and towers, and is thoroughly Italian in character." At the time of my guidebook, the status of Italian-speaking places like Trento was increasingly controversial. Some felt the unification of Italy wouldn't be complete until these so-called unredeemed lands were part of the motherland. An ardent campaigner was Cesare Battisti. Historian Francesco Frizzera is sharing the story. Hello, Michael. How are you? I'm fine, thanks. Nice to meet you. Nice to be here. Who was

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This copy is computer generated. Text will vary in accuracy due to speaker dialect and audio quality issues.

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Battisti? Well, Battisti was a socialist, he was born in Trento, just over there. He was convinced that the Italian-speaking population of Trentino could have better working opportunities in Italy because they were a minority group in Austria-Hungary. But the local population was used to the status quo and loyal to the Austro-Hungarian crown. Battisti set out to use the press to win hearts and minds. He founded a very important newspaper, whose name is Il Popolo. That was a socialist newspaper. He became a formidable journalist and he developed a great ability to manage the public opinion. The nationalist cause in Trentino gained momentum. But it was <u>war</u> that would change the province's destiny. When the First World <u>War</u> erupted, Italy took a neutral stance, but Battisti <u>fought</u> to change that. In 1914, he fled to Italy and then he organised a great campaign to convince the Italian middle class to join the <u>war</u> against You have to think that Italy and Austria were allied since 1882 and, also, the Italian parliament in 1914 was against the <u>war</u>. Nevertheless, he was able to

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# <u>Preliminary Agreement Between Enel Produzione and Sel to Develop</u> Hydroelectric Power in the Province of Bolzano

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Enel issued the following news release:

Enel Produzione SpA ("Enel Produzione") and Societ? Elettrica Altotesina SpA ("SEL") -- which is approximately 94% owned by the Autonomous Province of Bolzano ("Province") and for the remainder by the municipalities and the district communities of the Alto <u>Adige</u> Region through Selfin Srl -- signed a preliminary <u>agreement</u> ("<u>Agreement</u>") today for the development of the <u>hydroelectric</u> power sector in the Province of Bolzano.

Considering that both parties have participated, and will continue to participate, in a fully autonomous manner in the administrative procedures currently in progress with the Province for the thirty-year issue or renewal of the concessions for major <u>hydroelectric</u> derivations expiring on 31 December 2010, Enel Produzione and SEL have <u>agreed</u> to form a joint venture for the joint operation of the concessions that have been renewed or issued to them upon the conclusion of said proceedings (as specified below), with the aim of developing industrial synergies by optimizing their respective competencies.

Enel Produzione currently holds 12 concessions for major hydroelectric derivations in the area in question with a total capacity of 616 MW, in addition to eight concessions for minor hydroelectric derivations with a total capacity of 17 MW.

In further detail, the <u>Agreement</u> calls for Enel Produzione, effective 1 January 2011, and, in any case, upon the conclusion of the aforementioned administrative procedures, to contribute to a newly incorporated company ("NewCo") the business unit comprising the personnel, assets and legal relations pertaining to the concessions for major hydroelectric derivations it currently holds in the area in question, along with those of such concessions that are renewed by the Province, if any. For its part, SEL will contribute to NewCo the concessions for major hydroelectric derivations currently held by Enel Produzione in the area in question that are issued by the Province to SEL, if any, upon the conclusion of the administrative procedures currently in progress.

The parties have set the value of the business unit (comprising the aforementioned personnel, assets and legal relations) that is to be contributed by Enel Produzione to NewCo at 340 million euros and <u>agreed</u> upon the value of the individual concessions for major hydroelectric derivations that are to be contributed by Enel Produzione or SEL, as indicated above, to NewCo as of 1 January 2011.

Preliminary Agreement Between Enel Produzione and Sel to Develop Hydroelectric Power in the Province of Bolzano

Considering the aforementioned contents of the <u>Agreement</u>, the parties also undertook to make any adjusting payments in cash required for Enel Produzione to hold a 40% stake, and SEL a 60% stake, in NewCo's share capital.

The <u>Agreement</u> also calls for Enel Produzione to sell to NewCo -- upon the completion of the contributions and any balancing payments in cash as described above -- the business unit that operates the concessions for minor hydroelectric derivations (set to expire on 31 December 2029) that it currently holds in the area in question for a consideration of 20 million euros.

The parties also <u>agreed</u> that Enel Produzione will manage to the benefit of the NewCo the planning of the latter facilities and the associated dispatch activities.

The closing of the deal is contingent upon the obtainment of the clearance from the Antitrust Authority and the issue of authorization from the Province and other local entities involved to the transfer to NewCo of the concessions for major hydroelectric derivations that are renewed for Enel Produzione or issued to SEL.

Contingent upon the satisfaction of these conditions precedent, the parties have <u>agreed</u> that Enel Produzione may incorporate the NewCo and then sell a 60% interest therein to SEL even prior to 1 January 2011, for a consideration to be <u>agreed</u> for the period preceding said date.

In the <u>Agreement</u>, the parties undertake to enter into a final <u>agreement</u> during the following 60 days and then to reach an <u>agreement</u> concerning NewCo's bylaws (which are to include, inter alia, a right of first refusal for each shareholder with respect to the other's investment) and a shareholders' <u>agreement</u> that envisages an obligation for the parties not to transfer the equity investments held in the NewCo for a period still to be defined.

Under the <u>Agreement</u>, until the approval of the financial <u>statements</u> for the year ending 31 December 2013, NewCo will be managed by a Board of Directors of five members, two of whom will be nominated by SEL (and from whom the chairman will be elected) and three by Enel Produzione (and from whom the chief executive officer will be elected). Thereafter, and for the entire period in which the shareholders' <u>agreement</u> is in <u>force</u>, SEL will nominate three directors and Enel Produzione two. For the first three-year period beginning in 2014, the chief executive officer will be nominated by SEL and the chairman by Enel Produzione. Thereafter, the parties will alternate in nominating the two officers for every subsequent three-year period.

Considering the governance structure outlined above, in accordance with the law and international accounting standards, may therefore consolidate NewCo's results line-by-line through 31 December 2013.

Lastly, in implementation of Presidential Decree No. 235 of 26 March 1977 containing "Provisions in implementation of the Special Laws of the Region of Trentino Alto <u>Adige</u> concerning energy", Enel Distribuzione SpA will sell the electrical power distribution business unit for the Province of Bolzano, including personnel -- which operates 5,000 kilometres of medium and low-tension power lines -- to SEL for a consideration of 79 million euros.

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# <u>Chatrian, a Berlino meno film ma non tagliamo sezioni; Festival da 9 a 20/6,</u> con 'proiezioni all'aperto in tutta città'

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# **Body**

(ANSA) - 26 MAG - "Ci prepariamo per la seconda metà del programma del Festival di Berlino (9 - 20 giugno), con il pubblico, abbiamo ulteriormente dovuto ridurre il numero di film. Faremo solo proiezioni all'aperto; io vengo da Locarno quindi ne sono felice, sperando non piova". Lo dice Carlo Chatrian direttore artistico della Berlinale, intervenendo nell'edizione in <u>streaming</u> ad Incontri, la Film Conference di IDM Film Fund & <u>Commission</u> Alto *Adige*.

"Si tratterà di avere "proiezioni in contemporanea in 20 diversi luoghi della città - aggiunge -. Così potremo andare anche verso le periferie e verso quel pubblico che in genere ha meno possibilità di partecipare al festival". Come Alberto Barbera (direttore della Mostra di Venezia, fra gli altri protagonisti di 'Incontri'), "anch'io penso che i festival continueranno ad avere un ruolo importante, forse anche più di prima, ma bisogna riflettere sulle dimensioni degli eventi di ritrovo sociale. Non so se ci sarà modo di tornare a quelli per 5000 persone come a Locarno, serve tempo per capire".

A Berlino "abbiamo ridotto il numero di film anche se abbiamo ricevuto lo stesso numero di titoli che si candidava. E' stata ed è una scelta positiva perché aiuta il settore. I film che si propongono sono tantissimi, e il ruolo di un festival è anche quello di selezionare, mettere in evidenza ciò che è di maggiore qualità". Semplificare comunque "non vuol dire che taglieremo sezioni, rendiamo più semplice il programma ma teniamo la varietà delle sezioni perché ognuna ha una sua identità e un suo pubblico".

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# Sound of the Dolomites: Italy's mountainous music festival

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# **Body**

They say that Antonio Stradivari used to come to Val di Fiemme to choose wood for his violins. Chilly nights, warm days and fresh glacier <u>water</u> give the spruce trees here a springy, unblemished quality considered ideal for the instrument's body.

Unfortunately my own body is far from springy (and the less said about the blemishes the better), so I took a ski lift up into the hills rather than join the hundreds who were hiking up. We were on our way to a mountain meadow at 2,000m, where we would sprawl out on blankets, share picnics and listen to Scottish folk music.

Yes, Scottish folk music. It's true the Celts have history in northern

### Italy

, but that wasn't the reason for this little Alpine ceilidh. The performance was part of the

#### Sounds of the Dolomites

festival, an annual programme of classical, jazz and world music concerts staged in spectacular natural settings around Trentino, a province north of Verona and Lake Garda.

Alasdair Fraser wasn't using a Stradivarius, but the Scot's fiddle sounded perfectly at home in the north Italian highlands, where he was performing with the Californian cellist Natalie Haas.

"Everyone has to work hard to get here," Haas told me afterwards. "But they are rewarded with this amazing setting and special experience." I nodded in *agreement*. No need to mention the ski lift.

"The sound up here is incredible," she said. "It just kind of evaporates into the mountain air. It's such a thrill." It's true. There was a peculiar clarity to the music as it wafted over the thousand-strong Gore-Tex throng before disappearing towards the heavens. And what views!

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Fraser and Haas's concert in the hilltops was three years ago, before Covid put paid to the 2020 festival and quarantine regulations put last year's shindig out of reach for all but the most determined British visitors. This year, however, the festival is back, with 16 late-summer concerts scattered around this bewitching corner of the Italian Alps. The performances are free and you can either make your own way up the mountains or pay to join guided hikes if your map-reading skills are not all they could be. (Or you could always use the you-know-whats.)

This year the acts range from the Barcelona-based HalliGalli Quartet, a string ensemble who will play their swing and gypsy jazz at 2,560m on the San Pellegrino Pass, to the National Chamber Choir of Armenia, who will perform traditional folk songs at 1,260m in the natural amphitheatre of Malga Brenta Bassa. How do the musicians get up the mountains? No idea, but I'd rather play the triangle than the piano.

While the summer months in the hills and valleys of Trentino belong to walkers, climbers, cyclists and, since 1995, music lovers, in winter this is very much ski country. Some 500 miles of slopes crisscross the region and Austria's winter sports playground of Innsbruck is only a couple of hours' drive away.

Trentino has long had strong ties with its friends in the north and was part of the Austrian county of Tyrol until the First World <u>War</u>, after which it was formally clutched to the bosom of Mama Italia. Indeed there are still plenty of little villages dotted around the hills where the dialects are more or less Deutsch and leather shorts are de rigueur.

The Austrian influence is also clear in the provincial capital, Trento, a handsome, peaceful city of 120,000 on the banks of the <u>Adige</u> River. Renaissance palazzos combine with wooden Alpine flourishes in the cobbled streets, beer halls vie with wine bars, and crispy cannoli sit alongside sugary strudels in the bakeries.

It's a city that seems at ease with itself, happy to play to its strength in catering to visitors who want to get out into them that hills rather than to the tour groups and high-rollers that have made so many big-hitting Italian destinations unbearably crowded and expensive. Its hotels are mostly functional three-star affairs, the non-mountainous variety of sights are charming rather than showstopping and the food is . . . well, it's Italy; the food is bloody lovely.

As is the wine; specifically the local sparkling Trento DOC. The high altitude and cool climate in these parts are perfect for the chardonnay, pinot noir, pinot blanc and meunier grapes used in Trentodoc, as the drop is widely known. I enjoyed a glass of citrussy, lemon-nosed, slightly honeyed millesimato from the powerhouse producer Cavit before an indulgent lunch of steak tartare and dark chocolate duck breast at Scrigno del Duomo, a woodenbeamed restaurant on the city's main square. It's an impressive venue, with Roman foundations, frescoes in the cellar and the kind of staff who solemnly nod as you mangle their beautiful language (mains from £15;

# scrignodelduomo.com

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The cathedral that dominates Piazza del Duomo, San Vigilio, is largely unremarkable, save for a beautiful rose window in the northern transept and an interesting crypt that harbours ruins of Tridentum, the Roman precursor to modern-day Trento. The Romans seized the <u>settlement</u> from the Celts in the 1st century BC, naming it after the three toothlike mountains (tri dentum) that loom over the city and dedicating it to a famous trident-wielder, Neptune.

The other thing that's remarkable about the cathedral is that it hosted the Council of Trent, the mid-16th-century gathering at which the Catholic church formulated its response to the pesky Reformation and codified the Tridentine Mass, which remained the go-to Mass liturgy until the late Sixties.

Southwest of the piazza, just by the <u>Adige</u>, the Renzo Piano-designed Muse science museum is one of those fabulously expensive buildings that are all about being in harmony with their surroundings, echoing the flow of nature and channelling the spirit of the land. In other words, if you squint your eyes a bit and imagine you've never seen mountains before, it looks a bit like mountains. It's very nice inside, though, especially if you're into taxidermy and 3D printers or want to know lots of stuff about glaciers (Tue-Sun, £10;

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If, however, your tastes lean more towards gothic masterpieces, the imposing 13th-century Buonconsiglio Castle may be more up your strada (Tue-Sun, £8.50;

#### buonconsiglio.it)

. It's only a ten-minute walk northeast of Piazza Duomo, but it's worth an afternoon-long meander, which I chose to do while stuffing my face with gelato and ducking down a million enticing side streets.

# 10 of Italy's most delicious food cities Top luxury villas in Italy

Slipping through the Galleria dei Legionari to Via San Pietro, a pretty little church stands opposite a huge mosaic titled

Victory of the Empire

. The image depicts a woman (representing victory) set above a quote about defending the empire with blood. Towards the end of the Second World *War*, the bundle (

fascio

, from which the term fascism derives) of sticks that the woman was carrying and Mussolini's attribution on the quote were chipped off by liberated locals.

Of all the treasures that fill the 13th-century Buonconsiglio Castle, all the fabulous frescoes and beautiful rooms, none is quite as captivating as the view from the first-floor loggia. From here you can look out over the city, past the beer halls and the palazzos, past the dome of the cathedral and the peaks of the Muse museum and out to those wonderful, musical mountains. And if you look carefully enough, you might even see a particularly grumpy pianist.

Mike Atkins was a guest of Trentino (			visittrentino.info	visittrentino.info	
) and British Air	ways (	ba.com	ba.com	). The Hotel Ameri	ca has B&B doubles
from £66 (	hotelam	erica.it	hotelamerica.it	). The Sounds of t	he Dolomites festival
takes place fro	m August 22	to September	23 (	visittrentino.info/e	n/isuonidelledolomiti
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Three more fabulous Italian festivals

1. La Sagra del Pesce, Liguria

Since 1952, on every second Sunday in May a massive fish fry has fired up the pretty harbour town of Camogli, known for its photogenic toffee-tone architecture (and proximity to superstar Portofino, 45 minutes by ferry along the coast). La Sagra del Pesce — the festival of the fish — honours San Fortunato, patron saint of fishermen, and involves the frying of whole shoals, locally caught, in a pan the size of a small spaceship. Come lunchtime, head to Piazza Cristoforo Colombo where, for €6 (which goes to charity), you can buy one of the 30,000-odd portions dished up.

Details

Two nights' B&B at Hotel Sant'Andrea in Santa Margherita Ligure, 15 minutes by train (£2.15 one way) from Camogli, from £613pp, including flights (

# expedia.com

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2. Expo del Chianti Classico, Tuscany

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Halfway between Florence and Siena lies Greve in Chianti, a medieval valley town rich in churches and polychromatic religious art. As you might have guessed from the name, it's the place for a vino beano — aka the Expo del Chianti Classico, every second weekend of September (plus the Thursday and Friday before). It's the 50th anniversary in 2022, so there's more in store the week before (

### expochianticlassico.com

). Piazza Matteotti is the heart of the action, milling with merry drinkers sampling regional varieties from riserva to gran selezione. Entry is €15, which buys half a dozen tastings and a souvenir wine glass.

Details

Seven nights' B&B at Villasanpaolo Spa Resort & Spa in San Gimignano, an hour's drive from Greve in Chianti, from £797pp, including flights (

# citalia.com

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3. Festa della Sensa, Veneto

Over the weekend of May 20-21, 2023, the annual Festa della Sensa (Feast of the Ascension) will bring masses of commemorative vessels to the waters of Venice. This regatta of rainbow hulls salutes the ascension of Christ and the 12th-century recognition of La Serenissima as supreme ruler of the Adriatic. On the Sunday, look out for boats from city rowing associations gathering in St Mark's Basin at about 9am — they're here for the ceremonial voyage out to the Lido, originally led by the Doge. After Mass at the Church of San Nicolo, a raucous rowing competition is your Instagram moment.

Details

Two nights' B&B at All'Angelo Art Hotel in Venice from £299pp, including flights (

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# Bask in Luxury, Guilt-Free, at These Eco-Friendly Global Boutique Hotels

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unique boutique hotels provide quilt-free getaways where you can focus on nature.

# **Body**

The best boutique hotels go above and beyond, combining a sensory experience with comfort and style in a distinctive atmosphere. They are new spaces created from old spaces, fresh takes on the typical stay experience and located in remote locations. Expert vision has crafted these hotels to shine brightly, with attention to detail that includes rooms, restaurants, architecture, history and activities all wrapped up in desirable eco-friendly packages.

The resorts on this list take sustainability seriously, going above and beyond traditional recycling and low-energy lightbulb installation efforts. They feed guests from local gardens, pair with organizations to extend the life of their well-worn linens and utilize natural products for in-room amenities. All of this is done with the guiding touch of luxury.

Above It All Mt. Denali, Alaska Sheldon Chalet

When it comes to unique, boutique luxury hotel experiences with a focus on nature, Sheldon Chalet sits darn near the top. The small hotel is perched on a nunatak in the Don Sheldon Amphitheater of Mt. Denali's Ruth Glacier, a mere 10 miles from the 20,310-foot summit. The inclusive five-bedroom experience is one of the best places to see the Northern Lights and only accessible by helicopter. There's no Wi-Fi, making it a true escape.

Room With a View Boulder, Colorado St Julien Hotel & Spa

The first-class, four-star, four-diamond hotel is an escape sitting in the city, with sweeping Flatiron mountains views. Its 201-room luxury accommodations are matched with a focus on sustainability. Food and beverage waste is

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composted, discarded soaps are donated to communities in need and bedding with remaining useful life is donated to local charities. Bicycle rentals are available.

Indulgent Farm Life Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia The Inn at Serenbe

Tucked into Georgia's rolling landscape 30 minutes from the Atlanta airport, this inn seems worlds away from the hustle and bustle of Y'allywood. Situated on 1,000 acres of forestland and wildflower meadows, the getaway is connected to the surrounding Serenbe community--"a village of people living in a community of trees," according to the town's founder--by 15 miles of trails. Locally grown ingredients grace the plates at The Farmhouse Restaurant.

Adventure Awaits Torres del Paine National Park, Chile Explora Patagonia Hotel

Room after room give guests here a spectacular view of the surrounding landscape that stretches for miles with unrivaled beauty. The spa's open-air Jacuzzis look out on the Paine River, welcoming guests back after a day trekking or horseback riding among lakes, glaciers, forests and prairies and up to vista points within the park's six exploration zones.

Nature Reserved Fogo Island, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada Fogo Island Inn

Self-described as being "on an island, off an island, at one of the four corners of the Earth," the Fogo Island Inn isn't just a premium destination, it's wholly unique. The eco-conscious inn's 29 guestrooms feature floor-to-ceiling windows where guests can take in nature out of the elements, an aesthetic that carries over into the hotel restaurant. An on-site cinema, art gallery and library showcase all things Newfoundland, and almost everything from the inn's building materials to the food is sourced locally.

Dolomite Delight Alto Adige, Italy Naturhotel Leitlhof

With the Haunold mountain as a backdrop, Naturhotel Leitlhof makes nature a part of everything they do. The simple, luxurious getaway generates its own power and heat, making it one of the few self-sustained hotels in Europe. Its organic farm supplies vegetables, herbs and beef for on-site dining. Surrounding meadows, forests and rivers make a stay an unforgettable experience.

Serene Surroundings Aswan, Egypt Benben by Dhara Hotels

Perched cliffside on the island of Heissa, these luxury accommodations are designed to bring a traveler <u>peace</u> via serene landscapes and warm design aesthetics that play on the location's surrounds. The Nile River, Philae Temple and Aswan High Dam are all visible from the 24-unit bolt-hole. Enjoy a leisurely soak in a Jacuzzi on your terrace, then dine at the hotel's restaurant or arrange for a private dinner in your room.

Beachside Simplicity Tsarabanjina Island, Madagascar Constance Tsarabanjina Madagascar

Billed as a "Robinson Crusoe-like experience," the minimalist Constance Hotels and Resorts property is nestled into a quiet islet off the northwest coast of Madagascar. Palm-thatched villas welcome a very limited number of guests. Beach days are an absolute must with snorkeling, fishing, scuba diving and catamaran sailing on offer. On-site dining--beachside and complete with a sand floor--features Malagasy specialties.

Simple Sustainability Phang Nga, Thailand The Hideout

Perched on a mountainside, this zero-waste, sustainable sanctuary welcomes guests who want to take a deep breath outside of the hustle and bustle of daily life. Visitors are immersed in the world of the green, tropical luxury of Koh Yao's pristine jungle environment. The open-air treehouse, which is slated to re-open in October, is electricity-free.

Farm Meets Luxury Lake Wanaka, New Zealand Minaret Station

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Situated at the peak of a glacial valley, the alpine lodge is only accessible by helicopter. All the water for the lodge originates from the region's rain and snowmelt, and the lodge is operated primarily with hydroelectricity generated by the nearby waterfall. Outdoor enthusiasts who want to get away from it all can enjoy hiking, fly fishing and heliskiing while being surrounded by the 10,000 deer, 7,000 sheep and 1,000 cattle that roam the working farm's grounds.

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# Big Monday crossword WIN £1,000

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# **Body**

ACROSS 1 Faded Southern belle in the 1944 Tennessee Williams play The Glass Menagerie (6,9) 10 A senior ecclesiastical leader who elects succeeding popes (8) 11 Filamentous green freshwater algae of the genus that includes blanket weed (9) 12 Glazed salted biscuit usually baked in the shape of a knot or stick; from German (7) 13 Italian boyfriend of Rachel Green in the first season of US sitcom Friends, played by Cosimo Fusco (5) 15 Mountainous island of Indonesia lying east of Java; chief city, Denpasar (4) 16 Rendered fat from a pig, used in cooking (4) 17 Pro rata portion of a company's profits paid to its shareholders, typically annually (8) 18 Goddess of the hearth and household in Roman mythology, counterpart of the Greek Hestia (5) 20 Large bird of prey with a hooked beak and broad wing span; several genera, especially Aguila (5) 22 Largest city in Nebraska, on the Missouri River opposite Council Bluffs, Iowa (5) 25 Walter \_\_\_\_, Scottish author of novels including Waverley and Kenilworth (5) 27 Most populous of the five boroughs of New York City, occupying the SW corner of Long Island (8) 28 Any large long-necked aquatic bird of the genera Cygnus and Coscoroba, typically having white plumage (4) 30 William \_\_\_\_, US playwright whose works include the Pulitzer Prize-winning Picnic (1953) (4) 32 Fractional currency unit of Israel worth one hundredth of a shekel (5) 33 Annual flat horse race run at Doncaster since 1776, held in September (2,5) 35 Roman matron; granddaughter of Augustus, wife of Germanicus and mother of Caligula (9) 36 Hard upper shell of a tortoise or crustacean, made of bone or chitin (8) 37 Main deliberative body of the United Nations, in which all member states have equal representation (7.8) DOWN 2 US actress whose roles include the lead in 1997's Mimic (4,7) 3 Brightest star in the constellation Cygnus; from Arabic, "tail" (5) 4 Lech , Polish trade unionist and President, awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1983 (6) 5 State capital and second-largest city of Tennessee, on the Cumberland River NE of Memphis (9) 6 Broad flat limb of animals such as seals, whales and penguins used for swimming (7) 7 Character consisting of two or more joined letters, e.g. æ (8) 8 Order of cephalopod molluscs that comprises the octopuses (8) 9 Port city of E Argentina, capital of the Province of Buenos Aires (2,5) 14 Number of securities less than the standard trading unit of 100 (3,3) 15 Hastings Kamuzu \_\_\_\_, Malawian statesman who served as president from 1966-94 (5) 18 City on the Adige River in NE Italy, setting of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet (6) 19 Any of various butterflies of Papilio and related genera, especially the European P. machaon (11) 21 Spiny yellow-flowered European shrub, also called furze and whin (5) 23 Oscarwinning 1977 Woody Allen film starring Diane Keaton in the title role (5,4) 24 Of computer data, converted from a compressed to a usable form (8) 25 Axiom in economics stating that supply creates its own demand (4,3) 26 Largest of Spain's seven Canary Islands, in the Atlantic off the NW coast of Africa (8) 29 'Home they brought her dead' (Alfred, Lord Tennyson The Princess) (7) 31 Three sister goddesses in Greek mythology (Aglaia, Euphrosyne and Thalia) who personified and bestowed charm and beauty (6) 34 Westernmost island of the Inner Hebrides, to the west of the isles of Mull and Coll (5)

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# Lagrein-More than a Meat and 3 Veg Wine

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# **Body**

Mar 19: Originating in the Trentino - Alto <u>Adige</u> area of northern Italy, Lagrein is one of the indigenous Italian varieties that is being increasingly cultivated in Australia thanks to the presence of several immigrants who are passionate about the Alternative grape varieties rather than the 95% traditional varieties, writes Dan Traucki who specialises in this category of grapes

With hundreds of grape varieties available to make wine, it is rather sad that over 95% of the wine made in the Southern Hemisphere comes from a small handful of traditional grape varieties - Chardonnay, Semillon, Riesling, Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz, Pinot Noir, Merlot and most recently Sauvignon Blanc.

It took the arrival of hundreds of thousands of migrants from all over the world to broaden the Australian eating habits to the point that now it is challenging (other than at a truck stop perhaps) to go to a restaurant and have a "Meat & 3 Veg" meal. Today we are blessed in Australia with some of the most delicious, <u>diverse</u> and cosmopolitan food in the world.

# Expansion of Alternative varietals

Over the past decade the number of wineries planting new "Alternative" grape varieties has expanded massively; and with the Aussie dollar at a long time high, the cost of imported wine has plummeted. As a result many more Aussie wine drinkers are experimenting with wines made from alternative varieties or imported from overseas. Some of them are pretty ordinary, as were some of the early Asian restaurants, especially in the suburbs. But the good ones more than make up for this and broaden the Aussie palate forever.

Wines and varieties from Italy and Spain are starting to become entrenched into our wine psyche with the sales of varieties such as Sangiovese and Tempranillo climbing rapidly, for both imported and locally grown wines.

### Lagrein-a good Alternative

There will always be a big market and <u>demand</u> for great Shiraz or Cabernet but the <u>demand</u> for mediocre wines from traditional varieties will wane and instead there will be considerable <u>demand</u> for other exciting wines made from "new" varieties which many people have not yet heard of. One really exciting Italian variety which I believe has a great future here in Australia, is Lagrein.

Originating in the Trentino - Alto <u>Adige</u> area of northern Italy, this variety is presumed to have come from the Lagarina Valley (Vallagarina) in that area. Being a high altitude cool climate area, the wines are more austere and minerally than when grown in its new home, the warmer grape growing areas of Australia. The characteristic aromas of this Italian varietal are berries, cherries and violets. On the palate, it has a velvety body with soft acidity and pairs well with red meats or cheeses.

## Lagrein-More than a Meat and 3 Veg Wine

Lagrein is a very vigorous variety which needs good management in order to avoid over-cropping and the resultant tannic, acidic and thin green tasting wines. Left to their own devices in the vineyard, the vines go feral with significant vegetative growth, drooping canes and lateral shoots. Somewhat like Grenache, too much water and you end up with cask quality lolly water (an Australian term used for sweet carbonated soft drinks, some time with a low alcohol content hidden under the sugary flavour-editor).

However, when properly managed in the vineyard, Lagrein produces a deep coloured, deliciously flavoured, tannic, high acid, low ph wine which makes it ideal for blending with low tannin or low colour varieties so as to enhance those wines. A modicum of Lagrein can certainly enhance a lighter coloured, low acid wine. Alternatively, a big Lagrein wine can be lightened up or softened by the addition of a less powerful variety.

An excellent example of this is the Jacob's Creek Limited Release 2007 Lagrein Dolcetto. It is a beautiful, big, flavour packed wine which at 6 years old still needs plenty of breathing time to open up and show at its best. It is a mouth filling wine with oodles of cherry and blackberry flavours along with hints of chocolate with a tight lingering finish. (Although JC is the ubiquitous, leading Pernod Ricard imported brand from Australia, this wine is not a part of their import portfolio yet-editor)

#### Good Food wine

As a straight varietal wine Lagrein exhibits beautiful earthy, dark cherry, plummy flavours with dark chocolate and even the occasional hint of liquorice, a mineral edge and floral acidity. It is a full bodied wine without being "heavy". This makes it a fabulous "food wine" especially for richer heartier dishes where the wine's acidity and higher tannins help to cut through the richness of the dish.

### Lagrein-the original

Of the Italian Lagrein that I have had the opportunity to try so far, the ones that impressed were the Alois Lageder Lagrein which was full bodied and muscly with a grippy, earthy finish - a fantastic food wine. The other wine that left a strong impression was the Manincor Lagrein Rubatsch. It was quite powerful but still slightly more restrained and silky than the Alois Lageder.

#### Lagrein in Australia

At present there are around 25 wineries growing Lagrein in Australia. Additionally, the Riverland Vine Improvement Committee (RVIC) in South Australia who are Australia's largest propagator of certified grape vine cuttings and rootstocks for growers has started to make small batches of wines from some of the "new" varieties they grow for propagation. One of these wines is Lagrein; the 2010 vintage won a Gold Medal at the 2011 Australian Alternative Varieties Wine Show (AAVWS) in Mildura in northwestern Victoria. Their 2012 vintage is now marketed under the Cirami Estate label and won the "Best Italian Varietal Trophy" in the 2012 AAVWS.

This wine is a bit lighter in style than the other Lagrein I have tasted because it comes from very young vines. However, it has interesting green tea aromas, beautiful dark-almost bitter cherries on the palate, which is robust and mouth-filling with a tight crisp finish. This wine is OH SO drinkable! What an innovative and brilliant way to advertise for their services, by getting the growers to taste the wine they could make from the variety if they plant RVIC cuttings!

# Lagrein can sparkle too

Another winery making consistently good Lagrein as well as being the only producer that I have been able to track down, of a Sparkling Lagrein is Hartzbarn Wines at Moculta in the Barossa Valley. The Hartzbarn 2005 Lagrein is drinking superbly at present with its amazingly deep red colour (looks like a 2-3 year old Shiraz) masses of tight plummy fruit and a long lingering slightly acid finish. It was simply brilliant with a plate of Osso Bucco.

Their Sparkling Lagrein explodes onto ones palate in tiny bubbles of flavour which make it almost impossible to put the glass down until it is completely empty.

# Lagrein-More than a Meat and 3 Veg Wine

So if you have not tried a Lagrein yet, what are you waiting for? Track one down and treat your palate to a wonderful array of flavours. Come to think of it, I think I will have another glass of Lagrein!! From Australia or Italy.

# Dan Traucki

Formerly an accountant, Dan has been in the wine industry for over 25 years in a variety of roles including 10+ years at Orlando Wyndham - home of Jacobs Creek. He was the GM of a 400,000-case a year winery and CEO of a grape growing company with 1,350 acres of vineyards. He runs his own company for the last 10 years. Wine Assist helps Australian wineries to export globally. During this period, he has conducted wine classes in India, Singapore, China and Hong Kong, as well as for new Chinese migrants to Australia. In a world full of specialists he claims to be a wine generalist.

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# **Body**

CASTELBELLO: A landslide has swept a passenger train off the rails in mountainous northern Italy, killing nine people and injuring 28, and leaving one car dangling precariously over the *Adige river*.

The regional three-carriage train came off the rails about 9am (1700 AEST) on Monday when the landslide hit the front passenger car near the city of Bolzano, a rescue official said.

Seven seriously injured people were hospitalised.

The toll, which was revised down from 11 because of an error, may yet change as ``there could still be someone buried in the mud", said Bolzano provincial governor Luis Durnwalder, quoted by the ANSA news agency.

Another train had passed in the other direction without incident just two minutes before the landslide struck in the rugged mountain area, he said.

"The operation posed immediate difficulties given that the first car was dangling between the rails and the <u>Adige</u> river... and the second was invaded by mud and debris," Durnwalder said.

The front car of the train lodged between two large trees which stopped it from falling into the river below between the towns of Laces and Castelbello.

The wagon was left hanging over the river and firefighters used cables to prevent it from slipping further down the mountainside.

Rescue workers had to climb up from the forested riverbank to reach the train, comprising a passenger carriage at each end and a locomotive in the middle.

"We are speechless over this catastrophe, whose magnitude and causes are not completely clear yet," the head of the Bolzano provincial council, Dieter Steger, said in a <u>statement</u>.

Consumer advocacy group Codacons, calling the accident ``a massacre of innocents", <u>demanded</u> an investigation into any ``omissions or neglect on safety or maintenance over the entire rail line".

Police have located the train's badly damaged `black box", reports said. According to a preliminary reconstruction, the landslide was caused by a broken irrigation pipe in a field above the rails, `drenching the terrain below".

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The railway line, inaugurated in 2005, is considered one of the most modern in the country.

Italian Transport Minister Altero Matteoli expressed ``condolences to the victims families", but refused to make any ``hypothesis about responsibilities for the cause".

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## The INDEPENDENT

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## **Body**

For a reason that escapes me now, I follow, along with almostfive million others, Sean Combs AKA P Diddy, on Twitter.

While this week he's been alternating between sad Whitney tweetsand shout-outs to his kids, his usual output is inspirational quotes interspersed with fulsome praises of Ciroc, the vodka brandhe is ambassador for (sample tweet: "Peach Ciroc is Finally EVERYWHERE!!!! The wait is over!!!!" phew, huh?). While I'm notmad keen to try flavoured, luxury French vodka (from theworld-famous vodka houses of France we hear so much about), Combsis a high-rolling playboy who knows his way round a party. His association with the booze brand holds (fire) water.

Not every celebrity shill is quite so comfortable a fit. I'vejust heard that the Hollywood actress and producer Drew Barrymoreis launching her own wine. Barrymore 2011 Pinot Grigio, DelleVenezie IGT, a 12% abv, is, I'm led to believe from the informationavailable on the interwebs, a crisp, dry and fruity white, which ismade from grapes grown in the Veneto, Friuli and Alto *Adige* innorthern Italy.

I'm a big fan of Drew. She has metaphorically and literally (seethe Charlie's Angels movies for evidence) kicked ass throughout hercareer and she also has very nice hair. I'm also a big fan of wine, Pinot Grigio in particular. But I'm not a fan of buying wine frompeople who went to rehab for alcoholism at the age of nine. She hasapparently said of the wine: "I'm excited about sharing this PinotGrigio with my friends and family and other wine lovers." It may bean idea not to get a few bottles in for the next family do though, pet. Barrymore's family also has a history of problem drinking. Ican't help thinking this isn't the best product Drew could have putout there. Conditioner, yes. Or asskicking lessons.

Likewise, I've never got my head around buying perfume thatmakes you smell like Britney Spears. Her output's impressive, withseven scents in her range (if I had to pick a favourite, it wouldhave to be Circus Fantasy. It conjures up such attractive images,doesn't it? Like sexy clowns. And sexy underfed performing animals.Mmmm!) but I just don't associate Britters with nice-smellingthings. Junk food, hair-extension glue, and energy drinks, yes,roses and vanilla, not so much.

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Having said that, in the place I read about Drew's wine, there's a throwaway line about actor Dan Aykroyd launching his Crystal Headvodka in the UK. Now here's a nonsensical brand association that Ifind strangely <u>appealing</u>. Who're you gonna call (for anintoxicating, grain-based beverage)? Ghostbusters.

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## Express Guide to Verona

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## **Body**

Ever since Shakespeare penned Romeo and Juliet, this Northern Italian hub has been etched into the world's consciousness as the city of love. And yet, endearing, easygoing Verona is still overlooked by tourists who touch down in the more popular ports of Venice, Florence or Rome.

But this laid-back destination has much to offer. The city itself is a picture of Italian perfection, with shady cobblestone lanes, dusty pink medieval buildings and a smattering of Roman ruins. The <u>Adige River</u> meanders through its centre, while rolling hills stand as a backdrop - their dramatic peaks adding to Verona's fairytale <u>appeal</u>.

As a former Roman metropolis and powerful trading centre, there are a plethora of well-preserved ruins built into Verona's fabric, including the magnificent Roman gates of , Porta Borsari- and, Porta Leoni-, as well as the vast ancient amphitheatre of , Arena di Verona-, which pre-dates the Colosseum in Rome. Every summer, during the warm evenings of June through August, the Arena stages incredible open-air operas. Crowds perch on marble steps under the open sky and watch classic works from the likes of Verdi and Puccini, while soaking up the magical ambience of this ancient setting.

Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers - although fictional - are behind some of Verona's star attractions. Lovesick travellers stop at the 13th century , House of Juliet- to see the balcony where the heroine is said to have been wooed by Romeo and to rub the breast of a bronze statue of Juliet in the hopes it will make them lucky in love. The character of Romeo is also assigned a house in Verona , while the monastery of , San Francesco al Corso - purports to hold , Juliet's tomb-.

Fiction aside, there is plenty of true history and culture to captivate in Verona. Between the modern shops and cafés, medieval monuments such as , Sant'Anastasia church -and , Lamberti Tower -reveal hints of an illustrious past. Verona's churches in particular hold unexpected treasures. You'll have to venture inside the sacred spaces to get a glimpse at stunning frescoes and paintings from masters including Titian, Paolo Veronese and Guercino.

Compact and rarely congested, Verona is a perfect town to explore by foot. However during the evenings, the cobbled boulevards are busier than usual as the traditional ritual of -la passeggiata -brings out hoards of locals who stroll the streets before dinner.

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When it comes to food, it's hard to get a bad meal in Verona as most of the -trattorias, osterias -and- enotecas - serve elegant Italian cuisine. In cosy, rustic dining rooms, menus feature Italian classics and Veronese specialties, while wine lists are dominated with pours from the nearby Valpolicella and Soave wine regions. In addition, Verona is home to some of the finest -gelaterias- and ice cream-parlours in the world.

Shakespeare's Romeo said "There is no world for me outside the walls of Verona," and after spending some time getting to know the enchanting city, you might be inclined to <u>agree</u>. Discover this magical place for yourself by visiting Monarch to check out flights to Verona from major UK airports.

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The Trentino is a mountainous country intersected by numerous valleys, the most important of which - that of the <a href="Adige">Adige</a> - leads straight into Italy, ending at Verona, which is only a few miles south of the present Austrian frontier. At Riva, on the <a href="Lake">Lake</a> of Garda, the Austrians have another point of strategic importance. During my stay in Riva, which is being strongly fortified right down to the shores of the <a href="Lake">lake</a>, as though an attack by a landing <a href="force">force</a> was feared, I noticed that the Italian searchlights played continuously over the surface of the <a href="water">water</a> and the surrounding mountains - "Beacon lights of liberty", as an Irredentist patriot remarked to me.

At Arco, a noted health resort a few miles north of Riva, over a hundred severely wounded Prussian officers, many of high rank, are being nursed to convalescence. This was pointed out to me as proof that the Austro-Germans anticipated a peaceable **settlement** of the crisis.

The real problem of the Trentino is the question of the northern frontier. If, as has been repeatedly stated, the Trentino in the hands of Austria is a continuous menace to Italy, as affording the Austrians an unobstructed high road to Italy, so, by a curious coincidence, the northern boundary of the Trentino presents an exactly similar geographical difficulty should the racially compact Trentino be united with Italy.

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The men with whom I discussed the matter at Trent and elsewhere seemed to realize with admirable soundness of judgment that, in order to make possible peaceful, normal conditions in the Trentino and the resulting prosperity, no questions of race, antagonism and hatred must be allowed to appear. Wearied by the struggle of the past century

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and the more embittered <u>conflicts</u> of the last 30 years with the Pan-Germanic movement, the more intelligent and far-seeing men of Trent all declare themselves in favour of a "political" frontier. Modern weapons and modes of warfare would appear to have rendered "strategic" frontiers obsolete.

No part of the "Italia Irredenta" provinces of the Dual Monarchy is so undeniably Italian as the Trentino. Nowhere else have the inhabitants more loyally and patriotically maintained the purity and sincerity of their nationalist aspirations. In the "Giardino Pubblico" of Trent, silhouetted against a background of medieval Italian towers, crowned in turn by snow-capped Alps, rises a statue of Dante, of singular majesty and beauty, the most truly significant monument of the great poet to be found anywhere in the world. To the people of the Trentino Dante is not merely a poet, but rather a prophet, the embodiment of their political and national ambitions. In every house that I visited the serious, harassed features of the master mind of the Middle Ages greeted me. The role of Dante has been to keep alive the faith and zeal of the Italians of the "Irredenta" provinces.

\*It was reported on Sunday that the statue of Dante bad been blown up after having been defiled by soldiers.

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Bolzano -L'approvazione in consiglio provinciale di una mozione che chiede la riorganizzazione di IDM continua a far discutere. Qual è il modello migliore per offrire un servizio effi ciente alle imprese di tutti i settori economici? È possibile garantire una gestione uniforme del marchio territoriale se le società che lo utilizzano sono <u>diverse</u>? Meglio cercare di risparmiare sfruttando le sinergie o puntare su società specializzate in singoli ambiti? Tutte domande che sono riemerse in questi giorni, ma che non fanno discutere solo in Alto *Adige*.

Siamo andati a vedere la soluzione scelta dalla Provincia di Trento. Anche in questo caso, proprio come in Alto <u>Adige</u>, sono state provate soluzioni <u>diverse</u> e c'è voluto del tempo per arrivare all'assetto attuale. E anche in questo caso non sono mancati i dietrofront. E la sperimentazione, forse, non è ancora finita del tutto.

Vent'anni di trasformazioni, fusioni e scorpori

Ma facciamo un passo indietro. Anno 2003, a Trento il presidente della Provincia è Lorenzo Dellai. Dal Gruppo Tecnofin, sostanzialmente una società finanziaria controllata dalla Provincia, nasce Agenzia per lo Sviluppo Spa. Che pochi anni dopo, nel 2007, cambia pelle trasformandosi in Trentino Sviluppo Spa. Passano pochi anni e la Provincia decide un nuovo cambio di assetto: la fusione per incorporazione della società di promozione turistica Trentino Marketing Spa in Trentino Sviluppo diventa operativa nel 2012. Altro giro di valzer nel 2014: da Trentino Sviluppo "esce" nuovamente la promozione turistica - che viene scorporata con la costituzione della new.co Trentino Marketing Srl -ma entra l'export con l'incorporazione di Trentino Sprint, che fino ad allora era un'azienda speciale della Camera di Commercio (esattamente come lo era la "vecchia" EOS altoatesina). Sempre nel 2014 entrano a far parte di Trentino Sviluppo anche Trentino Film **Commission** e Ceii Trentino, che si occupava di stimolare l'innovazione nelle PMI del mondo artigianato.

Da allora -in Alto <u>Adige</u> la fusione delle quattro realtà EOS, BLS, TIS e AAM in IDM era ancora al di là dal venire - la struttura societaria è rimasta più o meno la stessa, mentre tra i compiti dell'azienda nel 2021 si è aggiunta la gestione del sistema di buoni pasto per i dipendenti pubblici. Il personale di Trentino Sviluppo è pari a circa 100 unità, mentre un'ottantina sono i <u>collaboratori</u> di Trentino Marketing.

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Trentino Sviluppo è suddivisa in tre grandi aree aziendali: corporate (sostanzialmente l'amministrazione), infrastrutture abilitanti (la gestione dei poli dell'innovazione ma anche quella di società controllate come numerosi impianti a fune) e imprese, con servizi suddivisi tra start-up, imprese consolidate (compreso l'export) e l'attrazione di imprese da fuori.

#### Neanche in Trentino tutto è perfetto

Risultati? Molto buoni, secondo l'assessore provinciale trentino Achille Spinelli: "La società ha dimostrato grande attenzione al profilo della gestione finanziaria, dimostrando al tempo stesso effi cienza e flessibilità nel portare avanti le scelte di politica economica operate dalla giunta provinciale", è il suo commento al bilancio 2021 di Trentino Sviluppo, che si è chiuso con un valore della produzione di 25 milioni ed un utile di 5,4 milioni e con un patrimonio gestito superiore al miliardo di euro. Nel corso del 2021 sono state oltre 600 le nuove imprese supportate nell'accesso e nella gestione dei bandi provinciali per la ripartenza post-Covid, mentre i nuovi insediamenti aziendali sono arrivati a quota 58. Oltre 200 le attività accompagnate nell'accesso e nella crescita sui mercati esteri. Sul piano degli asset produttivi, è stata conclusa la bonifica di un'area industriale a Rovereto e sono stati firmati due protocolli d'intesa per altrettanti investimenti industriali in località Casotte, a Mori.

Tutto perfetto? Non proprio, perché anche Trentino Sviluppo sta attraversando una nuova transizione. Uno dei problemi lamentati in questi anni dalle imprese trentine era stato quello di una mancanza di strategia unitaria, perché le tre business unit principali facevano capo a tre direttori diversi. Per uscire da questa impasse, la giunta Fugatti l'anno scorso ha deciso di nominare un direttore generale individuando nella persona adatta Marco Baccanti, manager dal lungo curriculum internazionale. Ma dopo essere entrato in servizio nell'ottobre del 2021, Baccanti si è dimesso lo scorso febbraio per spostarsi a Roma, dove era stato chiamato per dirigere la nuova Fondazione Enea Tech e Biomedical. L'assemblea di Trentino Sviluppo è corsa ai ripari nominando, lo scorso agosto, Paolo Pretti come direttore operativo facente funzione fino alla fine del 2024. Pretti attualmente è capo anche degli ambiti corporate e imprese, mentre l'ambito strutture abilitanti è rimasto a Mauro Casotto.

#### Promozione turistica gestita da una società autonoma

E la promozione turistica? Viene gestita da una società propria, la Trentino Marketing, che pur essendo controllata da Trentino Sviluppo gode di ampia autonomia. Se Trentino Sviluppo politicamente "dipende" dall'assessore allo sviluppo economico Spinelli, Trentino Marketing è di competenza dell 'assessore al turismo Roberto Failoni. Autonomo è anche il cda (il presidente è il capo degli albergatori trentini dell'Asat, Gianni Battaiola) e il budget viene definito direttamente dalla Provincia (per il 2022 sono state stanziate risorse per un importo complessivo di 33 milioni, di cui 31,5 con risorse del bilancio 2022 e 1,5 milioni con risparmi del Piano 2021). Anche in questo caso si arriva da una riforma decisa recentemente: con la legge provinciale sulla promozione turistica (la numero otto del 2020) la giunta Fugatti ha infatti ampliato le competenze della società, introducendo tra l'altro -accanto alle singole agenzie di promozione turistica - le Agenzie territoriali d'area per le iniziative di sviluppo turistico interambito e affi dando a Trentino Marketing anche l'organizzazione dei grandi eventi di rilevanza strategica per il territorio, a partire dalle Olimpiadi invernali 2026, il Festival dell'Economia, il Festival dello Sport e le attività di comunicazione a favore dei territori confinanti.

Il modello ora è quello vincente? A sentire alcune voci dell'economia trentina, l'esperienza di 20 anni di trasformazioni societaria insegna che non conta tanto la "scatola" che si sceglie, ma l'indirizzo politico: più è chiara la strategia che vuole perseguire la giunta provinciale, meglio sono definiti gli obiettivi che devono perseguire le società di servizi all'economia e più effi cace diventa il loro lavoro. Forse è proprio da qui che bisognerebbe iniziare la discussione anche in Alto *Adige*.

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## Why I'm turning my nose up at vin de Barrymore

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## **Body**

For a reason that escapes me now, I follow, along with almost five million others, Sean Combs AKA P Diddy, on Twitter. While this week he's been alternating between sad Whitney tweets and shout-outs to his kids, his usual output is inspirational quotes interspersed with fulsome praises of Ciroc, the vodka brand he is ambassador for (sample tweet: "Peach Ciroc is Finally EVERYWHERE!!!! The wait is over!!!!" phew, huh?). While I'm not mad keen to try flavoured, luxury French vodka (from the worldfamous vodka houses of France we hear so much about), Combs is a high-rolling playboy who knows his way round a party. His association with the booze brand holds (fire) water.

Not every celebrity shill is quite so comfortable a fit. I've just heard that the Hollywood actress and producer Drew Barrymore is launching her own wine. Barrymore 2011 Pinot Grigio, Delle Venezie IGT, a 12% abv, is, I'm led to believe from the information available on the interwebs, a crisp, dry and fruity white, which is made from grapes grown in the Veneto, Friuli and Alto *Adige* in northern Italy.

I'm a big fan of Drew. She has metaphorically and literally (see the Charlie's Angels movies for evidence) kicked ass throughout her career and she also has very nice hair. I'm also a big fan of wine, Pinot Grigio in particular. But I'm not a fan of buying wine from people who went to rehab for alcoholism at the age of nine. She has apparently said of the wine: "I'm excited about sharing this Pinot Grigio with my friends and family and other wine lovers." It may be an idea not to get a few bottles in for the next family do though, pet. Barrymore's family also has a history of problem drinking. I can't help thinking this isn't the best product Drew could have put out there.

Conditioner, yes. Or ass-kicking lessons.

Likewise, I've never got my head around buying perfume that makes you smell like Britney Spears. Her output's impressive, with seven scents in her range (if I had to pick a favourite, it would have to be Circus Fantasy.

It conjures up such attractive images, doesn't it? Like sexy clowns. And sexy underfed performing animals.

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Mmmm!) but I just don't associate Britters with nice-smelling things. Junk food, hair-extension glue, and energy drinks, yes, roses and vanilla, not so much.

Having said that, in the place I read about Drew's wine, there's a throwaway line about actor Dan Aykroyd launching his Crystal Head vodka in the UK. Now here's a nonsensical brand association that I find strangely <u>appealing</u>. Who're you gonna call (for an intoxicating, grain-based beverage)? Ghostbusters.

I'm not a fan of buying wine from someone who went to rehab

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# Jair Bolsonaro: how you live in Italy (the place of origin of your family) the rise of the right-wing candidate in Brazil

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## **Body**

The news spread quickly earlier this month and almost everyone was surprised: a descendant of that not very numerous family of the Veneto, in northern Italy, was close to becoming the next president of Brazil.

After the first round, in which the candidate Jair Bolsonaro (Partido Social Liberal, PSL) obtained 46% of the valid votes, there was a great stir in the archives and parish records of Anguillara and San Martino di Venezze, sister municipalities separated by the extensive <u>Adige river</u>.

In them still live dozens of **Bolzonaro**: with z, in its original form in Italian.

It was in the first of these two locations that Luigi Polo, the mayor and one obsessed with local history, found the records that gave the clue: the presidential Brazilian is **originally** from Anguillara.

There was born his great-grandfather Vittorio Bolzonaro, who emigrated to Brazil in April 1888, at age 10, in the company of his parents and two brothers. Weeks after embarking in Genoa, the family arrived at the port of Santos, in the state of Sao Paulo, where it grew and still **maintains its roots.** 

Angelo, the son of Vittorio born in Brazil years later, married a Brazilian descendant of Germans and in 1927 the couple had Percy Geraldo.

Twenty-eight years later, the third of Percy's six children, Jair Mesias Bolsonaro, was born, named after a famous Palmeiras player (the father's favorite team) from the 1950s.

This Sunday, the polls can consecrate Jair Bolsonaro as the 38th president of Brazilian history.

However, whatever the outcome, the clan that bears his surname has already made history.

Eduardo Bolsonaro, one of the children, was re-elected federal deputy with the highest vote ever recorded.

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Flávio, his brother, a state deputy from Rio de Janeiro until now, won a seat in the Senate. Carlos, another son of the captain and councilor of Rio, did not appear as a candidate, but is one of the coordinators ofhisfather'scampaign.

For the modest family, dedicated in the past to agriculture and commerce, it is **an achievement**: no one from the Bolzonaro ever got that far.

The only drawback to their unknown Italian relatives, is the political position of the Brazilian descendant: the aggressive andauthoritarianairspeech -still a novelty for most of them causes confusion.

Family tree The first Bolzonaro to emigrate to South America, according to the records available in Anguillara, was exactly the branch from which the reformed captain of the Army descended.

Vittorio, the great-grandfather of the Brazilian, was 10 years old when he left Italy, at that time **immersed in poverty**.

He accompanied his father, Angelo, a name commonly used by several generations of the family, both in Italy and in Brazil. In fact, one of Bolsonaro's brothers is called Angelo.

At least another 13 members of the Bolzonaro left the Veneto region in those years to try their luck across the Atlantic.

But the contact between those who remained and those who emigrated was lost with the time

The captain also has Italian ancestry on the maternal side. The family of Olinda Bonturi, his mother, comes from Tuscany and also emigrated to Brazil at the end of the 19th century.

The <u>wars</u> that shook Europe in the first half of the last century caused casualties in the Bolzonaro family. According to a dictionary on the origins of Veneto surnames, the name derives from "bolzon", which means dart, arrow.

In the file of Anguillara it is stated that Luigi Bolzonaro, a relative of another part of the family, died in 1942 during the Second World *War* in a military hospital in Senigália, a city on the Italian coast south of the Veneto.

He was part of the Italian Army, an ally of Nazism.

" He probably died after being wounded on the battlefield, we have cormol know, " says Mayor Luigi Polo.

Decades before, during the First World <u>War</u> (1914-18), the victim had been Diego Bolzonaro. That <u>conflict</u> left many more dead in the Veneto region than the second great <u>war</u>.

Surprise in Italy The Bolzonaro are scattered, mostly, between Rovigo, city of 60,000 inhabitants, Anguillara and San Martino di Venezze, at a distance of 15 kilometers from the first.

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With a predominantly **rural** environment - you can still see donkeys in their pastures, an animal that has become rare in Europe in recent years - the two municipalities have almost the same population (about 4,000 inhabitants) and a common problem: the demographic crisis that leads many of their young people to emigrate to find work.

The destination is not another continent: now the **most sought after places** are the most prosperous cities in the region, such as Bologna, Padua, Verona and Ferrara.

In Anguillara, in particular, the effects of the crisis are visible in the modest and decadent housing compared to the new buildings of its sister municipality, on the other side of the river.

On Canareggio Avenue, where most of the Bolzonaro lived in the 19th century, some of them remained: the city has just over 50 people with the family's last name, compared to the 26 living in San Martino di Venezze.

Emilio Bolzonaro, a 74-year-old retiree who lives on the street where his ancestors lived, learned last week that he was a distant relative of the presidential, when Mayor Polo called him.

Emilio says he does not care about politics; for him it is an "abstraction".

"If I tell you I've never seen a statement from him, do you believe it?"

In the parish of the city, another target of the searches, Father Claudio Michelotto found the baptism records of the great-grandfather of the far-right candidate.

These documents, if the Brazilian family so wishes, may be used for a future **application for dual citizenship**. Bolsonaro already said that, if he loses the election, one of the possibilities he is considering is going to the country of his ancestors.

Contacted through his advice to talk about his Italian relatives, the candidate did not respond.

Immigration The great Italian immigration of the late nineteenth century led to Brazil, according to the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE), more than 1.2 million people in the period from 1876 to 1920.

Almost one third - more than 365,000 people - came from the Veneto. The destinations were coffee farms in Sao Paulo or states such as Rio Grande do Sul, Santa Catarina, Paraná, Espírito Santo and MinasGerais

In recent years, requests from Brazilians for **dual citizenship have increased**, according to Mayor Luigi Polo and his San Martino di Venezze counterpart Vinicio Piasentini.

The request involves the review of the files in search of data of the ancestors. Those relating to the Bolsonaro had never been revised before.

As members of the Democratic Party, of the center-left and today in the opposition, Polo and Piasentini made a difference in the management of their respective municipalities in relation to the moment in which Italian politics passes: the key difference is its openness to the reception immigrant, turned into enemies by **right** - **wing populism**.

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The current governor of the Veneto region, Luca Zaia, of La Liga (formerly known as the Northern League), an Italian far-right party and today one of the most popular in the country, contacted mayors of the region this week to try to organize a party in case Jair Bolsonaro wins on Sunday.

After all, he is an illustrious son of Veneto, although very distant.

Zaia is an ally of Matteo Salvini, another representative of La Liga and a strong man of the Italian government, who has already made public *statements* in support of Bolsonaro.

Polo and Piasentini, however, are categorical: they hope that the descendant of the Bolzonaro is **not elected**. His argument is the extremism of the candidate, an aspect that also displeases other relatives.

In Rovigo, retired Franco Bolzonaro, 64, discovered the existence of his distant relative on September 6, when he saw on the news that a presidential candidate in Brazil had been **stabbed.** 

After consulting the archives, he was unable to elude the degree of kinship between them: he believes that his great-grandfather may be a cousin of his great-grandfather, since they are both of the **same generation**.

At first, Franco refused to talk about his distant cousin.

His fear was, he said, to be associated with the "exaggerated" ideas of the Brazilian candidate.

Anna Bolzonaro, a 26-year-old biologist, was also scared when she learned about the <u>statements</u> made by the candidate about women, gays andabouttorture.

Resident in Rovigo, Anna says she received a presidential message on Facebook months ago.

"He said that he should be my distant relative, I did not give importance to him and I forgot that matter, until at the beginning of this month I read the news and saw that a Bolsonaro could be elected president of Brazil. It was the same person."

Anna says that she has not yet got used to the idea of ??a Bolzonaro becoming president of a country like Brazil .

She says she is still confused: "How can someone with that speech be chosen?"

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## Ring in spring with a balanced Riesling

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## **Body**

Forget about April being the cruelest month. Recently March delivered its own blustery blows in the northeast. But March also brings spring's uplifting promises of hope and reawakening. Crisp, dry Rieslings enhance the celebratory mood perfectly.

Notwithstanding the stereotype of Rieslings being overly sweet and flabby, today producers the world over increasingly offer drier versions with better balance and food friendliness. From Germany, Riesling's spiritual home, the 2015 Loosen "Dr. L" Dry Riesling, Mosel, Germany (Luxury 99278; \$12.99; widely available) delivers easy drinking pleasure at an easy price.

The tireless Riesling promoter Ernst Loosen makes this entry-level wine with purchased grapes grown on slate-laden vineyards strung along the Mosel <u>River</u> Valley's steep hillsides. Fermentation in stainless steel captures delicate floral and citrus aromas. Typical of dry Mosel Rieslings in good vintages, ripe fruit balances with racy acidity through the soft, yet dry finish. Recommended.

Just across the Rhine River in Alsace, France, dry Rieslings never go out style. Quality and complexity turn on the region's distinctive terroir. Alsace's dry climate and long, sunny autumns blanket diverse soils. Granite, various limestones, sandstone, schist and pockets of volcanic rocks interlock beneath the best Riesling vineyards on the eastern slopes of the Vosges Mountains.

Scores of Alsace producers pursue organic and biodynamic vineyard practices which forego chemical fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides and fungicides. Their vibrant, living soils enable deeply rooted Riesling vines to tap into the mother rocks below. Dazzling wines often result.

The 2013 F.E. Trimbach, Riesling, Alsace, France (6625; on sale, \$15.99; widely available) introduces the dry style at the entry level. The wine offers delicate apple blossom and citrus aromas with smoky hints. The Trimbach trademarks of precision and purity shine in the frank citrus flavors. Tart, tasty acidity frames the dry, yet fruity finish. Recommended.

The 2014 Meyer-Fonné, Riesling Réserve, Alsace, France (Luxury 47084; \$21.99; available in Allegheny and Butler counties) comes Katzenthal, a village with granite soils. For this wine, winegrower Félix Meyer blends grapes from various vineyards including fruit declassified from Grand Cru sites.

An elegant wine results. Its light straw color offers enchanting floral and citrus aromas. Pronounced citrus fruit frames the long, dry finish. Highly recommended.

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In northern Italy's Alto <u>Adige</u> (or Südtirol region), Riesling vines find hospitable conditions on the cool slopes of the Alps foothills around Bolzano. The region's pristine, refreshing whites deliver <u>appealing</u> exotic notes. Consider the 2015 Abbazia di Novacella, Riesling, Isarco Valle, Alto-<u>Adige</u>, Italy (Luxury 44369; \$19.99; available in Allegheny, Butler and Westmoreland counties).

The wine comes from an Augustinian monastery that has made wines for 850 years. Each grape variety grows in optimal sites. The Riesling harvest runs from the middle of October until early December.

This complex wine opens with ripe pineapple, citrus and floral aromas. Delicious grapefruit, apple and lime flavors layer with pronounced acidity and a touch of pleasant bitterness. The fruity, dry finish lingers pleasantly. Highly recommended.

Upstate New York producers in the Finger Lakes turn out terrific dry Rieslings. In the 1960s, Dr. Konstantin Frank, a native of the grape-growing nation of Georgia on the Black Sea, introduced the savoir-faire needed to grow European vitis vinifera varieties in extreme cold weather.

Frank perceived that the slopes overlooking the Finger Lakes would provide just enough protection from spring frosts as well as extended warmth during harvests. The 2014 Dr. Konstantin Frank, Dry Riesling, Finger Lakes, N.Y (Luxury 47175; \$15.99; available in Allegheny County and Norwin Hills, Westmoreland County) offers an easy drinking example of the upstate New York dry style. Recommended.

The 2014 Keuka Lake Vineyards, Dry Riesling, Finger Lakes, New York (Luxury 73227; \$20.99; available at Waterworks and Centre Avenue, Shadyside, stores only) also comes from gorgeous hillside vineyards overlooking both sides of the lake. Vineyard soils feature loam and clay interspersed with glacial rocks.

Lovely apple and floral aromas open to ripe apple, lime and quince flavors with moderate concentration. Fresh, clean acidity balances the dry, fruity finish. Highly recommended.

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## Patiently it waits; WINE

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The Macedon Ranges are hiding a delicious secret, writes Jane Faulkner. OFF an unsealed dirt road flanking the majestic Cobaw State Forest, just out of Kyneton, is an entrance to a natural amphitheatre surrounded by rows of vines and now-full <u>dams</u>. It's a special place and home to Cobaw Ridge, which makes Australia's finest lagrein. Owner-growers Alan and Nelly Cooper also produce excellent chardonnay, syrah and pinot noir but for more than a decade they have been championing this rare red.

Even in its native Italy, specifically the Alto **Adige** region in the north, lagrein has struggled for recognition, although that has started to change. Regardless, it makes Cobaw Ridge's commitment all the more intriguing. Alan says their love of lagrein was sparked in the mid-'90s, due in no small part to Dr Peter May, then the head of the University of Melbourne's Burnley campus. In 1988, after reading it was a variety suited to cool-climate viticulture, May sourced a few vines and planted them at his Kyneton vineyard. He suggested the Coopers do the same. They had never heard of lagrein. Back then they were still new to grape-growing. They set up Cobaw Ridge in 1985 after buying the land four years earlier. They started from scratch. Working the night-shift together as nurses in Melbourne, every spare minute was devoted to clearing the land then building the property, including their home, made from mud bricks handcrafted by Nelly's mother. With no winemaking experience, they asked for advice and set about planting shiraz, cabernet sauvignon and chardonnay. As it turned out, the area isn't warm enough for cabernet to properly ripen and so the Coopers sought May's help. That's when they encountered lagrein. "The turning point came when Peter gave me a bottle of his '92 lagrein to try and the light bulb went 'ping'!" Alan says. "There was nothing like it. Peter had read about lagrein's potential here [in Australia's cool-climate regions, with the Macedon Ranges being the coolest on the mainland], so it was up to us to do something about it. We went on to become the first to release lagrein commercially [in Australia] and the rest is history." That was in 1999. But it seems no one is really following suit. So far, Alto *Adige* has about 420 hectares planted, while in Australia only 23 producers make either a straight varietal or blend. At Cobaw Ridge, slightly more than one of their five hectares is planted to lagrein and little is produced; in a good year - none was made this year - there will be about 100 dozen. Why is lagrein so slow in taking off? Like pinot noir, the highly tannic and acidic lagrein is site-specific and not suited to warmer climes, so regions such as the Barossa, Murray Darling and McLaren Vale often produce less-elegant styles; too often those examples resemble the variety in name only. And the fact too few outstanding Italian lagreins make it to our shores only compounds the issue. There's just not enough wide appeal yet. Alan says: "I reckon it's not trendy enough and we're not trendy enough. If we were in Beechworth, the Yarra Valley or places like that, we'd be an instant hit. It's also to do with the low profile of the Macedon Ranges, and we're a low-profile regional producer in the Macedon Ranges. Obscure varieties do get overlooked and lagrein just doesn't reach a critical mass." It's a lament of sorts,

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because he says lagrein is easy enough to pronounce - either lah-gren or lah-grain will do - it's aromatic and the flavours are wonderful; it's easy to appreciate, pleasing and a delicious drink. It's not a difficult wine to love, as the Coopers will tell you. It's related to shiraz and another Italian variety, teroldego, Varietally, lagrein is earthy. savoury, with dark-plum and morello cherry notes, hints of chocolate and violets, a pleasing dried herbal edge with velvety, powerful tannins and brisk cleansing acidity, medium to full-bodied, plus distinguishable by its astonishing dark-purple colour. While there's plenty going on with the variety, it shouldn't be clunky or cumbersome, broad or dragged down with overripe fruit characters. Alan also makes the point that lagrein has largely been confined to the Sudtirol, rather than travelling beyond its regional borders. It's taking its time to show itself to the rest of the world and, by extension, winemakers, sommeliers and retailers are largely ignorant of the variety. Conversely, an Italian producer once visited Cobaw Ridge and was impressed by its lagrein, yet asked the Coopers where the grape came from. If a winemaker, even if he was from Tuscany and not Alto **Adige**, doesn't know about an Italian variety, what hope has the everyday drinker? The Coopers show me a poetic and prophetic quote about lagrein penned by Jeffrey Pinhey. It states: "You spend your time in the mountains, shunning the limelight and fame given to those whose skill sometimes does not approach your own, content with your life. "Those close to your home know you well and need no other guide to vinous pleasure. Your sturdiness and ability to survive hides a soft heart that waits patiently to be discovered." In a way, it sums up the Coopers' respect for the variety. They are not in such a hurry although there's comfort in knowing that their son, Joshua, who's still studying wine-making and working at Dean Hewitson in the Barossa, will one day return to take up the mantle. Maybe lagrein needs another, and the next, generation for it to gain in popularity. Time will tell. Cobaw Ridge's cellar door at 31 Perc Boyers Lane, East Pastoria, is open from Thursday to Monday. Its 2007 lagrein is \$60, the 2007 syrah \$45, the '08 pinot noir \$53 and '09 chardonnay \$40. Stockists include Wine House at Southbank and Parkhill Cellars, North Melbourne. Cobaw Ridge Lagrein 2007 AN ASTONISHING, enticing purple-black colour. It has a core of bright, sweet plum and tart morello cherries blended with dried herbs, a hint of menthol and floral notes. It's savoury, earthy and complex, with plenty of refreshing acidity, plus distinct, almost Italianate, tannins. It's balanced and will continue to evolve and develop for at least five years.

## Graphic

THREE PHOTOS: Owner-grower Alan Cooper checks the vines at his Cobaw Ridge winery (above); the lagrein grapes (below left) produce a distinctive purple-black wine that has become a firm favourite with Alan and his wife, Nelly (below right). PICTURE: ELLA RENEE

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## The Joy of Casting in Clear Italian Waters

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## **Body**

On an early morning in late autumn 2019, I drove with two friends from my family's small rural home in Northern Italy toward the town of Bassano del Grappa, where we would meet our fishing guides. The car axles whimpered through each turn. The road was flanked by walls of dolomite, valley floors of grapevines and verdure.

Passing through villages with roads no wider than toothpicks, we intersected the Brenta <u>River</u> several times, crossing old wooden bridges and new steel overpasses with the <u>water</u> breaking below. The <u>river</u> wriggles from two serene <u>lakes</u> in the Trentino-Alto <u>Adige</u> region in the Italian Alps, and after more than 100 miles dismisses itself into the Adriatic Sea.

After an hour's drive we made it to the <u>river</u> bend where we would fish that day. The sun hardly crested the horizon. It was only in this very specific stretch of <u>water</u> outside Bassano that we were allowed to fish, a condition of the country's strict permitting and controls on fishing. The regulations make for good fishing and a protected <u>river</u> ecosystem.

Italy never appears on lists featuring the world's best fishing locales. Wyoming? Definitely. Argentina? Naturally. New Zealand? No question. But the wonder of Italian alpine fishing is now making itself known thanks to tourism campaigns launched in the last five years and an explosion of guides offering tours that blend traditional fly fishing with cultural outings.

Aside from the cool factor of accessing backcountry tributaries near Roman ruins and the packed lunch that is likely to be haute if low-key, the wonderment of Italian fishing is threefold: the accessibility (although permitting is painless for guests and residents alike, the rules are extensive), the abundance (recent fishery management efforts have made the waters of Northern Italy a trout heaven) and the rolling seasons (lake trout and chars from January to October, rainbow trout from February to October, graylings from May to October and pike from May to December).

But the real beauty may be this: "The fisherman can say, 'We're going to Italy!" said Angelo Piller, who operates a fly fishing lodge, tackle shop and guiding service in Pieve di Cadore, about two hours north of Venice. "He can fish and the rest of the family thinks they're just going on vacation."

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#### The Joy of Casting in Clear Italian Waters

When we arrived in Bassano we walked along the water's edge across a path trussed by stone walls. To get to the Brenta, we had to first climb a stone wall and then lower ourselves into the brackish river water.

Fly fishing is most associated with waders, hats pricked full of hooks resembling various insects and artful wrist work. But this was more. As the water reached my chest, I walked further into the river. Downstream was the Ponte Degli Alpini, a covered wooden pontoon bridge whose earliest version dates to the 1100s and is named for the Italian mountain military <u>forces</u>. I could see lines forming outside the Nardini Distillery, where soon we would see patrons clutching shot glasses of grappa and steins of cider. Beyond the waterline breached a series of turrets, a castle keep and curtain walls.

Fly fishing uses a rod with artificial bait with a hidden hook, known as a fly. A shiny, colorful fly is cast into running water (a river or stream) and sunk and reeled to attract fish, mimicking the appearance of another insect or prey. Attached to the fishing line is a buoy, which helps an angler know when a fish is nibbling; a split shot weight, which helps adjust the water depth of the fly; then the fly itself, independent of the other two parts.

The buoy and split shot work in tandem to offer more forgiveness when the fly is cast into a stream or river. Adjustments can be made to lower or raise the fly, and when a fish bites, the angler knows when to yank on the line.

I had thought myself a decent angler, acquainted with what I believed was the only fly fishing technique, until Matteo de Falco, our guide, handed me a 10-foot pole and wished me a good first cast. I looked at him, bewildered. The pole was massive, much longer than the 8-foot poles I most often used.

Many anglers who fish in the Dolomites do so using a method dating back to the late 19th century and adapted from an old American technique known as nymphing, after the type of flies needed to angle in shallow waters.

The first written mention of the technique was in the 1920s, according to George Daniels, the lead instructor of the Penn State University fly fishing program, who teaches angling courses and operates a full-time guiding and fly fishing educational service called Livin On The Fly. Frank Sawyer, the creator of a popular fly called the Pheasant Tail nymph, wrote about using an 11-foot pole with especially long leaders (the business end of a fishing line, difficult for fish to see and where flies are attached) while fishing in English chalk streams. The technique was called European nymphing. "The tactic is so good that many anglers do nothing but Euro nymph," Mr. Daniels told me.

The European nymphing technique is not about stalking a trout in a slow pool, standing for hours waiting for the fish to meet a fly. It is more aggressive, faster action, throwing many casts in fast water right on a fish, never patient, always hunting.

In Patagonia, I once caught trout using only a tin can spooled with fishing line. In Alberta, Canada, I have thrown the wriggly line of a regular fly fishing rod at gin-clear waters for what felt like hours without the slightest hint of a bite. This nymph technique was otherworldly.

"The technique is special and has started to become more famous because you can fish lower with a small fish, lighter flies, good sensitivity and the possibility to attach two flies," Diego Riggi, a well-known fly-tier and guide, said from his home office in Tre Ville, 2,707 feet above the Sarca River in Trentino-Alto <u>Adige</u>. In 2019, he sold 12,000 flies across greater Europe through his website Mosca Tzé Tzé.

European nymph fishing is fishing by feel: no strike indicator, no split shot, but a longer leader and two or more faster-sinking flies. An angler feels the tension of the line, is more connected to all that is happening beneath the surface and is largely in charge of the progress of the fly as it transits downstream. It is more difficult, but some anglers argue that without all the trappings of "advanced fly fishing," this holistic method yields better results. It is also the international standard for competitive fly fishing, where the use of strike indicators is typically forbidden. An overly simplified explanation of European nymph fishing is this: It is a pared-down, purist fly fishing technique, stripped of devices that do the fishing for an angler.

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Erik Sanders, an American who acts as a liaison for foreigners seeking to discover Italian fly fishing, had connected me with Mr. de Falco, telling me that "he has the ability to sense where fish lie. He happens to be 10 percent marble trout."

Around lunchtime we climbed out of the water and sat for a meal overlooking the Brenta, which felt like a cool breeze at our backs. As our second guide, Riccardo Nalin, prepared a lunch of salami, asiago and beans with sausage, Mr. De Falco handed out glasses of cabernet. Mid-pour he stopped and pointed out a chub floating nearby, calling it a "bastardo" and launching into a tirade about the nuances of catching a "very smart fish."

You can fish on your own in Italy, but the regulations about where and when you can cast your line are extraordinarily precise: In this stretch you can fish, but in this 100 meters you can't; here you can kill, but 10 meters over you can't; here you can fish only an hour after sunrise to an hour before sunset, and only on these dates.

Local guides like Mr. De Falco proliferated in the years before the pandemic. Guides are easy to find through a quick online search and cost between \$300 and \$400 per day per person (which includes lunch, but not the rental of waders or boots), with discounts for groups and bookings longer than three days. Companies like Orvis have started to promote lodges and guides in the region. Global travel restrictions devastated the local guiding community, whose clientele are largely foreigners. The guides did continue fishing on their own, for pleasure, and their calendars are now filling up as visitors from the European Union, the United Kingdom and North America return.

As we ate, we watched Mr. De Falco cast his line from the observation deck where we sat overlooking the river. He dipped the line into the clear water, viewable straight to the rocky bottom. He trailed the fly in front of a trout, which bit. Mr. De Falco yanked the line and brought the fish to us before tossing it back. He celebrated over grappa and coffee from a percolator set atop a small butane stove.

The stradas running along the river were busier now. Men in waders stopped to ask Mr. De Falco about his Sky Italia television show, "Pesca TV," and sought advice on the fishing that day. He knew everyone. More important, he knew where to find us more fish.

#### Release

The sun crept out of sight. Near the end of our river walk, one of my friends had launched the telescopic tip of his rod into the water, separating it from the rest of his gear. Two of us had gotten our lines tangled after a miserable cast. The storefronts, having closed for the Italian lunch hours, were reopening and shoppers had emerged in the streets.

On other days of fishing, we would stop at the distillery, where they were serving rhubarb bitters and the signature grappa infused with juniper, licorice and other flavors, or eat our lunch of polenta inside a 300-year-old home, near the wine cellar.

But this afternoon, we simply moved upstream, away from the old bridge.

And, ecco (the Italian equivalent of voilà), fish!

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Where to stay

For a treat:L'Albereta overlooks the vineyards of Franciacorta and Lake Iseo beyond. Converted from a 19th-century mansion it has a state-of-the-art health spa. From £226.

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For value: Casa Visnenza is a cosy, welcoming b&b in the town of Cemmo di Capo di Ponte, 20 miles north of Lake Iseo. From £43.

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Lake Orta is an azure slither that remains largely off the tourist track, although its romantic views and tranquil, relatively quiet atmosphere attracts its fair share of Milanese and Torinesi who flock here for weekend breaks. It is probably the most beautiful of the lakes, home to the picturesque medieval village of Orta San Giulio, undoubtedly one of the lakes' most captivating towns, with its winding cobbled streets and pastel-coloured palazzi. The lakefront square of Piazza Motta is dotted with chestnut trees and framed by frescoed buildings.

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Lying offshore is Isola San Giulio, a tiny car-free island with only one cobbled lane that runs the perimeter of the island. Home to 60 nuns, the Benedictine Basilica di San Giulio houses frescoes dating back to the 14th century. Above Orta San Giulio, reached on foot from Santa Maria Assunta Church, is Sacro Monte di San Francesco, a forested area sprinkled with 21 chapels built between the 16th and 18th centuries. Each of these has painted terracotta statues that act out scenes from the life of St Francis of Assisi, attracting scores of pilgrims year-round.

The cool air attracts just as many tourists who come to admire the spectacular views of the lake and enjoy a picnic in the pine-scented surrounds.

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For value: La Contrada dei Monti is a three-star hotel which offers welcoming little rooms in a restored 18th-century building in the heart of Orta San Giulio. From £86.

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#### When to go

The lakes' season runs from Easter to October. The best times to visit are May to early June and September, when temperatures are warm and the evenings clear and cool. In July and August the lakes are at their most crowded, and the weather can be unbearably hot. Avoid August if possible, when Italians descend on the lakes for their summer holidaysn and prices peak.

## Getting around

Passenger boats ply the lakes, with car-ferries crossing Garda, Maggiore and Como. Exploring different lakes by public transport is tricky as buses and trains have erratic timings and journeys often involve changes. Renting a car allows more flexibility, but the lake roads get very busy in summer and queues are common, especially along the shores of Lake Garda and Lake Como.

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The ancient trading route of the Via Valeriana, today a popular hiking route, is a 15-mile (24km) stretch that passes through hamlets, vineyards and olive groves, commanding wonderful lake views. Outside the village of Zone lies an impressive landscape of rocky pyramids with granite boulders, the result of centuries of rain erosion of moraine deposits. Stretching north of the lake up to Sonico is the little-visited Val Camonica, home to prehistoric rock carvings that cover a period of 13,000 years. Heading south of the lake, between Iseo and Brescia, is the hilly region of Franciacorta, which produces Italy's finest sparkling wine.

Where to stay

For a treat:L'Albereta overlooks the vineyards of Franciacorta and Lake Iseo beyond. Converted from a 19th-century mansion it has a state-of-the-art health spa. From £226.

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For value: Casa Visnenza is a cosy, welcoming b&b in the town of Cemmo di Capo di Ponte, 20 miles north of Lake Iseo. From £43.

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Nearest airports: Sarnico is half an hour from Bergamo airport.

Secret ItalyLake Orta

Lake Orta is an azure slither that remains largely off the tourist track, although its romantic views and tranquil, relatively quiet atmosphere attracts its fair share of Milanese and Torinesi who flock here for weekend breaks. It is probably the most beautiful of the lakes, home to the picturesque medieval village of Orta San Giulio, undoubtedly one of the lakes' most captivating towns, with its winding cobbled streets and pastel-coloured palazzi. The lakefront square of Piazza Motta is dotted with chestnut trees and framed by frescoed buildings.

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Lying offshore is Isola San Giulio, a tiny car-free island with only one cobbled lane that runs the perimeter of the island. Home to 60 nuns, the Benedictine Basilica di San Giulio houses frescoes dating back to the 14th century. Above Orta San Giulio, reached on foot from Santa Maria Assunta Church, is Sacro Monte di San Francesco, a forested area sprinkled with 21 chapels built between the 16th and 18th centuries. Each of these has painted terracotta statues that act out scenes from the life of St Francis of Assisi, attracting scores of pilgrims year-round.

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#### When to go

The lakes' season runs from Easter to October. The best times to visit are May to early June and September, when temperatures are warm and the evenings clear and cool. In July and August the lakes are at their most crowded, and the weather can be unbearably hot. Avoid August if possible, when Italians descend on the lakes for their summer holidaysn and prices peak.

#### Getting around

Passenger boats ply the lakes, with car-ferries crossing Garda, Maggiore and Como. Exploring different lakes by public transport is tricky as buses and trains have erratic timings and journeys often involve changes. Renting a car allows more flexibility, but the lake roads get very busy in summer and queues are common, especially along the shores of Lake Garda and Lake Como.

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(ANSA) - 20 MAG - Un supernatural drama in cui mistero, leggenda e realtà si fondono per dare vita ad un racconto capace di trasportare gli spettatori in un incredibile viaggio alla scoperta di se stessi e della propria identità. Questo e molto altro è 'Curon', la nuova serie originale italiana Netflix, in 7 episodi, con protagonista Valeria Bilello e ambientata nella cittadina dell'Alto <u>Adige</u> da cui prende il titolo la serie. E' diretta da Fabio Mollo e Lyda Patitucci, prodotta da Indiana Production, e sarà disponibile dal 10 giugno in tutti i Paesi in cui il servizio è attivo. Nel Key Art e nelle prime immagini rese disponibili dal colosso <u>streaming</u> tutta l'atmosfera della serie. Un percorso in cui non tutto è come sembra; anche sotto la superficie di quello che conosciamo si nascondono inquietanti misteri. I protagonisti sono: Valeria Bilello (Anna), Luca Lionello (Thomas), Federico Russo (Mauro), Margherita Morchio (Daria), Anna Ferzetti (Klara), Alessandro Tedeschi (Albert), Juju Di Domenico (Miki), Giulio Brizzi (Giulio), Max Malatesta (Ober) e Luca Castellano (Lukas).

Anna è appena tornata a Curon, sua città natale, insieme ai suoi gemelli adolescenti, Mauro e Daria. Quando la donna scompare misteriosamente, i ragazzi dovranno intraprendere un viaggio che li porterà a svelare i segreti che si celano dietro l'apparente tranquillità della cittadina e a trovarsi faccia a faccia con un lato della loro famiglia che non avevano mai visto prima. Scopriranno che si può scappare dal proprio passato ma non da se stessi.

La scrittura è affidata a Ezio Abbate come head writer insieme agli autori Ivano Fachin, Giovanni Galassi, e Tommaso Matano. Le riprese della serie si sono tenute a Curon (Alto <u>Adige</u>), grazie anche al sostegno di IDM Film Fund & <u>Commission</u>, e in Trentino.

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# <u>Italy's mild ski resorts rely on snow cannons</u>

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# Lycra meets luxe

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## **Body**

Spectacular scenery, exceptional food and legendary challenges combine to make a memorable two-wheeled tour of italy's *lake* land, writes Josephine McKenna.

You could say the bicycle and I have never had a very intimate relationship.

We had a fleeting encounter when I was a child and a dramatic separation many years later (in my 20s) on Queensland's Magnetic Island, after I flew down a hill at high speed on a rental bike before crashing and splitting my head open. So when I was invited to join a luxury cycling tour on the shores of two of Italy's most spectacular *lakes*, Lugano and Como, I hesitated. But not for long.

Hollywood star George Clooney may have put <u>Lake</u> Como on everyone's must-see tourist map since buying Villa Oleandra there in 2002, but there's far more to see and do than Clooney-based activities when it comes to this vast *lakes* region on the border of Italy and Switzerland.

If you're looking for adventure of the human-powered kind, you can swim, paddle, cycle and even scuba dive, or simply enjoy panoramic views with your feet planted firmly on the ground. Thanks to new operator LuxuryBikeHotels, cycling enthusiasts can combine their love of adventure on two wheels with a luxury experience and gourmet menus at top hotels in the Lombardy region, along with many other parts of Italy.

Given I live in Rome, this is a great local option for me. I take the three-hour fast train to Milan, then transfer to a local train, which leads me to Lugano station, from where I'm greeted personally by the founder of LuxuryBikeHotels, Ludovica Casellati.

The energetic Casellati comes from Padua, and has been passionate about cycling since she was a child. She runs her own cycling magazine, which is a sponsor of the Italian Cycling Federation.

Dubbed "Lady Bici" or "Lady Bike" by the Italian media, she's also published a book, La Bici della Felicita (The Bike of Happiness).

Casellati established LuxuryBikeHotels in 2017 as a way to share her twin passions for cycling and indulgence, helping connect discerning travellers with upscale hotels and certified guides who can provide quality bikes and expertise.

#### Lycra meets luxe

Says Casellati over a morning espresso: "When I travel, I love to see the local area on a quality bike, and hotels don't always offer this kind of service. Many more people are sensitive to the environment these days, so they want to combine being eco-friendly on vacation."

Exclusive hotels and country houses pay an annual fee to be listed on LuxuryBikeHotels, while Casellati and her team handle website promotion and publicity. The number of hotels she represents has grown from 12 to 25 in less than two years, and all member hotels have to meet rigorous criteria, including a solid offering of life's little luxuries from fine dining to lavish spa treatments.

Casellati also prefers properties that are immersed in nature and support sustainability through encouraging guests to restrict the laundering of sheets and towels, providing refillable bath products, and using local ingredients in their restaurants. Travellers can choose a single hotel from the site or they can map out a personalised itinerary over a few weeks, taking in Lombardy, Tuscany, Alto <u>Adige</u> and Veneto. And the holiday can contain as much or as little cycling as is desired. Prices start from (EURO)150 (\$245) per night up to (EURO)3000 for a week-long package.

"We have detailed descriptions and itineraries," says Casellati. "You can see where you can cycle, with what type of bicycle and how many kilometres."

I'm on a three-day cycling adventure that will take us around the shores of Lake Lugano, up the slopes of neighbouring Switzerland and across Lake Como by ferry to the picturesque town of Bellagio for some of the most spectacular views in Italy. Day one begins at the Parco San Marco Hotel, 15 kilometres from the Swiss city of Lugano. The resort is set on three hectares of parkland, and has a private beach and a wellness centre on Lake Lugano.

After a generous buffet breakfast, the cyclists choose a road bike, mountain bike or e-bike provided onsite by certified guides from Como Lago Bike, which has been running for more than a decade in nearby Bellagio.

The service is run by Luca Molteni and his business partner Alberto Elli, a former professional who competed in the Tour de France 11 times and wore the coveted yellow jersey for four days in the 2000 edition of the tour.

Clients may opt to rent their bikes without a guide, but a tour with these two experts offers a different experience entirely, using e-bikes or big-name Bottecchia or Pinarello bicycles to take on the region's famous, and challenging, climbs.

Elli, now 56, is brimming with enthusiasm as he leads our group of a dozen cyclists along the Sentiero dell'olivo, a picturesque stone path that winds its way around the lake through tiny villages flanked by olive trees.

"Put your weight at the back of the seat," he tells us as some of the group bounce their bikes down stone steps past a centuries-old bell tower located just over our shoulder.

Without even realising it, the group crosses the border into Switzerland and makes a pit stop in Lugano's historic centre. There's time for a quick walking tour and a look at the famous Renaissance masterpiece Passion and Crucifixion inside the Church of Santa Maria degli Angioli. Back on the bikes, the group skirts the western side of the lake and heads uphill for a gruelling five kilometres to Arogno in the Val Mara, where the lush slopes are lined with vineyards and filled with the sound of cowbells.

Given my abysmal track record on a bike, I decide to enjoy the view from the support van trailing the cyclists.

No sweat, no tears. And I can still share the magical views to the mountains across the lake below. As the driver hits the accelerator up the hill, a sudden attack of environmental heartburn has me wondering if I should buy an extra pot plant when I get home.

Elli has been cycling for more than 40 years and has covered this 35-kilometre route more times than he can possibly remember. "When someone comes from the other side of the world to discover a landscape like this, apart from the cycling, the experience stays with you for the rest of your life," he says.

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Molteni <u>agrees</u> they aim to provide a cycling tour with a difference. "When a person comes out with us we don't take them for a stroll and say look at this tree or that bell tower or that lake, we want them to experience an emotion," he says. "So when they go home they remember the emotion they felt when they were cycling - the pain, the exhaustion, the jokes with Alberto."

Lunch is a banquet of local salamis and prosciutto, slow-cooked braised veal and polenta and delicious home-made cakes at the Grotto Descanso, a simple trattoria on the shores of Lake Lugano that can be reached only by motorboat.

(Reader, can you sense another pot plant purchase?) Back at the hotel, there's time for a dip in the lake, then a sauna or a massage before we sit down to dine on scallops and fish roe, followed by Sardinian lamb and other specialties at La Musa, the Parco San Marco's gourmet restaurant founded by three-star Michelin chef Alain Ducasse.

Raimondo Sartorio, the hotel's managing director and a keen cyclist, says the cycling service helps to attract new clients and motivate guests who might not previously have considered the activity. "There are a lot of hotels that offer cycling but there are very few that have professionals working with them.

This is the major difference," he says.

"And to tour with Alberto Elli is just amazing. He is a funny guy."

There is more breathtaking scenery the following day when we board the ferry at Cadenabbia and head to Bellagio on the opposite side of Lake Como. Early morning clouds disappear as the cyclists wind their way up the hill to the museum of cycling at Ghisallo, considered a national treasure for Italian cyclists.

Blessed by Pope Benedict XVI, the museum is a tribute to Italy's cycling champions in a region where there are 1200 races a year. In the little church next door there are historic bikes and a Madonna that protects cycling enthusiasts.

About 12 kilometres to the south of the museum, the most determined riders can test their fitness at the storied Wall of Sormano, considered one of the toughest rides in Italy. Riders face an average gradient of 17 per cent and a maximum of 25 per cent for 1.7 kilometres.

"When you arrive at the summit you feel like a king," says Molteni.

"This is mythical. It is part of the history of cycling."

While I may not have conquered the Wall on two wheels, a brief spin on an e-bike certainly opened my eyes to all sorts of possibilities. Now I just need to get back on the bike and rediscover our relationship.

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# Achievers: Rise and Rise of an Ice-Cream Seller

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## **Body**

How Raghunandan Kamath, a school dropout and ice-cream seller in a restaurant in younger age, has now become the most admired food service retailer and a top ranking entrepreneur in India.

Come summer and soft drinks and ice-creams of several brands <u>flood</u> the market, jostling with each other for business. Each one tries to better the others in the race. Products of Natural Ice-Creams are unique and very different from the other brands available in the market. Manufactured in Mumbai, these are very tasty, rich and innovative. They do not contain preservatives, chemicals or gelatin; just milk, sugar and fruits/dry fruits/chocolate.

There are nearly 100 flavours, the most favoured ones being tender coconut, mango, sitaphal, chickoo and litchi. The brain behind this is Raghunandan Kamath, a 7th standard school drop-out from Mangalore (who continued his studies after coming to Mumbai). Today, his business is in crores and he has 120 outlets in India. The latest was inaugurated on 21 December 2014, in New Delhi.

Raghunandan is the youngest of 3 brothers and 3 sisters. He enjoyed his childhood climbing trees, swimming in the local river, and getting into mischief. His parents were very indulgent towards him as his older siblings were all in Mumbai. His father was a fruiter and young Raghunandan learnt a lot about fruits from him. He learnt how to distinguish between good and best, tender and ripe. By the time he left Mangalore to come to Mumbai, he had full knowledge of fruits.

At the age of 19, Raghunandan joined his brother, who sold Gokul Icecream in his South Indian restaurant. He had bright innovative ideas but these did not seem to be acceptable to those around him and he decided to part ways to start his own ice-cream parlour. He was convinced of his ability and that his ideas would sell.

#### Made a beginning

In those days, it was rare that people came just to eat an ice-cream so he sold pav bhaji along with it. But, soon, he gave up pav bhaji and served only his ice-cream. In 1984, in a 250 sq ft outlet, the first Natural Ice-Cream parlour was opened in the posh area of Juhu, where most of the Bollywood and small-screen celebrities reside.

He got married and roped in his bride to help him. He borrowed money and put it into his business. When he added custard-apple (sitaphal) and mango in his ice fruitercreams, the customers loved them. His turnover by then was just Rs 1 lakh but he persevered. He was convinced of his business acumen and his ideas and hired 5 or 6 people, who doubled up as waiters. Word-ofmouth publicity helped him and his business began to flourish.

In his own words, "In 1986, I was watching The Sunny Days, a TV programme anchored by cricketer Sunil Gavaskar. During the interview, Vivian Richards, the former West Indian cricket captain, mentioned that he had been to the Natural Ice- Cream outlet and liked the sapodilla (chikoo) and custard-apple variety. It was such a thrill, such an unexpected back-thumping for us."

Movie and TV celebrities became his clients and that attracted others. Kamath took a loan of Rs 65 lakh from Saraswat Bank and bought a 5,000 sq ft space at Mira Road, a suburb of Mumbai, to build a factory. He expanded and distributed 5 franchises in Mumbai. His turnover increased to Rs 3 crore by 1994.

The next step was a bigger unit at Charkop in Kandivili, another suburb of Mumbai. This 25,000 sq ft unit is in operation now and Kamath plans on cashhaving a turnover of Rs 100 crore in the near future. His sons, Srinivas and Siddanth, have joined him now, along with a few close relatives, who share his dreams and ideas.

Natural Ice-Cream has branches in Delhi, Mangalore, Thane, Pune, Indore, Jaipur, Goa, Bangalore, Raipur, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad and other places. Raghunandan is a nature lover, who has set up his dream project, 'Lands Flavour Resort', by the side of Mangalore-Bantwal national highway in Adyar village.

On 26 February 2009, as part of their silver jubilee celebrations, Natural Ice-Cream made the biggest strawberry ice-cream candy bar, weighing 3,235 kgs at Kandivli factory. 3,420 litres of milk, 600 kg strawberry pulp and 342 kg sugar were used to make it. About 33,000 scoops were distributed free to people.

They got the National Record in 2010 and entered the Limca Book of Records. They have won the Coca- Cola Golden Spoon award for 'Most admired Foodservice Retailer of the year' in 2011 and 2012 and are also featured in the Top 50 'Unusual Entrepreneurs' in India Today. In February 2015, Raghunandan Kamath was felicitated by Devendra Fadnavis, chief minister of Maharashtra, and awarded for his honest business practices.

Excerpts from an exclusive interview: What is your turnover now?

It is 85 crore and I plan on taking it to a 100 crore soon.

What is the secret of your success and your USP?

Mere paas maa hai! My mother has inspired me a lot. The way she tackled problems in her kitchen, I applied to making my ice-cream. For example, she put rice in water and swirled it so that unwanted stones <u>settled</u> at the bottom and she scooped the rice from the top. I used this idea in deseeding sitaphal, which used to be a tedious, long-drawn job. I also invented a machine to deseed the fruit and now we can almost match the <u>demand</u> for sitaphal ice-cream with our supply.

I used my mother's techniques of not using spoons but gently tossing fruits so that they do not break. I also use different techniques of cutting fruits (lengthwise, small pieces, grated or ground) like she cut chillies as per their use - lengthwise for upma, small pieces for curries and ground ones for other curries.

Every fruit, every flavour, needs a different technique and my team and I researched, got the best and that is why we have reached where we are. Without being too proud, I can honestly say that Natural Ice-Cream reaches places where even MacDonald's or Subway do not reach. We do not make common ice-cream flavours. Ours are different - jara hatke. We have no favourites; all flavours are equal for us and all have their own special techniques of treatment.

How do you combat the onslaught of multinational companies, which are introducing newer ice-creams in India?

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By being entirely Indian. I am cashhavinging in on truly Indian flavours and Indian tastes. We have introduced flavours which no MNC can duplicate. We have tender coconut, chickoo, seasonal fruits and other flavours. We have identified where we can get the best quality fruit, like Mangalore for jackfruit, and we go to great lengths to get them. Our quality-control is strong.

Our approach is like that of a mother, who wants to give her children hot, fresh and hygienic food. She does not want to give junk food. We take similar care in giving our customers the very best. Our ice-cream is a unique blend of kulfi and ice-cream.

How much fruit do you use daily? It depends. We use about 5,000 tender coconuts daily. Other fruits, being seasonal, we use according to <u>demand</u>. We make about 6.5 tonnes of ice-cream. We use 10,000 litres milk, 800 kg sugar, 500 dozen custard apples (in season) and mangoes.

Who is your inspiration?

My mother, of course. I learnt a lot from her and her techniques. And also my wife, who is a very good cook. She has given me a lot of tips. I have incorporated the ideas of my mother, my wife, my father, brother and others, and have constantly improvised. I am open to ideas and constantly learn new things. Customers are the best teachers. They tell, give ideas and suggestions, which we use.

What advice would you give young entrepreneurs?

To succeed, do not do what everyone else does. Do something innovative, something different, and something you love so that you will not be working but enjoying what you are doing.

Your accounts must be clear; you should make timely tax-payment. You should plan your projects properly and perform sincerely.

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# Vulnerability of Venice exposed by devastating series of floods; Calls have been made to protect the lagoon-based city which is a tourist magnet but has a dwindling number of residents.

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## **Body**

Record-breaking <u>floods</u> are taking their toll on Venice amid calls to preserve the city from the ravages of problems such as climate change.

The lagoon-based city has experienced a population decline even if its *canals* and historic buildings still make it a magnet for tourists.

One of only four oar makers for Venice's famed gondoliers, Paolo Brandolisio, whose ground-floor workshop has been inundated for the third time in a week of record-breaking *floods*, is just one resident despairing of any help from national or local institutions.

"If these phenomena continue to repeat themselves, you have to think about how to defend yourself," he said.

"Because the defences that the politicians have made don't seem to be nearly enough."

"You have to think of yourself," he repeated.

Venetians are fed up with what they see as inadequate responses to the city's mounting problems: record-breaking flooding, environmental and safety *threats* from cruise ship traffic and the burden on services from over-tourism.

They feel largely left to their own devices, with ever-fewer Venetians living in the historic part of the city to defend its interests and keep it from becoming mainly a tourist domain.

The historic flooding this week, marked by three floods over 1.5 metres (nearly five feet) and the highest in 53 years at 1.87 metres (six feet, one inch), has sharpened calls to create an administration that recognises the uniqueness of Venice, for both its concentration of treasures and its increasing vulnerability.

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Flood damage has been estimated at hundreds of millions of euros (dollars), but the true scope will only become clear with time.

Architectural masterpieces like St Mark's Cathedral still need to be fully inspected and damaged manuscripts from the Music Conservatory library treated by experts, not to mention the personal losses suffered by thousands of residents and businesses.

"I feel ashamed," said Fabio Moretti, the president of Venice's historic Academy of Fine Arts that was once presided over by Tiepolo and Canova.

"These places are left in our custody. They don't belong to us.

"They belong to humanity. It is a heritage that needs to be preserved."

The frustration goes far beyond the failure to complete and activate 78 underwater barriers that were designed to prevent just the kind of damage that Venice has endured this week.

With the system not yet completed or even partially tested after 16 years of work and five billion euros invested, many are sceptical it will even work.

"This is a climate emergency. This is sick governance of the city," said Jane Da Mosto, an environmental scientist and executive director of the We Are Here Venice non-governmental organisation, whose aim it is to keep Venice a living city as opposed to a museum or theme park.

Mr Brandolisio, the oar builder, sees systemic lapses in the official response, including the failure of local authorities to organise services immediately for those in need, an absence filled by volunteers.

That included both a network of students who helped clear out waterlogged property for those in need and professionals like water-taxi drivers who offered transport during the emergency.

For now, he is taking matters into his own hands.

To protect his bottega where he not only makes oars but carves ornamental oar posts for gondolas or as sculpture, Mr Brandolisio said he will have to consider raising the floor by at least 20 centimetres and buying a pump, precautions he never previously deemed necessary.

"I think I will lose at least two or three weeks of work," he said.

"I will have to dry everything.

"Lots of things fell into the water, so I need to clean all the tools that can get rusty.

"I need to take care of wood that got wet, which I can't use because it cannot be glued."

At the public level, proposals for better administering the city including granting some level of autonomy to Venice, already enjoyed by some Italian regions like Trentino-Alto-<u>Adige</u> with its German-speaking minority, or offering tax breaks to encourage Venice's re-population.

Just 53,000 people live in the historic part of the city that tourists know as Venice, down by a third from a generation ago and dropping by about 1,000 people a year.

The population of the lagoon islands, including glass-making Murano and the Lido beach destination, is just under 30,000, and dwindling too.

That means fewer people watching the neighbourhood, monitoring for public maintenance issues or neighbours in need.

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Many leave the city nicknamed La Serenissima because of the increased expense or the daily difficulties in living in a city of canals, which can make even a simple errand a minor odyssey.

Activists also say local politicians are more beholden to the city's mainland population, which has jumped to 180,000 people not directly affected, for the most part, by the same issues as the lagoon dwellers.

They are pushing for the passage of a referendum on December 1 that would give the historic centre and islands their own administration, separate from that serving more populous Mestre and the industrial port of Marghera.

Those areas were annexed to Venice by the Fascist dictator Benito Mussolini, and not necessarily a natural fit.

"It is precisely because we also have a climate emergency that this kind of thing is more important," Ms Da Mosto said.

"The only thing we can do for the climate is to prepare.

"That requires appropriate policies and investments and responsible engineering.

"And because the political context of Venice is so wrong, Venice doesn't have a chance at the moment."

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# Clicktivism gaining momentum among city youth

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## **Body**

BANGALORE, April 28 -- Social responsibility is not a phrase easily associated with the young and the restless. But as we have known, students and young people have risen to tackle political issues across ages - be it during the Indian independence struggle, the Tahrir uprising of 2011 or the Tiananmen Square **protests** of 1989. In India, this is an interesting time for young people. Social media has given a voice to personal angst and also given them an insight into politics and social inequity.

Many young people are today using <u>diverse</u> media <u>streams</u> to blog about issues and some have taken the social concerns into the space of tangible activism.

Many youngsters in the city are now the pioneers of social change, taking matters into their own hands, one way or another, to participate in creating a better society for themselves.

"To see an educated India has been my dream and that is how my journey started to make an impact on the society. If I can make a small change, then I truly believe a united and driven youth <u>force</u> can bring about a revolution," says Harshitha Chidanand, a student at the Ambedkar Institute of Technology.

He has started a group called Help Women Lead to increase female literacy rates in the slums of Bangalore. There are many others who have joined her in the efforts to better the lives of under privileged-kids in the city. The city has numerous groups like this with motivated young people working towards social betterment.

"Youngsters today are already very passionate about igniting a change in our city, and they can make use of the many platforms for this. They also use social media to talk about the work they are doing," says Suchita Isaac, who is a part of U&I, a youth driven charity that works towards positive social change in the spheres of education, human trafficking, child and women welfare and mental health.

"Youngsters have actively participated in the Nido Tania (a young student from Arunachal Pradesh who was killed in New Delhi during a racist attack) *protests*, the LGBT *protests*, and during various bike and cycle rallies across the city," Hemanth Lakshman, a student of Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology says.

And now, with social media, most specifically social networks like Facebook and Twitter serving as a platform for these youths to stir up conversations and discussions, the idea of social responsibility has been spreading rapidly.

"Since the youth use social media to stay connected, this platform can be used very effectively. It has become a very good place for youngsters to discuss and debate about issues," says Solomon Donald, a student of St Joseph's College.

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"It is not just a place for discussion," says Harshitha and adds, "It is an arena to reach out to people. Gaining members adds momentum to a group, increases its productivity and thus helps in creating a larger impact. We can use all the help we can get."

What do these youngsters actually do to <u>protest</u>? The responsiveness ranges from <u>protesting</u> in front of government buildings to counter injustice, to teaching in government schools, to convincing parents of girl children to let them go to school, to cleaning up city streets.

"The youth are no longer afraid to break the silence that surrounds domestic violence, false promises made by leaders, discrimination based on caste, colour, religion, gender," says Brinda <u>Adige</u> of Global Concerns India, an NGO striving to empower society by addressing its various injustices.

The idea that a teen is always absorbed in his or her own world has been abolished by the youngsters of today. By changing little things around them, they are inspiring others to start doing the same. They know that big changes begin with small steps.

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HITHER & YON 2013 / Aglianico Region: McLaren Vale, SA Value: Great Best with: Pizza, anchovy, pepperoni, basil \* \* \* \* 1/2 \$27 Known best as the leading red from Campania, surrounding Naples, and as a late-ripening grape it suits our warm summer growing season. Here it is just ripping along with its mix of earthy herbs, anise-led spices and classic trio of cherry, plum and raspberry fruits, all slammed in there with a lightness of being and fine medium bodied flow. Speaks lucidly of its origins and its new home - a delightful drink.

#### Salute to old vines made new again

HANDCRAFTED BY GEOFF HARDY 2013 / Lagrein Region: Limestone Coast, SA Value: Gutsy Best with: Rosemary, oreganocoated leg of lamb \* \* \* \* \$30Originating from the northern Trentino and Alto <u>Adige</u> region, and known for is ominous dark colour, this won't disappoint - it's as black as midnight, while its fruit ripeness is clear from the first sniff, and a 15 per cent alc.vol adds to the muscle. To taste, it's all about dark fruits, blackberry the most obvious, and a cloak of typical tannins that coat the mouth <u>demanding</u> major chargrilled protein.

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Surrounded by beauty, with the world's best gelato at hand, Julietta Jameson finds the magic moments keep coming.

The holy grail for any traveller is that rare, exquisite moment that etches itself into your memory forever. A week in Verona and I had three of them.

The first was at four in the afternoon on my first day, wandering the pretty cobbled streets between the 1290 Sant'Anastasia church and the <u>river Adige</u>, which was flowing strongly from the spring thaw in the Alps. Up ahead, I saw a line coming out of a small corner shop with no signage. No sign needed. At that time of day, I knew a patient queue like that could only mean one thing – gelato artigianale, Italian ice-cream made traditionally with natural ingredients.

I joined the throng and was rewarded for my wait with a huge helping of the best gelato I have ever had ... and I've had some gelato. (I went back every day for the week I was there.)

Slurping ecstatically and strolling a short distance, I came to the Ponte Pietra, a bridge meticulously rebuilt from its original first-century material after being blown up in World  $\underline{\textit{War}}$  II.

I stopped on the bridge, which connects the old central city to the even older Roman ruins on the east side of the river, to eat, take in the beauty of the city either side of me and watch the rapids below. A family of musicians were playing piano accordion and fiddle for change.

I giggled at how great life could be. Bellissimo.

The second moment was in Piazza delle Erbe. Though a space with many beautiful baroque features, it has been in use as a square for more than 2000 years.

It was a Sunday morning. I sat alone at a front patio table in one of the cafes, drank two coffees, some water, ate a panino and lingered, blissfully watching the world go by and scribbling in my journal for almost two hours. No one tried to move me on. And they charged me only â,¬6 (\$10) for the pleasure. Try doing that at San Marco in Venice.

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The third was being in the audience at the Verona Arena. Completed about 30 AD and the third-largest Roman amphitheatre in the world, it has been used for gladiator *fights*, public executions and, lately, is most famous for opera.

There was no opera on while I was in Verona but the US rock band The Killers were in town. I got lucky with a great seat. I danced the night away with an enthusiastic, well-behaved, young Italian audience, made new friends and thought I wouldn't want to be anywhere else at that moment. Verona just might be the Italian city of your imaginings.

It ticks all the boxes of expectations without even trying. This is not a city done up for tourists or geared to their dollar, although it does have its touristy pockets; the house and balcony of Shakespeare's fictional Juliet, for example.

By and large, it's simply a city where modern life blends with monuments of the past. Heritage is just an everyday part of life. It is revered and preserved but not put behind glass. Allowing The Killers to play at the Roman amphitheatre is a perfect example of that.

There is money in Verona. The second-largest city in the Veneto region after Venice, it's surrounded by rich wine country and a lively manufacturing industry. But it is not stuffy or pretentious like Milan, to its west, can be, nor is it jaded like Venice, to the east.

It's small enough to feel intimate, big enough to get your money's worth, clean, safe and easily navigable, its monuments will floor you and it is sigh-inducingly pretty.

It's also perfect for people-watching. Maybe the fact there are two football teams in Verona means it's awash with WAGs, or maybe it's just bellissima-mamma central. The young mums of Verona are something to behold. I've never seen so many fine timepieces paired with tattoos, diamond tennis bracelets with denim, sky-high heels with Hummer-sized prams.

Beauty of a more enduring kind is everywhere. Verona has some of Italy's most interesting and history-layered churches â€" and they can all be seen on the one ticket, which is valid for several days.

My pick was Basilica di San Zeno, one of the finest Romanesque churches surviving in Italy and featuring frescoes by Veronese.

The Duomo, meanwhile, has sculpture by Nicolo, paintings by Titian and a history that goes back to the fourth century.

The river snakes through town so there are a number of interesting bridges, from the much-loved Ponte Pietra to Ponte Vittorio, an art nouveau beauty guarded by heroic statues at either end. Each bridge affords incredible views of a truly beautiful city, made all the more lovely by surrounding green hills.

Castelvecchio Museum, located inside a castle, includes one such bridge, which shows how the castle was protected by water. One of the most important museums in Italy, Castelvecchio contains works by Rubens, Tintoretto, Bellini and Pisano – and none of them are second-rate. These are seriously great works created by the greats.

But Castelvecchio is so much more than that. The building itself is the Scaligeri castle, which was built in the 1300s and adapted brilliantly to show art – dating from the Lombards to the 19th century – as much as it was to give visitors a feel of the original flow of this extraordinarily intact structure.

Ah, the Scaligeri family. They are everywhere, from their ornate graveyard in the middle of town, to the statue of Dante erected because they welcomed him to town after Florence threw him out. Verona owes much to the Scaligeris.

After the Ostrogoths and the Lombards duked it out in the first millennium AD, control of Verona fell to Mastino I della Scala.

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For 200 years, the family â€" and city â€" prospered and much of the great stuff that you see today in terms of monuments and architecture comes from the Scaligeris.

Then came the Milanese, Venetians, Napoleon and the Austrians. Verona became part of the republic of Italy in 1866.

Nestled near the northern mountain regions, it suffered badly during the world <u>wars</u> but the people also played a role proved to be a stronghold of the resistance movement.

All this history, even the Roman times beforehand, has left its mark. Piazza delle Erbe alone, with its miraculously surviving handsomeness, has a medieval shape taken from a Roman forum, the baroque facade of Palazzo Maffei, 15th-century frescoes and a 1368 statue of a Madonna standing in a Roman bath. And towering over it all, the astonishing, vertiginous Torre dei Lamberti, one of the world's grandest clock towers, built progressively from 1172 to measure 84 metres in height. Climb the tower for incredible vistas of the city.

Across the river is the lovely Giardino Giusti, considered one of the finest Renaissance gardens in Italy. With its mannered, manicured lower reaches, full of statues, lawns and hedges, to its wilder upper reaches, a layout typical of the Renaissance style, it's a peaceful, evocative place for a picnic or just to spend a hot afternoon.

Verona is not all about past culture, though. Importantly, it's a city where there is plenty of fun of the less-worthy kind to be had.

The shopping is phenomenal; those yummy mummies don't have to travel far for designer gear. From Sephora for top-range cosmetics to all the big Italian designers, this is a place to spend some serious cash – or just window shop. There are plenty of cheaper options, too.

It's also a food- and wine-lover's utopia. With stunning local wines on offer from sundown, when apertivo-time gets into full swing, to late-night fun in piazzas and bars down near the river, it's hard to resist a tipple or two.

The restaurants in Verona are terrific, modern, chic but very aware of their local traditions â€" just the way you want them to be. Again, the city benefits from the fact that these are establishments set up to serve locals, not to sting the visitors.

So gear up your "grazie", polish up your "prego" and prepare to dine as the Veronese do – deliciously and, of course, late.

And if you can get a ticket to absolutely anything that happens to be on at the Arena while you're in town, do so.

The writer was a guest of Singapore Airlines.

#### TRIP NOTES

- â— GETTING THERE Singapore Airlines flies from Sydney via Singapore to Milan, which is great for visits to northern Italian cities such as Verona. See singaporeairlines.com. From Milan, it's easy to get to Verona by train. Consider Verona also if you are travelling to Venice. Again, a mere train ride away. See raileurope.com.au.
- â— STAYING THERE Nina Fiorenza is an Italo-Australian who runs a boutique holiday service from Verona. She has access to great properties, which she has hand-picked. If it's luxury you are after (on a budget to match) and a true local's knowledge with an understanding of Australians, contact Nina at italiadeluxe.com.
- â— WHILE THERE The Verona Card is great value. Valid for one day it costs â,¬8 (about \$13.70) or for three days â,¬12. It includes free entry to museums, churches and monuments and free public transport. It's available from tourist offices and the sights. Gelateria Ponte Pietra is at 23 Via Ponte Pietra. It's open from 2.30pm until late, opening earlier on the weekend and closed on Thursdays.

## **Graphic**

FIVE PHOTOS: Past and present ... (clockwise from above) every piazza has a personality; a cafe near the ancient Verona Arena; a statue of Shakespeare's Juliet under her balcony; the Giardino Giusti; the shopping is phenomenal. Photos: Lonely Planet Images; Getty Images; istock MAP: Italy

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(ANSAmed) A <u>dam</u> under the Ebro <u>River</u> to stop the advancing Mediterranean Sea, which with the progressive salinisation of the <u>river</u> delta, <u>threatens</u> the ecosystem and is a looming problem for the rice-fields in Tarragona.

In order to take action and to stop the slow, but unstoppable advancement of the seawater into constantly decreasing flow of the river, the Spanish Environmental Ministry is examining a project for underwater barriers similar to those placed in the Po delta in 1987 and 1990 and in the same year in the <u>Adige</u>. Explaining their function was Lino Tosini, the engineer who headed the project, cited today in El Pais.

The anti-salt barriers are between six and eight metres high: "They are placed on the river bed, near the mouth, leaving two or three meters free at the surface for boats to pass," explained Tosini, who has already visited Saragossa, where he explained the benefits of this underwater system, which in Spain's case, would cost between two and three million euros, while speaking to the heads of the Ebro Hydrographic Confederation of the Environmental Ministry.

They are placed in April and taken out in September during the driest periods when there is a reduction in the flow of freshwater. When the river maintains a level of over 300 cubic metres per second, the sea does not enter. But when the course of the river is reduced, the tides gain the upper hand and invade the delta, destroying the delicate ecosystem of the rice-fields and wetlands. The protective barriers are a solution to stop the entrance of saltwater, which until now have not caused any side-effects on the ecosystem of the Po and <u>Adige</u> deltas.

Enrica Garcia, the director of the Deltamed consortium, which includes the main deltas of the Mediterranean, is in favour of underwater dams. Cited by the daily, she assured that at 20km from the mouth of the Ebro near Amposta, freshwater fish like carp are not being caught, but sole, a saltwater fish, is being pulled in by fishermen.

According to the previous Comprehensive Ebro Protection plan from 2006, the delta sinks by 3m per year. This estimate, along with the predicted increase in the sea level provoked by climate change, will result in an increase in the level of seawater at the mouth of the river of 57cm at the end of the century. Without taking into account that, until now, 26 million euros have been invested in purifying water to irrigate the rice-fields and farmland. Until now, pumps that fill irrigation canals with freshwater have been sufficient. But if the sea level continues to rise, this pump system will no longer work.

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Until December 31st, 2010, the joint venture will operate the 12 major hydroelectric diversion concessions currently held by Enel Produzione in the Province of Bolzano, which expire at the end of the year.

As from January 1st, 2011, the joint venture will operate ten 30-year concessions with a total capacity of about 600 MW that, following the completion of provincial administrative procedures, have been issued to SEL with effect as from that date.

The deal was finalized following satisfaction of the conditions on which the transaction was contingent, namely obtaining (i) clearance from the Antitrust Authority and (ii) authorisation from the Province for the transfer of the hydroelectric concessions to the joint venture.

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