



# THE LIRI VALLEY EXPRESS

an adventure to remember



 2 days

 1 night

## FROM 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER TO 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2017

*Discovering a valley incredibly rich in history, culture and nature, inauguration of the Railway Museum of the Liri Valley and visit to the historic national Railway Museum of Pietrarsa (NA) and the royal palace of Portici (NA).*

The Liri Valley represents one of the richest areas regarding history and culture of all the lower part of Lazio. Marked by the Liri River, like a backbone, it is crossed by one of the most ancient and bold railways built right after the reuniting of Italy, and in its journey of almost 80 Km, we can find some of the most spectacular sights in monuments, places of industrial archeology of great value, homeland of leaders, painters, artists among the most important of the European culture: Caio Mario, Cicerone, Il Cavalier d'Arpino, Marcello Mastroianni and Umberto Mastroianni.

For the inauguration of the **Railway Museum of the Liri Valley in Arce (FR)**, on **September 30, 2017**, edited by the cultural association "Apassiferrati", we propose a particular touristic package in order to enjoy this beautiful opportunity.

### ► PROGRAM

#### **Saturday, September 30, 2017: Arce (FR)**

In the afternoon, arrival by one's own transportation in Arce, at the B&B and Wine Cellar **Palazzo Tronconi** and/or **Hotel Villa Ida** in Ceprano, check-in the reserved rooms.

Welcome.

Visit of the historical center of **Arce**.

**At 6:00 p.m.**, in the City Hall of Arce, inauguration of the **Railway Museum of the Liri Valley**. ([www.apassiferrati.com](http://www.apassiferrati.com))

To follow, dinner with wine tasting at the Wine Cellar of Palazzo Tronconi, with the music of the **Kosee Rock 'n Roll Band**.

*The Wine Cellar of Palazzo Tronconi, is a structure that's been just finished; it is the result of the creative capacities of the architect and wine-making expert R. Mazzer, famous in the design of very famous wine cellars, such as those of agricultural firm Cavalieri (Genzano), Cantina Palombo (Atina), agricultural firm Terra dei Briganti (Casalduni), Cantine Lunae (Ortonovo), and from the imagination of the owner, the engineer and wine-making expert Marco Marrocco. It is a structure in steel/wood and cement, with a linear form, inspired by Kubrick's "Monolito", synthesis of the modern technological know-how.*

*The Kosee - Rock 'n Roll Band is a group that doesn't want simply to amuse, but to bring out the rock 'n roll in you... with Nicolò Schiavo's voice, Riccardo Finili's drum sticks, Marco Silvi's keys, Alessandro Benincasa's thick vocal cords and Diego Mascalzi's plectrum, you will relive the flaming and roaring atmosphere of the 50s.*

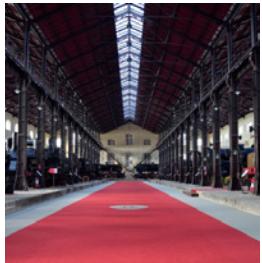
**In the evening**, return to the hotel and overnight stay.

**Sunday, October 1, 2017:**

## **Arce - Naples Railway Museum of Pietrarsa and the Royal Palace of Portici.**

**Breakfast in hotel.** Boarding the bus and departure for Portici (NA).

Arrival and guided tour of the **National Railway Museum of Pietrarsa**.



**Pietrarsa** is one of the places symbol of the history of the Italian State Railway, a bridge which unites the past and the present, the ideally unites the Bayard to the fast and sophisticated trains of the High Velocity.

A statue (one of the biggest cast iron statues built in Italy), located in the large open square of the museal complex, shows king **Ferdinando II of Borbone** showing the place where the first railway plants of the Two Sicilies and of the entire peninsula had to be built. An engraving reminds us that the aim of the king was that to free the industrial and technological development of the kingdom from foreign intelligence.

Under the historic-architectonical aspect, the museum is very appropriate for the use, because they were originally ancient Borbonic plants, in use since 1840, wanted by the king, in an area first called "Pietra Bianca" and then "Pietrarsa", after an eruption of the Vesuvio that had brought lava up to that point of the coast.

Today, the museum allows us to understand the hard work done by the workers of the plants of Pietrarsa. An historic view to reconstruct the evolution of man's work and of the continuous change in the relationship between it and the machine.

### **For lunch: Neapolitan pizza.**

In the first part of the afternoon, guided tour of the **Royal Palace of Portici**.



**The Royal Palace of Portici** is one of the most beautiful examples in Europe of summer residence of the Borbonic royal family and of its entourage. Situated at the sloping side of the Vesuvio, it has a superior wooded area, originally used for hunting, and a wooded area in the valley, more ornamental, that goes down to the sea.

The Royal Palace was built in 1738 by the king of Naples, **Carlo of Borbone** and his wife Amalia of Saxony, who was fascinated by the landscapes of the South. Many people worked to build it, such as engineers, architects and decorators, from Giovanni Antonio Medrano to Antonio Canevari, from Luigi Vanvitelli to Ferdinando Fuga; Giuseppe Canart, Giuseppe Bonito and Vincenzo Re worked for the interior design and Francesco Gherardi for the gardens.

The royal site of Portici, a museal center, place of many memories of art, of historical-scientific and scenic memories, it is still today a place of contrasts where the archaeological soul and the scientific soul cohabit.



**The park** on the upper side and on the lower side of the royal palace, still is widely extended, and has spaces of Mediterranean flora, cultivated plants, greenhouses with valuable species of great interest for those who study them. With its landscape, for the visitor it is a fascinating immersion in nature.

After the tour, return to Arce by bus.

*The individual quota of participation is:*

Euro **150.00** (staying at the B&B Palazzo Tronconi in Arce).

Euro **170.00** (staying at the Hotel Villa Ida in Ceprano – 4 stars).

**(minimum of 10 participants)**

**The quota includes\*:**

- Stay in B&B in Arce or in hotel (4 stars) in Ceprano;
- Room with all meals, from dinner of the first day to lunch of the last day, with a menu of typical, local dishes, drinks included;
- Guided tours and bus travel as by program;
- Medical luggage insurance

*\*It does not include: all the is not listed above.*

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► **Info & Reservations**

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