

*celebrated by Frédéric Mistral,  
painted by Marc Chagall...  
worn stone steps and cobbled streets  
in sleepy villages & pleasant market towns...  
rich, yet delicate cuisine;  
perfumed foothills of maquis & lavender  
filtered through a distinct  
and luminous light...  
vibrant flowers in the soft air & sun  
above the Mediterranean.  
a magical experience,  
a restful awakening—  
you will want to say 'merci'...*

A photograph of a wooden arched gate, slightly ajar, leading to a brick pillar. The scene is bathed in sunlight, with shadows of leaves and branches cast across the wooden planks. The gate is made of vertical wooden boards, some with small metal studs. The brick pillar is on the right, and the background shows more greenery and a glimpse of a path.

*The portal beckons...*

*La dolce vita awaits...*



## *côte d'azur*

March 22-28, 2009\*

An enchanting infusion of history, well-being, culture and cuisine. Nestled in a 35-acre park and overlooking medieval villages, you will feel the magic that has inspired creativity for decades.



## *lake maggiore*

September 20-26, 2009\*

Fanciful and fantastic. Immerse yourself in this beautiful and atmospheric setting, where alpine mountains descend to meet the lakeshore and Borromean islands float like opulent gems.



## *portofino*

April 19-25, 2009\*

Enrich your soul while walking in the sunlit tranquility of one of the most beautiful piazzas in the world. You will find that Portofino is the ultimate wellness sanctuary. *Bene Benissimo!*



## *tuscany*

October 11-17, 2009\*

Your senses will revel in the contrast and texture as you tempt your palette with the delectable culinary creations and tastes of world-renowned wines. A feast for the mind, body and soul!



## *ravello*

May 24-30, 2009\*

Calling all dreamers! Come explore artistic treasures, traditional cuisine and ancient villages that dot the tranquil and evocative "divine coast".

*\*Subject to change.*



## *harbour island, bahamas*

December 6-12, 2009\*

There is nothing in life that approximates the relationship between a mother and daughter. Connect and rejuvenate as serene pink sand beaches beckon you at this unique signature retreat.

Unique beyond imagination, this is an experience of a lifetime. 15th century monasteries. Plein-air painting. Medieval galas. *Portobello* 35 racing boats. The Orient Express. A secret garden. Moda Italia. International etiquette. Borromean Islands. Open air massages. Private country estates. Star-gazing. Story-telling. Drumming on the beach. Private perfume classes by a renown “nose”. Knights Templar. Ruins by moonlight. A private art collection. The School of Cookery. Treasure hunts. Baroque music. Wellness classes. Pink sand beaches. In life, there are moments of complete fulfillment which cannot be completely explained by words—they must be lived....



*Connect.*



**Coming together...** You don't have to be perfect to belong here, maintain a certain image, or always say the right thing. Climb the highest mountain if you want. Or merely imagine that you might someday. You don't have to be composed at all hours to be strong here. *You are strong.* You don't have to have all the answers or even know who you want to be. *You are already are.* You don't have to be a risk taker to stretch beyond your comfort zone. Life is too short to stay in a box. Create the life you are meant to live and relax. You're entitled to a time of nurturing. Be your authentic self and connect... rest your mind, stay awhile and

*...start living "la dolce vita."*

THOUSANDS  
OF CANDLES CAN BE LIT  
FROM A SINGLE CANDLE,  
AND THE LIFE OF THE CANDLE  
WILL NOT BE SHORTENED.  
HAPPINESS NEVER DECREASES  
BY BEING SHARED.

—*buddha*

