

Dear Fleacè,

I doubt if I'll ever truly find the adequate words to describe what an incredible impact that this tour (Bella Italia 2011!) has had on me personally. Not only will I have fond memories, hilarious stories, and countless photos to cherish for a lifetime, I've also established friendships and deepened bonds with some of the most amazing, talented, and dynamic women I've every met that I'm certain will also last for a lifetime. The magnitude of this experience I can only describe as life changing. While I'm not a stranger to travel, there are some places you go for whatever reason ignite something in you in ways you may have never expected... and Italy was that place for me! Maybe it's the history, culture, beauty, food, people (just about everything!) that I found so enchanting. Whatever it was, it really struck a cord with me that can never be unsung (for lack of a better word). After each activity, excursion, encounter, or conversation I had from day to day and city to city I could physically feel my horizons broadening and any limitations or confinements I may have unconsciously placed on myself were also being lifted and shattered. I now refer to myself as a citizen of the world and I'm looking forward to many years of exploring new places that I may have never dared dreamed of venturing. Of course, like many of us, I'm astutely aware that there's bad stuff happening to and on our planet- war, global warming, famine, unthinkable human suffering and oppression.. Let's face it, we are constantly bombarded with these stories, and negative images in the media every single day. So it's very easy to lose sight or lose touch with how much beauty and wonderment our magnificent planet has to offer us as well. There's nothing wrong with celebrating that beauty and embracing what it truly important in life while we all continue to do our part to try to make this world a better place. So, I want to encourage you to keep doing what you do and realize that we do recognize that your mission to open the hearts and minds of people all over the world is genuine and a gift that I'm thankful you were willing to share with your Sisters. I knew the moment I was peacefully dangling and gliding high along the cliffs of AnaCapri my life was never going to be the same. I've been truly inspired to extend this journey and life changing adventure to pursue my own true passions with a renewed since of optimism and gratitude. And for that, Fleacè I thank you....

Your Loyal Traveler,

Nicole Lanae Spicer

