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WINE AND DESIGN

A LUXURY ALL INCLUSIVE TOUR

Indulge in an Unforgettable Italian
Enogastronomic & Design Journey

Guided by *Wine Sommelier* **Paolo Bari**
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9 REASONS TO TAKE THIS JOURNEY

- 1) Experience the epitome of luxury with Wine and Design, your all-inclusive escape.
- 2) Enjoy your stay in 4-star hotels or superior accommodations.
- 3) Savor delectable meals with Breakfast, Lunch, Gourmet Dinners, and a selection of fine wines.
- 4) Immerse yourself in the culinary delights of Italy at top restaurants, with a daily gourmet experience.
- 5) Explore Venice in style with Water Taxi or Boat transportation included.
- 6) Travel in comfort and elegance aboard our luxurious 30-seat bus for ground transportation.
- 7) Dive into culture and history with visits to museums, laboratories, and wineries all included.
- 8) Benefit from the expertise of professional and private tour guides.
- 9) Keep your experience intimate with small groups, limited to a maximum of 20 guests.



"The Aesthetics of the Sublime at Its Best!
It's time to unveil the past, present, and future of art, culture,
craftsmanship, and hospitality in a beloved corner of Italy.

Welcome to **Venice**, the **Brenta Riviera**, **Udine**, **Bassano**, **Vicenza**,
Verona, **Desenzano**, **Cremona**, **Modena**, and **Florence**.
A land of noble families and their exquisite residences, a land imbued
with ancient flavors and luxurious jewels.

It is the embodiment of Venetian and Renaissance aesthetics - nothing
less than the Sublime."

Paolo & Elisabetta

SUNDAY February 4th 2024

ARRIVAL DAY IN VENICE

START ITINIRARY

Water Taxi from VCE airport to **Hotel Principe**, our hotel for 2 nights

Paolo Bari, tour director and guide will meet you at Airport

We are in Lista di Spagna

Very close to **Riato Bridge, Fondaco dei Tedeschi**
Luxury mall and **Jewish Ghetto**.

Dinner in local restaurant walking distance from hotel Principe

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MONDAY February 5th 2024

MURANO GLASS FACTORY Venini

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF ART, BEAUTY AND ITALIAN CRAFTSMANSHIP

"In the course of these one hundred years of history and passion, VENINI has preserved and interpreted a unique artistic heritage that has its origins in the 13th-century Venetian culture, creating distinctive works that combine the profound knowledge of tradition with the allure of contemporary tastes.

This brand of excellence has recently become a part of the Gruppo DAMIANI, which through its creations promotes at an international level the core values of Italian craftsmanship, Beauty, and Know-How.

I am pleased to celebrate this important anniversary together with VENINI: it is a milestone that opens the door to a new century of art and design, innovation, and the cutting edge of creativity".



MONDAY February 5th 2024

BURANO LACE MAKING SHOP

For four generations, we have dedicated ourselves to the making of Burano lace. Today we manufacture luxury household linen where passion, tradition, quality and creativity come together to create unique and inimitable products.

The Martina Vidal Venice Atelier is a household linen shop designed by brothers Martina and Sergio Vidal as a concept store where you can transfer the experience, knowledge and skill of your ancestors and satisfy the most demanding customers.

Born as a small artisan workshop, today the Atelier is presented in a three-story building and the products on sale concern accessories and linens not only for the home but also for the person. Every detail is synonymous with quality, attention and uniqueness.

We are proud to have supplied the most beautiful homes in the world.



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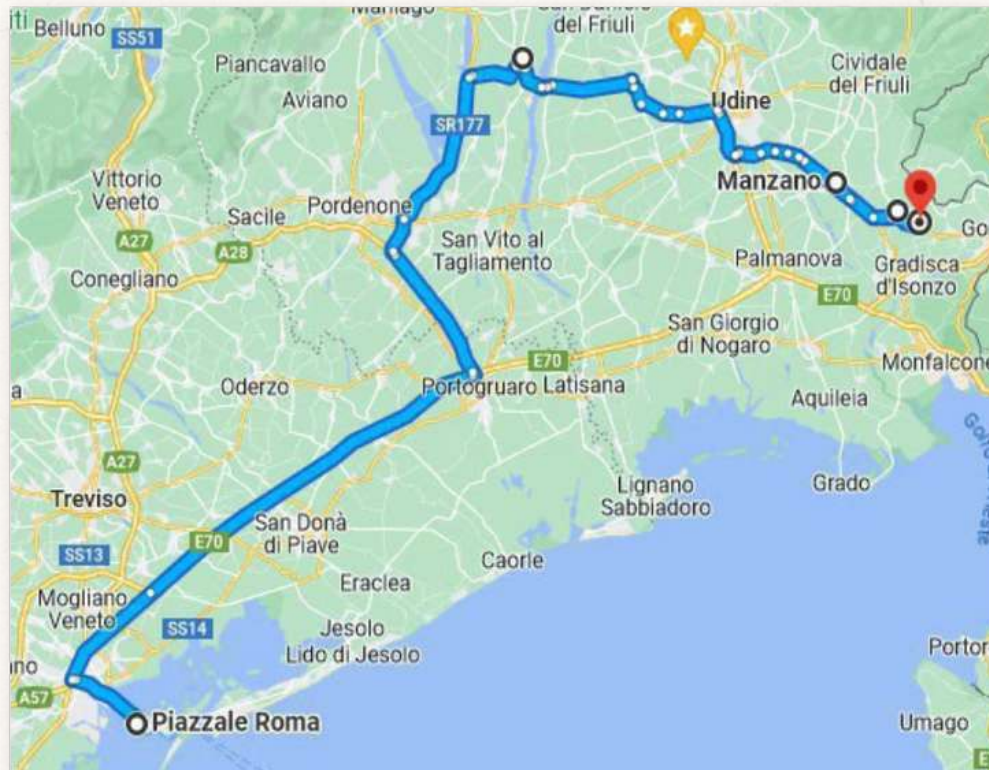
Dinner at Hotel Principe



TUESDAY February 6th 2024

Luxury Bus - 108 Miles

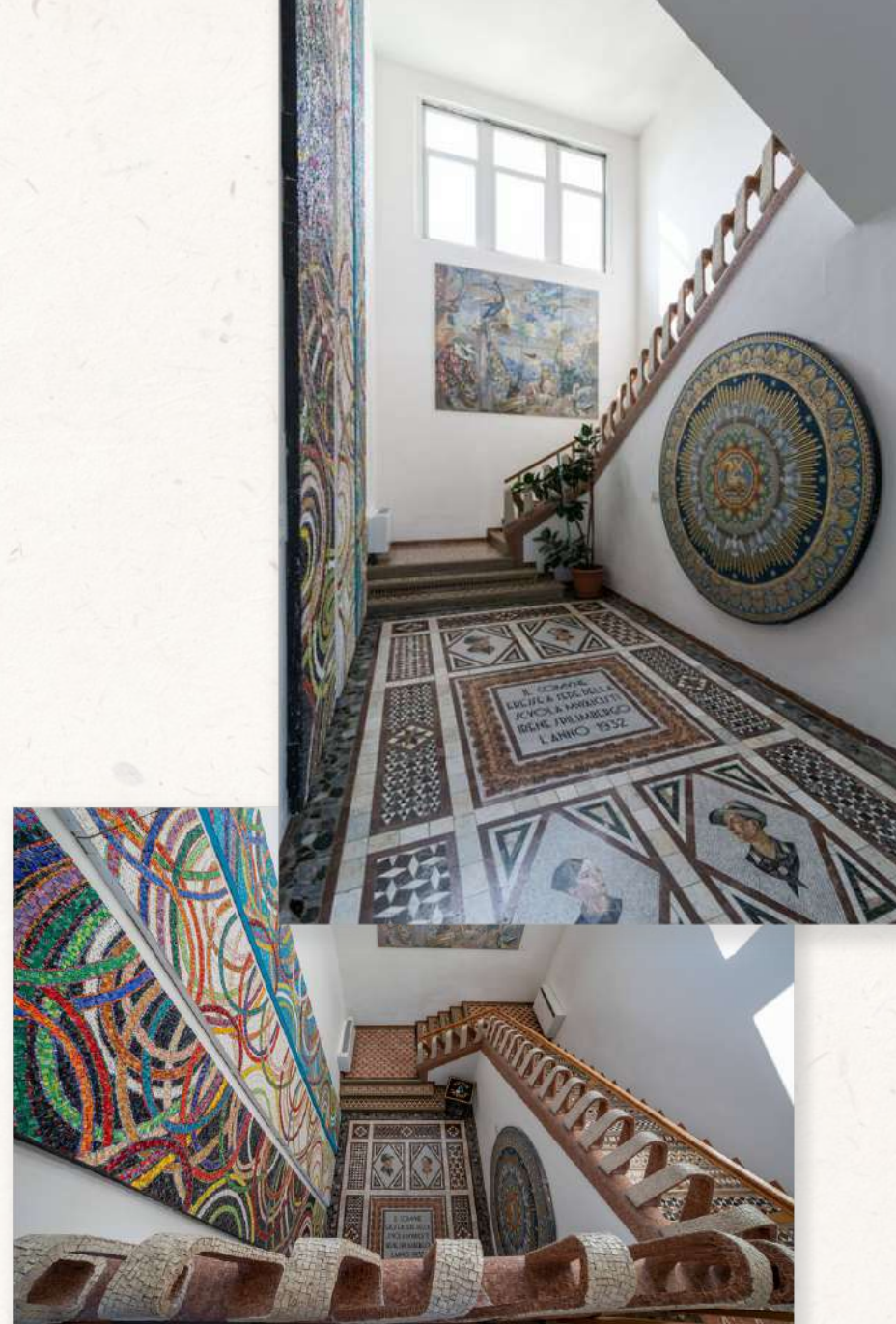
From Hotel Principe to **Mosaicist School, Museum Castello di Spessa.**



TUESDAY February 6th 2024

SCUOLA MOSAICISTI DEL FRIULI

Founded in 1922 the school Mosaicists aims at the didactic commitment, the association between tradition and renewal, between productive reality and cultural reality. In the brightness of the mosaic and Terrazzo laboratories, gavings, stumps and T still today mark the time of a work of distant memory. Numerous works are carried out in collaboration with architects and designers (both Italian and other nationalities), which embellish restaurants, churches, villas and various places all over the world.



TUESDAY February 6th 2024

Wine Tasting, Dinner and Night at Castello di Spessa

"ROMANCE IS IN OUR NATURE: We are a sunset over the hills and a glass of good wine. We are that special moment you don't want to forget. We are Castello di Spessa, and romanticism is in our nature."



WEDNESDAY February 7th 2024

PROSECCO HILLS UNESCO WORLDHERITAGE SITES OF VENICE

Welcome to Veneto, the land of **Prosecco, Palladio**, and ancient traditions, just a short journey away from the **UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Venice** and the Dolomites.

DON'T MISS OUT!

Come and savor the dolce vita on a food and wine holiday amidst rolling hills and artistic treasures.





BASSANO DEL GRAPPA

The Ponte Vecchio (Old bridge) or Ponte degli Alpini (bridge of the Alpini, who rebuilt it in 1948) is the covered wooden designed by the architect Andrea Palladio in 1569. The bridge is located in Bassano del Grappa and was destroyed many times, the last time in World War II. The bridge spans the river Brenta.

The Brenta river was an important means of communication in the 18th century from the mountains of Grappa to Venice.

History

The pre-existing bridge, existed from 1209 until 1569, was a wooden structure on pylons and covered by a roof and it constituted the fundamental road to guarantee the connection between Bassano and Vicenza.

WEDNESDAY February 7th 2024

MUSEO DELLA GRAPPA POLI

In occasion of the Museums' National Day celebrated on May 18th 2023, the Poli Family is pleased to announce that the Library and the Archive of the Poli Grappa Museum had a recognition by the Veneto Region.

This is an important achievement that crowns 30 years of commitment in spreading the culture of Grappa, the most renowned Italian distillate.

Poli is the only Italian distillery choosedby the famous travel guide Lonely Plane among the 10 craft distilleries in the world worthy to be visited.

Do you want to breathe the distillery's atmosphere and stroll through the underground ageing cellars where the spirits rest?

A relaxing walk through the story of a family and the ancient craft of Grappaiolo, with tasting of the Poli distillates.



WEDNESDAY February 7th 2024

MAROSTICA

The history of Human Chess Game

Dates back to 1454 when Marostica belonged to the Venetian Republic. The legend began when two noblemen, Rinaldo d'Angarano and Vieri da Vallonara, fell in love with Lionora, the daughter of Lord Taddeo Parisio.

To resolve the rivalry, the Lord organized a chess match, where Lionora would marry the winner, and the loser would wed her sister.

The event featured armed participants, fireworks, music, and a vibrant atmosphere, which is still reenacted today in a richly adorned and courteous manner, echoing a fantastical story from ancient times. The event's traditions continue to be upheld in the Venetian dialect.



WEDNESDAY February 7th 2024

Dinner to Ristorante Al Pozzo

Stefano & Romina Dalla Valle

World cannot express how unforgettable the evening will be!



This evening wines from Gilfestein winery Alto Adige

Gewürztraminer

The grapes are grown on Pergola Trentina on sandy and porphyry soils at an altitude of 300 meters above sea level. Reached their phenolic ripeness, the grapes are processed in controlled atmosphere to preserve their aromatic complexity, which is particularly distinctive of this grape variety. The alcoholic fermentation takes place in stainless steel tanks at controlled temperature of 16°C. The low temperature enables the wine to release unique and unmistakable aromas.

Sauvignon blanc

The grapes ripen on trellises (Guyot system) on clay and sandy soils at an altitude of 400 meters above sea level. Once reached their ripeness, the grapes are processed in controlled atmosphere to preserve their aromas. The fermentation takes place in stainless steel tanks at controlled temperature of 16°C. The low temperature helps the wine release great flavours and unique aromas

Lagrein

The grapes ripen on Guyot on alluvial soils at an altitude of 300 meters above sea level. At the end of the ripening process, the destemmed whole-berry grapes are fermented in stainless steel tanks at a temperature of 24°C for approximately 15 days. At the end of the fermentation process, refinement and maturation are carried out for approximately 6 months before bottling.



4 th Night at Villa San Biagio

The Benedictine Monks at San Biagio

A Baptism of Pope Gregory IV of the year 828 confirms to the Benedictine Monastery of Santa Giustina in Padua property of certain goods, including a farm located at Maxone with the chapel of St. Galen, and tithing rights on vast surrounding area. Confirmation of this thesis is also a donation of the Bishop of Padova Ganslino of 970, in which tithes are confirmed. With the bishop of Padua Ulderico 1064, the country is called the Mansione. The monks played a major role in the country's life. Faithful to the "Ora et labora" slogan, they disintegrated the uncultivated lands, drained the soils and harnessed the streams and contributed to the evangelization of rural areas.

In Mason, between 1154 and 1156, they built a new church dedicated to San Biagio within their monastery which was demolished in 1450 and rebuilt with the remains of the church of St. Gal outside the walled wall.



THURSDAY February 8th 2024

VICENZA AND PALLADIO

Palladio's Villa La Rotonda

La Rotonda is much more than just a Villa. It has welcomed poets and artists, monarchs and statesmen, scholars and aesthetes, travelers and tourists from all around the world. To this day, 500 years after having been Designed by Andrea Palladio for Paolo Almerico, La Rotonda remains a place of pure beauty that inspires, enriches and lifts its visitors.



The project

«Vi sono state fatte le loggie e in tutte quattro le facce: sotto il piano delle quali, e della Sala sono le stanze per la comodità, et uso della famiglia. La Sala è nel mezzo, et è ritonda, e piglia il lume sopra. I camerini sono amezati. Sopra le stanze grandi, le quali hanno i volti alti secondo il primo modo, intornola sala vi è un luogo da passeggiare di larghezza di quindici piedi e mezo». *Palladio, I Quattro Libri dell' Architettura*

Andrea Palladio himself wrote about the Rotonda his second book of the Quattro libri dell ' Architettura, published in 1570: Paolo Almerico's isn't described as avilla, as one would expect, but as a palace due to its proximity to the city. Almerico commissioned the architect to create a place for his recreation, a building that combined the housing needs with duties, a place where he could spend his last years years between lethargy and 'holy agriculture'.

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Thomas Jefferson and Andrea Palladio

Andrea Palladio's books had a profound influence on Jefferson's architecture; he referred to the Italian architect's classical designs as his "architectural bible."

Palladian theory informed Jefferson's designs for Monticello and the University of Virginia Campus. The classical lines of Palladian architecture blended well, in Jefferson's mind, with the forthright and earnest architecture needed for the fledgling democratic nation.



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Laboratorio MORSELETTO

Piero Morseletto, a skilled sculptor and entrepreneur, founded Morseletto Laboratory. He achieved gold medals for his artistry and exhibited at prestigious events.

Over time, the workshop's name changed from Bottega Morseletto to Laboratorio Morseletto, expanding its traditional techniques to rare marbles and materials. In the 1920s and 1930s, Morseletto created the Italian Water Gardens at Longwood Gardens, Pennsylvania.

Their craftsmanship adorned the gardens with fountains, statues, and more. The Morseletto legacy intertwined with architects like Carlo Scarpa, resulting in iconic works. In the 1980s, the laboratory, now led by Barbara and Deborah Morseletto, continued to produce exceptional projects, including the Bulgari store in New York and various stone works worldwide.

They also influenced luxury fashion brand showrooms. Morseletto's craftsmanship transcends time, shaping art and architecture across the globe.



THURSDAY February 8th 2024

VERONA AND ARENA

The Verona Arena (Italian: Arena di Verona [a're:na di ve'ro:na, a're:na -]) is a Roman amphitheatre in Piazza Bra in Verona, Italy built in 30 AD. It is still in use today and is internationally famous for the large-scale opera performances given there.

It is one of the best preserved ancient structures of its kind. In ancient times, the arena's capacity was nearly 30,000 people. The stage for concerts and opera performances decreases the available places to a maximum of 22,000.

Amphitheatre

Built in AD 30 outside the city walls, this amphitheater hosted famous ludi (shows and games), attracting spectators from distant places. With a capacity of over 30,000 in ancient times, its original white and pink limestone facade from Valpolicella suffered damage in a major 1117 earthquake. Despite this, medieval visitors marveled at its construction, with one describing it as a labyrinth, and another praising it as a superhuman creation.



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Apertivo in Piazza Bra



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DINNER & HOTEL IN DESENZANO Villa Rosa



FRIDAY February 9th 2024

Luxury Bus - 220 Miles

Desenzano, Cremona, Zibello, Reggio Emilia, Modena, Firenze.

We are in Food Valley:

- **MUSEO DEL VIOLINO**



FRIDAY February 9th 2024

- Lunch in a typical Parma restaurant **ANGELO D'ORO...**
Tasting gnocco fritto, culatello di Zibello, parmigiano, balsamic vinegar and tortellini



FRIDAY February 9th 2024

- **GALLERIA FERRARI**

The Ferrari Museums will take you on a journey fascinating, between past and future, to discover of the Ferrari Legend.

He not only collects cars, but also displays awards, photographs and other historical objects relating to the history of Italian motoring.

The exhibition also introduces technological innovations, many of which are the transition between racing cars and road models.



FRIDAY February 9th 2024

HOTEL CAVOUR FIRENZE

You will be in the very centre, just minutes from the monuments that make it the world's most unique city.

You will walk step by step through history in the rooms of our thirteenth century mansion, the place where Dante Alighieri fell madly in love with his sweetheart Beatrice, while enjoying the best amenities and services that a four-star hotel can offer today

Dinner with FIORENTINA STEAK and GRATTAMACCO
Bolgheri Rosso Superiore DOC
Vintage 2020 - The climate

Rains in late August provided relief for the vines and restored a gradual, balanced ripening process. Mild weather, with intense sunlight and good day-night temperature differentials accompanied the start of harvest of Merlot and Sangiovese. Ripening of all the grape varieties was quite rapid and uniform across the vineyards, with picking of the remainder of the fruit concentrated in the second third of the month and concluding on 22 September.

Color Brilliant ruby red Alcohol 14%
Grape variety
65% Cabernet Sauvignon - 20% Merlot - 15% Sangiovese



DOME

The dome, a masterpiece of art, symbolizes Florence, Renaissance culture, and Western humanism. Constructed between 1420 and 1436 by Filippo Brunelleschi, it remains the world's largest masonry vault. Brunelleschi's innovation was creating it without wooden reinforcements, a feat unheard of for its size.

This octagonal structure in stone and brick comprises two domes, each with eight "sails" or pendentives, supported by 24 meridian and 10 parallel ribs. The space between them houses a 463-step stairway to the lantern. The exterior is adorned with terracotta tiles and white marble ribs, converging at the top ring, which supports the grand lantern.



SATURDAY February 10th 2024

OFFICINE GULLO

Officine Gullo was founded in Florence, Italy, where Carmelo Gullo honed bespoke kitchens and accessories inherited from the finest nineteenth-century Florentine cooking traditions, in partnership with local mechanical workshops and bronze artisans, shaping noble metals such as high-thickness steel, burnished copper, cast iron and brass. Officine Gullo luxury kitchens have always shone with their handcrafted, prestigious metal finishes.

"The beauty of the city, in which we have the good fortune to live and work, amalgamates the two cores of our production: tradition and technology. The wonders of this astonishing place inspire us every day; they guide our imagination every time we devote ourselves to a project. I'm thinking about the perfect geometry concealed on the frontages of Florence's palazzos, in the frescoes and sculptures which we have as a guideline while we forge the metal for our creations."



SATURDAY February 10th 2024

Lunch **MONTERIGGIONI**

The walled village of Monteriggioni develops within its ring of walls and it is divided by a main road that crosses the main square (Piazza Dante Alighieri) passing through the Franca or Romea Gate (facing Siena) and leads to the San Giovanni or Fiorentina Gate (facing Elsa Valley). Inside the fortified hamlet there are some cisterns that in ancient times were used to collect rainwater; in the main square there is a huge water reservoir.

The walls and the fourteen towers give Monteriggioni its characteristic structure. The walls must have made a great impression in the medieval period too, since they inspired Dante to mention them in a famous comparison with the Giants in hell:

*"[...] because as on its circular parapets / Montereccione
crowns itself with towers, / E'en thus the margin which
surrounds the well / With one half of their bodies turreted
/ The horrible giants [...]"*
(Inf., XXXI, 40-44)



SATURDAY February 10th 2024

ROMA

Farewell Dinner ristorante **“Ristorante Sicilia in bocca”**

Hotel **HOTEL ISA**



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Cost of THE **WINE AND DESIGN** Journey All Inclusive : **6.200\$**

SPECIAL BLACK FRIDAY DISCOUNT

5.700\$

booking before 24 Novembre

To make your reservation, we require a deposit of \$1,000 per person to be paid via Zelle at 302-388-1631, PayPal, or a wire transfer to Wells Fargo Bank. The remaining balance will be due by December 31, 2023.

Staying extra days in Rome, often referred to as "Caput Mundi," is truly amazing!

Plus, **February 14th is Valentine's Day.**

EXTRA DAY IN ROME

The **Isa Hotel**, priced at **240€ per night**, is ideally situated within walking distance of the Vatican, Castel Sant'Angelo, Piazza Navona, Piazza di Spagna, and the Trevi Fountain.

If you'd like to stay at the Hotel Isa in Rome, the cost for a double occupancy room with breakfast included is in euros, and it should be paid 60 days before your arrival directly to Hotel Isa.



EXTRA DAY IN ROME

With a simple subway connection, you can easily explore Rome's Imperial and Colosseum areas. Paolo and Elisabetta will be in Rome this week and are available to assist you with any questions or concerns.

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