



**ELESTA**

*Travelling Passion*



**Mosaic Art School**

by *Luciana Notturmi*



## *Elesta seeks beauty, everywhere it is.*

Elesta is passionate about researching Italian culture. We care about connections and we link people, places, themes, and suggestions, to crafts itineraries tailored to specific interests for curious and discerning travelers.

We are a team of Italian journey designers based in Milan. We are a tour operator with an artistic direction, Italy is like a museum and we curate collections according to different knowledge and expertise.

Our community of advisors combine competencies in art, culture, history, archaeology, architecture, enology, food experts, horse riding, fashion heritage, arts and craft. We help you explore your interests and realise your passions, guiding you through Italy's diverse and unparalleled cultural heritage.



A close-up photograph of a person's hand gently touching a vibrant mosaic floor. The mosaic is composed of numerous small, irregular tiles in various colors including blue, green, yellow, orange, and red. The hand is positioned on the right side of the frame, with fingers slightly curled as if feeling the texture of the tiles. The lighting is warm and focused on the hand and the immediate area of contact, creating a sense of tactile engagement with the art.

*Welcome to the*  
**MOSAIC GRAND TOUR**



## TOWNS MADE OF MOSAICS

### *Grand tour of mosaics – Northern Italy*

The art of tiny pieces can shape a town: this tour lets you experience how mosaics can craft masterworks. Starting from Milan, that hides wonderful examples of this art in two of its main churches. The journey will take you to Venice, where the gold of mosaics is reflected in the lagoon. Moving on the Adriatic Coast you will discover the region of Friuli Venezia Giulia, where the towns of Aquileia and Grado preserve superb mosaics dating back to the 4th - 11th centuries. Then we will go to Ravenna, the capital of mosaics that deserved the inclusion among the UNESCO World Heritage sites with eight monuments.

### *Curated by Elesta*

A journey designed for people **passionate about mosaics by our team of experts**. The journey takes to visit **atelier** of famous mosaicists, see how tessere are still made by hand, learn from the amazing use of mosaic in ancient art for decorations of churches and palaces. You will have the chance to visit the most **famous mosaic school** of Italy and to admire in one building centuries of mosaic making history. Also, learn the ancient techniques in a **workshop** in Ravenna.

# YOUR TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

## *Meet the artist and visit the workshops.*

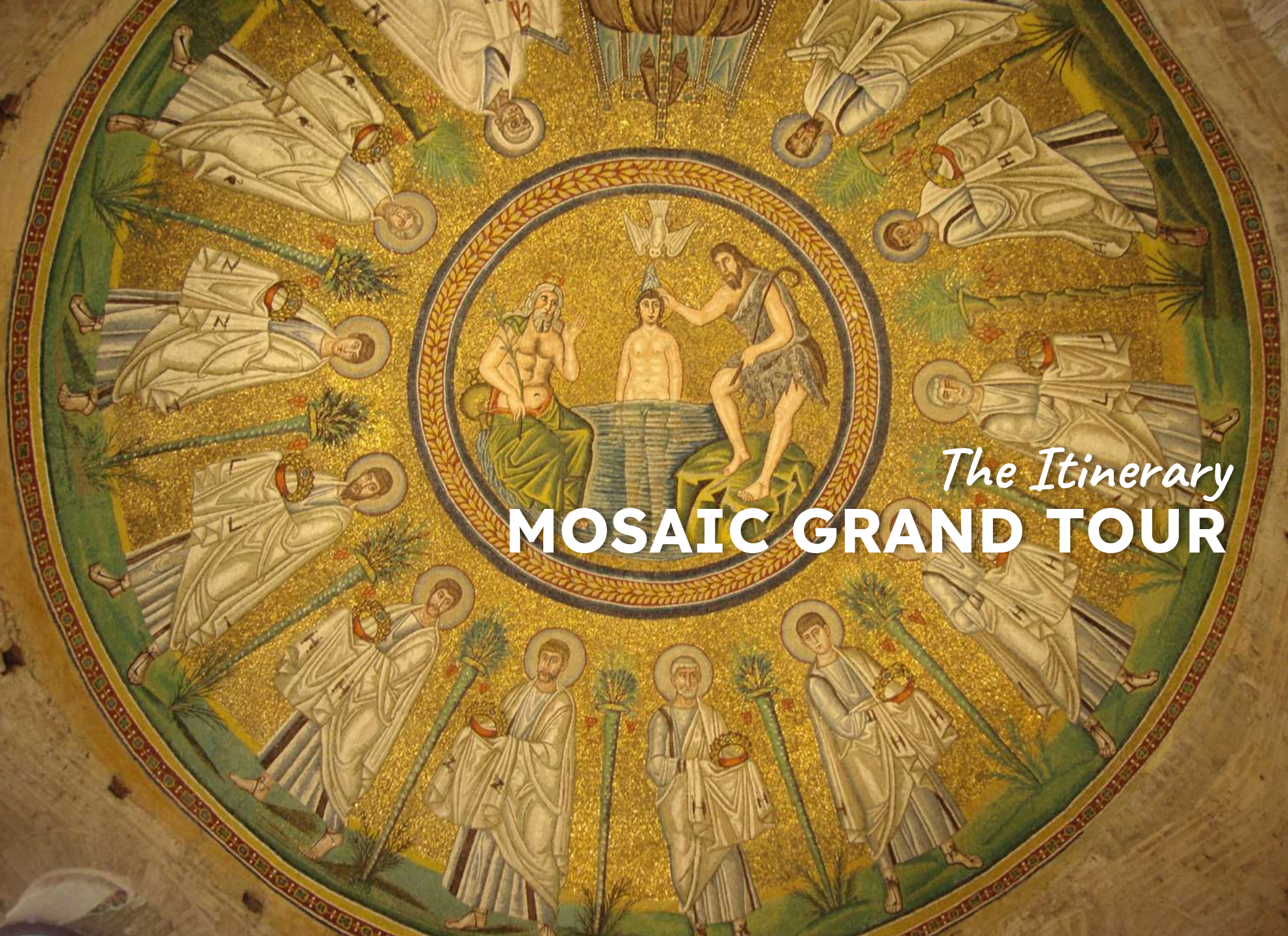
There is nothing like seeing the hands of the artists working on the next piece. You will meet the **Fantini Family**, the 5th generation of Mosaic Artists, they create one-of-a-kind projects with a team of artists and craftspeople. **Luca Barberini** and **Luciana Notturmi**, masters mosaic with famous workshops.

## *Visit the Mosaic School of Spilimbergo.*

The only mosaic school in the world with a 3 years course on mosaic making. Founded in 1922 it aims at the didactic commitment, the association between tradition and renewal, between productive reality and cultural reality. It is a reference point for mosaicists all over the world. The building was realized to allow the visitor to follow the **history of mosaic making** in the world; from ancient times, to contemporary materials floor, walls, stairs are made in different mosaics forms.

## *Workshops-Hands on experience.*

Follow a 2 days course on Mosaic Making achieve skills in the ancient style, famous around the world. You will have the chance to create your own piece and learn from a famous mosaic master. Learn the **cutting of smalti glass** and stone using **classic tools**, such as hammer and hardie and make a small piece to take home.



*The Itinerary*  
**MOSAIC GRAND TOUR**



DAY  
01

### **Morning:**

#### *Welcome to Milan*

Elesta will introduce you to the city, welcoming you to the hotel and introducing you to the expert.

### **Afternoon:**

#### *Milan's Modern Mosaic*

We will spend the afternoon focusing on contemporary mosaic design, in the very city center of Milan: from the famous Vittorio Emanuele Gallery with the charming Camparino Coffee Shop, to the fine mosaic floors of another gallery.

Dinner time and overnight in Milan.





DAY  
02

**Morning:**

*Milan's Ancient Mosaic*

Elesta will let you explore some mosaic masterpieces in Milan, both in the rich collections of the Archeological Museum and in ancient churches, such as Sant'Ambrogio and San Lorenzo, with a guided visit led by an expert guide.

Lunch time in Milan.

**Afternoon:**

*Contemporary Design and  
Craftsmanship*

We will meet a mosaic artist in his wonderful atelier.

Dinner in Milan.







DAY  
03

### *Transfer to Venice*

Take the train to Venice where you will arrive at lunch time, just in time to enjoy the food and spend the afternoon being introduced to the city: admire the astonishing mosaics in the St. Mark's Basilica and guided tour of the city on water.

Dinner time and overnight in Venice.



DAY  
04

## Morning:

### *Murano*

After Breakfast you will visit the island of Murano, where glass and art are forged. Visit Effetre Mosaic and the many glass factories and workshops. Learn about the magic of glass from the experts.

## Afternoon:

### *Mosaic and Venice*

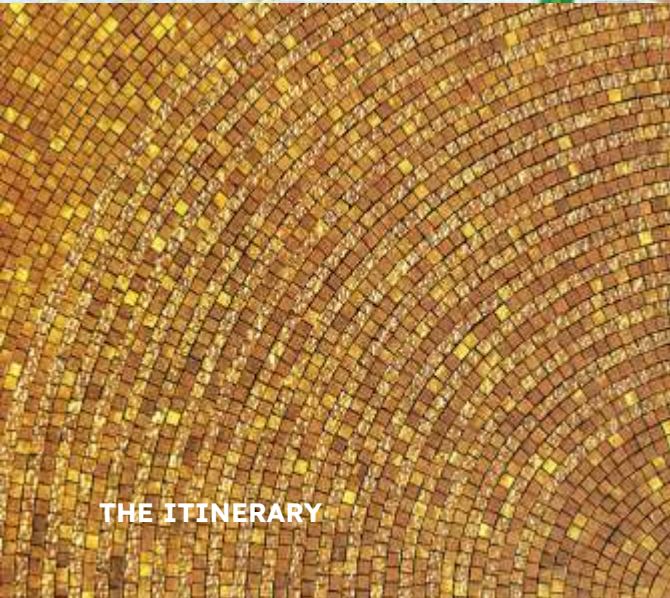
After lunch return to Venice, visit Fornace Orsoni and follow our expert to discover Venice's history, spectacular wonders and secret corners across its canals and bridges, remembering the era of Doges.

Dinner time and overnight in Venice.





DAY  
05



THE ITINERARY

### **Morning:**

#### *Transfer to Spilimbergo*

In the region of Friuli Venezia Giulia, we will visit an important and famous Mosaic School and then we will discover the little town with a guided itinerary.

Lunch time in Spilimbergo.

### **Afternoon:**

#### *Transfer to Palmanova*

Guided visit of the city, an excellent example of a star fortress of the Late Renaissance.

Transfer, dinner time and overnight in Grado .



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DAY  
**06**

**Morning:**  
*Grado*

Guided visit of Grado, small town in the middle of the northernmost of the Adriatic lagoons and boasts more than 1600 years of history.

Light lunch in Grado.

**Afternoon:**  
*Aquileia*

Just a short drive to the ancient roman city of Aquileia, where you will be able to admire the magnificent mosaic floor.

After the visit return to Grado.



## DAY 07

### **Morning:**

#### *Transfer to Ravenna*

After check out from the hotel we will start to follow the Adriatic Coast. Stop at the regional park of Colli Euganei for a short visit at the Villa dei Vescovi with private lunch.

### **Afternoon:**

#### *Ravenna*

Dinner at leisure and overnight in Ravenna.



DAY  
08

**Morning:**

*Enjoy Ravenna*

Walking tour of the City and Lunch time in Ravenna. discover five UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Visit of Basilica of St. Vitale; to experience the strong emotions that accompany the entry into the Mausoleum Galla Placidia, where cobalt blue mosaics embrace a dome of golden stars.

Light lunch.

**Afternoon:**

*Workshop*

Afternoon workshop in the famous mosaic school of Luciana Notturmi.





DAY  
09

**Morning:**

*Enjoy Ravenna*

After breakfast enjoy a visit to Ravenna's ancient monuments.

Light lunch.

**Afternoon:**

*Workshop*

Farewell dinner and overnight in Ravenna.

DAY  
**10**

**Morning:**

*Say goodbye to Italy*

After breakfast transfer to the airport

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## Ready for take-off?

The price starts from €5,200.

It includes travel by private coach; hotel accommodation; breakfasts; lunches and dinners when stated, wine, water, coffee; all admissions; taxes; services of a tour manager and 2 days 3 hours workshop at the Mosaic School of Ravenna.

We would be able to any additional request related to pre and post tour activities.



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