



Italy Brochure

Weddings and honeymoons curated and crafted by experts

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So you have been dreaming about a destination wedding ever since you met the absolute love of your life in that bar you finally decided to try... or that movie you had been meaning to see...or even by swiping right on tinder (no judgement) & you fell hopelessly in love.

Then it happens and the love of your life gets down on one knee & you can finally start planning... except you have no idea where to start.

The realisation of the time it will take you to plan your dream destination sinks in... You start to feel the sand slipping away, you can no longer taste the banana-berry-licious cocktail or feel the sun on your skin. In a panic you jump onto the internet to find that Destination Wedding company who heard raving reviews about from a friend of a friend & soon realise they are exactly what you need.

We are Viva Destination Weddings and we are here to bring your dream wedding to life!



Important note

This showcases a wide variety of locations and resorts in Italy. If you would like an expert to produce a personalised custom guide, specific to your unique wedding requirements please contact us..

SO WHO ARE WE AND WHAT DO WE DO?

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WHAT WE BRING TO THE TABLE

✓ **We are a one stop shop** - We can organise it all from beauty to bucks parties and flowers to flights with our tried-and-tested suppliers worldwide, entirely simplifying the process for you.

✓ **We eliminate stress** - We helpfully assist and guide you through all itinerary changes, legal requirements, guest travel bookings and intricate experiences meant just for you - meaning no stress and more time to focus on the fun stuff.

✓ **We understand how important this is to you** - We want to spend time to understand what your perfect wedding looks like to you and how we can achieve it together.

✓ **We think out of the box** - We provide unique and innovative solutions that will have you and your travelling party engaged and excited well before you hop on the plane, and long after you return.

✓ **We are at no extra costs to you** - This is one case where your Momma will take back the phrase “nothing good comes free”. We simply work off a small commission paid by each of our trusted suppliers for passing them your business. Ultimately, we will have the best prices because we negotiate directly with the suppliers, while also getting access to special group rates and 'exclusive inclusions'!



OUR CREDENTIALS

- ✓ Member of the exclusive Travellers Choice group
- ✓ Fully ATAS accredited Travel company
- ✓ Verified member of Skal (International Association of Tourism and Travel Professionals)
- ✓ Travel Agency with 75 years of experience combined
- ✓ Members of local and international industry networking groups

“Mandi is amazing, we are not long back from our wedding which I could not have done without her. She did everything we needed, and not in “island time” (yes it is a real thing). Mandi is back to you instantly and if not will let you know when she can get that answer to you. I seriously would have lost it without this woman, she is an angel in disguise”

Kayla Maree Kava – previous bride



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Family Friendly

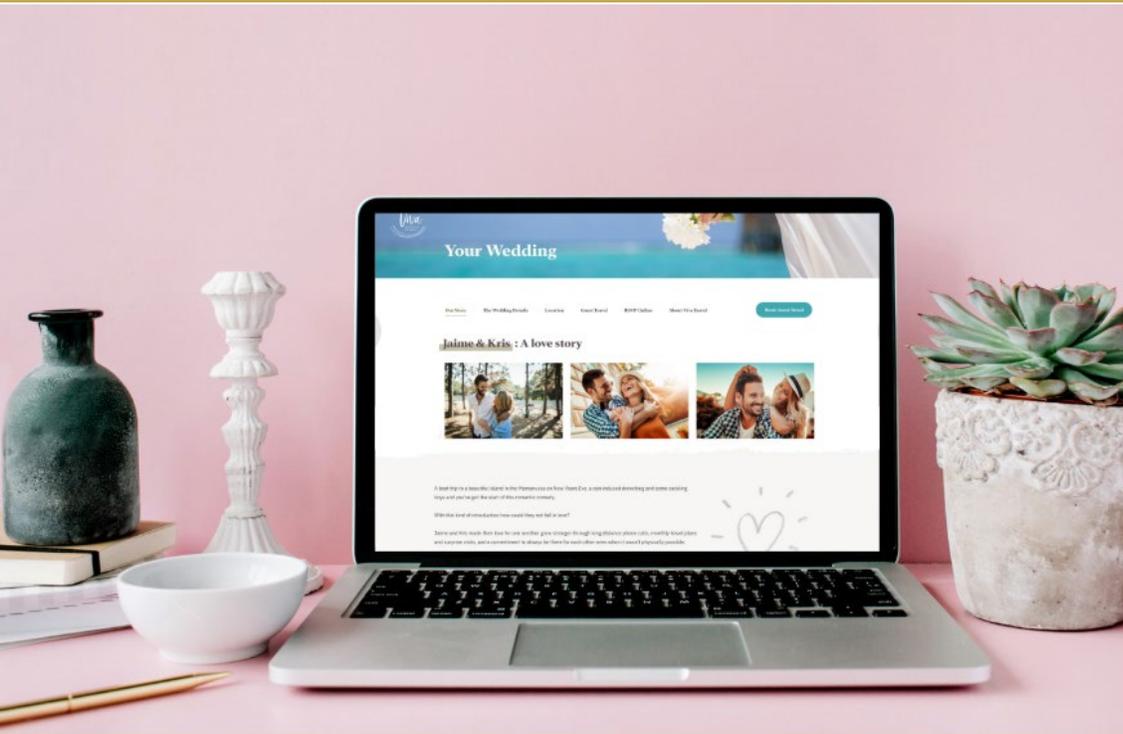


Location



Good for groups

We have selected a variety of packages but most resorts will have multiple options, or we can create tailor made packages, so these are a guide and may not be the cheapest option



PERSONALISED WEDDING WEBSITES

- ✓ Showcase your love story & welcome note
- ✓ Digital RSVP system to track guests attending
- ✓ All guest accommodation & flight information
- ✓ Detailed wedding event itinerary
- ✓ Gift Registry
- ✓ Information to contact Viva Destination Weddings to book

ONCE YOUR GUEST LIST HAS BEEN FINALISED,

WE CAN ORGANISE -

- ✓ Guest accommodation
- ✓ Guest flights & transfers
- ✓ Additional pre & post travel arrangements
- ✓ Additional tours & experiences
- ✓ Depending on how many guests book through us, we can offer group discounts. Note: Guests who book direct will not be included, and will minimise discounts available.

Are you sitting there thinking, I can barely organise something for dinner, let alone manage 50+ peoples travel arrangements to Italy?

Well don't worry, we got you!

Introducing the dream destination

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Ciao!

Italy is considered to be one of the most romantic countries in the world.

From some of the worlds most beautiful and historic cities, to picturesque seaside villages, scenic lakes and countryside, there are so many places with idyllic settings, perfect for a simple romantic getaway for two or a large wedding with family and friends, or even an amazing honeymoon to start your married life.

Credit: @GroovyBanana

From Venice – one of the most alluring Italian cities, to the majesty of Lake Como or the stunning Amalfi Coast, you will find so many places perfect to sit and people watch, lose yourselves in the streets or just gaze lovingly at each other.

Andiamo!



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WHY DOES IT MATTER WHERE I GO?

Where you go will depend largely on your requirements for a legally recognised wedding.



To marry legally there, the ceremony must take place in a town hall depending on the location, whereas a symbolic ceremony can happen anywhere.

WHAT IS ITALY LIKE?

Italy is a country with so much to see, from historic cities to quaint seaside towns, and home to many of the greatest works of art, and of course the food! And not just your standard pizza and pasta either!



Italy will inspire you, and it is easy to see why so many people love it – including us!

WHAT ARE THE LOCATIONS LIKE?

For weddings, the most popular (and easy to arrange) areas are either in Tuscany, or on the Amalfi Coast.



Of course Rome is the Eternal City and a perfect place to say “I do”, and what can be more romantic than a gondola trip through the canals of Venice. So many places!

WHAT ABOUT THE LANGUAGE?

Dealing with us in the lead-up means no language barrier, far easier than doing it yourself. With your wedding, we will always have an interpreter there throughout your meetings and the ceremony itself.



And what can be more fun than learning a little Italian before you go – un bicchiere di vino per favore may be all you need!





WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO GO?

Definitely in the Australian winter which is the European summer.

It is possible in their winter as well, however a lot of the smaller towns and villas close during the winter to renovate, as they get little business from Europe in that time.



IS ITALY AFFORDABLE?

Like anywhere in the world, Italy offers options for all budgets.

Depending on your location, it makes sense to trust us, as often the cheaper hotels may be in less-desirable areas or cost more whilst there to get around.



ARE THERE GOOD SUPPLIERS OVER THERE?

Absolutely! Italy has professional and highly trained suppliers for all things wedding related.

You can select from a range of photographers, hair and make-up artists and to match your needs and wedding style and make your day perfect and memorable.



IS IT LEGAL TO GET MARRIED THERE?

You will need to obtain a Nulla Osta, which we can assist with.

For legal requirements you will need to be in a main city like Rome at least 3-4 full working days before you can have your appointment, so we need to factor that into your plans.



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The first step to a perfect Italian wedding is to choose where and what type of wedding you would like.

Are you looking to celebrate your marriage in the lush Italian garden of a noble historic villa? Maybe among a Tuscan vineyard or olive grove? On the sun-drenched patio of a whitewashed Amalfi Coast hotel or upon the hushed altar of a lavish Catholic church? What about a wedding in the vast halls of a centuries-old stone castle, or by the shore of Lake Como or Lake Garda?

Italy has the wedding venue that you've been searching for.

There are four main types of Wedding options to choose from:



Formal Civil Wedding at the Town Hall

To be legally married. Some are beautiful with stunning views



Ceremonial Wedding with a view

Symbolic Wedding ceremony
Most locations.



Formal Civil & Blessing Wedding

Legal wedding at the town hall plus a symbolic ceremony.



Blessing Wedding

Catholic and Protestant
Symbolic Blessing.

It is difficult to obtain permission for legal weddings in a church unless you are an Italian citizen



Are weddings legally recognised overseas?

Legal weddings are recognised worldwide. Our suppliers over there will assist with paperwork required for foreign citizens to marry in Italy.

How do I apply for a marriage license?

There are different processes depending on whether it is a church, civil (town hall) wedding, or a symbolic ceremony. Please talk to us.

How many days before should we arrive?

Depending on the requirement for a legal wedding, which may be longer, otherwise it is recommended that you arrive at least a couple of days before your wedding. This will allow time to finalise plans.

How do I change my name?

Because the wedding is registered in the Italy, it is legal and recognised worldwide, however you cannot register the marriage with Australian Births, Deaths & Marriages, as they are unable to register overseas weddings. As an alternative, you can arrange for a civil ceremony in Australia and then have a Renewal of Vows ceremony in the Italy.

Most people do an official name change when they get back to Australia which is then recorded in Births Deaths and Marriages. We suggest that when you receive your marriage certificate get around a dozen copies certified by a JP and keep them safe.

Banks and credit cards etc will keep a copy on file, so never send the original. Legally you are married and can use your new name, but it is easier and more official to do a name change.

To legally marry in the Italy, you need to:

- Be unmarried, widowed or divorced.
- Not be related (bloodline relationship).
- Be 18 years of age or over.
- Any witnesses must be 18 years of age or over.
- Both spouses must be physically present to obtain their special licence.
- Same sex unions are permitted in Italy.

You will also need to provide:

- Birth Certificates
- Passports
- Divorce Certificate/Spouse Death Certificate - photocopy for each of you where applicable, if either of you has been married previously or widowed (each time);
- Two main documents are required for Australian citizens to marry in Italy. These are the Atto Notorio and the Nulla Osta - there is a great deal of information regarding these two documents, so please ask us.
- All documentation must be in English or translated into English.



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AMALFI COAST

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The beautiful Amalfi Coast is a perfect place for romance. Ravello is a small, tranquil medieval town high up in the mountains, offering stunning views of the Mediterranean Sea.

Positano, a Viva fave, is one of Italy's most romantic destinations. This beautiful town is built vertically on the face of a cliff, with stunning views of the sea. There are romantic restaurants and lots of little shops to mooch around in.

The main square of the town of Amalfi is breathtaking. It hosts an incredible cathedral with stunning views. Perfect for Catholic weddings.

The coast is a place you have to see for yourself and experience its magic. The ocean views are insanely stunning, and no photos can really capture it.

The villas and hotels cling to the cliff side in Positano, surrounded by amazing bursts of colourful flowers. The food there is to die for, fine seafood, the best pizzas ever, and of course it is home to Limoncello. If you haven't tasted this amazing drink, you need to! Pure sunshine!

The Amalfi Coast will bring charm to your wedding, along with the famed hospitality of the South of Italy. Villas, hotels or even palaces will give you an authentic Italian atmosphere unlike any other.

ROMANTIC ESCAPE IN SORRENTO FROM A\$4600

Symbolic Ceremony Wedding at Villa Fondi in Sorrento - any afternoon, Saturday and Sunday

Symbolic Ceremony Wedding at Villa Fondi in Piano di Sorrento from 3 pm and 6 pm, any week day afternoon or Saturday or Sunday, Wedding Celebrant, Interpreter if needed, Wedding coordinator, Wedding certificate, Fresh Flower Small Bouquet for the Bride, Button-hole for the groom. Please Note: This is a public Hotel and during ceremony the whole wedding area is closed to general visitors for 45min-1 hr.

Wedding Photo Service 2 hours

Wedding Photo Shooting takes maximum 2 hours. Average number of photos provided in 2 hours: 150 photos. Shipping of CD is included.



Great for families, couples and groups



Fly into Rome, transfer by train, bus or drive yourself, it is 277kms from Rome.

WHAT WE LOVE



What's not to love there? A favourite of ours, and an area we know well. Particularly in Positano and Sorrento be careful where you stay, as not all the websites are accurate and this is one place you want to get right! Definitely do the day trip to Capri, and make sure you try sipping Limoncello overlooking the cliffs (we are obsessed!)

Other packages available, ask us for details!
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LAKE COMO

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Lake Como is the third largest Italian lake, surrounded by hills and mountains, with beautiful resort villages such as Bellagio making it a romantic travel destination.

It is famous for the landscapes, and often used in films because of its beauty. For a romantic view of the lake and Alps, take the funicular from Como town to the village of Brunate.

With a legendary view, romantic settings, as well as the amazing food and wine, it is the perfect place to start your married life together.

There are some stunning villas and rustic locations nestled in the hillsides above the lake, in villages such as Bellagio, Tremezzo and Varenna, with their stunning villas and gorgeous gardens, making it perfect for your unforgettable wedding.

Civil ceremonies can be held here, as well as churches overlooking the lake, or luxury hotels and venues perfect for your wedding and reception.

And if it's good enough for George Clooney, then it must be one of Italy's top destinations!



Great for families, couples and groups



Fly into Milan , transfer by train, bus or drive yourself, it is 80kms from Milan, or 650kms from Rome.



WHAT WE LOVE

Lake Como is gorgeous, people (read George Clooney) watching is a pastime here. Food is divine. Take a car and head off to the surrounding areas and explore as there as some lovely villages outside of the main area worth visiting.

ROMANTIC ESCAPE AT VILLA DEL BALBIANELLO FROM A\$6400

Symbolic Wedding at Grand Hotel Villa Serbelloni - up to 30 guests
Symbolic Ceremony Wedding at Grand Hotel Villa Serbelloni in Bellagio any day;
Rate includes Exclusive use of a portion of the lake front garden, Interpreter if needed, Celebrant, 30 Chairs for wedding guests, Wedding coordinator, Wedding certificate, Fresh Flower Small Bouquet for the Bride, Button-hole for the groom. Please Note: during ceremony the whole wedding area is closed to other guests for one hour. Rate is for up to 30 guests. Reception: is mandatory to be held at the Hotel.

Wedding Photo Service 2 hours

Wedding Photo Shooting takes maximum 2 hours. Average number of photos provided in 2 hours: 150 photos.

Other packages available, ask us for details!
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This is seriously one of the most enchanting and insta-worthy cities of the world. The capital of Italy is a convenient destination for your wedding, as apart from the flights arriving straight in to Rome, this is also where your appointment would be for legal paperwork.

It is so easy to arrive there, and explore in the days before your wedding. Wander through Rome’s fascinating streets, along Roman Forum passing by the Coliseum and then Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain and many more highlights.

You will find ancient ruins dating back over 2000 years, together with Renaissance churches and modern architecture, not to mention the stylish locals strutting their stuff as you people watch from your café.

Definitely pre-purchase skip-the-line tickets for the major attractions, especially in the Italian summer, to avoid long queues, and tours to the Vatican need to be prebooked.

The city offers an incredible variety of legendary iconic landmarks and treasures. Make sure you throw a coin into the Trevi Fountain to make sure you come back!

ROMANTIC ESCAPE IN ROME FROM A\$4995

Elopement Wedding Ceremony at Paradise Roof Top Terrace

Symbolic Elopement Wedding at Panoramic Spot overlooking Rome. Package includes a private wedding spot with view, Symbolic celebration, Celebrant, Interpreter if needed, Wedding Coordinator, Wedding certificate, Fresh Flower Bouquet for the Bride, Button-hole for the groom and 4 course Wedding Dinner for the Couple.

Wedding Photo Service 2 hours

Wedding Photo Shooting takes maximum 2 hours. Average number of photos provided in 2 hours: 150 photos. Shipping of CD is included.



Great for families, couples and groups



Fly direct in to Rome on a variety of airline. Use it as a base to explore the other regions!



WHAT WE LOVE

Do a tour as there is so much you may not see or know doing it yourself. Do a Segway tour, great fun and you see more than being in a van. We love mooching about, heading down small streets off the main drags to find cute cafes with Nonna dishing up her home made food – delicious!



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ROMANTIC ESCAPE AT CHIANTI CASTLE FROM A\$4285

Country Town option –

Elopement Wedding Ceremony Package at 5* Chianti Castle

Symbolic Elopement Wedding at 5* Chianti Castle overlooking surrounding country side and vineyards. Package includes a private wedding spot with view, Symbolic celebration, Celebrant, Interpreter if needed, Wedding Coordinator, Wedding certificate, Fresh Flower Bouquet for the Bride, Button-hole for the groom and Romantic Dinner for the Couple.

Wedding Photo Service 2 hours - 1 photographer

Wedding Photo Shooting takes maximum 2 hours. Average number of photos provided in 2 hours: 150 photos.

Tuscany is an enchanting place, so much so that when you visit you will immediately want to pack your bags and move there! (Think of Under the Tuscan Sun!).

It is the heart of Italy, and pretty much ticks all the boxes for those looking for arts, culture, good food, stunning scenery and some of the most exclusive and romantic settings in the world. It has much to offer for romantic venues, from exclusive villas and secluded farmhouses to historical castles and estates.

Florence is the capital of the region, and it is an amazing, fascinating and romantic city full of culture. Not to mention Brunelleschi's dome in the background! The cities of Siena and San Gimignano, are equally beautiful and provide stunning locations for weddings.

Imagine visiting the Chianti wine region in Tuscany, stopping for a drink overlooking the hills and vineyards.

Umbria is on the border with Tuscany and features Lake Trasimeno. The towns are full of shops and restaurants and have ferries to the lake's islands. Visit the Umbrian town of Assisi, or the Roman and Etruscan sites in the Umbrian city of Perugia.

Getting married in Tuscany can easily transform your dream into reality.



Great for families, couples and groups



Fly into Rome, transfer by train, bus or drive yourself, it is 279kms to the start of Tuscany, depending on where you go to.

WHAT WE LOVE



Another favourite, definitely visit Florence for the culture (and shopping) but then hit the road to the Chianti region for amazing wines. Siena is a wonderful city as well, with a gorgeous walled historic old town. Food here is sublime!

Other packages available, ask us for details!
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Venice is considered to be one of the most romantic of places in the world, so it is ideal to say “I do”.

The capital of northern Italy’s Veneto region, has only canals, no roads! Canals are lined with ancient Renaissance and Gothic palazzi dotted all along the Grand Canal. Piazza San Marco is the central square, and there are lots of amazing luxury hotels right in the old town centre, surrounded by art and culture.

It is quite easy to fall in love with Venice. Just imagine – getting married in the city hall situated in the beautiful Palazzo Cavalli. Alternatively, a symbolic wedding in the marvelous and completely frescoed hall by Tiepolo, on a terrace overlooking the Gran Canal, in a Venetian Palace or even with just the two of you on a gondola being serenaded as you past the spectacular facades of the elegant buildings facing the canal. Pure romance!

If you want to be legally wed, we can arrange the civil wedding in the town hall, followed by the symbolic wedding of your choice. Either way, it can be arranged and we can assure you that you will remember your declaration of love in Venice forever and ever.

ROMANTIC ESCAPE IN VENICE FROM A\$6195

Symbolic Ceremony Wedding on a Wedding Gondola

Ceremony Wedding during a city minicruise on a Wedding Gondola (embellished Gondola with decorations that are engraved by hand and finished in gold. The bride and groom make themselves comfortable on a plush Damask seat and, for the occasion, the gondoliers wear their characteristic white and gold livery, the historic costume of the Gondolier de Casada any day from 10 am to 5 pm, Celebrant, Interpreter if needed, Wedding coordinator, Wedding certificate, Fresh Flower Small Bouquet for the Bride, Button-hole for the groom. Please Note: Gondola rides takes 1 hr. including some time for photos. Max 2 passengers. Extra Guests can be accommodated on additional Standard Gondolas.

Wedding Photo Service 2 hours

Wedding Photo Shooting takes maximum 2 hours. Average number of photos provided in 2 hours: 150 photos.



Great for families, couples and groups



Fly into Venice on some airlines or travel the 525kms from Rome if you want the road trip!



WHAT WE LOVE

So romantic! The gondolas gliding along the canals and the colorful waterfront shops make this city so outrageously charming. Escape the tourist hustle and bustle by heading to the small, quieter squares while you're there. Share a gelato and admire (or stay in) the Hotel Monaco where Casanova used to hold court! Head to Murano to see the glass blowing and buy a unique piece!

Other packages available, ask us for details!
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SUPPLIERS FOR YOUR WEDDING



We are able to enhance your wedding with a variety of options.

Photographers – from a 2-hour package to all-day coverage

Videography – alongside the photography

Hair and make-up – including trials if required (depending on location)

Flowers and decoration – extra bouquets etc

Credit: @GroovyBanana

Receptions – from casual cocktail style to 5 star lavish banquets

Wedding cakes

DJs and Musicians – to get you dancing

Pre or post wedding shoot

Plus of course – private villas, accommodation, private caterers, transportation and tours for groups





There are few places more romantic and ideal for a honeymoon. There are some amazingly beautiful places for you to discover.

The regions already mentioned for weddings are also perfect for honeymoons, but also you could look at some other options:

Sardinia - This island located in the Tyrrenean Sea is a perfect destination for a honeymoon, you can combine amazing food, some beach time interspersed with some culture. Head to the South which is quieter than the North.

Umbria - We have added Umbria back in here because it is one of the most gorgeous destinations, not touristy like some, relaxed and romantic.

Sicily – totally charming, stunning vistas, often recognisable in movies, also less tourists here, and excellent gastronomy, ancient archaeological sites. and gorgeous beaches.

Cinque Terre – this is Italy as you imagine. Famous for its five towns - Monterosso al Mare, Vernazza, Corniglia, Manarola, Riomaggiore. You can walk the area or get by via car. Insta-worthy for sure.

Puglia – in the South of Italy and very un-touristy. White villages with sparkling blue seas, of course the food, and also baroque architecture - a true hidden gem. Visit the famous towns of Alberobello and Gallipoli, but if you have extra time don't forget to reach the pretty hamlets of Ostuni and Locorotondo, both worth a visit.





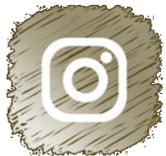
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