



### Greek Theatre, Taormina

Perched on a hillside, pretty Taormina offers mesmerising views of Mount Etna and the glistening sea below. Visit the splendid Greek Theatre (*p522*) and photograph the ruins at sunset, making sure to capture snowy Etna and the sparkling blue waters of the Mediterranean to the east - the view is surreal.



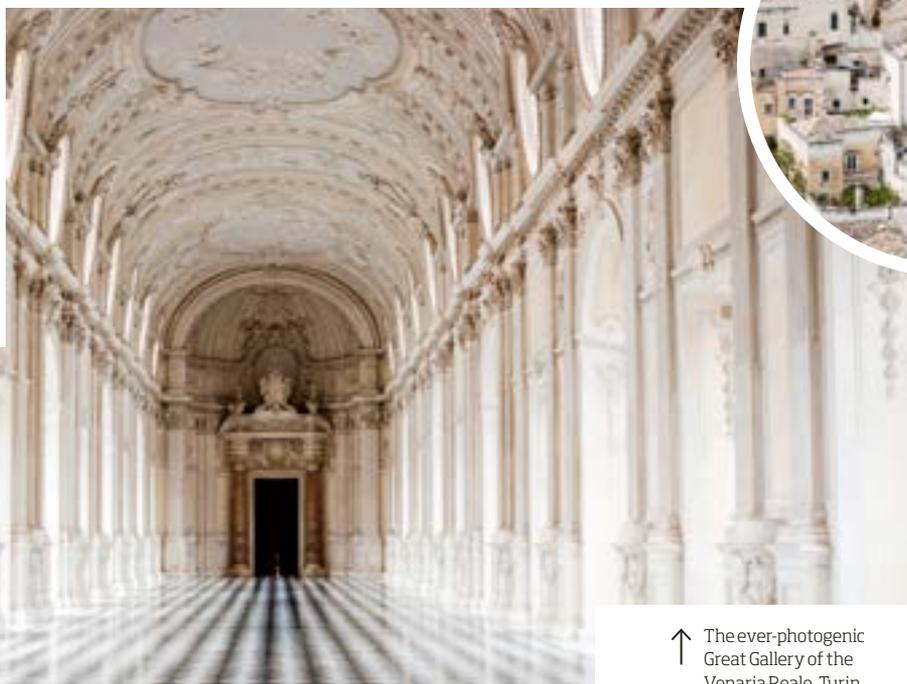
The view down to the sea from the top of Taormina's Greek Theatre

## ITALY FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS

Each and every one of Italy's regions has its own distinctive physical and cultural identity, offering photographers boundless opportunities for capturing the country's many facets. While the crowds are flocking to Venice and Rome, these spots offer an alternative to Italy's most touristy places.

### Venaria Reale, Turin

With its intricate decorations and striking black-and-white floor design, the spectacular Great Gallery of Turin's sumptuous Venaria Reale has 44 windows and 22 eyelets on the ceiling, creating incredible contrasts between light and shade. Visit in the late afternoon on a summer's day and use a wide-angle lens to obtain an impressive shot.



↑ The ever-photogenic Great Gallery of the Venaria Reale, Turin

### INSIDER TIP Sunrise Shot

Wake up early in the morning to shoot in a warm and soft light and do not forget a tripod to stabilise the camera when light is low.

### Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, Milan

Dominated by an impressive iron-and-glass dome, Milan's opulent Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II (*p147*) is embellished with marble, stuccoes and mosaics. Stand below the dome and point the camera up to capture one of Italy's most impressive buildings.



The vast glass roof of the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II



### Sassi, Matera

In the early morning, the low-lying sun bathes Matera's cavernous dwellings in gentle golden hues. Head to the Sassi (*p494*) and give photos a surreal perspective by putting the camera on the floor. This creates a different point of view of the messy hotchpotch of buildings that form this fascinating troglodyte settlement.



The jumble of buildings that make up the Sassi in Matera

### Castello di Vezio, Lake Como

For unobstructed Lake Como views, climb up to the Castello di Vezio, a perfectly positioned medieval military outpost. Check the website for events before you visit ([www.castellodivezio.it](http://www.castellodivezio.it)). Once a year volunteers in outfits pose as eerie ghost-like statues around the grounds.



View over Lake Como from the Castello di Vezio

