

# Proud of Being European Our common heritage with...



## Romania



1. People say that Vlad III of Transylvania ( Dracula the Impaler ) was buried in the church of Santa Maria la Nova in Naples ;
2. In the 2nd century A.D. the Roman Emperor Trajan conquered the Dacia region and called it Romania. The occupation lasted three centuries but the Romanian and Italian languages still have many words in common...

## France



1. Many famous French intellectuals have loved Italy and Naples. Among them, Alexandre Dumas, Théophile Gautier, Anatole France, Gérard de Nerval and Stendhal who, in 1817, wrote: "There are two capitals in Europe: Paris and Naples".
2. Like France, Italy is an excellent wine producer. Famous are the wineries of white, red and rosé wines distributed throughout the country.

## Spain



1. Christopher Columbus, an Italian sailor from Genoa, sailed from Palos De la Frontera on August 3, 1492 and arrived in San Salvador on October 12 of the same year. The European colonization of the Americas had just begun...
2. Charles of Borbone, son of Philip V of Spain, conquered the kingdom of the two Sicilies in 1734 becoming one of the most enlightened sovereigns in the history of Naples and southern Italy. The San Carlo Theatre in Naples that he founded in 1734 is one of the best example of the king's greatness and culture.

## Portugal



1. During the 18th Century, the Portuguese Ambassador to Rome organized a show at the "Teatro Argentina" that would be free for all Portuguese citizens in Rome. In order to have access to the show for free, it was not necessary to show a document but it was enough to say that you were Portuguese. For this reason, many Romans went to the Teatro Argentina and said that they were Portuguese, or in other words, "they did the Portuguese" and managed to enter..... Since then, "being Portuguese" means in Italy "entering without paying".
2. Both Italians and Portuguese have a real passion for salted codfish that they cook in a very delicious way!

## Poland .



1. In the National Anthems of both Italy and Poland there is a clear reference to the blood shed by the two countries in the long struggle towards freedom : "Krew włoską Krew polską"
2. Pope John Paul II, in Polish Jan Paweł II, born Karol Józef Wojtyła, was appointed Supreme head of the Church of Rome in 1978 . He was one of the most beloved Pope in history and a Saint.