



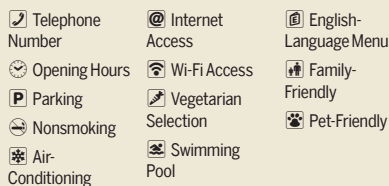
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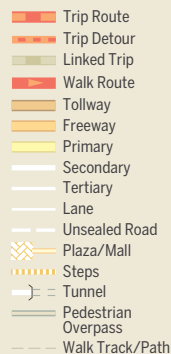
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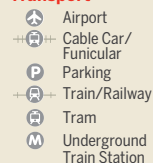
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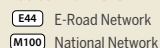
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My Favourite Trip **31** **Across the Lucanian Appennines** is a gorgeous and surprising journey the whole way, but especially memorable for a particular goat's-milk cheese plate in otherworldly Castelmezzano.

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A beat-up old car, a few dollars in the pocket and a sense of adventure. In 1972 that's all Tony and Maureen Wheeler needed for the trip of a lifetime – across Europe and Asia overland to Australia. It took several months, and at the end –

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My Favourite Trip 18 **Abruzzo's Wild Landscapes** for the magnificent, unspoiled mountain scenery in this often-overlooked part of Italy.

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