

How many years have you studied English? I'VE STUDIED ENGLISH FOR 12 YEARS

Level of English: Excellent Good Fair Poor

Are you learning another language: Yes No If yes, which one(s): FRENCH AND SPANISH

Would describe yourself as:

Timid Intellectual Patient Talkative
 Sociable Artistic Energetic Quiet
 Independent Neat Affectionate Mature
 Athletic Studious Witty Other: _____

Check one box for the activities you enjoy, and check two boxes for your favorite activities:

<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Movies
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Sailing	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Theater
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<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Museums	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Musical Instrument (which do you play): _____		(<input type="checkbox"/> Beginner <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced)

What is your religious affiliation, if any: CATHOLIC RELIGION

Would you accept to go to religious service with your host family? Yes In theory no, but I'm okay to try (*it will not be mandatory but it usually is an important part of the American family life*)

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Dear Host Family,

My name is Veronica Colombano, and I was born at the Greater Hospital of Charity in Novara on January 25, 2008. I was a little girl with golden hair and big hazel eyes, and my parents were overjoyed; they had wanted me so much, and finally, that day I came into the world for my mom, Rosanna, and dad, Gianpaolo. 🧑🏻

When they brought me home, I was welcomed by a soft, furry companion with a very moist tongue who kept giving me kisses, my first dog, a honey colored Labrador who was six years old at the time. Unfortunately, he passed away in 2018 at the age of 16. 🐕

In the days that followed, all my relatives and friends came to meet me at our home in Confienza, wishing me health and happiness. Two years later, on April 8, 2010, my sister, Martina, was born, she was a baby girl with dark hair and brown eyes, who will share this beautiful experience with me that we will remember for the rest of our lives! 👨👩👧👦

Today, I'm 16 years old and have been living in Novara for four years with my mom, dad, Martina, and our adorable three year old dog, Axel, who is also a Labrador. We live in a welcoming three story house with a tavern. 🏠

My city, Novara, isn't very big, but it offers all the services necessary for everyday life, including supermarkets, shops, dentists, swimming pools, spas, a hospital, police, firefighters, gyms, parks, many schools, and pizzerias! We also have a train station that connects us to Milan and Turin, larger and busier cities, as well as access to public transportation. 🏙️🚗🚝🚆

I am in the 12th grade at an economic technical institute in my city, where I study mathematics, history, economics, law, computer science, English, French, and Spanish. Thanks to this, I had the opportunity in March 2024 to take a flight to Dublin for a week with two of my friends. During this trip, I met many wonderful people, whom I deeply thank for their support, and I had the chance to explore this large and different city, which taught me many new things. ✈️🎓

I am a girl who loves to travel. My dream is to visit every country in the world, even the most hidden ones, and thanks to my family, we are starting to make it happen little by little. In the summer of 2023, I went to Croatia, specifically to Rijeka, a city with a fantastic sea, and to its capital, Zagreb, with my family and a dear family friend named Massimo, where I would return a hundred more times. I also visited Barcelona, again on vacation with my family and Massimo, and in September, I went to London, a truly fantastic city but with significant economic and social inequalities. 🇮🇹🇭🇷🇪🇸🇬🇧

I had the opportunity to see and smell the wonderful lavender fields of France, along with many other Italian cities. 🇫🇷🇮🇹

I can say that until a few months ago, I felt a bit sad.

But fortunately, this year I met many people with whom I now share a lot of experiences. We participate in events, projects, and educational outings together. Thanks to them, I was able to overcome that difficult period, and now I feel happy again. ❤️

In addition to loving travel, I really enjoy reading books, especially Young Adult novels. Some of my favorites are "The Tearsmith", "In the Way Snow Falls", and "Stigma" by Erin Doom, the "Red Oak Manor" saga, "Daylight" by Victor Diamandis, "The Truth Untold" and "Guilty" by Rokia, as well as books by Felicia Kingsley. 📚📖

I also love watching movies, especially at the cinema, though I watch dozens at home too and listening to music, my favorite singers are Justin Bieber, Rihanna, Britney Spears and

others more. I'm a huge Marvel fan, I've seen all the movies and have many related gadgets but I also love movies like "After", "Five Feet Apart" and "Saltburn". 🍿🎬🎞️ I also love amusement parks; on Lake Garda, which is two hours from my house, there are many parks, including my favorites, Gardaland and Movieland, the latter being a miniature version of Hollywood Studios! 🎡🎪🎠

In addition to that, I really enjoy spending time with my friends, like Denisa, with whom I went to a book and author fair, and Sophia and Giorgia, who joined me on the trip to Dublin and with whom I've shared other great experiences. Then there's Sara, who has always been by my side, as well as Gaia, Giulia, Diarra, Adelia, and others. I get along really well with them, they're mature girls like me, and we enjoy spending time together, whether it's to talk or play. 🧩🎮🎱

I'm not a very sporty girl, unfortunately, but I'd like to join a gym to tone my body and feel better about myself, especially because my weight fluctuates a lot depending on the period. 🏊‍♀️ I love animals, especially dogs, seals, koala and panda and I have a deep appreciation for nature. I strongly oppose any form of violence or abandonment of animals. I'm quite introverted, but when I feel comfortable, I can open up and talk to others. I get very attached to the people I love, and I can't leave someone alone if they need comfort, help, or just someone to talk to. 🐶🐦🌺🍀

I had an experience working with 4-5 year old children as part of a school organized project, where I taught them a few words in Spanish. The children were really cute, but I'm not used to spending time with kids that age. 🐣🍼

I try to help around the house as much as I can by cleaning, cooking, and taking care of my dog and two turtles. I am very close to my mom, who has always been there for me and supports me however she can. She works in a difficult hospital ward where not everyone can recover. We do almost everything together, and we love each other very much. I don't have the same strong bond with my dad, but I also spend time with him. Instead with my sister, you can imagine, one moment we're laughing out loud, and the next we're arguing like little kids. ✨💖🔒

Honestly, I'm still not sure what I want to do for a job in the future, but I know I'd love to work with animals or do something that helps others. I want to be remembered for having made a positive impact on society. 🌻😊

I learned about this project through my school, which informed us about "Mondoinsieme". I told my family, and after many discussions and reflections, my parents agreed to fund this wonderful journey that I can't wait to begin! I'm excited to discover a new world so distant and different from mine, and to experience daily life with you, my host family! 🎁🇺🇸❤️

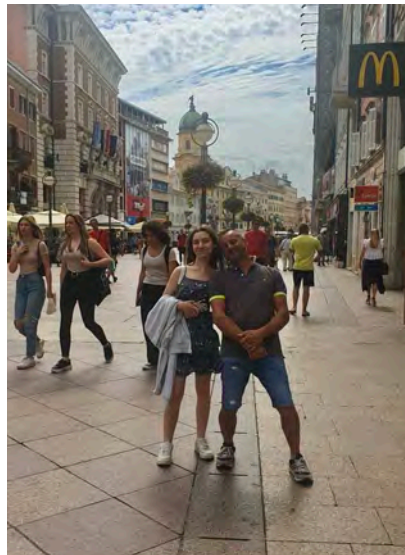
I hope I've introduced myself in the best way possible and that I've clearly conveyed all the emotions I'm feeling today. I wish you a great read, and I hope I didn't make too many spelling mistakes!!! 🙈

A big hug from Italy! 🤗

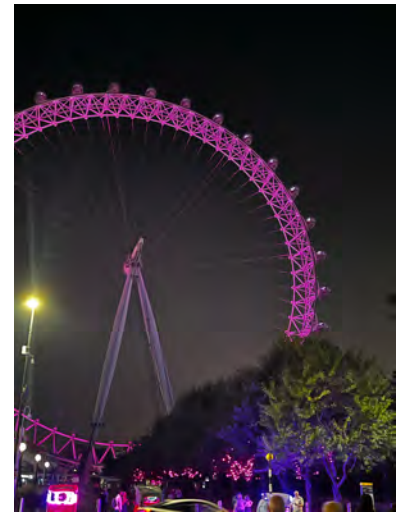
**With love,
Veronica.** ❤️



My dog Axel 🐕



Me and Massimo in Croatia 🇪🇺



London Eye



Emirates Stadium 🏟️



Me and my sister in Reggia of Caserta 🏛️



Me and my mom in Croatia 🇪🇺



Me, Massimo and Martina in Gardaland 🎢



My mom and dad



Me, my sister and my cousin Sara



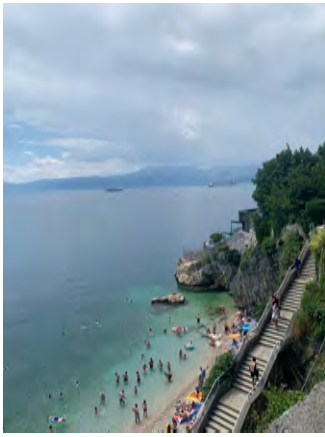
Movieland Park 🎢



Waterfall and Torrione of the Reggia of Caserta



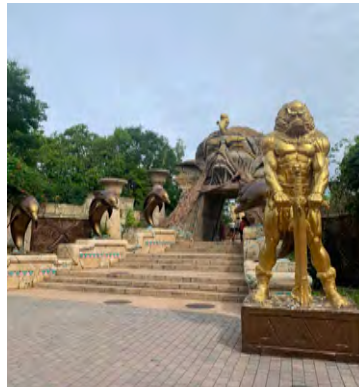
Me and my sister on Tower Bridge 🇪🇺



Rijeka (Croatia) 🌊



Tower Bridge



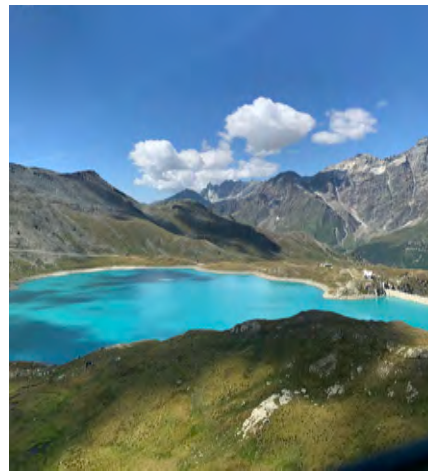
Gardaland 🎢



Me and my sister in Cervinia 🏔️



Me and my sister in Gardaland 🐱



Macugnaga 🏔️



Me and my dad 💙



Me and my sister with Rambo and Silvester Stallone (Movieland) 🏆



Me, Massimo and Martina 🐱💖



Me and my mom 💖



Martina, me and Denisa with Victor (Book Author)