

ITALY WELCOMES LA BELLA PRINCESSA

Princess Margaret, wearing holiday clothes and a holiday smile, arrives at London Airport. Ahead lies a six-hour, non-stop flight to Naples. A Viking of the King's Flight carries the young Princess to Italy for her first four weeks visit. Her standard flies from the cockpit as Princess Margaret sets out on the first Royal tour of an ex-enemy country since the war. She makes the trip, however, as a private person.

This view of Naples - Santa Lucia and the stately Egg's Castle - greets the 18-year-old Princess, as the Royal aircraft circles the port before landing. Below lie the blue waters of the Gulf of Sorrento and the fairest city of all Europe, awaiting "La Bella Principessa."

As the Viking touches down at Capodichino Airfield, the British Ambassador Sir Victor Mallet is there to greet the Princess.

Baron Quaranta, representing the Italian Foreign Office, escorts her to a waiting car.

From the third floor of the Excelsior Hotel, in which the Naples' power out is lifted in her honour, Princess Margaret overlooks the incomparable Naples Bay. Mount Vesuvius is dormant. From Naples, the Princess goes to Capri. She plans to include Rome, Florence, Venice and other famous Italian cities in a well-earned break from Royal duties at home.