

Network Travel presents... *Italy with Shaye Ganam*

Amalfi Coast to Puglia

with Optional 2-Night Naples Pre Tour Extension

June 12 – 25, 2025

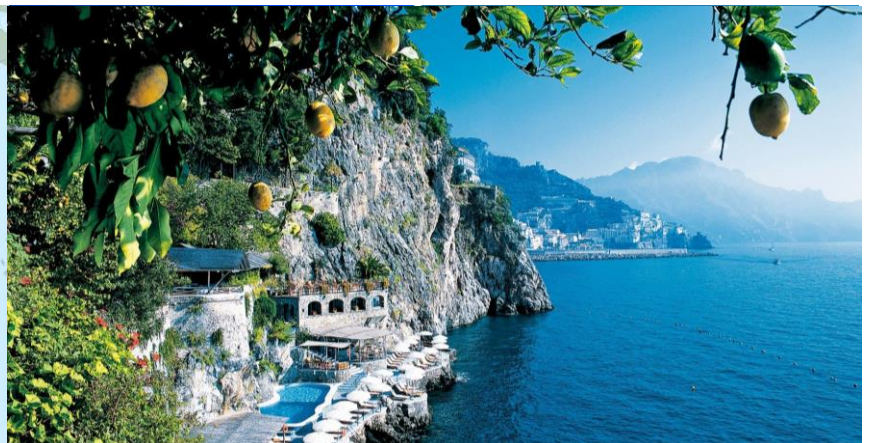
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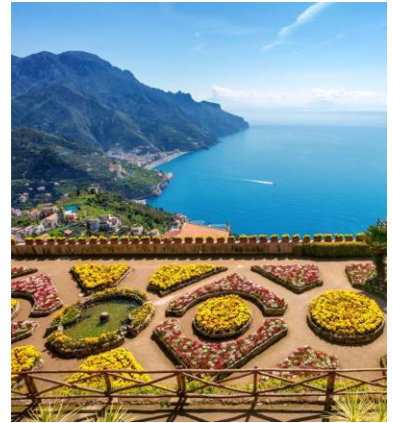
Small Group Travel with just 19-24 passengers
14 Days • 19 Meals: 12 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 5 Dinners

\$6899 per person based on double – Single \$7949

HIGHLIGHTS... Hosted by Shaye Ganam - Naples, Pompeii, Wine Tasting, Minori, Amalfi, Positano, Ravello, Matera, Lecce, Tarantella Folk Music & Dance Performance, Ostuni, Ape Calessino Tour, Alberobello

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1 Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3 Royal Continental Hotel, Naples
Days 4 – 7 Hotel Villa Romana, Minori
Days 8, 9 Locanda di San Martino, Matera
Days 10, 11 Santa Chiara Suite Hotel, Lecce
Days 12, 13 Trulli Holiday Albergo Diffuso, Alberobello



About The Tour

Join Shaye Ganam and stray off the beaten path and explore a new side to the Italy you know and love. See the Veiled Christ statue, rumored to be created through alchemy, in Naples' Sansevero Chapel. Sample wines created from the rich volcanic soil just outside of Pompeii. Soak up the sun with a free afternoon in Positano, home to colorful hillside houses and local posh boutiques. Spend 2 nights in a **unique cave dwelling** in Matera and your last 2 nights in the Puglia region in a personal converted house. Uncover the Baroque excellence of Lecce, an artisan city of limestone. Make your way through southern Italy and experience the Amalfi Coast and the Puglia region.

Highlights & Inclusions

5 Handpicked Beautiful Accommodations
19 Meals
2 Choice on Tour Options

Must-See Inclusions:

- Venture through Naples' historic city centre (UNESCO) overflowing with local life and eccentric monuments.
- Explore a *sfusato* lemon grove and hike the Amalfi Coast's ancient Path of Lemons.
- Make the most of a free afternoon in the popular resort town of Positano.

Cultural Experiences:

- Zoom through Ostuni like a local - in the backseat of a 3-wheeled Ape Calessino car.
- Experience the Italian landscape like never before and spend 2 nights in a unique cave-dwelling accommodation.
- **Impact Moment:** Discover traditional Neapolitan songs and music during a private performance at a local social enterprise.

Culinary Inclusions:

- Sample wines just outside of Pompeii, created from the fertile volcanic countryside.
- Make your way through Lecce's city centre with a multi-stop dinner.
- Gaze out at the deep blue Bay of Naples and looming Mt. Vesuvius as you dine on regional specialties.



Highlights:

Naples, Impact Moment, Pompeii, Wine Tasting, Minori, Amalfi, Positano, Ravello, Choice on Tour, Matera, Lecce, Tarantella Folk Music & Dance Performance, Ostuni, Ape Calessino Tour, Alberobello



Day 1: Thursday, June 12, 2025 Overnight Flight from Alberta

In a country of renowned cuisine, iconic coastlines, and ancient roots, stray off the beaten path and explore a new side of the Italy you know and love. Make your way through southern Italy and experience the Amalfi Coast and the Puglia region.

Day 2: Friday, June 13, 2025 Naples, Italy

Arrive in Naples, a vibrant mecca for locals and travelers alike. Volcanic landscapes give way to medieval architecture and Grecian lanes, creating a unique culture exclusive to Naples. Settle into your new home for the next 2 nights and admire the view of crashing waves and bobbing boats. Toast to the start of your Italian getaway over dinner, looking out over the deep blue Bay of Naples to Mt. Vesuvius looming in the distance. *(D)*

Day 3: Saturday, June 14, 2025 Naples

Explore Naples' exuberant historic city centre (UNESCO) and underground ancient ruins with a local guide. During your afternoon at leisure, consider visiting the nearby National Archeological Museum and peruse relics from Pompeii. Tonight's **Impact Moment** comes in the form of a private concert, performed by the *Napulitanata* social enterprise, which supports Italian heritage and abates the city's high unemployment. *(B)*

Day 4: Sunday, June 15, 2025 Naples - Pompeii - Minori



Feel the ghosts of the past as you wander through Pompeii with a guide. After you've explored the public baths and private villas, get a new perspective on the volcanic countryside with a visit to a nearby winery. Layers of ash have transformed the timeworn soil into a fertile vineyard. Enjoy a wine tasting with lunch before continuing to the beloved Amalfi Coast. Watch the sun fade along the horizon in coastal Minori, your new home for the next 4 nights. *(B, L, D)*

Day 5: Monday, June 16, 2025 Minori - Maiori - Minori

A fishing village of terraced lemon groves, Minori exudes the quintessential *Amalfitana* vibe. Start your morning in a garden and learn about *sfusato* lemons, used in *limoncello*. Sample this fragrant liqueur in a pastry shop before hiking* along the coast. You'll trek the rugged Path of Lemons - an ancient, hilly route that links Minori with the nearby town Maiori. Explore on your own before returning by boat. The remainder of the day is yours. *(B)*

Day 6: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 Minori - Amalfi - Positano - Minori

Journey by boat** to Amalfi, the rocky coast's namesake town. Formerly a maritime republic, Amalfi puts a historic spin on the seaside hubs, containing cobblestone piazzas and towering mosaicked cathedrals. After a few hours on your own, ferry past tumbling cliffs and pastel-coloured houses on your way to Positano. Enjoy a free afternoon in this resort town, perhaps browsing the posh boutiques or resting along the beach. Return to Minori by ferry. *(B)*





Day 7: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 Minori - Ravello - Minori

Look down upon the Amalfi Coast from Ravello, a picturesque village with the best vantage point of the winding coastline. Then, **it's your choice!** Visit the gardens of Villa Rufolo, making your way through a latticework of hedges and flowers to gaze out at the azure waves below **-OR-** hike the half-mile trail down to the remote gardens of Villa Cimbrone*** before returning to Minori for an afternoon at leisure. (B, D)

Day 8: Thursday, June 19, 2025 Minori - Matera

This morning, discover one of Italy's delectable cheese products during a visit to a dairy farm. Taste freshly made mozzarella for lunch before continuing south to Matera (UNESCO), whose inimitable scenery has been featured in blockbuster films. Experience the town's cave dwellings, your home for the next 2 nights. Each cave is unique, half-excavated and half-carved from the land. In these unparalleled accommodations,**** connect with the Italian landscape like never before. (B, L)

Day 9: Friday, June 20, 2025 Matera

Hike into Matera's 9,000-year-old history on a guided walking tour along its hillside caves, narrow passages and steep alleys known to locals as the *Sassi*. The afternoon is yours to explore more of Matera's heritage. Perhaps you'll visit the remarkable *Palombaro Lungo* underground water cistern or head out of town for a hike through the surrounding countryside dotted with prehistoric caves and medieval rock churches. (B)



Day 10: Saturday, June 21, 2025 Matera - Lecce

Cross into the **Puglia region** and pause at an olive grove to learn about the different kinds of oil before continuing to Lecce, a Baroque powerhouse of limestone. Get to know the city with a local expert and take in its iconic architecture and papier-mâché craftsmanship. Dine around Lecce in the evening with a multi-stop dinner in the city centre. (B, D)

Puglia Region

Experience the region of Puglia – nestled within the coastal “heel” of Italy's “boot.” Somewhat off the beaten path, Puglia is home to authentic cuisine, cultural traditions, and honest interactions. See a new side to the country you know and love – where centuries-old farmland intercede with mystic gnomish houses and detailed craftsmanship. Visit a local olive grove and discover the art of picking olives sampling this regional staple for yourself. Known for its papier-mâché figurines and hidden cafes, spend your time here uncovering the city's many secrets. Dig into a plate of orecchiette pasta, grab a glass of wine, and experience Italy the way it was supposed to be experienced.

Day 11: Sunday, June 22, 2025 Lecce - Otranto - Lecce

Today enjoy an excursion to the picturesque village of Otranto and enjoy its characteristic winding lanes and hidden cafes. Take your time for a relaxing lunch along the sea and enjoy your time at leisure in one of the pearls of Salento. Reconvene in the evening for a private folk music and dance performance, highlighting the traditional *pizzica e taranta*. According to legend, spider bites cause the women to dance with feverish energy. (B)



Day 12: Monday, June 23, 2025 Lecce - Ostuni - Alberobello

Stop in Ostuni, a whitewashed town surrounded by olive trees. Zoom through the town like a local in the backseat of an open-air Ape Calessino, a traditional 3-wheeled car. Enjoy time on your own in Ostuni before continuing to Alberobello, (UNESCO), a whimsical city known for its *trulli*, stone huts with cone-shaped roofs. Meander with your guide through a labyrinth of these gnomish houses, some adorned with symbols carrying religious or astrological meanings. Make your way to your personal room**** in one of these peculiar houses that will be your home for the next two nights. (B)

Day 13: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 Alberobello

Today, take a tour of an olive oil mill and taste a variety of extra virgin olive oils. Back in Alberobello, enjoy free time to further explore the city on your own. As the day draws to a close, gather to wish Italy goodbye at a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 14: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 Alberobello - Tour Ends

Depart for home with treasured memories of rocky shores and cobblestone streets. (B)

What's Included

- Fully escorted by Shaye Ganam and his wife Trish
- Meals as per itinerary including a farewell dinner (19 Meals)
- Round-trip airport transfers in Italy
- 12 nights accommodation as per itinerary
- All tours and entrance fees as per itinerary
- Entrance fees and tours to the monuments and museums as mentioned in the program
- English-speaking Tour Manager during the tour
- Modern transportation in a vehicle including WIFI
- All taxes

Not Included

International flights from Canada (Network Travel will provide flight booking services without fees)

Driver and tour guide gratuities

Naples pre-tour hotel extension - Hotel Royal Continental \$230 per person per night

Insurance: No age restrictions!

Land International Travel Protection Plan (Ask for details)

\$599 per person

\$6899 CAD per person based on double – Single \$7949 CAD

Deposit: \$500 per person (non-refundable)

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