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Italy: Amalfi Coast to Puglia

September 16 – 29, 2025



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14 Days • 19 Meals: 12 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 5 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... 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	Grand Hotel di Lecce, Lecce
Days 12, 13	Trulli Holiday Albergo Diffuso, Alberobello

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 Overnight Flight 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: Wednesday, September 17, 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: Thursday, September 18, 2025 Naples Explore Naples' exuberant historic city center (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: Friday, September 19, 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: Saturday, September 20, 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: Sunday, September 21, 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-colored 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: Monday, September 22, 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: Tuesday, September 23, 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)



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* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from DEN

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. (See registration form for consent.)

Day 9: Wednesday, September 24, 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: Thursday, September 25, 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 your way around Lecce in the evening with a multi-stop dinner in the city center. (B, D)

Day 11: Friday, September 26, 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: Saturday, September 27, 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: Sunday, September 28, 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: Monday, September 29, 2025 Alberobello - Tour Ends Depart for home with treasured memories of rocky shores and cobblestone streets. (B)

PLEASE NOTE:

Book Now rates valid until Dec 30, 2025, valid on air inclusive packages only.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

Travel with an average of 16 people (maximum of 24).

***The gardens of Villa Cimbrone are only accessible by a pedestrian path that is made of approximately 200 large shallow steps. The distance from the village to the entrance of the gardens is 0.4 miles (650 meters). The

Experience It! Puglia

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 in to a plate of orecchiette pasta, grab a glass of wine, and experience Italy the way it was supposed to be experienced.

same distance must be covered uphill to return to the village where the tour bus can meet you.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motor coaches, especially in historic areas such as Naples, Positano, Amalfi, Alberobello, and Matera which requires ability to walk up and down hills on narrow, cobblestoned streets and negotiating stairs.

In order to fully experience the destination, some of our hotels on these programs are located in smaller towns or on country roads where access is limited to large coaches. In these cases, you will be dropped off as close as possible and there will be a short walk to access the hotel from the drop-off area.

Most shops and businesses in Italy are closed on Sundays and on national/religious holidays.

Days of features are interchangeable.

*The hike along the Path of Lemons and/or the boat trip to Maiori may be cancelled in case of inclement weather or adverse sea conditions. The hike is 2.4 miles (3.8 kilometers) long and involves multiple flights of stairs; a boat will be provided for travelers who prefer not to hike.

**The ferry boat service does not operate between November and March. During these months a substitute bus service will be provided. In case of adverse sea conditions, the ferry service may be suspended at any time, in which case a substitute bus service will be provided. Travelers prone to seasickness should take proper precautions.

Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 p.m. Rooms may not be available prior to that time.

****On select departures, the cave dwelling accommodations in Matera and the *trulli* accommodations in Alberobello may not be available. In these instances, you will be accommodated in a more traditional hotel property. On most departures, your accommodations in Matera and Alberobello will be in 'scattered hotels' with rooms located in various buildings close to a central lobby and breakfast room. In order to fully experience the destination, these properties are located in areas where access is limited for large coaches. You will be dropped off as close as possible and there will be a short walk to access the hotel from the drop-off area. In 'scattered hotels' each room is unique, full of history, with standard amenities, and brimming with true local flavor. This is part of the fun!

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

When reserving single accommodations, be advised that single rooms in Italy are often smaller in size.

Triple and child accommodations are not available.

Smaller buses, which may not be lavatory equipped, may be used on this program. In this case, frequent stops are made during travel periods.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Our departure transfers will depart from Alberobello city center to the Bari airport.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Our air guests will arrive into Naples airport and depart out of Bari airport.



Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel in May 2025, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS visa waiver, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/>

For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of February 10, 2025 are based upon availability. Final payment due by June 18, 2025. Deposits are refundable up until February 17, 2025.

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