



ITALY

DISCOVER SORRENTO, CAPRI & PUGLIA (TOUR CODE: 14210)

STARTS AND ENDS

Rome to
Lecce

TRAVEL PERIODS

21 Apr 25 - 03 Nov 25

EXPERIENCE

Escorted
Food & Wine

TRAVEL STYLE

Escorted Group Tour

Discover the wonders of Southern Italy with a 10-day journey through Rome, Sorrento, Capri, and Puglia. Immerse yourself in history, coastal beauty, and rustic charm, including a unique Trulli stay in Alberobello.

Highlights

- Explore the coastal charm of **Sorrento** and step back in time at **Pompeii**, the ancient city preserved by volcanic ash.
- **Guaranteed Departures**
- Guided visits in **Bari, Matera & Lecce**
- Experience an **artisanal dairy in Puglia**, where a cheese-making tour ends with a delicious tasting of local cheeses and olive oil.
- Explore **Locorotondo and Otranto**, both certified as "Borghi", charming Italian villages known for their history and beauty.
- Sleep in an authentic **Trullo** Cone House in Alberobello

Your journey begins with a 2-night stay in Rome, including visits to the Vatican, Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Square. Next, board a comfortable coach for Sorrento, with an exciting stop en route at Pompeii, where you can savour an authentic Neapolitan pizza. You'll then enjoy 2 relaxing nights in Sorrento, soaking up the beauty of the Amalfi Coast.

From there, head to Bari, the capital of Puglia, and explore its historic old town, including the Basilica of San Nicola. Continue to Trani, another charming seaport town, before visiting Castel del Monte, a 13th-century citadel and UNESCO World Heritage Site. In Alberobello, discover the famous whitewashed Trulli houses, also a UNESCO site.

Proceed to Matera, known for the ancient cave dwellings of Sassi di Matera, a UNESCO-listed site. Explore Puglia's "white towns," including Locorotondo and Ostuni. Finally, visit Lecce, renowned for its Baroque architecture, and the picturesque coastal town of Otranto, home to a stunning cathedral and the Aragonese Castle.



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 9-night accommodation in 4-star hotels
- Transportation by coach
- Daily breakfast
- Dinners as per itinerary
- Cooking class experience
- Tour of Pompeii with "Skip the Line" and a lunch with an authentic Neapolitan pizza and 1 drink included
- Tour of Capri with Blue Grotto (weather permitting)
- See the UNESCO sites of Castel Del Monte, Alberobello and Matera

ITINERARY

Day **1**

Rome

Welcome to Rome! Meet with our driver at the airport and transfer to your hotel.

The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Overnight stay in Rome at **Hotel St Martin** or similar.



Day **2**

Rome

Enjoy a breakfast at your hotel.

Today your driver will take you to the Vatican area. Upon arrival, meet your highly professional guide and embark on a captivating tour of the **Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Square**, bypassing any lengthy queues. Marvel at the remarkable masterpieces of Renaissance art, such as the extraordinary Gallery of Tapestries, the opulent Gallery of Maps, the breathtaking Raphael's Rooms, and the world-renowned Sistine Chapel. Completing the tour, you will have the opportunity to appreciate St. Peter's Square, a grand open space that acts as a gateway to the basilica. This iconic square, skillfully redesigned by Gian Lorenzo Bernini, stands as an architectural masterpiece of the Baroque era. From the exterior, you will gaze upon St. Peter's Basilica, not only the largest church in the world but also home to numerous remarkable works of fine art, including Gian Lorenzo Bernini's intricate canopy and Michelangelo's awe-inspiring Pietà.

Concluding the tour, you will have leisure time to explore Rome's hidden corners at your own pace.

Overnight stay in Rome at **Hotel St Martin** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **3**

Rome Naples & Pompeii Sorrento

Your journey commences by heading south along the renowned Sun Highway, traversing the fertile Roman countryside and the region known as Castelli Romani, which is adorned with captivating medieval villages. Eventually, you will arrive in **Naples**, one of Italy's largest and most renowned cities.

Begin with a **brief panoramic tour ascending to Vomero hill**, where you can indulge in breathtaking views of the Gulf of Naples, featuring the majestic presence of Vesuvius, Capri, Ischia, Procida, and the bustling city below. Take advantage of this opportunity to capture some memorable photographs. Descend towards the port of Mergellina, bid farewell to the city, and continue your journey south towards Mount Vesuvius.

Upon reaching the town of Pompeii, **savour an authentic Neapolitan pizza for lunch**, followed by a captivating visit to one of the most significant archaeological sites in the world.

The ruins of **Pompeii, a UNESCO World Heritage Site**, grant you the privilege of a Skip the Line entrance and a guided tour. Explore the haunting remains of Pompeii, transporting yourself back to the tragic days of 79 AD when the once-silent Mount Vesuvius suddenly erupted, engulfing the prosperous Roman city in lethal volcanic ashes and toxic gases. These remnants have remained preserved to this day, offering a glimpse into the daily lives of its inhabitants. Marvel at the residences and "bars" of that era, admire the frescoes and mosaics, and envision the opulence and prosperity that once emanated from this city before that fateful day.

After the tour, continue your journey along the enchanting Sorrentine Coast, ultimately arriving in **Sorrento**. Here, you will relish a dinner (with a dress code requiring jackets for men) and spend the night in your exquisite new hotel.

Overnight stay in Sorrento at **Michelangelo hotel** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **4**

Sorrento Capri Sorrento

After breakfast, we'll head to **Capri** island. Weather permitting, we'll hop on a boat to visit the famous and enchanting "Grotta Azzurra" (Blue Grotto), where sunlight shines through the water, creating a magical blue reflection. Once we're back at the port, we'll hop on a minibus for a scenic drive up to Anacapri, which sits 918 feet above sea level.

From there, you'll enjoy breathtaking views of the bay of Naples and have some free time for lunch (lunch not included).

Afterward, you can explore Capri at your own pace or do some shopping. Finally, we'll head back to Marina Grande and return to the mainland.

In the evening, a delightful dinner will be provided.

Overnight stay in Sorrento at **Michelangelo hotel** or similar.

Please note that during peak season, visiting the Blue Grotto in Capri may involve long lines and limited capacity. If access is not possible, or the weather conditions do not allow it, our guides will suggest alternative attractions to ensure a satisfying and memorable tour (e.g. Faraglioni rocks).

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 5

Sorrento Bari

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before leaving Sorrento.

After breakfast, board the bus that will take you on an unforgettable journey to **Bari**, the vibrant heart of Puglia. Along the way, we will make a delightful **stop at a local artisanal dairy**, where you'll have the opportunity to immerse yourself in the rich dairy traditions of Puglia. You will be warmly welcomed and guided through a tour that unveils the secrets of traditional cheese-making, showcasing the true treasures of the region's gastronomy. The tour will conclude with a tasting of typical products, accompanied by fresh bread and extra virgin olive oil, offering an authentic taste of Puglia's flavours.

Upon arrival in Bari, time to check in your hotel.

In the afternoon, join a **walking tour** to learn about the city's history and its most relevant monuments. Walk through the charming narrow alleys of the old city center, admire the Basilica of San Nicola where the remains of Saint Nicholas of Myra are preserved and the Norman-Swabian Castle, a 12th century fortress built by Roger the Norman and rebuilt by Frederick II of Swabia. Be amazed by the astonishing view that you can enjoy from the fortress (admission fee for the Castle at own expense). After the visit, reach Piazza Mercantile where you will see the ancient Column of Justice.

Enjoy a dinner at the hotel.

Overnight stay in Bari at **Hotel Excelsior** or Similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 6

Bari Trani Castel Del Monte Alberobello

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel before leaving Bari by coach to reach **Trani**. Known as the 'Pearl of Puglia', the medieval town of Trani is one of the most remarkable cities of Southern Italy. Discover its art and monuments, visit the Jewish quarter and the wonderful white stone Cathedral.

In the afternoon, reach **Castel Del Monte**, one of Puglia's most acclaimed landmarks. Visit this UNESCO World Heritage Site built in the 13th century under Roger the Norman, one of the most enlightened kings in history. The building is a harmonious geometrical complex, shaped as an octagon and surrounded by a still unsolved mystery.

Your journey will continue towards **Alberobello**: a world-known UNESCO World Heritage Site made famous by the "Trulli". These drystone cone-shaped houses were built in the 14th century from local limestone and this village is really unique, with a fairytale-like atmosphere. The town of Alberobello gets its name from the ancient oak forest of "Arboris Belli" (beautiful trees) that once covered the area. It is possible to see these typical buildings all over the Itria Valley.

Dinner at the hotel is included.

Overnight stay in Alberobello at **Trulli Holidays Resort** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



ALBEROBELLO

Day **7**

Alberobello Matera Alberobello

After breakfast, the coach will take you to this incredible **UNESCO World Heritage Site: Matera**.

Visit and learn the history of the "Sassi di Matera" (Stones of Matera), caves that have been used as houses for over 9.000 years! that are part of the historic center of the city. Admire the Romanesque Cathedral that overlooks the city, its beautiful "Campanile" (Bell Tower) and enjoy the amazing view of the "Sassi". Transfer back to Alberobello in the late afternoon.

Dinner at the hotel is included.

Overnight stay in Alberobello at **Trulli Holidays Resort** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



SASSI DI MATERA

Day **8**

Alberobello Locorotondo Ostuni Lecce

Breakfast in the "square" of the hotel (consider 200 mts from the Trulli).

Leave Alberobello by coach and reach **Locorotondo**. Enjoy some free time to visit this small town that is part of the “white towns” of Puglia. Board on the coach again and travel to **Ostuni**: located between the “Trulli” region and Salento, overlooks the coastal plain rich of ancient olive trees. Free time at your disposal to explore another “white town” with free time for lunch, shopping and tasting of several local products like the world’s famous Ostuni olive oil (all at your own expenses).

In the late afternoon, get again on board of the coach and reach **Lecce** in the heart of the Salento region. Later, enjoy a dinner in Lecce.

Overnight stay in Lecce at **Hotel Delle Palme** or Similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **9**

Lecce Otranto Lecce

After breakfast at your hotel, enjoy a **3 hour guided visit of the city**, learn the history of **Lecce**, visit the old town center, the 12th century Cathedral, the Basilica of Santa Croce and Piazza del Duomo.

After the visit, board on the coach and leave Lecce. You will reach **Otranto** where you will have some free time at your disposal for lunch. Spend the afternoon visiting the wonderful city of Otranto at your pace. Over the centuries, the city has been invaded by an impressive number of populations, amongst the others we can find traces of Greek, Roman and Turkish cultures. Wander around the old quarters to see how these cultures have blended together. Don't forget to visit the iconic Cathedral where the bones of 813 martyrs are displayed in a glass case behind the altar. See its marvelous mosaic floor which rivals the well-known mosaics of Ravenna in its richness and significance.

In the early evening, reach **Supersano** where you will have **dinner at the “Masseria le Stanzie”**. Visit this ancient farm, learn about the history and culture of Puglia. See how homemade pasta is made and visit the medieval tombs that are part of the farm. Dinner with typical meals and products from the region. In the night, travel back to Lecce.

Overnight stay in Lecce at **Hotel Delle Palme** or Similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 10 Lecce

Enjoy one final breakfast at the hotel. End of our services.

Opportunity to add a private transfer to Brindisi or Bari (extra cost), check with our friendly team.

Breakfast

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE	LOCAL CURRENCY
Italian	EURO

- No age limit
- All passengers must be able to indepently board and alight the coach.
- We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit. The package price is based on 4-star accommodation.
- A minivan with driver/guide, normally not equipped with wifi, will be provided if the number of participants is equal to or less than eight.
- For organizational reasons, the itinerary may be reversed or modified without notice. In this case, our supplier ensures similar visits and excursions in accordance with the spirit of the tour program.
- Blackout dates may apply during festive season.

Excluded

- International airfares and city taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package