

ITALIAN JOURNEYS

Southern Gems

12 Days · Private Journey

Naples · Pompeii & Vesuvius · Matera · Alberobello · Bari · Lecce & Otranto

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THE JOURNEY

The south, served generously — twelve days celebrating southern Italy's rich culinary heritage, warm hospitality and deeply rooted traditions. Walk Naples from its buzzing markets down into a hidden ancient world; stand in Pompeii's frescoed streets before a long lunch at a winery on the slopes of Vesuvius; taste your way through Matera's cave districts; and wander Puglia's whitewashed villages, from Alberobello's trulli to the golden façades of Lecce. Private transfers, expert guides and centrally located hotels throughout — all flavor, no friction.



DAY BY DAY

Day 1 — Arrive in Naples. Your private driver greets you at Naples Airport; after check-in, the rest of the day is at leisure — rest, explore, or enjoy your first Neapolitan meal.

Day 2 — Naples Above & Below. A captivating full private day: vibrant markets, noble piazzas and centuries-old alleyways above ground, then down into Naples' underground — a maze of chambers and tunnels carved over millennia as aqueducts, catacombs and wartime shelters.

Day 3 — Pompeii & the Taste of Time. A private guided tour of Pompeii, where ancient streets and frescoed villas bring a vanished civilization to life; then a leisurely lunch and wine tasting at a local estate near the slopes of Vesuvius.

Day 4 — To Matera. Check out and transfer eastward to the unique city of Matera; the rest of the day is yours to enjoy the stunning views of the Sassi.

Day 5 — Tasting Matera. Explore Matera through its most authentic flavors on a guided tasting tour with four curated stops — ancient breads baked in stone ovens, local cheeses, cured meats and traditional sweets, each bite a story of heritage and resilience.

Day 6 — Good Morning, Pistachios. A morning visit to a local pistachio farm for a guided tasting and immersive experience — cultivation, production, and plenty of sampling; the afternoon is free in Matera.

Day 7 — Matera to Bari, via Alberobello. A scenic stop for a two-hour private tour of UNESCO-listed Alberobello and its whitewashed, cone-roofed trulli, straight out of a fairytale; arrive in Bari in the afternoon.

Day 8 — Bari Gastronomy & Olive Oil Heritage. A guided gastro tour of Bari Vecchia, tasting street foods and traditional recipes in the city's oldest quarter; then Castel del Monte viewed from the outside, and a guided olive oil tour and tasting at a traditional olive mill.

Day 9 — To Lecce, via Locorotondo. A two-hour guided visit to Locorotondo, a whitewashed hilltop village of perfect circular lanes and flower-filled balconies above the Valle d'Itria; then on to Lecce, the luminous baroque capital of Puglia.

Day 10 — Baroque Elegance to Coastal Light. A two-hour guided tour of Lecce's golden baroque façades and vibrant streets, then along the scenic coastline to Otranto, where your guide reveals the town's rich history and seafront beauty; return to Lecce in the evening.

Day 11 — Lecce at leisure. Sun-drenched piazzas, local ceramics, a final culinary treat — the day is yours. Option: Salento — Gallipoli & Nardò, full day.

Day 12 — Departure. Private transfer to Bari Airport for your flight home — carrying the flavors, landscapes and stories of a deep, soulful Italy.

Included throughout: private airport and intercity transfers, private drivers and guides as listed, all scheduled entries, tasting fees, the Vesuvius winery lunch and the pistachio farm and olive mill experiences, and 11 nights with breakfast in 4- and 5-star hotels — Naples, a luxury boutique hotel in Matera, luxury suites in Bari, and a 5-star hotel in Lecce. Optional experiences are quoted separately, and every journey can be tailored — longer stays, different hotels, extra days on the coast.



Every journey begins with a conversation. Tell us where Italy has been calling you, and we will design the rest — privately, personally, and entirely around you.

Booking your journey: a deposit of 20% confirms your dates, with the balance due two months before arrival. Payment by bank wire or Zelle carries no surcharge; credit card payments add 5%.

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