

JOIN US AS WE DISCOVER PUGLIA, ITALY

Continuing Education, Gastronomy, History and the Ocean

June 7-16, 2019

Thursday, June 6: Depart U.S.

Friday, June 7: Arrive at Naples Airport and transfer to Matera

Welcome dinner at a local restaurant and overnight stay.

Matera is one of the most interesting, unusual and memorable tourist destinations in Italy. In the remote southern region of Basilicata, still little-visited by foreign travelers, it is a town famous for its extensive cave-dwelling districts, the **Sassi**.



Friday, June 7 to Sunday, June 9:

Two Nights at 4-star *Hotel Sant' Angelo*, with breakfast

Sant'Angelo Luxury Resort is located in the enchanting rocky scenery of the **Sassi of Matera**. The hotel is the result of a great restoration process that involved cave-dwellings, buildings, stairs, narrow streets and courtyards -- thus creating a new concept: **the "scattered hotel" or simply "albergo diffuso."**



Saturday, June 8: Matera

Breakfast at the hotel and walking tour of the World Heritage Site City. Rest of the day at leisure .

Sunday, June 9: Transfer to Lecce

Breakfast at hotel and check-out. Transfer to Lecce. Lunch on your own followed by a walking tour of the city known as the pearl of the Apulian Baroque: the striking buildings and the indisputable beauty of its churches make this city the Florence of the south. You will visit Piazza Oronzio, which forms the heart of the city, and see the remains of the Roman amphitheater. The Church of Santa Croce and the cathedral are beautiful examples of the Lecce Baroque. Dinner.



Monday, June 10 to Wednesday, June 12:

Two Nights at 5-star *Hotel Patria Palace*, with Breakfast

Set in a former 18th-century palazzo, this refined hotel is a short walk from the ornate Basilica di Santa Croce and 16th-century Castello Carlo V. The elegant, art deco-style rooms feature cathedral or countryside views and marble bathrooms. A chic bar with a rooftop garden adds to the ambiance of this classic hotel.



Monday, June 10: Otranto

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by CE lecture. Time at leisure with an afternoon transfer to Otranto for time to relax and enjoy this historic seaside town. Dinner on your own.

Tuesday, June 11: Cooking Class and Transfer to Alberobello

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out. We then head toward Alberobello with a stop en-route for a hands-on, traditional Pugliese cooking class, where you will learn how to prepare a 4-course meal under the guidance of local chefs. During the class you will also taste local wines and olive oil ... and listen to opera music in a very festive atmosphere. Then it is on to our very special accommodations.



The *Trulli* of Alberobello

The *trulli*, limestone dwellings found in the southern region of Puglia, are remarkable examples of drywall (mortarless) construction, a prehistoric building technique still in use in this region. The *trulli* are made of roughly worked limestone boulders collected from neighboring fields. Characteristically, they feature pyramidal, domed or conical roofs built up of corbelled limestone slabs. No two Trullis are the same.

Tuesday, June 11 to Thursday, June 13: Two nights at Trulli Holiday Resort

Wednesday, June 12: Alberobello and the Grotto

Breakfast at the hotel followed by a CE lecture. Time at leisure to enjoy Alberobello. In late afternoon, we will drive to Polignano a Mare, where you will have free time for exploring this former Roman town before dinner. Dinner will be in one of the most spectacular restaurants in the world: **Grotta Palazzese**. Carved out of magnificent limestone rocks, with a view over the blue-green Adriatic, the restaurant lies in an unparalleled location.



Thursday, June 13: Trani and Transfer to Vieste

Breakfast at the hotel and check-out. Our first stop is Trani, an off-the-beaten path, beautiful little gem. The city houses the so-called “Queen of Cathedrals,” located directly on the sea. Lunch will be served just a few steps away: the excellent cuisine and the location make “Le Lampare al Fortino” the best restaurant in town. After lunch, take a walk through the sunny streets of Trani and reach the castle for a brief visit, then continue to Vieste and check into our hotel.

Vieste is an attractive whitewashed town jutting off the Gargano's easternmost promontory into the Adriatic Sea. It's the Gargano capital and sits above the area's most spectacular beach, a gleaming wide strip backed by sheer white cliffs and over-shadowed by the towering rock monolith. Located on Vieste's seafront, **Hotel Pizzomunno** is next to its own private beach and offers a wide range of sports facilities and dining options. The fusion of antique and contemporary amenities reflects the charm of an elegant and exclusive atmosphere.

Friday, June 14: Vieste Coastline with Caicco Boat

Breakfast at the hotel. Full day excursion along the breathtaking Vieste coastline including a typical fish lunch on board and stops for swimming in this pristine water. Dinner on your own.



Saturday, June 15: Transfer to Naples

Breakfast at the hotel followed by a CE lecture. Transfer to Naples and have the afternoon at leisure. This evening, enjoy traditional and world- renowned Neapolitan pizza.

Sunday, June 16: Fly home



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ⇒ 2 Nights at **PIZZOMUNNO VIESTE PALACE HOTEL**
- ⇒ 2 Nights at **TRULLI HOLIDAY RESORT**
- ⇒ 2 Nights at **HOTEL PATRIA PALACE**
- ⇒ 2 Nights at **HOTEL SANT'ANGELO**
- ⇒ 1 Night at **HOTEL ROYAL CONTINENTAL**
- ⇒ Breakfast Daily
- ⇒ 4 Dinners (including wine)
- ⇒ 3 Lunches (including wine)
- ⇒ Cooking Class
- ⇒ Transfers, Entrance Fees and Local Taxes

\$3,650 Per Person

By Check or +3%

Based on Double Occupancy

Single Supplement +\$800

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- ⇒ Air fare to Italy
- ⇒ Gratuities
- ⇒ Anything not listed in the Program

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