

HIDDEN TREASURES OF SOUTHERN ITALY

9 days from Naples to Sorrento

VACATION OVERVIEW

Although Italy is full of wondrous gems across “the boot,” some of its greatest treasures are hidden closer to its heel. In the Apulia region, known for its centuries-old farmland, whitewashed towns, and miles of scenic coastline, the water is bluer, the produce is fresher, and the pace is delightfully slower. This Undiscovered tour of Southern Italy invites you to kick back and live la dolce vita as you travel from heel to ankle, vineyard to grove, and clifftop to cave. From the scenic bluffs of lemon-scented Sorrento to the stunning 90-million-year-old caves of Castellana, you will experience Southern Italy’s hottest sights—and coolest. At a special wine tasting at a local masseria, you’ll raise your glass to the many highlights of “the heel,” including its castles and conical houses, ancient ruins and fresh ricotta, and its eternal sunshine and sunny disposition.



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DAY 1 ARRIVE IN NAPLES, ITALY

Welcome to Naples! At 6 pm, meet your Tour Director and travel companions for a welcome dinner at your hotel. 🍽️ Dinner

DAY 2 NAPLES

A Slice of Life in Napoli NAPLES Guided sightseeing includes Palazzo Reale. Enjoy free time this afternoon. **TOUR HIGHLIGHT:** Naples delivers Old World charm in spades as one of Italy’s oldest cities. From its regal Palazzo Reale to the 13th-century Duomo di San Gennaro’s frescoed masterpieces to nearby Mount Vesuvius to the most famous pizza in the world served throughout the city in Neapolitan style. A stroll along the promenade beside the Bay of Naples reveals why locals and visitors choose this spot to soak in the sunset on the Mediterranean Sea. 🍳 Breakfast

DAY 3 NAPLES–CASTEL DEL MONTE–BARI

CASTEL DEL MONTE: Take a guided visit the medieval castle.

BARI Enjoy free time late afternoon and evening.

174 mi / 280 km

TOUR HIGHLIGHT: Built by Holy Roman emperor Frederick II, the 13th-century Castel del Monte remains one of the most revered cultural sites in Puglia. This spectacular octagonal fortress is listed by UNESCO World Heritage as a unique masterpiece of medieval military architecture from its rocky hilltop perch where it dominated the Kingdom of Sicily and thrills visitors today. 🍳 Breakfast

DAY 4 BARI–OSTUNI–LECCE 112 mi / 180 km

BARI A guided walking tour includes the Old Town, San Nicola's Church, and local focaccia tasting.

OSTUNI Free time to browse and for lunch.

LECCE Free time late afternoon and evening.

LOCAL FAVORITE: The beauty of Italian culinary specialties is that no two regions approach recipes in the same way. Take the traditional Focaccia Barese (from Bari). The dough is made with the local staple of potatoes to create a bread that's not too tall but perfectly soft in the middle. Between the crunchy edges of baked mashed potato are ripe tomatoes, oregano, olive oil, and olives for the perfect palate-pleasing experience. ☕ **Breakfast**



DAY 5 LECCE. EXCURSION TO OTRANTO 62 mi / 100 km

LECCE A Guided walking tour includes the Duomo and Santa Croce Basilica. Taste a local pasticciotto (filled pastry) and almond coffee.

OTRANTO Orientation and free time to browse before returning to Lecce.

LOCAL FAVORITE: Traditional pasticciotto is the beloved cream-filled pastry of Lecce, which graces the shelves of Apulia's bakeries and restaurants. Legend has it that this ubiquitous confection was invented by happy accident when chef Andrea Ascalone made too much cake batter, using the excess ingredients to mix up the original pasticciotto (meaning mishap or mess in Italian) - a smaller cake with a creamy filling. Sink your teeth into this heavenly pastry with an almond iced coffee to complete the experience.



☕ Breakfast 🍴 Dinner

DAY 6 LECCE–ALBEROBELLO–CASTELLANA GROTTA 81 mi / 130 km

ALBEROBELLO: A guided walking tour includes a visit to a Trullo (traditional stone conical-roof hut).

CASTELLANA GROTTA: Take a guided visit to the underground caves. Enjoy a wine and olive oil tasting followed by dinner at local masseria (local farmhouse).

LOCAL FAVORITE: The Grotte du Castellana is one of the largest cave systems in Italy stretching for over two miles. The underground tunnels are a natural marvel with stunning geological formations illuminated in a rainbow of hues as the sun moves through the sky. ☕ Breakfast 🍴 Dinner



DAY 7 CASTELLANA GROTTA–PAESTUM–SORRENTO 224 mi / 360 km

PAESTUM Take a guided visit to the archaeological site en route to Sorrento.

TOUR HIGHLIGHT: Go off the beaten path to the stunning archaeological site of Greek and Roman architecture. Just an hour south of Salerno, Paestum is home to three Greek temples and fascinating burial paintings from the 5th-century BC. Marvel at this UNESCO of World Heritage Site considered one of the most beautiful archaeological sites in Italy. ☕ Breakfast

DAY 8 SORRENTO

SORRENTO: Orientation walk in the old town.

Free time late morning and afternoon. Farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

TOUR HIGHLIGHT: Just as the sirens of Greek mythology lured sailors to the rocky shores of Sorrento, we are drawn to its alluring panoramas, sun-washed beaches, bistros, and boutiques. Take a seat in a sidewalk cafe to peruse the picturesque panoramas on the Bay of Naples. ☕ Breakfast 🍴 Dinner

DAY 9 SORRENTO

Safe travels until we meet again! Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. The nearest airport is Naples.

☕ Breakfast

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MEALS

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HOTELS:

NAPLES - STARHOTEL TERMINUS

First-Class (Hotel as shown or similar)

The Terminus hotel offers a 4 star retreat from everyday life in the midst of lively Naples. It is located in a strategic location just steps from the metro L1 stop Garibaldi, which offers easy transport to reach the main attractions of the city.



BARI - GRANDE ALBERGO DELLE NAZIONI

Superior First-Class (Hotel as shown or similar)

Located in one of the most elegant areas of Bari seafront, the Grande Albergo Delle Nazioni blends tradition and modernity. This stylish resort is an established luxury landmark in the Levantine city and combines history and spirituality building a bridge between East and West. It offers a spectacular rooftop swimming pool with hydro-massage tub and a panoramic view over the sea, and two restaurants which stand out for their refined cuisine that combines the traditional Mediterranean diet with the most innovative trends of contemporary international cuisine. Overlooking the Adriatic sea, this property has its own access to a private beach and it is the ideal place to enjoy an unforgettable stay in Bari.



LECCE - HILTON GARDEN INN Superior First-Class (Hotel as shown or similar).

Set in a quiet residential area in the heart of the Salentine Peninsula, just a short distance away from the stunning attractions of Lecce's historic city center also known as 'The Florence of the South'. This contemporary hotel boasts a complimentary 24-hour fitness center, spa facility and a seasonal rooftop outdoor swimming pool with views of the city skyline. All 143 rooms are designed for extra comfort with Garden Sleep System® beds, air-conditioning, and complimentary Wi-Fi access. A full-service restaurant offers Italian cuisine in a contemporary and refined atmosphere, 24-hour Pavilion Pantry. The trendy looking bar offers drinks and light bites in stylish surroundings.



CASTELLANA GROTTE - SEMIRAMIDE PALACE First-Class (Hotel as shown or similar). Immersed in a luscious green garden a few steps away from charming and out-of-the-beaten-tracks town of Castellana Grotte, hotel Semiramide Palace offers a unique rooftop terrace where you will enjoy scenic views of the Puglia countryside. Relax outdoors in the swimming pool or on the surrounding sun deck, fully equipped with sun loungers. Indoors you can take advantage of a modern spa with showers, a sauna, a Turkish bath and a massage area. Complimentary Wi-Fi internet access.



SORRENTO - GRAND HOTEL VESUVIO First-Class (Hotel as shown or similar). The Grand Hotel Vesuvio, built and furnished in a modern style, is located in a charming position, overlooking the enchanting Bay of Naples and right opposite Vesuvius. It offers a large swimming pools with separate section for children, gardens, extensive lemon and orange groves, wide lounges, conference rooms, garage, parking, solarium, free shuttle bus into town, 4, restaurants, 3 bars. The hotel reflects the typical Sorrentine style with ample common spaces dotted by impressive marble columns and mosaic flooring. Out of 225 rooms, 105 overlooks the see while the rest face the lavish inner garden.



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