



LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEY Pearls of Puglia & Amalfi Coast

INCLUDED WITH EVERY LUXURY TAILOR MADE JOURNEY

- English-Speaking Resident Tour Director and Local Guides
- Hand-Selected Boutique Accommodations
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- Internet Access
- Entrance Fees, Taxes and All Gratuities Except Resident Tour Director
- Guaranteed Departures with Just Two Guests

DAY 1 ○ ARRIVAL BARI, PUGLIA

Arrive in historic, vibrant Bari where you will be transferred to your luxury hotel.
Masseria Torre Maizza
Meals:

DAY 2 ○ PUGLIA | CONICAL SHAPED TRULLI HOUSING

Today, explore central Puglia, starting from the UNESCO World Heritage town of Alberobello dotted with distinctive, cone-shaped trulli residences. Houses built as immigrant residences in the 15th century were built without binding materials for their rapid demolition. Continue to Cisternino, where you cross streets, climb stairs and walk under arches marked by decorative figure heads believed to drive away evil spirits. Next, meet a local butcher who has been providing superior cuts to locals since 1948, and enjoy a chef-prepared meal in these charming circles. Proceed to the crown-shaped Locorotondo, one of Italy's most beautiful villages. Perched majestically on a hill overlooking the countryside, the town is adorned with whitewashed, floral houses with stone stairs and balconies. Before heading back to your hotel, meet a maestro trullaro, one of the few locals who still trulli the old-fashioned road. Seasonally, you can visit the breathtaking medieval village of Polignano a Mare and enjoy a seafood snack accompanied by local wine in a traditional restaurant with sea views. Return to your hotel and spend the rest of the evening at your leisure.

Masseria Torre Maizza
Meals: Breakfast

DAY 3 ○ LECCE | LIQUID GOLD

After breakfast, head south to Lecce, stopping en route to visit an olive oil producer at an ancient masseria (farming estate). Watch how olives are pressed and sample a variety of local olive oils. Learn how olives have been central to the region's evolution since Roman times, including its hey-day, when its oil was considered "liquid gold," a commodity once used to fuel all of the streetlights in London. Next stop in the "White City" of Ostuni, a monumental olive-tree-swathed plateau of the lower Murgia. Take a guided walk along its sun-drenched streets and quaint, cobbled alleyways, taking in panoramas of the surrounding landscape and Adriatic Sea. See the Rione Terra district at the heart of the medieval walled village and the magnificent Gothic cathedral. Also behold the city's iconic olive trees, with their massive gnarled trunks, some of which may date back 3,000 years. Continue to the oldest bakery in Ostuni, set in a 14th-century building, to discover how this family-run business has turned out

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renowned bread, focaccia and cookies from an olivewood-fired oven since the 1920s. Then, proceed to Lecce, where you check in to your hotel.
La Fiermontina Urban Resort in Lecce
Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4 ○ **LECCE | SALENTO JEWELRY**

Spend today exploring Lecce, a Baroque "Southern Florence". Take a scenic walking tour through the city, seeing the Piazza del Duomo, the master Basilica of Santa Croce and the Roman amphitheater. Take a pasticciotto cake making class by learning the secrets behind making this beloved, custard-filled confectionery. Next, master the complex art of pulp that has played an important role in Lecce's culture and religious legacy since the 17th century. After creating your own masterpiece, return to your hotel for an afternoon at your leisure.
La Fiermontina Urban Resort in Lecce
Meals: Breakfast

DAY 5 ○ **OTRANTO | BRIDGE TO THE MEDITERRANEAN**

Travel to Otranto, the easternmost part of Italy, a "bridge" connecting the country to the Mediterranean. Upon arrival in the afternoon, take a scenic cruise along the beach, seeing Castro, Tricase Porto, and Grotta della Poesia. Otranto's Old Town, surrounded by Aragon walls, overlooks crystalline waters. Punctuated by white houses and paved streets, it was founded by the Greeks in the Byzantine period as a commercial, political and religious center and an important trading port with the East. The medieval town center, once a great fortress, reminds visitors of the threats posed by the Turks, and the culmination of this threat includes a tragic invasion in 1480. Otranto's cathedral is home to a magnificent 12th-century mosaic floor that blends the pagan, Old Testament and New Testament images to capture the culture of the time. Return to your hotel in Lecce for an evening of your free time.
La Fiermontina Urban Resort in Lecce
Meals: Breakfast

DAY 6 ○ **MATERA | SINGLE CAVE HOUSES**

Transfer to Matera, one of the oldest cities in the world. Permanently inhabited for 10,000 years, this magical open-air museum - a UNESCO World Heritage Site - is a unique tangle of cave houses, magnificent Baroque palaces, and beautiful stone churches. The biblical landscape at dusk looks like an enormous nursery. Proceed through the sassi (city districts) to see the dark caves of Murgia; rock-cut churches of religious communities; and the elegant Piano streets filled with 17th century monasteries and palaces. To complete your exploration of this ancient city, descend into deep cisterns and canals that were once used to gather water.
Palazzo Margherita
Meals: Breakfast

DAY 7 ○ **AMALFI COAST | POMPEII GRADES**

Set off for the beautiful Amalfi Coast, stopping on the way to Pompeii, where you embark on a two-hour walking tour of the once wealthy town. Pompeii's extensive and diverse ruins offer a rich insight into the history of the Roman Empire. Destroyed by the volcanic eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD, this unearthed treasure reveals temples, forums, amphitheaters, a brothel, and casts of people killed by falling ash and pumice. You can also choose to meet your Guardian Angel for a delicious neon yellow limoncello tasting, a locally produced liquor and digestive product made from alcohol infused with lemon zest. Continue to your luxury hotel in Sorrento, with unrivaled views of the Bay of Naples.
Grand Hotel Excelsior Vittoria
Meals: Breakfast

DAY 8 ○ **CAPRI | BREATHABLE BLUE GROTTTO**

Leave the mainland of Italy behind (weather permitting) on a ferry to the stunning Capri. Alternatively, transfer to the island by private boat. On arrival, stroll through Capri's charming, boutique-filled streets. Then, board a public boat that takes you to the enchanting, iridescent Blue Grotto. Observe the magical light that illuminates the rocky walls of the cave. Continue sightseeing or choose to explore the beautiful Villa San Michele in Anacapri, the Church of San Michele or the summit of Monte Solaro reached by ski lift. Return to your hotel on the mainland for an evening of your free time.
Grand Hotel Excelsior Vittoria
Meals: Breakfast

DAY 9 ○ **AMALFI COAST | AMAZING COASTAL VILLAGES**

Explore the legendary Amalfi coast by private vehicle, starting with a visit to the charming village of Ravello with stunning coastal views. Take in the views of lovely Villa Rufolo before continuing to Amalfi. See the Duomo, surrounded by a beautifully colored 13th-century façade. Stop for lunch at an exquisite restaurant with sea views. Continue north to see a kaleidoscope of lagoons, sandy coves, dizzying cliffs, and sun-baked villages on your way to vibrant Positano. Wander along the narrow lanes of

the village, descending towards the sparkling sea, where stylish restaurants serve the side of the day. You can choose to take a sunset cruise along the beautiful Amalfi Coast by jet by private motor boat while enjoying a twilight dinner prepared by your on-board chef. Follow the coast to elegant Sorrento, the Belle Époque treasure of elegant streets with spectacular views of the Bay of Naples. Alternatively, spend the day exploring the Sorrentine Peninsula privately by Vespa, exploring neighborhoods and attractions that are inaccessible on foot. Stop to take photos along the way, learn about the region's wonderful history, and interact with the locals. You can also take a break for a coffee and a delicious pastry. End with an unforgettable cruise along the Sorrento coast.

Grand Hotel Excelsior Vittoria
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 10 ○

DEPART NAPLES

Transfer to the Naples airport and board your departure flight.
Meals: Breakfast
