



Southern Italy Rome and “the Heel” Oct. 9-19, 2020

times are approximate and may adjust daily

Day 1 Fri, Oct 9

Depart US

**Oct 10-16, Alberobello
(6 nights) [Trulli Holiday](#)**

Day 2 Sat, Oct 10

Mid-day arrival in Bari (BRI); transfer to Alberobello

4:00 walking tour of historic center

6:00 Prosecco welcome

7:00 dinner

Meal service: reception, dinner

Day 3 Sun, Oct 11

Breakfast

10:00 depart for The White City, [Ostuni](#)

1:00 [L'acropoli di Puglia](#) – olive oil producer, tasting lunch

3:00 return to Alberobello to relax, explore

7:30 dinner

Meal service: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 4 Mon, Oct 12

Breakfast

10:30 depart for Museo Archeologico Nazionale di Metaponto – Greek temple and museum

1:00 lunch on the beach (Ionian Sea)

3:00 return to Alberobello

7:30 dinner

Meal service: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 5 Tues, Oct 13

9:30 depart for Brindisi (Adriatic Sea) and [Lecce](#) “the Florence” of southern Italy

11:00 free time to explore; lunch at leisure

3:30 depart for Gallipoli to see castle, old town

5:30 depart for Alberobello with stop for dinner

9:30 return to Alberobello

Meals: breakfast, dinner

Day 6 Wed, Oct 14

8:00 breakfast

9:00 depart for [Matera](#) and its cave-houses

11:00 tour, lunch in a cave; free time to explore

6:00 return to Alberobello, evening at leisure

Meal service: breakfast, lunch

Day 7 Thurs, Oct 15

Breakfast, morning at leisure

10:30 [i Pastini](#) winery tour and tasting

1:45 depart for cave tour at “[Le grotte di Castellana](#)”

4:00 return to Alberobello

7:30 dinner

Meal service: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Oct 16-19, Rome

(3 nights) [Hotel Atlante Garden](#)

Day 8 Fri, Oct 16

Breakfast

8:00 depart for train station

9:00 high-speed train to Rome (picnic lunch on the train)

2:00 Driving tour of the city

5:00 check in to Atlante Garden

7:30 dinner

Meal service: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 9 Sat, Oct 17

Breakfast

Morning free (Forum, Colosseum, shopping)
5:30 Pasta cooking lesson on Tiberina Island
Meal service: breakfast, dinner

Day 10 Sun, Oct 18

Breakfast

8:45 Private tour of Vatican Museums,
Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica

1:00 afternoon, lunch at leisure

7:30 farewell dinner

Meal service: breakfast, dinner

Day 11 Mon, Oct 19

Breakfast; depart for Rome airport for
afternoon/evening arrival

Special note:

Italy is beautiful, rich in history and culture – and fairly unpredictable. Italians are lovely, generous people, but they don't necessarily run the "tight ship" we're used to. I will manage everything I can, and I expect that everything is set. But things do happen after a plan has been made! I encourage flexibility – and being open to the magic of serendipity. You will likely hear this more than once during your trip: "It's all part of the adventure!"

