



Southern Italy The Heel of the Boot and Rome Oct. 18-28, 2020

times are approximate and may adjust daily

Day 1 Tues, Oct 18: Overnight travel

Depart US

**Oct 19-24, Alberobello
(5 nights) [il Gabbellota](#)**

Day 2 Wed, Oct 19: Alberobello

Mid-day arrival in Bari (BRI); transfer to Alberobello; check in to our “trullo” rooms

4:00 Segway tour of historic center

6:00 Prosecco welcome

7:00 dinner

- Includes: airport transfer, private Segway tour, reception, dinner, hotel



Day 3 Thurs, Oct 20: Castellana Caves

Breakfast, morning at leisure

1:00 depart for cave tour at Le grotte di Castellana; walk through underground network of stalactites and stalagmites and more.

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2:30 Masseria Brancati, tour of ancient olive grove, mill and olive oil tasting. Trees in Apulia are as old as 3,000 years!

4:30 return to Alberobello

7:30 dinner in a trullo

- Includes: breakfast, private driver, cave tour, olive grove tour and oil tasting, dinner

Day 4 Fri, Oct 21: Taranto on the Ionian Sea

Breakfast

9:00 depart for Taranto for guided visit to Greek ruins, castle

1:00 lunch stop near Taranto

3:00 stop at i Pastini winery for tour, wine tasting

7:30 dinner near our hotel

- Includes: breakfast, private transfer and castle tour, lunch, wine tasting, dinner, hotel



Day 5 Sat, Oct 22: Matera in Basilicata

Breakfast

9:00 depart for Matera and its unique cave-houses

10:30 walking tour, lunch in a cave

2:00 free time to explore

6:00 return to Alberobello, evening at leisure

- Includes: breakfast, private transfer, private walking tour, lunch, hotel

Day 6 Sun, Oct 23: Monopoli

Breakfast

10:00 depart for Monopoli on the Adriatic side of the “heel”

1:30 free time for shopping, exploring, lunch

4:30 depart

7:30 dinner experience at Lisi Anna

- Includes: breakfast, private transfer, private walking tour, dinner, hotel

Oct 24-28, (4 nights)
Atlante Star Hotel, Rome

Day 7 Mon, Oct 24: Travel to Rome

Breakfast

9:30 Pack up and depart for Bari train station

12:00 take the high-speed train to Rome

(restaurant car on board or bring your own picnic)

4:00 driver picks up for transfer to hotel; check in and relax

5:00 suggest sunset happy hour in the rooftop bar

7:30 pizza dinner at Rome's best

- Includes: breakfast, private transfer, private tour, dinner, hotel

Day 8 Tues, Oct 25: Rome

Breakfast

9:00 golf cart tour of Rome's highlights

12:30 lunch

2:00 free time

5:00 walking food tour in Trastevere

7:30 evening at leisure

- Includes: breakfast, golf cart tour, food tour, hotel

Day 9 Wed, Oct 26: Rome

Breakfast

Day at leisure – see ideas on next page

9:30 option to attend Papal Audience at St. Peter's

5:00 pizza cooking lesson in Trastevere

7:00 dinner as prepared in class

- Includes: breakfast, private tour, cooking lesson, dinner, hotel



Day 10 Thurs, Oct 27: Rome

Breakfast

9:00 meet our guide for private tour of St.

Peter's, Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel

Option at end to climb the cupola (~€8 per person) Spectacular 360 view of Rome, plus a look down into the sanctuary below.

1:00 afternoon, lunch at leisure

7:30 farewell dinner at local family restaurant

- Includes: breakfast, private tour, Vatican tickets, dinner, hotel

Day 11 Fri, Oct 28: tour ends

Breakfast

~8:00 depart for airport

- Includes: breakfast, private transfer

Tour Inclusions:

- 5 nights, Alberobello
- 4 nights, Rome
- 4 private guided tours: Alberobello, Taranto, Monopoli, Matera, Vatican
- Private city tour of Rome via golf carts
- Walking food tour
- Admission to Castellana Caves, ancient olive Masseria,
- Private drivers and airport transfer
- Tickets for funicular (mountainside train) and chairlift on Capri
- Private sunset cruise to Positano
- Private boat to Amalfi
- Ferries to Capri and Naples
- Private cooking lesson
- Winery tour and tasting
- Olive oil tasting and tour of ancient grove, mill
- Breakfast every day
- 3 lunches (with wine, water)
- 7 dinners (with wine, water)
- Tips to guides, drivers

Exclusions:

- Airfare
- Tips to hotel staff (concierge or housekeeping)

- Transportation outside the stated schedule
- Travel insurance
- Additional wine or alcoholic beverages beyond what is provided with each meal

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!”

Rome options during free time:

- Scooteroma* – ride with a scooter driver/guide
- Eating Europe* Food Tour
- Borghese Villa/Gallery and Gardens
- Campo dei Fiori – daily market, 7am to 1pm
- Forum/Colosseum – buy tickets online (new “basement” portion now open)
- San Clemente Church – three layers deep, dating back to Pagan/B.C.
- Keyhole view of St. Peters and Orange Garden – Knights of Malta
- Laser [light show](#) at the Forum

