



## South Italy

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Number of people travelling: 6

Recommended period: April to October

Number of vehicles: 1 private vehicle (9-seater)

Fly in: Bari

Fly out: Rome

Accommodation: hotels superior tourist category 4-star or similar, private resorts or villas, twin rooms with matrimonial beds.



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### Highlights:

- 🌀 Trulli of Alberobello, the only one place in the world.
- 🌀 Ostuni, the white city.
- 🌀 Winery on top of a Volcano.
- 🌀 Capri Island and the Faraglioni, the biggest sea-rocks in Europe. On your private boat.
- 🌀 A dinner at Università della Pizza (Pizza University) in Naples.
- 🌀 Breathtaking Civita, the city floating in the air.
- 🌀 Etruscan Italy: nature, scenery and adventure at their best.

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### Tour at a glance

🌿 **2 nights:** Alberobello, South East Italy.

🌿 **1 night:** Matera, South Italy, interior.

🌿 **3 nights:** Amalfi Coast, South West Italy.

🌿 **2 nights:** Orvieto, Central Italy.

🌿 **1 night:** Fiumicino (near Rome intl. airport)



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**Day 1** Airport pick-up, lunch in Bari in a typical restaurant. Transfer to Polignano a Mare and check-in at Hotel San Tommaso (50kms, 45 mins.) After relaxing and freshening up, visit of Polignano a Mare and dinner in Polignano at a typical south-Italian trattoria. Overnight: Polignano a Mare.

**Day 2:** Starting time: 9am - Visit of Ostuni, the «White City» (45 kms from Polignano a Mare, 45mins). Transfer to Turotano (50kms, 40 minutes) for a family lunch (pure vegetarian) in one authentic village of Apulia. After lunch, guided visit of an olive-tree orchard, as Apulia is the world most renowned region for olive cultivation. Guided visit of an olive oil mill. On the way back, visit of Alberobello and its white-washed «TRULLI», the mysterious conical stone house built thousands of years ago. Alberobello is home to the highest concentration of Trulli in Puglia and is recognised as a World Heritage Site by the United Nations. Dinner in the splendid nearby town of Locorotondo.

Overnight: Polignano.

**Day 3:** Starting time: 9.30am - Transfer to Matera, in the State of Basilicata (75 kms) check-in at Hotel del Campo and relax. Lunch at a typical Spaghetti house. After, lunch, visit of Matera and its «Sassi», witnessing the most ancient human settlements on the planet: world heritage site and breath-taking scenery. Dinner in a rock-carved typical restaurant. Overnight: Matera.



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**Day 4** Starting time: 9.00 am. Morning transfer to Naples (about 250 kms) and trip to Vesuvio, the gigantic volcano overhanging Naples and its entire bay. Visit of a local winery with a view of the Vesuvio, wine tasting and lunch at the winery with local products. After lunch, transfer to Naples city (56 kms., 1hr 15 mins) for a guided visit of Opera Theatre San Carlo at 16.30. At 17,30 transfer to Amalfi and check-in at Villa Maria. Dinner at Cava dei Tirreni, on the way back, local delicacies at a typical Osteria. Amalfi stretch of coast is probably one of Europe's most breathtaking views. Cliffs, terraces, lemon groves and impossibly blue seas. The scent and taste of the Mediterranean at its best. Optional: Opera show at San Carlo Theatre, Naples, at 8pm. Overnight: Amalfi

**Day 5** Starting time: 7.00 am. Transfer to Sorrento by van (1 ½ hrs.) and embarking super fast boat to Capri Island at Caremar Peer in Sorrento at 9.25. We will reach Capri Island at 10.00 hrs, explore it on foot and take a cable car to its top. Lunch on the top of Capri, at famous typical restaurant «Verginiello». After lunch: private boat excursion of Capri Island and its beauties. Return to Sorrento by superfast ferry at 18.45 hrs., reaching at 19.20. Transfer by van to Vico Equense (12 kms) for a dinner at the famous «Università della Pizza» (Pizza University). Overnight: Amalfi



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**Day 6** Starting time: 9.30 am. In the morning, visit of Ravello (about 10 kms from Amalfi) and Villa Cimbrone. Shopping and free time around Ravello. Lunch on the sea in Atrani at around 12.30 (about 10kms from Ravello). Afternoon visit of the best of Amalfi Coast: starting from Atrani, we will reach Bomerano (20 kms. 45 mins) to see the breath-taking «Path of the Gods», a walk through one of the most incredible paths of coastal Europe. After spending about two hours on the Path of the Gods, we will proceed by van to Positano and its colorful houses: the creme of Amalfi Coast. Free time to explore Positano on your own until 7.30 pm. At 8 hrs., dinner in Positano and later return to your accommodation in Amalfi. Overnight: Amalfi.

**Day 7** Starting time: 8.30 am. Morning transfer to Rome (about 270 kms). After parking at Gianicolo and after lunch, we will start our exploration of Rome: Spanish Steps, Piazza Navona, the Pantheon, and finally Vatican City, Saint Peter's, the and Colosseum (from outside). In the late afternoon, our onward journey to Orvieto (about 1 and 1/2 hrs) central Italy, and check-in at Altarocca our vineyard resort. Sitting astride a volcanic plug of rock above fields streaked with vines, and olive and cypress trees, Orvieto is visually stunning from the first. Like the love child of Rome and Florence and nestled midway between the two cities, history hangs over the cobbled lanes, medieval piazzas and churches of this beautiful city. Dinner in Orvieto area. Overnight: Orvieto.



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**Day 8** Starting time: 9.30 am: The day will be devoted to the exploration of Tuscia, the region surrounding Orvieto and Rome, offering stunning views, rich culture, some of the best Italian cuisine and authentic experiences. After visiting Orvieto city centre and its impressive cathedral in the morning, we will set off for Civita di Bagnoregio, «the city floating in the air» (22 kms from Orvieto). The actual centre of Bagnoregio can be only reached on foot after parking our vehicle at the least possible distance. The walk further to the inside of the fortified cities offers stunning views of the «Calanchi», gullies typical of this region. After lunch in Civita di Bagnoregio, we will proceed by van to explore Lake Bolsena and some of the most beautiful villages on its shore: starting from the town named after the lake (Bolsena, about 15 kms from Civita di Bagnoregio), and proceeding then to Marta and Capodimonte. Dinner in lake Bolsena area.

Overnight: Orvieto

**Day 9** Starting time 9.00: After checking out, day trip to Florence by van (2 hrs drive from Orvieto). We will reach the city of Florence, and after parking our vehicle in a private and guarded parking lot, we will have a walking tour of the city's beauties, following a trail that starts from Santa Maria Novella, goes on to the Duomo, Battistero, Piazza Signoria and Pontevecchio (Old Bridge). Our tour will conclude at Piazzale Michelangelo, the hill overlooking Florence, which we will reach by van. In the evening, after an early dinner in Florence, we will proceed to Fiumicino (near Rome airport, 315 kms from Florence) and check-in at Golden Tulip. Overnight: Fiumicino



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**Day 10** Starting time 9.00: After a hearty breakfast with croissants and Italian coffee/cappuccino at a local bakery, we will proceed to Rome international airport and assist you during the check-in procedure, before your onward journey.



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### INCLUSIONS

- All accommodation in superior tourist class 4 star or similar, resorts or private villas of equal or superior standard, on twin sharing basis (matrimonial or double rooms)
- All meals (pure vegetarian): breakfast, lunch and dinner for the whole duration of the tour, as specified in "FOOD".
- Private transportation and guide at the exclusive disposal of the group for the whole duration of the tour (1 van 9 seats) from pick-up to farewell.
- Any other transportation (boat, private boat, shuttle, ferry) listed in the tour activities.
- Access to all the sightseeing areas listed in the tour.
- All excursions/activities listed in your tour plan.
- Constant presence of a tourist guide/driver/interpreter during all your tour.

•24hrs. logistical and language assistance.

•A local SIM card with unlimited internet plan

•All expenses related to transport: parking fees, highway tolls etc.

•All expenses related to the presence of your guide.

•Tourist sojourn taxes in all the localities.

#### **YOUR TOUR DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

•Your air fare and visa-related expenses.

•Your personal shopping, food items except for breakfast/lunch/dinner (snacks, ice-creams etc.)

•Soft drinks and drinks other than natural mineral water.

•Food & drinks not forming part of the group menu.

•Porterage and tips, any items not clearly specified under "YOUR TOUR INCLUDES".



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### FOOD

Our tours offer pure vegetarian options:

Local food, according to availability at each site: pasta and pizza, soups, steamed/fried/roasted vegetables, tapas, veg lasagna, baked potatoes, *panini* and sandwiches, different preparation of rice such as risotto and rice salad, several types of cheese, several types of white and brown bread, yogurt, salads, fruit salads, cakes and pastries. And dozens of vegetarian regional specialties. Breakfast with coffee and cappuccino, tea, croissants, bread with butter and jam/honey.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (PLEASE READ CAREFULLY)

- Single rooms can be arranged at an extra cost.
- All fares, activities and conditions listed in this travel plan are subject to availability, season, weather conditions and force majeure.
- IMPORTANT: water activities and all activities in general (boat trips, visits etc.) are subject to weather. In case of unfavourable weather, these activities may or may not be cancelled. This will depend exclusively on the service providers, whose decisions are not questionable. Olivedays is not responsible for third parties' decisions, cannot influence them in any way and cannot refund unused activities in case of force majeure.
- Kindly note that hotels, meals and activities in listed localities are offered subject to availability at the time of reservation. Should these not be available, we will offer hotels/meals/activities of similar quality in a similar location.
- IMPORTANT: European cities and islands impose strict restrictions on traffic. Your tour plan will have to comply with them. Requests to drive in no-traffic zones cannot be fulfilled under any circumstance.

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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Hotels, restaurants and group menus, activities once booked may not be changed. Any variation of these will be at the guests' expense.
- Any unutilized services remains nonrefundable.
- Should the tour coincide with a trade fair or any other special event we reserve the right to accommodate the group outside of the affected areas and/or advise a supplement.
- In case of groups of 15 or larger, we reserve to accommodate guests in different hotels, without affecting the tour activities.
- Should there be any change in Government taxes we reserve the right to pass on any increases to you.
- Breakfast time is according to hotels' rules and policy. Early or late breakfasts outside hotel's breakfast time may not be possible or may incur supplements.
- Guests are kindly requested to comply with the timings provided in the tour plan. Activities once booked may not be pre- or post-poned. Olivedays is not responsible for the cancellation of activities due to delays on the guests' part.
- Kindly note that hotles and vehicles shown to you in previous tentative itineraries are only meant to give an exhaustive idea of the kind of accommodation and transport we offer. While we gurantee this quality standard under any circumstances, only at the time of actual booking will we be able to give you final options.

