Itinerary

Route: 5-Day Southern Italy Tour

Countries: Italy

Departure:

 D1 Roma Departure: 09:30 Meeting Point: Rome Tiburtina Train Station, Piazzale della Stazione Tiburtina - CAP 00162

End:

D5 Roma Estimated Arrival: 19:00-20:00 Drop Off: Rome Tiburtina Train Station

Accommodation: 3-Star Hotel Accommodation

Guide: Chinese Speaking Guide

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Itinerary: Rome-Pompeii-Caserta-Naples-Positano-Amalfi-Matera-Bari-Alberobello-Ostuni-Lecce-Potenza-Capri-Naples-Rome



Tour Overview

Depart from Rome and head to the ancient Roman city of [Pompeii](Optionla), where you can stroll along Roman streets and explore millennia-old house s, temples, shops, cafés, and amphitheaters. Then, head to Caserta to discove r the magnificent [Royal Palace of Caserta](Optionla), the crowning achievem ent of Baroque art. Overnight in or near Naples.



Meeting Point

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Castel Nuovo



Sorrento





Naples



Galleria Umberto I



Blue Grotto

[Castel Nuovo]

An imposing castle built in 1266 by Charles I of Anjou was the royal seat and cultural center that hosted artists and writers such as Giotto, Petrarch and Boccaccio. Enormous and impressive even from a distance, Castel Nuovo has five round towers united by impenetrable stone walls. Its main entrance is an intricately carved white marble triumphal arch squeezed between two of the watchtowers.

[San Francesco di Paola]

San Francesco di Paola is a prominent church located to the west in Piazza del Plebiscito, the main square of Naples, Italy. In the early 19th century, King Joachim Murat of Naples (Napoleon's brother-in-law) planned the entire square and the large building with the colonnades as a tribute to the emperor. Ferdinand I continued the construction and dedicated it to Saint Francis of Paola. The church is reminiscent of the Pantheon in Rome. The façade is fronted by a portico resting on six columns and two lonic pillars. Inside, the church is circular with two side chapels. The dome is 53 metres (174 ft) high.

[Galleria Umberto I]

The Galleria was named after Umberto I, King of Italy at the time of construction. It was meant to combine businesses, shops, cafés and social life—public space—with private space in the apartments on the third floor.The Galleria is a high and spacious cross-shaped structure, surmounted by a glass dome braced by 16 metal ribs.

[Sorrento]

Perched on a high cliff overlooking the sea, at the centre of its peninsula, Sorrento embraces the Gulf of Naples, Vesuvius and has Ischia and Procida on the horizon.

[Naples]

Naples is the regional capital of Campania and the third-largest city of Italy. From its charming waterfront under the shadow of Vesuvius, to its beautiful and bustling historic centre, Naples is a stunning city.

[Blue Grotto]

The Blue Grotto is a sea cave on the coast of the island of Capri, southern Italy. Sunlight shining through an underwater cavity is reflected back upward through the seawater below the cavern, giving the water a blue glow that illuminates the cavern. The cave extends some 50 metres (160 ft) into the cliff at the surface, and is about 150 metres (490 ft) deep, with a sandy bottom.

Accommodation: Naples or nearby

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Day 2 Naples 🖨 Positano 🛱 Amalfi 🛱 Matera

Tour Overview

After breakfast, visit [Positano], a sophisticated resort town overflowing with old-world charm and impossibly beautiful views. Enjoy views of natural beauty and immerse in rich cultural history in Sorrento from distance. Next, t ravel to the [Amalfi Coast], renowned as one of Europe' s most beautiful coa stlines.Overnight in or near Matera.

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Amalfi Town [Amalfi Town]

Positano

The Amalfi Coast is a stretch of coastline in southern Italy overlooking the Tyrrhenian Sea and the Gulf of Salerno. It is located south of the Sorrentine Peninsula and north of the Cilentan Coast. Attracting international tourists of all classes annually, the Amalfi Coast was listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1997. Atrani and Vietri sul Mare are marketed as I Borghi più belli d'Italia ("The most beautiful villages of Italy"). Here, mountains plunge into the sea in a nail-biting vertical scene of precipitous crags, cliff-clinging abodes and verdant woodland.

[Positano]

Positano is the most famous and iconic village on the Amalfi Coast, the spectacular strip of coastline with the turquoise waters of the Mediterranean Sea to one side and the peaks of the Lattari Mountains to the other. Take a dip in the crystalline waters off the coast, admire the dramatic cliffs by sea on a mini-cruise, relax over a romantic dinner overlooking the water, and stroll along the narrow, twisting lanes under a lush canopy of wisteria and lemon trees. These are the unique charms that make Positano one of the top destinations in all of Italy for those who want to sample the country' s timeless "la dolce vita" atmosphere.

Meal: Breakfast Included

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Accommodation: Matera or nearby

Day 3 Matera 🛱 Bari 🛱 Alberobello 🛱 Ostuni

Tour Overview

After breakfast, explore Matera, a unique city carved from tuff stone, visiting the Romanesque-style [Matera Cathedral] and the distinctive [Sassi Cave Hou se]. Next, head to the port city of Bari before continuing on to Alberobello, k nown as the "Paradise Town" and famous for its Trulli houses. Stroll along th e cobblestone streets of Alberobello, soaking in the charm of this quaint Itali an town while admiring its picturesque buildings. Overnight in or near Ostun i.

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The Trulli of Alberobello

Sassi Cave House

[Sassi Cave House]

Archaeological investigations in Sassi show it to be one of the oldest continuously inhabited settlements in the world. Findings date to the Neolithic and Palaeolithic periods – with evidence of human life from 7000BCE. Over the millennia, inhabitants gradually dug deeper into the limestone' s malleable rock to form homes, creating the facades of the houses you' II see today. Some caves house underground churches with hand-sculpted arches, pillars and domes. The sacred remains of handpainted frescoes are captivating.

[Matera Cathedral]

Matera Cathedral is a Roman Catholic cathedral in Matera, Basilicata, Italy. It is dedicated to the Virgin Mary under the designation of the Madonna della Bruna and to Saint Eustace. The cathedral has a Latin cross ground plan and contains three naves, separated by round arches supported by columns with stone capitals. Much of the interior received a Baroque-style decoration in the 17th and 18th century, including gilded stuccoes and frames.

[The Trulli of Alberobello]

The trulli , limestone dwellings found in the southern region of Puglia, are remarkable examples of drywall (mortarless) construction, a prehistoric building technique still in use in this region. The trulli are made of roughly worked limestone boulders collected from neighbouring fields. Characteristically, they feature pyramidal, domed or conical roofs built up of corbelled limestone slabs. ۳q

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Accommodation: Ostuni or nearby

Day 4 Ostuni 🛱 Lecce 🛱 Potenza

Tour Overview

After breakfast, visit Ostuni, known as the "White City," a jewel of Puglia that enchants visitors with its characteristic whitewashed historic center, a maze o f narrow streets reminiscent of an Arab casbah. This ancient city, kissed by th e sun and bathed in Mediterranean light, offers a unique blend of history, tra ditions, excellent gastronomy, and splendid beaches. Next, travel to Lecce, th e 'Florence of the South,' to admire its Baroque landmarks, including the [Basilica of Santa Croce] and [Lecce Cathedral]. Overnight in or near Potenza.

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Lecce Cathedral [Lecce Cathedral]

Lecce Cathedral is the cathedral of the city of Lecce in Apulia, Italy, dedicated to the Assumption of the Virgin Mary.The cathedral shares the piazza with other buildings, including the bell tower, the bishop's residence, and the seminary.The principal entrance is found on the northern façade, which is considered to be a masterpiece of Baroque art.

[Ostuni]

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From its rich history reflected in its white-washed houses, magnificent Gothic cathedral and cobblestoned streets, to the modern comforts found in its luxurious villas and beautiful beaches, the city of Ostuni in Puglia offers a unique blend of the past and present. Whether you' re exploring its historical sites, enjoying local festivals, or simply relaxing by the sea, Ostuni provides a perfect Italian getaway.

Meal: Breakfast Included

Accommodation: Potenza or nearby

Day 5 Potenza 🛱 Capri 🛱 Naples 🛱 Rome

Tour Overview

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After breakfast, take a boat to [Capri](Optional), which lies opposite the Sorre nto Peninsula. Capri offers an extraordinary history, spectacular seas, an unri valed panorama, and refined hospitality. It is said to be the spot where Odys seus nearly succumbed to the Sirens' song... a fitting legend for this allurin g island. You may choose to stroll around the island or visit the [Blue Grotto] (optional, subject to weather conditions; if the weather is unfavorable, the visi t may be canceled). If the visit is canceled, you can instead join the [Cruise Ar ound Capri]. Then, return to Naples. From its charming waterfront under the shadow of Vesuvius to its beautiful and bustling historic center, Naples is a st unning city. Visit [Castel Nuovo], [San Francesco di Paola], [Galleria Umberto I], and [Royal Palace of Naples]. After the tour, return to Rome, arriving at Tib urtina Train Station, where the journey concludes.

Drop Off *For reference only, the actual arrangement is subject to the to ur guide

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Note: Witnessing the Blue Grotto is a stroke of luck. The grotto is dark during winter. Even in summer, the chance of entering the grotto is only about 50%. The cave entrance is two meters wide but only about one meter high, so visitors must board small rowboats, which can carry a maximum of four passengers. The visit inside the grotto lasts about five minutes, but the wait to enter can be long, sometimes reaching an hour during the high season, particularly during peak times of the day.



Pompeii



Royal Palace of Caserta

[Pompeii]

Along with Herculaneum, Stabiae, and many surrounding villas, the city was buried under 4 to 6 m (13 to 20 ft) of volcanic ash and pumice in the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD.Largely preserved under the ash, Pompeii offers a unique snapshot of Roman life, frozen at the moment it was buried, as well as insight into ancient urban planning.Pompeii is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, owing to its status as "the only archaeological site in the world that provides a complete picture of an ancient Roman city."

[Royal Palace of Caserta]

The Royal Palace of Caserta is a former royal residence in Caserta, Campania, constructed by the House of Bourbon-Two Sicilies as their main residence as kings of Naples. In 1997, the palace was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site; its nomination described it as "the swan song of the spectacular art of the Baroque, from which it adopted all the features needed to create the illusions of multidirectional space".

Meal: Breakfast Included

Accommodation: Not Included

Price Explanation

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What's included

(1)Accommodation: 3-star hotel (shared twin/double room)

(2)Vehicle:coach or car (Note: depending on the number of applicants)

(3)Driver/Guide: driver + tour guide (Note: If a car with 9 seats or less, there will be only driver)

(4)Meals: breakfast

(5)Luggage: 1 piece of luggage weighing 23 kg and 1 piece of carry-on luggage

What's Excluded

(1)Entrance Tickets: Guests can choose whether or not to participate according to their own wishes. The tour guide will arrange the tickets during the tour.

(2)Lunch and Dinner

(3)Tips to driver and guide

(4)Single room Supplement

(5)Additional costs due to force majeure such as traffic delays, strikes, weather, aircraft, machine failure, flight cancellation or change time.

(6)In-house laundry, hairdressing, telephone, fax, pay TV, drinks, alcohol and other personal consumption.

(7)Other items not included in the above "What's included".

Good to Know

(1)Special price for children:

2 adults with a child under 6 years old sharing a double room, children can get 35% off on the bed. Children occupy the bed at the same price as adults. An adult has a child who is the same price as an adult.

(2)Bus front-row seat reservation, first come, first served:

There are only 16 seats in the front five rows of buses and 6 seats in the front two rows of minibuses. If we change to a 9-seat car, the fee will be refunded.

Recommended activity reference (at your own expense)

60 € 18,00 €/adult Free/teenager (under 18 years old) The official guide 20,00€ (minimum 10 people)		
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Free/teenager (under 18 years old)		
The official guide 20,00€ (minimum 10 people)		
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13,00 €		
41,00 €		
5,00 € (Church 3,00 €)		
Additional optional items		
54,00 €		
19,00 €		
Lunch and dinner fee		
15,00-20,00 €		
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Driver and guide tip	
Tips per person per day for Guide	3,00 €
Tips per person per day for Driver	3,00 €
The above is only the reference price, if the	e price is adjusted, it will be subject to the

announcement at that time. For self-funded projects, please cooperate with and obey the tour guide's itinerary.