

FROM VENICE TO NAPLES



Venice – Ferrara – Pisa – Florence – Assisi – Rome – Pompeii – Sorrento - Island Capri – Naples

Day 1: WELCOME TO VENICE!

Meet and greet at Venice airport and transfer to your hotel. Welcome Dinner and overnight in Venice.

Day 2: VENICE CITY TOUR

This morning follow your local guide and visit : St. Mark's Square, St. Mark's Basilica, the Doge's Palace, the Bell Tower and Bridge of Sighs. Visit a glassblowing factory and see demonstration of traditional Venetian glassblowing by master craftsmen. The balance of the day is at leisure to enjoy Venice at your own pace, shop, or perhaps take an optional gondola ride.

Day 3: FERRARA – PISA - FLORENCE

After breakfast departure to Ferrara, a Renaissance gem standing on the banks of the Po River in the Emilia-Romagna region. After visiting Ferrara we continue to Pisa and view the famous Piazza del Miracoli with its Leaning Tower, Baptistery, and Duomo. Then on to Florence for dinner and a free evening. Overnight in Florence.

Day 4: FLORENCE CITY TOUR

A morning city tour begins at the majestic Piazza del Duomo to see the Cathedral crowned by Brunelleschi's splendid Dome, Giotto's Bell Tower, and the Baptistery with Ghiberti's intricate bronze "Gates of Paradise." Then, visit the Academy of Fine Arts and see Michelangelo's David. The remainder of the day is yours to savor the Renaissance splendor of the Tuscan capital your own way pace.

Day 5, ASSISI - ROME

Travel through the rolling landscapes of Tuscany on your way to Assisi, the hometown of St. Francis. Here, take a walking tour to see the main square and visit the impressive Basilica of St. Francis. Continue to Rome for dinner and an evening at leisure.

Day 6, ROME AND VATICAN

A full-day sightseeing tour shows you all the highlights of the Eternal City. Visit the Vatican Museums with unforgettable Sistine Chapel and magnificent St. Peter's

Basilica, Coliseum, ancient Palatine Hill, Circus Maximus and the Roman Forum. Overnight in Rome.

Day 7, FREE DAY IN ROME

Enjoy a day at leisure in the Italian capital, where over 2,000 years of history come alive. You might want to browse through some of the stylish shops and galleries, visit a museum, sightsee, or relax in a sidewalk cafe. Tonight, dinner with your fellow travelers is the perfect way to celebrate your Italian adventure. Overnight in Rome.

Day 8, POMPEII AND SORENTO

Departing Rome, travel to Pompeii, a destroyed and buried under ashes and forever preserved by an eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 A.D. After a visit to the haunting site, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, continue to Sorrento. Enjoy dinner at your hotel, then a free evening. Overnight in Sorrento.

Day 9: CAPRI ISLAND

Today scenic boat ride brings you to the enchanting Isle of Capri, once favoured by wealthy Romans who built sumptuous cliff top villas on the island. Visit the magnificent Gardens of Caesar Augustus and view the famed Faraglioni Rocks.

Spend free time in Capri town with its world-famous piazzetta and explore this island paradise of chic boutiques, lush vegetation and outdoor cafés before returning to the Sorrento. Overnight in Sorrento.

Day 10: SORENTO AT LEISURE

Take in the sights of Sorrento your way with a full free day. Perhaps take a stroll along Corso Italia and climb the steps to see atmospheric Piazza Tasso, tucked away in the heart of Sorrento Old Town. Soak up views of the sun-soaked cliffs, where Sorrento's houses almost seem to be stacked on top of each other.

Tonight, enjoy dinner in hotel. Overnight in Sorrento.

Day 11: DEPARTURE FROM NAPLES

After breakfast, transfer to the airport in Naples for your flight back home.



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TREASURES OF ITALY



Florence – Siena – San Gimignano – Assisi – Rome –Vatican-Naples-Pompeii – Island Capri – Sorrento – Rome

DAY 1: WELCOME TO FLORENCE

Meet and greet at Florence airport and transfer to your first class hotel where you will spend first 3 nights.

DAY 2: FLORENCE

The entire day is spent exploring Florence - the city known as the "cradle of Renaissance" by bus and on foot. Drive along the famous Lungarni - the riverbanks of the Arno, to reach the Basilica di Santa Croce and its historic square. Walk up to Piazza Signoria, the unique heart of the city's social life, to admire the architecture of Palazzo Vecchio and the famous statues of Loggia de' Lanzi. Free time to optional visit the Uffizi Gallery, where you can admire the unique Renaissance masterpieces of the great Italian artists: Leonardo, Giotto, Michelangelo, Botticelli and Raphael. Overnight in Florence.

DAY 3: TUSCANY : SIENA - SAN GIMIGNANO - CHIANTI

Today discover the authentic side of Tuscany and visit San Gimignano, Siena and Chianti area. Our first stop is in the city of Siena famous for its splendid examples of Gothic architecture and the Palio horse race. Follow your guide to the impressive Piazza del Campo, visit the magnificent Palazzo Pubblico with its Torre del Mangia and Duomo, one of the most beautiful Cathedrals in Italy.

After visiting Siena drive to San Gimignano famous for its white wine - the world renowned Vernaccia - and its historic towers. Here you will taste the best hand made ice cream at an award winning Ice Cream Parlour in San Gimignano. There is free time for independent sightseeing, strolling around the narrow streets and admiring the relaxing landscape.

After, you drive into the Chianti area, with its picture-postcard landscapes. We have the chance to taste the best Chianti red wine accompanied with home-made snacks, in a rustic wine estate along with a tour of the wine cellars and sampling of wines, olive oil and balsamic vinegar.

Overnight in Florence.

DAY 4: FLORENCE - ASSISI - ROME

After breakfast, departure to Assisi, the town of Saint Francis, patron saint of Italy. Accompanied by your local guide you visit the Rocca Maggiore and the Basilica of Saint Francis, with its famous paintings by Giotto and Cimabue. Visit some of the numerous churches where Saint Francis preached peace and serenity, and which still characterize this medieval town. At the end of this tour you proceed to Rome where you will spend three nights.

DAY 5: ROME

Today, the Eternal City will astonish you! Walking through its streets is like travelling back in time, between the ancient Roman ruins, monuments, marvellous squares, fountains, gardens and villas as well as temples and churches of all ages - each one revealing stunning paintings, statues and altars. With your guide you will enjoy walking tour of Rome: Campo dei Fiori, Piazza Farnese, Piazza Navona, Pantheon, Trevi Fountain, Spanish steps. Rest of the day at leisure to explore the beauty of Rome.

DAY 6: ROME -VATICAN

Today you will be transferred by coach from your hotel for an extensive guided visit of the breathtaking Basilica of St.Peter's and Vatican Museum. In the morning you will attend the Papal audience (when available). Today's lunch will be at a local restaurant. In the afternoon you will visit the famous Vatican Museums, including Michelangelo's unique Sistine Chapel.

DAY 7: ROME - NAPLES - POMPEII - SORRENTO

After breakfast, you head south to Naples, a city of many faces, colours, flavours and traditions. Upon arrival in Naples your local guide will take you for a walking tour of the historic centre to admire the Piazza del Plebiscito, the Royal Palace, the Gallery of Umberto I and the San Carlo Opera House. You then head to Pompeii and enjoy a short visit to a coral and cameo factory. Lunch in a typical restaurant followed by a visit of the excavation of this site rendered immortal by the catastrophic eruption of Mount Vesuvius. At the end of the day you proceed to Sorrento, a charming town of the Sorrentine Peninsula famous for the cultivation of oranges, lemons and olive trees. Arrival in your hotel in Sorrento where you will be accommodated for the next 2 nights.

DAY 8: SORRENTO - CAPRI - ROME

Today you take the ferry and sail to the beautiful island of Capri. Once on the island you will visit the Blue Grotto (weather permitting), the Augustus gardens and stop at the famous Piazzetta. After lunch in Anacapri, you will return to Marina Grande where you will board the ferry. Once on land you will be transferred to Rome by coach. Arrival at the hotel in the evening. Overnight in Rome.

DAY 9: ROME DEPARTURE

After breakfast you will be transferred to Rome's Fiumicino airport for your flight back home.



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ITALIAN LAKES



Milan – Lake Maggiore – Borromean islands – Lake Como – Lake Garda – Verona

DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN MILAN

Arrival at Milan Malpensa airport and transfer to your first class hotel on Lake Maggiore where you will be staying for 3 nights.

DAY 2: BORROMEAN ISLANDS - LAKE MAGGIORE

Today board a boat for the short journey to the idyllic Borromean Islands. Among them are stunning Isola Bella, with its 17th-century Baroque palace, picturesque Isola dei Pescatori, still inhabited by local fishermen, and Isola Madre with its Renaissance villa and superb botanical gardens. At the end of the visit, back to the hotel at Lake Maggiore.

DAY 3: EXCURSION TO LOCARNO WITH HISTORICAL TRAIN

After breakfast departure Domodossola and boarding the historical train of the "Centovalli", a railway line linking Domodossola to the Swiss town of Locarno. Completely immersed in nature, this route offers the chance to see up close breathtaking scenery crossing the impressive Swiss territory of huge cliffs, spectacular waterfalls, multicolored fields and breathtaking bridges. Overnight Lake Maggiore.

DAY 4: LAKE MAGGIORE - MILAN - LAKE COMO

After breakfast, departure for Milan, Capital of Lombardy, for a guided tour of the city. The tour includes: the famed "Duomo", one of the largest churches in the world, the sophisticated La Scala theatre and the imposing Sforzesco Castle. Afternoon free. Continue to your hotel on Lake Como where you will be spending your next 2 nights.

DAY 5: LAKE COMO

After breakfast you depart for Tremezzo and a visit to Villa Carlotta with its 'English Garden' style park with marble steps, terraced gardens and collection of more than 500 botanical species such as giant camelias, bamboo forests, palms, cactii, rare conifers and other tropical species. You take the boat to Bellagio - considered the gem of Lake Como - with free time to explore its characteristic centre. Next you proceed by boat to Villa del Balbianello located on the tip of a small wooded peninsula on the western shore of the Lake, for a visit of its terraced gardens. Returning by boat to Lenno you rejoin the coach back to your hotel.

DAY 6: LAKE COMO - VERONA - LAGO DI GARDA

After breakfast departure by bus for Verona and guided tour of the city. You visit this charming city of Roman origin and the setting for Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet". The tour includes the legendary Juliet's balcony and Piazza Bra, Arena the largest Roman amphitheatre after the Coliseum in Rome. The Arena dates back to the 1st century A.D. and is still in use for the world famous opera festival held during the summer. After the visit you travel to Lake Garda and your hotel where you will spend the next 4 nights.

DAY 7: LAKE GARDA

Today you have a free day to explore Lake Garda at your leisure.

DAY 8: VENICE

After breakfast departure by bus for Venice. Private boat transfer to St. Mark's Square and guided tour of the historic centre: St. Mark's square with its splendid cathedral and the Doge's palace, the Rialto Bridge and the Bridge of Sighs. At the end of the tour free time to explore the bridges over the lagoon, the characteristic narrow Venetian streets, the shops and the old bars. Return to hotel and overnight

DAY 9: LAKE GARDA - SIRMIONE

After breakfast departure by bus with guide for a panoramic tour of Lake Garda. You reach picturesque towns and villages travelling through areas of natural vegetation, amidst olive groves and vineyards, and enjoy breathtaking views against the lake's deep blue background. During the stop in Sirmione - with its picturesque castle - there is the possibility to visit the Romanesque church of S. Pietro in Mavino and the Grotte di Catullo (caves), one of the biggest Roman villas ever built. During the tour you will cross part of the lake by boat and will have the opportunity to enjoy splendid views from the water. Back to your hotel, dinner and overnight.

DAY 10: VERONA DEPARTURE

After breakfast transfer to Verona airport for your flight back home.



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THE BEST OF SICILY



Palermo – Cefalu – Catania – Siracusa – Etna – Agrigento – Selinunte – Erice – Monreale – Palermo

Day 1: WELCOME TO PALERMO

Arrival at Palermo airport and private transfer to the hotel in Palermo city centre. Welcome dinner and overnight in Palermo.

Day 2 : PALERMO – CEFALÙ - CATANIA

After a buffet breakfast, depart to Cefalù, charming coastal town, home to a breathtaking Norman Cathedral with dazzling mosaics. Proceed to Castelbuono, a typical medieval village. Take a walk down the main street, where you can admire the Castello dei Ventimiglia, famous for its Palatine Chapel dedicated to Saint Anne, the Patron Saint of the city. Stop at a renowned pastry shop to have a tasting of Sicilian typical products: panettone and the famous artisan liquors, Rosolio. Lunch in a farmhouse in Castelbuono. Proceed to Catania, crossing the famous Natural Park of the Madonie. Dinner and overnight in Catania.

Day 3 : SIRACUSA & NOTO

After breakfast, depart to Syracuse. Visit of the archaeological park Neapolis, including the famous Latomie of the Paradise, the Greek Theatre and the Dyonisios Ear. Visit the island of Ortigia, the small baroque old city centre of Siracusa: here you can admire the Cathedral, which is built on the site of the Temple of Minerva, the legendary "Fontana Arethusa" and the Temple of Apollo. Lunch in a local restaurant. In the afternoon, proceed to Noto, one of the most beautiful cities in Sicily renowned for the harmony and unity of its Baroque style. Back to Catania for dinner and overnight.

Day 4 : MOUNT ETNA & TAORMINA

After breakfast, excursion to Mount Etna, the highest active volcano in Europe (weather conditions permitting). Across fascinating landscape, we will reach a height of 1900 m to visit the Sylvester Craters where you can enjoy a spectacular

panorama over the Ionian Sea. Lunch in a local restaurant on Mt. Etna. Continue to Taormina, charming city called "the pearl of the Ionian Sea". Enjoy time at leisure to shop for handmade lace, coral jewels, ceramics, home-made sweets and walk through its tiny streets. Individual visit of the fascinating Greek-Roman theatre. Back to your Hotel in Catania: dinner and overnight.

Day 5 : PIAZZA ARMERINA – AGRIGENTO

After breakfast, departure to Piazza Armerina in the inland of Sicily, to visit the worldwide known Villa Romana del Casale with the largest and most complex collection of late Roman mosaics in the world. Continue to Agrigento, a hillside town famous for its magnificent Valley Of Temples. After lunch in a local restaurant guided tour of the Valley that represent the most beautiful example of the Greek Civilization in Sicily. Dinner and overnight in Agrigento.

Day 6 : AGRIGENTO – SELINUNTE– ERICE - PALERMO

After breakfast, departure to the Archaeological Park of Selinunte, the largest in the Mediterranean area with the impressive Temples and Acropolis. Stop in a local farmhouse for lunch and oil tasting. Continue to Erice, a medieval town full of myth, history and art. Proceed to Palermo for dinner and overnight.

Day 7: PALERMO – MONREALE – PALERMO

Breakfast in hotel. Departure to Monreale to admire the Cathedral with its famous mosaics, and the Cloister of the Benedictines Abbey with its Moorish architecture. Continue to panoramic tour of Palermo and visit of the Cathedral, the Palace of the Normans and its Palatina Chapel. Dinner and overnight in your Hotel in Palermo.

Day 8 : DEPARTURE FROM PALERMO

After breakfast transfer to Palermo airport for your flight back home.



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ROME - NAPLES – SORENTO – SICILY



Rome – Naples – Pompeii – Sorrento – Palermo – Monreale – Corleone – Etna – Marsala
Agrigento – Taormina - Siracusa – Catania

DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN ROME

Welcome to Rome's Fiumicino airport from where you will be transferred to your first class hotel in Rome where you will spend your first 2 nights.

DAY 2: ROME

Today, the Eternal City will astonish you! Walking through its streets is like travelling back in time, between the ancient Roman ruins, monuments, marvellous squares, fountains, gardens and villas as well as temples and churches of all ages - each one revealing stunning paintings, statues and altars. With our guide we will enjoy the "Discovering Rome" walking tour. The tour will stop in Campo dei Fiori, Piazza Farnese, Piazza Navona, Pantheon, Trevi Fountain, Spanish steps. Rest of the day at leisure to explore further the beauty of Rome.

DAY 3: ROME - NAPLES - POMPEII - SORENTO

After breakfast, you head south to Naples, a city of many faces, colours, flavours and traditions. Upon arrival in Naples your local guide will take you for a walking tour of the historic centre to admire the Piazza del Plebiscito, the Royal Palace, the Gallery of Umberto I and the San Carlo Opera House. You then head to Pompeii and enjoy a short visit to a coral and cameo factory. Lunch in a typical restaurant followed by a visit of the excavation of this site rendered immortal by the catastrophic eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Overnight in Sorrento

DAY 4: SORENTO – CRUISE FROM NAPLES TO PALERMO

Today you have a day of leisure in Sorrento or optional excursion to the Amalfi coast (romantic towns of Positano, Amalfi, Ravello). In the evening transfer to Naples for your overnight mini cruise to Sicily - Palermo.

DAY 5: PALERMO

Arrive in Palermo port and transfer to your first class hotel in Palermo. Dinner and overnight in the hotel.

DAY 6: PALERMO – MONREALE - PALERMO

After breakfast enjoy a morning tour of Palermo, a city full of character, with many important sights such as Quattro Canti – a splendid example of Spanish Baroque architecture - the Palace of the Normans and its superb Palatine Chapel, the Cathedral, and the famous Benedictine Abbey of Monreale. The rest of the day is at leisure to relax or alternatively take an optional tour to the picturesque fishing village of Cefalù Overnight in Palermo.

DAY 7: CORLEONE

Departing in the morning you head to the area of Corleone, known for being the place where Mafia phenomena was born but also known nowadays for being the place where Mafia is firmly fought against. First you have the opportunity to participate in a cooking lesson learning how to prepare some of the most genuine and traditional Sicilian dishes. After lunch, one of the inhabitants of Corleone, will present a fascinating discussion on the topic of the Sicilian Mafia – a fascinating insight into the origins of the Mafia and the way Corleone inhabitants have managed to eliminate organized crime. Back to Palermo. Overnight.

DAY 8: SEGESTA - MARSALA - TRAPANI - PALERMO

After breakfast journey to Segesta, a large archaeological zone, that ranks as one of the best-preserved Greek architectural sites. Continue to the sea town of Marsala, known for its sweet wines. Visit a wine cellar and Marsala wine tasting. Drive along Trapani's coastline and stop for a special Sicilian lunch in a restaurant and return to Palermo.

DAY 9: PALERMO - AGRIGENTO – TAORMINA

Departure for Agrigento, a hillside town famous for its magnificent Valley of the Temples, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy a guided tour of the valley. Your local guide will highlight the history and architecture of Concordia and of the other temples that are part of this archaeological treasure-trove. After visiting the Valley of the Temples, travel to Taormina for overnight.

DAY 10: TAORMINA - MOUNT ETNA - TAORMINA

Morning walking tour of Taormina's charming city center includes the Greek/Roman amphitheatre, with its spectacular view of Giardini Naxos and Mount Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe. Enjoy the excursion to Mount Etna, and visit the Sylvester Craters where you can enjoy the best views. Overnight in Taormina.

DAY 11: TAORMINA - SIRACUSA - TAORMINA

After breakfast excursion to Syracuse. A guided tour of this venerable city highlights the Archaeological Park, Greek Theater, Latomia del Paradiso and Cave of Dionysius' Ear. This evening savor a special Sicilian dinner with wine in a typical restaurant

DAY 12: CATANIA DEPARTURE

Transfer to the Catania airport for your flight back home

SICILY and MALTA



DAY 1: WELCOME TO SICILY - CATANIA

Arrival at Catania airport and private transfer to the hotel. Welcome dinner and overnight in Catania.

DAY 2 : CATANIA – SIRACUSA - RAGUSA

Drive to Syracuse to visit the marvelous archaeological area then continue to the island of Ortigia, where you will see the magnificent Cathedral and the Fountain of Arethusa. Travel to Ragusa to admire its stunning baroque buildings and tasting of typical products in the main square. Dinner and overnight in Ragusa.

DAY 3: PIAZZA ARMERINA - AGRIGENTO

Drive to Caltagirone, a town famous for its beautiful ceramics and pottery. Continue to Piazza Armerina to marvel at the Villa Romana del Casale's rich mosaics. After lunch, we head towards Agrigento and Visit the Valley of the Temples, home to five ancient Greek temples dating back to the 6th century BC. Dinner and overnight in Agrigento.

DAY 4 : AGRIGENTO - MONREALE - PALERMO

Travel to Palermo and spend some time exploring at your leisure. In the afternoon visit Monreale, best known for its splendid 12th century cathedral with a blend of Arab-Byzantine-Norman artistic styles and one of the world's largest and most beautiful displays of mosaic artwork. Enjoy a city tour of Palermo: the Palatine Chapel, the Royal Palace and the Cathedral. Dinner in a local restaurant. Overnight in Palermo.

DAY 5: PALERMO – SEGESTA – ERICE – PALERMO

Depart to Segesta to visit the Temple and the Theatre. Continue the medieval village of Erice placed on the top of a hill overlooking the city of Trapani and the Egadi Islands before returning to Palermo via the unique salt windmills at Trapani. Dinner and overnight in Palermo.

DAY 6: CEFALÙ - NEBRODI PARK - TAORMINA

Drive to Cefalù to admire its well-preserved Arab-Norman Cathedral. Enjoy a walk to the city centre before scenic drive through the Nebrodi Park. Lunch in the Miraglia Forest. Continue to Cesarò and Randazzo to visit the north part of Mount Etna. Continue to Taormina, "the Pearl of the Ionian Sea". Dinner and overnight in Taormina.

DAY 7: TAORMINA - OPT. EXCURSION MOUNT ETNA

Day at leisure or you can join an optional morning excursion to Mount Etna, Europe's highest active volcano. (the excursion will take place with a minimum of participants). Lunch on your own. Afternoon in Taormina: enjoy time at leisure for shopping or walking through the tiny streets. Dinner and overnight in Taormina

DAY 8: TAORMINA – MALTA

Morning at leisure. In the early afternoon, transfer from Taormina to Pozzallo for embarkation on hydrofoil to Malta. Late arrival at Malta and transfer to the hotel in St Paul's Bay . Cold dinner will be served in your room . Overnight.

DAY 9: HIGHLIGHTS OF MALTA - THE THREE CITIES

Morning tour of Malta's historical highlights. Visit the imposing Church of St Lawrence and the Maritime Museum in Vittoriosa before continuing to Senglea for a panoramic view of the Grand Harbour and its fortifications. Spend the rest of the day relaxing or exploring at your leisure. Dinner and overnight in hotel.

DAY 10: VALLETTA

Enjoy a morning tour of Valletta –capital of Malta. Highlights include the Upper Barracca Gardens and St John's Cathedral, home to a splendid Caravaggio painting as well as an intriguing Museum. The excursion ends with a visit to the Grandmaster's Palace. Spend the rest of the day exploring at your leisure. Dinner and overnight in hotel.

DAY 11: ANCIENT MALTA - MDINA & RABAT

Today we start our tour with visit Mosta Church renowned worldwide for its magnificent dome, and the Botanic Gardens of San Anton. We proceed to Ta Qali Crafts Village where we will visit The Phoenician Glass Blowers, JCF Jewellers and Bristow Potteries. After lunch we visit St. Paul's Grotto in Rabat - the birthplace of Maltese Christianity, and then proceed to the medieval walled city of Mdina.

DAY 12: DEPARTURE FROM VALLETTA MALTA

The tour ends after breakfast with a private transfer to the airport of Valletta.



TOUR OF SOUTHERN ITALY



Bari – Matera – Valle D'Itria – Alberobello – Lecce – Otranto – Salento Peninsula – Bari

DAY 1: WELCOME TO BARI

Arrival at Bari airport and private transfer to the hotel. Welcome dinner and overnight. The rest of the day is at leisure to get acquainted with this fascinating city on your own. Welcome Dinner with your fellow travelers .

DAY 2: BARI

Breakfast. Morning guided visit to the Old City (Bari Vecchia). View Bari Cathedral and the stunning Romanesque Basilica of San Nicola, housing the relics of St. Nicholas. After lunch at your leisure departure on guided excursion to Castel del Monte, an extraordinary medieval fortress celebrated for its unique octagonal design - used as a site of the famous movie "The Name of the Rose" with Sean Connery. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 3: BARI - MATERA - VALLE D'ITRIA

After breakfast departure to Matera to discover ancient cave-dwellings and churches hewn from the rocks. The stones (known as Sassi) of this early settlement in Matera have granted this area of Italy international fame. The Sassi were the set of many films such as The Passion of the Christ, King David and The Gospel according to St. Matthew. After lunch at your leisure departure to Valle d'Itria. Accommodation, dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 4: ALBEROBELLO

Breakfast. Guided walking tour of Alberobello – a UNESCO World Heritage Site, famous for its traditional dry stone huts with a conical roof, known as "Trulli" . Then travel to Locorotondo, a lovely circular hilltop town, overlooking the Valle dell'Itria. Lunch at your leisure. In the afternoon, departure for the Salento Peninsula. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 5: LECCE

Today's guided tour will show you the Baroque treasure-chest of Lecce, one of Southern Italy's most appealing cities. Breakfast and Lecce guided tour. Stroll along 300 year old cobblestone streets past exquisite Baroque architecture. You'll understand why Lecce is fondly named the "Florence of the South". After viewing Piazza del Duomo and the Roman amphitheater dating back to the 2nd century, admire the masterpiece of Southern Baroque in the Basilica of Santa Croce. Afternoon at leisure to explore Lecce on your own. Overnight in Lecce.

DAY 6: OTRANTO

Breakfast. Departure for Otranto the most eastern city of Italy. Visit to Cathedral of Santa Maria Annunziata, with its floor mosaic dating back to 1163, depicting a multi-coloured 'Tree of Life' amongst other scenes of myths and legends. The next stop will be Gallipoli, the island town connected to the mainland by a 17th century bridge. After guided tour visit the winery and wine tasting. Overnight in Lecce.

DAY 7: PENINSULA OF SALENTO

Breakfast. Tour of the Grecia Salentina, an area in the peninsula of Salento inhabited by the Griko people, an ethnic Greek minority who traditionally spoke a Greek dialect known as Griko. Enjoy traditional lunch followed by popular Pizzica show -popular Apulian folk dance. Farewell dinner in a typical restaurant.

DAY 8: BARI DEPARTURE

Breakfast and transfer to Bari airport.



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