8 Day Southern Treasures & Secret Delights of Basilicata & Puglia Tour

DATES
2020 - October 12th to 19th

PRIVATE / TAILORED TOURS OF GROUPS OF 4 OR MORE ALSO AVAILABLE
Italian Delights Tours invites you to take part in a unique and immersive experience staying at a beautiful agriturismo farm with an Italian family, and experiencing a range of cultural and culinary experiences that take you deep into Lucanian and Southern Italian culture. This tour will let you discover an Italy Undisturbed, with opportunities to visit special places in Basilicata and Puglia, meet local artisans and musicians, and eat organic, zero kilometre, farm to table food.

**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**
- Matera, Fresh mozzarella workshop.
- The stunning Trulli of Alberobello, Amazing Castelmezzano, Polignano a Mare and Fresh pasta workshop.
- 2 hour guided tour of the Sassi di Matera.

**INCLUSIONS:**
- Transfers to/from designated pick up/drop off locations
- 7 Breakfasts
- Three lunches/Seven Dinners
- All activities mentioned in itinerary.

**TOUR PRICE - AUD $3,650.00 p/p twin share (single supplement $500)**
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ITINERARY

Provided Meals Legend
B - Breakfast  L - Lunch  D - Dinner

Day One - (Welcome to Basilicata)
Arrival: Bari Airport to your accommodation

You will be met by your hosts at Bari Airport and travel for an hour to the traditional farmhouse, situated in gorgeous countryside near Matera. Here, you’ll be warmly welcomed with an aperitivo and dinner in the evening, before settling into what will be your new Italian home for the next 7 nights!

Day Two - (A Day in Matera, Europe’s 2019 European Capital of Culture)
Guided tour of the Sassi di Matera (Rock-cut dwellings thought to be continuously inhabited for at least 9,000 years!)

Matera
B  D

We start the day with a fresh breakfast, including homemade Italian cakes and Marisa’s homemade marmalade and jams. Other types of breakfasts will be available throughout the week - guests just need to ask! After breakfast we take the short trip to the ancient city of Matera, where you will meet your English speaking tour guide and spend the morning exploring the breathtaking Sassi di Matera. For lunch we will offer you some scrumptious recommendations in Matera, and after eating and relaxing, you’ll have some free time to explore this unique city. In the late afternoon we’ll return to the farmhouse for a traditional home-cooked dinner.

Day Three - (A Day with the Local Lucani!)
Fresh mozzarella workshop and a day on the farm.

B  L  D

After breakfast, we’ll welcome our good friend Antonio to the farm who will demonstrate the fine art of making mozzarella and fresh Southern Italian cheeses. Antonio is a ‘Casro’ (cheese-maker), with over 40 years experience. He’ll guide you through this special demonstration, learning all the secrets to creating this famous culinary delight. Then it will be time for a traditional family lunch and a siesta. The agriturismo offers one of the best places to do this in Southern Italy. Guests can take a snooze or enjoy the terrace with a glass of wine. You can join also join your hosts and their faithful canines on a leisurely walk around their WWF protected nature reserve. And if the weather’s warm you can also take a dip in the property’s amazing pool!

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✔ An 8 Day stay
✔ 7 nights accommodation - Twin Share or Double
✔ Breakfast every day
✔ 7 evening meals and 3 lunches
✔ 2 hour guided tour of Sassi di Matera
✔ Fresh mozzarella workshop
✔ Fresh pasta workshop
✔ All land-based transport in a private vehicle, including transfers to Bari airport.
(See Terms and Conditions section at rear for list of tour exclusions)
In the evening, there will be the opportunity to head back into Matera to see the city at night. You can check out one of Matera’s many beautiful cave bars, or you can take an evening stroll through the beautiful Sassi.

Day Four - (A Day in the Mountains)  
Dolomiti Lucane (the Dolomites of the South), Castelmezzano

After breakfast we head off to the Dolomiti Lucane - the dolomite mountains of the South. Here we will visit one of the most beautiful mountain towns in all of Italy - Castelmezzano. You can have a leisurely morning passeggiata here and meet the locals and enjoy the stunning views. For lunch, we’ll meet our good friend Daniele at his lovely mountain town restaurant, where he’ll prepare a delicious treat of local products and wine for us. In the afternoon, we’ll return back to the agriturismo and take a nice siesta, before enjoying more traditional food from the Mamma of the family, Marisa.

Day Five - (A Day in Puglia on the Adriatic Sea - The picturesque seaside town of Polignano a Mare)  
Polignano a Mare

After breakfast, we’ll take a short trip over the border into Puglia to visit the famous and charming seaside town of Polignano a Mare. After a visit to the beach and a famous statue of a famous son of Polignano, we’ll recommend a few special places where you can try some amazing fresh seafood lunches and local delicacies, with a glass or two of nice wine. In the afternoon, you’ll have an opportunity to explore the old town of Polignano a Mare and perhaps do a spot of shopping and exploring, before returning to the farmhouse for a restful evening.

Day Six - (Return to Puglia - Alberobello’s Trulli and the charming village of Locorotondo)  
Trulli - Alberobello - Locorotondo

After breakfast, we’ll head back into the neighbouring region of Puglia and visit one of the region’s most famous towns, Alberobello - the home of the famous Trulli houses! After exploring these strange conical-shaped homes, we’ll recommend a few spots for a good traditional lunch. When we’re ready, we’ll then head off to another gorgeous hilltop Pugliese town called Locorotondo. The day will conclude with a dinner of even more culinary delights created by chef Marisa at the farmhouse!
Day Seven – (A Day with the Lucani) B L D

Fresh Pasta Workshop

After breakfast, you will get the chance to learn how to make typical Southern pasta like orecchiette and cavatelli. This fun-filled, hands-on lesson might be harder than it looks, but it’s certainly a unique experience! Following our final traditional lunch together, you can enjoy your last Italian siesta amongst the tranquility of this beautiful Southern Italian setting and savour every last moment of your trip with us. A light dinner, or ‘apericena’, will be served in the evening and there will be one final opportunity to say ‘goodbye’ to the city of Matera for those who wish to venture out again.

Day Eight – (Farewell day) B

After our final breakfast together, it will be time to say fond farewells to your tour hosts and family, and you will be taken back to Bari Airport with a host of very special memories of the real Italy. Memories that you will undoubtedly be able to treasure forever!

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Our Farmhouse Accommodation

Offering a seasonal outdoor pool and views of the lake, the Agriturismo is located in the Basilicata Region, 10 km from Matera. The agriturismo has a sun terrace and views of the pool, and guests can enjoy a meal at the restaurant each evening. Each room is air conditioned and comes with a TV. Some units have a seating area for your convenience. Every room has a private bathroom. The Agriturismo features free WiFi throughout the property.
Jim and Lynette Romagnesi are passionate travellers, and both have proud Italian backgrounds. They have an extremely close affinity with Italy, after having lived there with their children for 2 years from 2005. Put simply Lynette and Jim love all things Italian! They have developed Italian Delights tours over the past 10 years or so, based on their sound knowledge of what intrepid small group mature-aged travellers (both singles and couples) are looking for in their guided Italian experiences. At the top of Jim and Lynette’s priority list for prospective guests is ensuring that their small group tours are exactly that - genuine small group tours! Italian Delights Tours have a maximum group size of 14 guests and the average group size is between 5-7 guests. Within a small group guests are able to blend into local life better and as a result really feel immersed in the Italian life and culture. Also and most importantly, in our small groups guests are very well looked after from the first point of contact to our final goodbye. All guests really need to do whilst on tour is relax and enjoy their experiences!

Italian Delights Tours provide guests with a genuine, intimate and informal experience of Italy, covering its culture, food, wine, and stunning natural and man made landscapes. All accommodation and eateries are handpicked by Jim and Lynette and are nearly all family-run small businesses, where the proprietors take pride in their work, because their business is often a legacy that has been passed down over numerous generations. There is no packing and unpacking of bags every day, or even every second day. All of the stays on all tours are three nights or longer. There are very few early morning starts and we tend to take guests out to provided lunches, hence late evenings are rare on our tours also. Italian Delights Tours aren’t like the usual tours where guests march around following the guide with the coloured flag at every stop they make. Our experiences allow guests to explore hidden places in their own time, and importantly also at their pace. We have developed itineraries for independent exploration of towns, and we offer optional guided tours on certain days of the tours for those seeking more detailed information about some of the fascinating places that we visit.
Guest Testimonials

When you want a delightfully delicious and marvellous introduction to Italian living, this is it! Out of the way meandering through country lanes and unusual, historic towns provide adventure and surprises. Heartily, deliciously recommended. Lynn, Sydney, AUS.

"I can absolutely recommend Italian Delights tours! Every day of our tour was different, fun and interesting with full days exploring hidden delights. Sue – Sydney, AUS.

"Our Italian Delights tour was a great opportunity to have an "inside” look into local Italian life and really explore Italy. The tour was intimate, and the hosts were very caring, attentive, punctual and knowledgeable. They always went the extra mile to ensure that our tour was memorable. Great driving too!" Anthony - Canberra, AUS.

For the travellers who enjoy to experience good food wine and friendly people, this is the tour for you. Maree, Melbourne, AUS.

For my first experience as a single traveller in Europe your tour provided everything and more than my expectations. Locations- absolute delightful tour guide! -The weather (perfect), accommodation - and lengths of travel and free time were well planned. I have expressed to all my family and friends my recommendation for Italian Delights. Rosie, Vic, AUS.

"The best parts of my Italian Delights tour were the lovely countryside, wineries, and some very good food!” Barbara - NSW, AUS.

A wonderful experience and varied tour. Great hosts and a friendly small group. Ready to book next tour. Margaret, VIC, AUS.

We would say in all of our travels this must be the tour that offers the most diverse experiences! Tony and Sue, WA, AUS.

I would recommend Italian Delights Tours to anyone wanting to see the other parts of Italy unspoiled by tourists. Perfect! Leonie, Melbourne, AUS.

Our guide’s attention to detail and desire to help out when we had a problem was exceptional. Graham, Melbourne, AUS.
I/We would like to participate in the Italian Delights Tour(s) below (Please insert both the name and date of the tour(s) you are interested in participating in below. For commencement dates please see front page of this brochure or our web site)

Tour Name(s):

Tour Start Date(s):

Please acknowledge that you have read and accepted the terms and conditions of our tours (found earlier in this document and at (https://www.italiandelights.com.au/terms-and-conditions-for-our-italian-...)) by signing the acceptance below (one person can sign on behalf of all passengers listed in the guests details section. Dated / / .

*Payment details will be forwarded to guests upon receipt of this completed and signed registration form. Please Email completed forms to info@italiandelights.com.au, or post a printed copy to PO Box 95, Bentleigh, VIC 3204. Please note that due to the very small group sizes on our tours, allocations will be given to early bookings and deposits received.

GUEST DETAILS

GUEST ONE: ................................................................. .................................................................
Title: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Dr,Other ...................................
Surname: .................................................................................................................................
Given Names: ............................................................................................................................
Date of Birth: ............................................................................................................................
Special Dietary Requirements ....................................................................................................
Address No. Street ......................................................................................................................
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State: ............................................................ Postcode ...............
Phone: B/H ..........................................................................................................................
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Email: ............................................................................................................................
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Emergency Contact Person: ....................................................................................................
Phone Contact: B/H .................................................................................................................
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Are you celebrating Anything special during the tour? ............................................................

Where did you find out about us? ............................................................................................

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EXCLUSIONS FROM ALL TOURS

- Airfares
- Items of personal nature, phone calls, passport and Visas (if applicable), laundry or tips.
- Personal transport, excess baggage, security and government taxes, travel insurance.
- Meals not specifically mentioned in itinerary or which are referred to as “free lunches or dinners”.
- Entry fees to all places either mentioned or not mentioned in itinerary.
- Optional excursions or activities that may be offered which are not included in the tour price.
- All personal expenditure

Maximum group size 14 guests - average size is 5-6 guests and tour groups rarely exceed 8 guests. This ensures that your comfort and enjoyment are our top priority. Tours and tariffs are subject to change.

PRICES, DEPOSITS, AND PAYMENTS
Prices shown are per person, double occupancy. The deposit is 15% of the overall tour price, or as listed on the tour registration form. This deposit is required before a booking can be confirmed by us. Payment instructions will be sent after we have received the Booking Confirmation and Guest Details form. No booking will be reserved until the prescribed deposit is received.
Balance of the payment will be due within 3 calendar months prior to the commencement date of the first tour date booked (90 days after Booking Confirmation Date if the date of the tour you are hoping to participate in is less than 90 days after the Booking Confirmation Date, and upon booking if tour commences within 90 days of booking date). Payment instructions will be sent to you after we have received your Booking Confirmation and Guest Details form. After your deposit has been deposited we will send you an invoice with the due date for the balance of payment. Should your final payment fail to reach us by the date specified on your invoice, we reserve the right to cancel your booking without refund.

CANCELLATIONS INSURANCE AND REFUNDS:
If you cancel your tour reservation for any reason at any stage, your deposit is non-refundable. If cancelling more than 60 days before the tour starting date 60% of your total tour cost will be refundable.
If cancelling more than 30 days, but less than 60 days before the tour starting date, 50% of your total tour cost is refundable for physician documented emergency medical reasons or for police documented cases of accident, flood, fire, or crime.
If cancelling less than 30 days from the tour start date, a cancellation fee equal to 100% of the tour cost will apply. We do not provide refunds for: non-medical personal problems; air carrier delays or cancellations; inability to obtain passports; business problems or emergencies; etc.
In the unlikely event that we would cancel your tour, you would be entitled to a 100% refund within 2 weeks after the tour’s cancellation. Italian Delights reserves the right to cancel tours at any time for any reason such as lack of client numbers etc. You are required to purchase your own travel insurance to cover cancellation coverage, airline tickets, trip delay, lost luggage or any potential medical expenses. In order to keep our tour prices low it is not possible for Italian Delights to provide protection coverage of any sort and you agree to travel at your own risk.

IMPORTANT ARRIVALS/DEPARTURES INFORMATION
It is your responsibility to take note and enquire with us about the time we arrive at our arrival (pick up) and departure (drop off) points, prior to the beginning / after the end of our tours. This should be done prior to you making any flight or train bookings so that it is clearly understood that the arrangements will fit in with our times. Your train should arrive at least half an hour prior to the designated pick up time, and your flight should arrive at least two hours prior to the pick-up time. Upon your departure from the tour your train should leave no less than an hour after our intended arrival, and your international flight should leave no less than 3 hours after our arrival times (2 hours for Italian domestic flights and Europe-bound flights).

LUGGAGE
You are allowed one suitcase and one small carry-on bag. If you exceed this limit there may not be space in the vehicle(s) to transport your excess luggage and it will be at your own expense to have it transported throughout the tour. We suggest that you bring a day pack for carrying water, guide books, jacket, rain gear, etc.

HOW PHYSICALLY FIT DO YOU HAVE TO BE?
Our tours are not athletic events. To comfortably complete them you should be able to do some moderate walks over hills and be able to climb a number of stairs. We will also be doing a lot of walking in the towns we visit. If you are planning a tour with us it wouldn’t hurt to prepare yourself by starting a moderate walking program at least 2 months before the tour.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS
Please advise us of any special requirements such as Special Meals, Medical Requirements etc. as soon as possible. If you get motion sickness, it is advisable to bring with you motion sickness pills, as we will be traveling along mountainous roads at times.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY
No responsibility is accepted for any loss, expense, accident, injury, or damage to any person or property due to the actions or omissions of any person, or any cause, including but not limited to acts of God, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, defects in machinery, breakdown of equipment, weather, quarantine, negligence, loss of baggage, or other causes beyond our control, such losses being the responsibility of the guest.
PERMISSION FOR PHOTOS AND VIDEOS OF GUESTS
You agree that our Tour Directors or Representatives may take photographs and films of you while you are on holiday and that these may be used in our Group brochures and/or advertising or publicity material without obtaining any further consent or payment in respect of such photographs and/or films.

MEMBERSHIP ON TOUR
Italian Delights reserves the right to accept, reject, or not retain any person as a tour participant whose condition or general deportment impedes the operation of the tour or, in the opinion of the tour manager, affects the rights and enjoyment of other guests. A guest not retained on tour shall have no cause for complaint or refund, and shall bear any and all extra expenses that ensue.

TOUR CHANGES
All information contained in this document is, to the best of our knowledge, correct. However, we reserve the right to make changes in accommodations, visits, and itineraries at any time should it become necessary or desirable. Delays or itinerary changes caused by strikes, bad weather, traffic, or other unforeseen circumstances are beyond our control and we are not obliged to pay guests compensation.