

NOW JOURNEY / SOUTHERN ITALY

Puglia to the Amalfi Coast

The complete twelve-day Journey

PUGLIA / MATERA / LECCE / POSITANO / AMALFI / CAPRI

True small groups | Tour Captain hosted | Boutique stays | No big buses

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THE COMPLETE JOURNEY

Twelve days from Adriatic light to Capri blue.

This complete southern Italian Journey begins among Puglia's whitewashed towns, ancient farmland, Matera's cave dwellings and Lecce's Baroque stone, then crosses the peninsula for Positano, Ravello, Amalfi and two nights on the Isle of Capri.

12 DAYS	11 NIGHTS	8-12 GUESTS	MAXIMUM 16
Bari to Capri	Five overnight bases	Tour Captain hosted	Depart via Naples

DAILY ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

DAY 1	Polignano a Mare - arrive via Bari Airport
DAY 2	Taste and explore Polignano a Mare
DAY 3	Alberobello and the trulli houses to Matera
DAY 4	Secrets and treasures of Matera
DAY 5	Travel to Lecce - the Florence of the South
DAY 6	Explore the art and layers of Lecce
DAY 7	Otranto outing or a day at leisure
DAY 8	Across southern Italy to Positano
DAY 9	Ravello and Amalfi
DAY 10	Arrival by water and Capri discovery
DAY 11	Capri at leisure
DAY 12	Departure by water and transfer to Naples Airport



The route crosses southern Italy from the Adriatic to the Amalfi Coast and Capri.

A NOTE ON HOTELS

The Now Journey Deluxe Collection features representative 4- to 5-star properties. Room categories generally include entry level at 5-star properties and one category above entry level at 4-star properties. Final hotels and room categories are normally confirmed about 60 days before departure.

CHAPTER ONE

Puglia

White stone, blue water and a table set for welcome.

DAY

1

Benvenuti in Puglia

POLIGNANO A MARE

Arrive independently in Polignano a Mare. Your Tour Captain welcomes you at the hotel and provides check-in guidance; an arrival transfer is arranged separately unless your proposal confirms otherwise.

Discovery Walk: Heart of Polignano a Mare. This afternoon, join your Now Journey Tour Captain for a Discovery Walk through stunning Polignano a Mare - birthplace of Mr. Volare himself, Domenico Modugno. Explore seaside terraces, dramatic cliffs and the iconic Lama Monachile bridge on this unforgettable stroll.

Welcome Dinner. Tonight, delight your palate with cuisine from the land and sea at one of the most iconic locations in southern Italy. Your Journey Tour Captain welcomes you to Puglia.

Authentically Italian dining. Now Journey dining is as authentic as Italy itself, featuring family-owned restaurants with farm- and sea-to-table cuisine. Enjoy premium beverages and full menu choice at every included dinner. In Puglia, savor fresh pasta, seafood, local vegetables and homegrown flavors rooted in tradition.

WHERE YOU STAY

Polignano a Mare - 2 nights with breakfast.

Covo dei Saraceni, a villa stay on select departures, or a similar Now Journey Deluxe Collection property.

DAY

2

Tasting Polignano a Mare

COASTAL FLAVORS AND TIME AT LEISURE

Breakfast is included daily.

This morning - with some itineraries featuring an afternoon experience - enjoy exploring Polignano a Mare through its local flavors. Traditional *panzerotti* stuffed with mozzarella and tomato sauce are a favorite, along with typical Apulian cold cuts and focaccia.

After the experience, enjoy the balance of the day at leisure. Tonight, consider joining your Tour Captain for an optional dinner or explore independently.

CHAPTER TWO

Basilicata

From storybook trulli to a city carved into stone.

DAY

3

Alberobello & the Trulli Houses

SCENIC PUGLIA TO MATERA

After a delicious breakfast, set out with your Tour Captain on a scenic drive through the rolling countryside of Puglia - olive groves, dry-stone walls and wide Mediterranean skies guiding the way.

Our first stop is **Alberobello**, a storybook town unlike anywhere else in the world. Recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Alberobello is famed for its whimsical *trulli* - whitewashed stone homes crowned with conical roofs that seem lifted from folklore. With our Local Guide, wander through the Rione Monti district and discover the symbolism behind the painted roof markings, the history of these ingenious limestone dwellings and the charm of the **Trullo Sovrano**, the only two-story trullo in town. We also visit the distinctive **Church of Saint Anthony of Padua**, built in trullo style - a rare architectural treasure.

After time to explore and enjoy lunch at leisure - perhaps at a rustic osteria featuring local burrata and handmade orecchiette - we continue onward.

This afternoon, we arrive in **Matera**, one of Europe's most extraordinary cities. Carved into limestone cliffs, Matera's ancient cave dwellings and dramatic ravines create a landscape both haunting and beautiful. As you settle in, you will feel it - the sense that you have stepped into another era. Here, among stone pathways and candlelit courtyards, the next chapter of your Journey begins.

WELCOME TO MATERA

Tonight, join your Tour Captain and fellow travelers for the Italian meal known as *apericena*. Is it a snack? Is it dinner? It is both - a combination of aperitivo and dinner, enjoyed in a picturesque Matera setting.

WHERE YOU STAY

Matera - 2 nights with breakfast.

Quarry Resort, Aquatio Cave Luxury Hotel & Spa, Sant'Angelo Luxury Resort, or a similar Now Journey Deluxe Collection property.

DAY

4

Exploring Matera

SECRETS AND TREASURES OF THE SASSI

After breakfast, step into a world that feels suspended in time. Together with your Tour Captain and expert Local Guide, explore the extraordinary **Sassi di Matera**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site unlike any other in Europe.

Set within the ancient city of Matera, the Sassi are a labyrinth of stone dwellings carved directly into limestone cliffs - homes, chapels, cisterns and passageways layered over thousands of years of human history. As you wander narrow alleys and sweeping viewpoints, discover how generations once lived in these cave homes, adapting ingeniously to the rugged landscape.

Step inside restored cave dwellings to understand daily life of the past and visit remarkable rock-hewn churches adorned with faded Byzantine frescoes - quiet spaces that still hold a sense of reverence and mystery. The views across the Gravina ravine are breathtaking, especially as morning light illuminates the honey-colored stone.

Matera is not simply a place you visit; it is a place you feel. Today's exploration reveals resilience, beauty and the enduring spirit of one of the world's oldest continuously inhabited settlements. Then enjoy time at leisure to explore this remarkable destination.

CHAPTER THREE

Lecce & Otranto

Golden Baroque, Adriatic light and a southern finale.

DAY

5

To Lecce

THE FLORENCE OF THE SOUTH

After breakfast, bid farewell to Matera in Basilicata and travel to Lecce, your home for the next three nights. Journey farther into the heel of Italy and discover more beauty, wonderful people and, of course, delicious cuisine and vino.

Arrive in Lecce in mid-afternoon, check into your resort hotel and enjoy time to freshen up before joining the Tour Captain for an orientation Discovery Walk through the Baroque city center.

Tonight, enjoy a traditional Apulian dinner in Lecce with your Tour Captain and fellow travelers. Perhaps you will try the region's signature pasta shape, orecchiette.

WHERE YOU STAY

Lecce - 3 nights with breakfast.

Risorgimento Resort and Spa, Patria Palace Hotel, or a similar Now Journey Deluxe Collection property.

DAY

6

Exploring Lecce

THE ART AND LAYERS OF A BAROQUE CITY

Today, step into the golden glow of Lecce, often called the **Florence of the South**. With an expert Local Guide leading the way, discover why this elegant city is considered one of Italy's great Baroque masterpieces. Wander through honey-colored streets sculpted from Lecce's soft *pietra leccese* stone, allowing extraordinary detail to flourish on every facade.

Admire the exuberant artistry of the **Basilica di Santa Croce**, whose intricate carvings seem almost theatrical in their expression. In **Piazza del Duomo**, one of Italy's most harmonious cathedral squares, feel the quiet grandeur of centuries past while exploring the cathedral and surrounding palaces.

The Journey reaches deeper into Lecce's Roman roots with a visit to the remarkably preserved **Roman Amphitheatre of Lecce**, where echoes of ancient spectacles still linger beneath the modern city. Along the way, expect moments to pause - perhaps for a cafe in a sunlit piazza or to admire artisan workshops carrying on traditions that define this soulful southern city. Lecce is atmospheric, intimate and proudly distinct.

We take our time today. Look up. Notice the details. Lecce rewards the curious traveler. Tonight, consider joining your Tour Captain for an optional dinner or explore at leisure.

DAY

7

Otranto or a Day at Leisure

THE SALENTO COAST

After breakfast, join your Tour Captain for an included Otranto outing - participation is optional - or keep the day entirely at leisure in Lecce.

In picturesque **Otranto**, enjoy time to walk and explore the town's fascinating architecture and history, with free time for shopping or simply wandering. Following lunch on your own, continue exploring the Salento peninsula while making your way back to Lecce.

A Salento evening. Meet tonight for a special apericena celebrating the Puglia chapters of the Journey. The days have been filled with new sights, tastes and discoveries; tomorrow, southern Italy's story continues west to the Amalfi Coast.

CHAPTER FOUR

The Amalfi Coast

A vertical village, garden terraces and the sea below.

DAY
8

To Positano

THE AMALFI COAST

This is the Journey's longest road transfer. After breakfast, travel from Lecce across southern Italy in an appropriately sized small-group vehicle, with comfortable stops planned along the way and your luggage traveling with the group.

Your Journey continues in **Positano** - a village whose name evokes a place to stop - known for its colorful homes, lively beach and extraordinary coastal setting. After checking in, meet your Tour Captain for an included Discovery Walk to learn your way around this lovely, vertical village.

Enjoy time at leisure before meeting later for an Amalfitana-style dining experience. Now Journey dinners are dining events with premium beverages and the freedom to order from the menu. Tonight, one of Positano's noted chefs introduces the culinary traditions of the coast.

WHERE YOU
STAY

Positano - 2 nights with breakfast.

Hotel Villa Franca, Hotel Miramare, Villa Magia, or a similar Now Journey Deluxe Collection property. Sea-view categories are based on availability at booking.

DAY
9

Ravello & Amalfi

SECRETS AND TRADITIONS OF THE COAST

Today, immerse yourself in **Ravello**, one of the Amalfi Coast's most enchanting hilltop towns. Walk its tranquil streets, with magnificent vistas opening toward the coastline below.

Visit historic **Villa Rufolo**, renowned for breathtaking gardens that inspired Wagner's *Parsifal*. Continue to **Villa Cimbrone**, where lush gardens lead to the Terrazza dell'Infinito - the Terrace of Infinity - and sweeping views across the Tyrrhenian Sea.

Continue into **Amalfi** to discover the maritime town at the heart of the celebrated coast, then return to Positano for the balance of the day and evening at leisure.

An optional two-Michelin-star dining experience may be offered this evening. It is optional and separately priced.

CHAPTER FIVE

The Isle of Capri

Arrive by water and let island time take over.

DAY

10

Jet-Set Living

ARRIVAL BY WATER AND CAPRI DISCOVERY

Enjoy the morning at leisure, then say arrivederci to Positano and make your way to the Isle of Capri by boat. Some departures may use scheduled ferry service for this transfer.

Just off the coast, Capri rises from the cobalt-blue sea. Its fragrance, gardens, limestone cliffs and splashes of color have drawn emperors, artists, writers and travelers for centuries.

After arrival and check-in, explore Capri by open-air taxi and on foot. The island orientation introduces its celebrated perspectives and gives you a sense of how to shape tomorrow's free day.

Tonight, gather for a special Welcome to Capri Dinner at a favorite island restaurant, paired with delicious wines and premium beverages.

WHERE YOU STAY

Capri - 2 nights with breakfast.

Hotel Mamela or a similar Now Journey Deluxe Collection property. Sea-view categories are based on availability at booking.

DAY

11

Capri at Leisure

YOUR ISLAND DAY, YOUR WAY

Enjoy optional activities including the chairlift above Anacapri, Roman ruins, a spa treatment or a pool day. Weather and local access permitting, consider the Blue Grotto, or simply wander Capri and Anacapri at your own pace. These activities are suggestions and are not included unless your proposal states otherwise.

You may also join your Tour Captain for an island walk toward Villa Jovis, the extraordinary Roman complex associated with Emperor Tiberius.

Your Tour Captain will invite you to an optional dinner or help with reservations should you prefer to explore lovely Capri or Anacapri independently.

DAY
12

Arrivederci, Italy

DEPARTURE DAY

Departure transportation to Naples Airport is included via boat or scheduled ferry, followed by an onward vehicle transfer.

Do not book an early-morning flight from Naples on Day 12. The Capri crossing is weather dependent. Your Trip Planner will provide timing guidance; for an early flight, plan a final night in Naples and depart the following day.

CLEAR BY DESIGN

What Your Journey Includes

Your final proposal and confirmation are the controlling documents for the specific departure, hotels and room categories you select.

HOSTING & STAYS

A dedicated Tour Captain; local expert guides where described; hotel welcome and check-in guidance; eleven nights in representative Now Journey Deluxe Collection properties; daily breakfast.

TOURING & TRANSPORTATION

Appropriately sized small-group vehicles - no large motorcoaches; intercity transfers; guided sightseeing and admissions described in the itinerary; boat or ferry from Positano to Capri; Day 12 water crossing and onward vehicle to Naples Airport.

DINING & GRATUITIES

Welcome dinners, apericena and tastings specifically described; premium beverages at included Now Journey dinners as described; gratuities for included local guides and drivers.

PLAN SEPARATELY

International airfare; arrival transfer to Polignano a Mare unless your proposal confirms otherwise; unlisted meals and activities; the optional, separately priced Michelin-star dinner; optional Capri activities; travel insurance; pre- or post-Journey hotels; and optional Tour Captain gratuity.

PLAN YOUR DEPARTURE

2026 & 2027 Journey dates

All prices shown are per person, double occupancy, in US dollars. International airfare is not included. Select the inquiry link in the PDF or connect with a Trip Planner for current availability.

2026 DEPARTURES

TRIP DATES

DELUXE

AUTUMN / FALL IN PUGLIA & AMALFI
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September 3-14, 2026

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2027 DEPARTURES

TRIP DATES

DELUXE

AUTUMN / FALL IN PUGLIA & AMALFI
Beautiful weather, fewer summertime crowds

September 28-October 9, 2027

\$10,879

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ANNOUNCED DEPARTURE

READY FOR SOUTHERN ITALY?

Let us shape the Journey around you.

A proposal is the beginning of a conversation, not a commitment. Tell us the season you prefer and what matters most, and a Now Journey Trip Planner will help you compare departure availability, Deluxe hotel details, room options and air guidance.

**1 / SHARE
YOUR PLANS**

Choose a departure or simply tell us your preferred season, travel companions and room needs.

**2 / TALK WITH A
SPECIALIST**

Ask questions about pacing, flights, arrival nights, hotels, Capri logistics or extending your stay.

**3 / RECEIVE
YOUR
PROPOSAL**

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