



# Undiscovered Italy

OCTOBER 28-NOVEMBER 8, 2026

## Centuries-Old Traditions Come to Life in Abruzzo and Puglia

New  
Tour

From mountain villages to seaside towns, experience a quieter Italy—where farmers still harvest olives by hand and fishermen cast nets from wooden piers. Trace ancient pilgrim routes, taste recipes passed down for generations, and wander landscapes that have changed little over the centuries. This is Italy as it once was—and still is, for those who know where to look.

### DAYS 1-2: BENVENUTI IN ITALIA!

After your overnight flight, arrive in Rome and meet your local guide before journeying towards the region of Abruzzo, nestled along the Adriatic coast. Settle into your seaside hotel for a 4-night stay before savoring a Welcome Dinner featuring authentic Italian cuisine. **D**

### DAY 3: LANCIANO AND THE TRABOCCHI COAST

This morning, travel to Lanciano, a Medieval town rich in art, historic architecture, and elegant piazzas. Later visit the Trabocchi Coast, where wooden fishing huts, known as trabocchi, perch above the sea. Enjoy a fresh seafood lunch atop one of these traditional structures, while a local fisherman shares fascinating tales of his craft. Complete the day with a visit the Abbey of San Giovanni before returning to Silvi Marina for dinner and another relaxing overnight stay. **B, L, D**

### DAY 4: SULMONA CONFETTI AND SCANNO GOLD

Spend the morning exploring the town of Sulmona, renowned for its confetti, the delicate sugar-coated almonds traditionally used for weddings and celebrations. Visit a traditional confetti factory to witness the colorful process behind these iconic sweets. After lunch at a historic 16th and 17th century post office, travel through the Sagittario Gorges to Scanno for a look at its scenic lake and historic city center. Immerse yourself in the town's rich craftsmanship as we visit one of Scanno's oldest goldsmith workshops, meeting local artisans and learning about their time-honored techniques. **B, L, D**

### DAY 5: L'AQUILA, ABRUZZO'S CAPITAL

Today, explore L'Aquila, the vibrant capital of the Abruzzo region. Uncover the city's Medieval heritage, impressive Baroque architecture, and artistic treasures with visits to the 13th-century Basilica of Santa Maria di Collemaggio and the whimsical Fountain of 99 Spouts. Enjoy free time wandering L'Aquila's charming cobblestone streets before returning to Silvi Marina for a final evening by the sea. **B, D**

### DAY 6: MONTE SANT'ANGELO

Journey south to Monte Sant'Angelo, home to the UNESCO World Heritage Site Sanctuary of St. Michael the Archangel. Tour the sacred grotto, a pilgrimage site since the 5th century and one of the oldest Christian pilgrimage destinations in Western Europe. Stroll the Medieval Old Town,



with its whitewashed architecture and breathtaking views of the Gulf of Manfredonia. **B, D**

### DAY 7: TRANI & CASTEL DEL MONTE

Today, travel to the picturesque coastal town of Trani. Admire the Romanesque cathedral, built in the 12th century, known as one of Italy's most photographed churches. After free time for lunch, travel inland to Castel del Monte—Frederick II's mysterious octagonal fortress that stands as a masterpiece of Medieval architecture. Later, settle into your hotel for a 3-night stay in the Itria Valley. **B, D**

### DAY 8: ALBEROBELLO, LOCOROTONDO, & MARTINA FRANCA

This morning, step into a fairytale in the UNESCO-listed city of Alberobello, where the whitewashed trulli, cone-roofed homes built of limestone, gleam in the sun. Enjoy a tasting of regional specialties inside one of these traditional dwellings before traveling to the hilltop town of Locorotondo, celebrated for its whitewashed houses with sloping roofs. Complete the day with a visit to the Baroque town Martina Franca for dinner at a local restaurant. **B, L, D**



Discover Scanno's scenic lake and goldsmith traditions

### DAY 9: ALTAMURA BREAD AND ANCIENT MATERA

Your day begins with a visit to a traditional Altamura bakery for a tasting of its world-famous bread, made only from local durum wheat and baked in wood-fired ovens as has been tradition for centuries. Later, travel to Matera, one of Italy's most extraordinary and ancient cities, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Carved into the limestone hills, Matera is famous for its Sassi—ancient cave dwellings and rupestrian churches. Visit a furnished “casa grotta” to experience cave living while learning about millennia-old dwellings, ingenious water systems, and the city's modern Renaissance. **B**

### DAY 10: OSTUNI OLIVE OIL

This morning, head south for Ostuni known as the “White City” for its dazzling whitewashed buildings. Continue to a centuries-old olive grove for a guided tasting and lunch at a traditional masseria, where the family shares their stories of oil making and rural life. Later, enjoy an overnight stay in Lecce. **B, L**

### DAY 11: LECCE—THE FLORENCE OF THE SOUTH

This journey is not complete without a visit to Lecce, the Baroque capital of southern Italy often referred to as the “Florence of the South.” Stroll the golden limestone streets on a guided tour revealing its elaborate façades, ancient Roman amphitheater, and lively piazzas. In a local historic palace, enjoy a tasting of pucce sandwiches, rustici pastries, olives, cheeses, and local wines. The afternoon is yours to shop or relax before a farewell dinner. **B, L, D**

### DAY 12: ARRIVEDERCI ITALIA!

After breakfast, head to Bari International Airport for your journey home—taking with you unforgettable memories and the spirit of *la dolce vita* from our Italian adventure. **B** 🌍



## TOUR DETAILS

12 Days • 23 Meals

Oct 28-Nov 8, 2026

Price Per Person:

Double: \$4,999; Single: \$5,999

Pre/Post Hotel: Call for pricing

Depart/Return:

Chicago, IL

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Dine on a traditional trabocco above the Adriatic Sea
- Tour a confetti factory in Sulmona
- Discover one of the oldest Christian pilgrimage destinations in Western Europe
- Experience a town of cave dwellings carved into limestone hills
- Savor olive oil from a traditional masseria

## INCLUSIONS

- Round-trip airfare from the U.S.
- Professional, English speaking Tour Director
- Welcome Dinner and meals as indicated (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Fees and tips for included attractions and meals
- Luggage handling at most hotels
- 24-hour emergency call service

## ACCOMMODATIONS

Nights 2-5: Hotel Hermitage, Silvi Marina

Night 6: Grand Hotel Terme Margherita di Savoia, Andria/Barletta

Nights 7-9: Hotel Olimpo, Itria Valley

Nights 10-11: Hotel Leone di Messapia, Lecce

Excellent Mobility Required