

## 10 Days/9 Nights

Departs Daily, Mar.-Oct. from Rome



## SPLENDORS OF SOUTHERN ITALY ROME - SORRENTO - MATERA - LECCE - PUGLIA

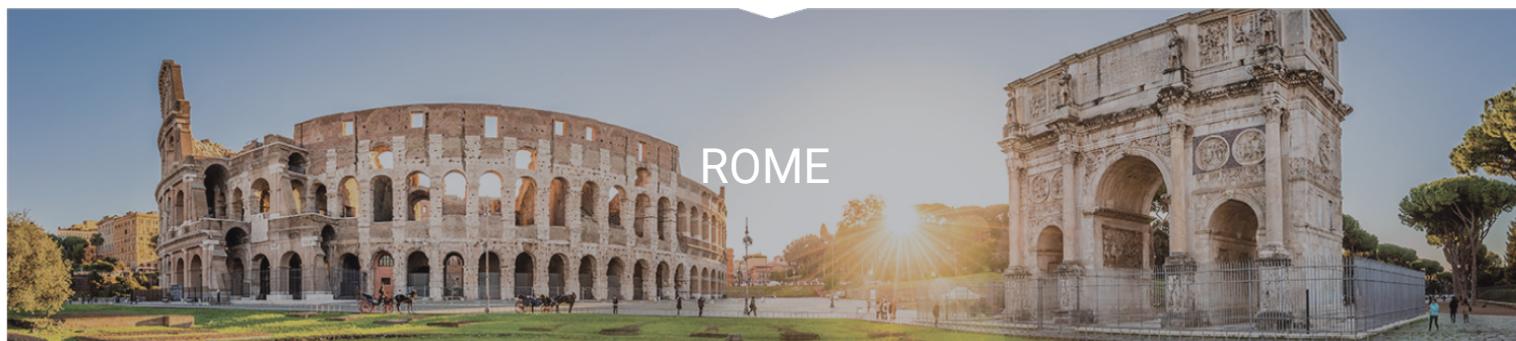
From the breathtaking Amalfi Coast proudly facing the sea, to the yet untouched lands of Puglia, experience true authenticity on the narrow, winding street of Matera or in the market of Lecce. Your adventure will end on the charming beaches of Savalletri di Fasano, where you can enjoy world renowned cuisine and explore the nearby Trulli houses.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

1 Night Rome | 3 Nights Sorrento | 1 Night Matera  
1 Night Lecce | 3 Nights Puglia

### INCLUSIONS

- Rome Il Piccolo Mondo Restaurant One 3 course Dinner
- Sorrento Ristorante L Antica Trattoria One 3 Course Dinner
- Private Matera Walking Tour 2 Hours
- Private Full Day Martina Franca, Cisternino and Locorotondo Tour from Savalletri Di Fasano 7 Hours
- Daily Breakfast
- Small Group Panoramic Tour of Rome by Driving Escort 3 Hours
- Private Morning Sorrento Walking and Lemon Tour to Il Pizzo Estate with Tasting of Lemon Products and Limoncello Making Demonstration 4.5 Hours
- Morning Market Tour and Cooking Class with Lunch in Lecce 4 Hours
- Private Transportation Throughout



Rome is one of the world's most romantic and historically important cities going back almost 3,000 years. This timeless capital of Italy is a collection of piazzas, historic sites and open air markets and famous landmarks like the Forum, the Colosseum, Vatican City, and Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel masterpiece. Avanti strives to provide authentic and personalized experiences, including city tours, cooking classes, local family dinners, and helps you discover the cultures and cuisines of this beautiful boot. A Private Borghese Gallery Tour gives you an inside view of the most precious pearls of Roman Art, the Borghese Gallery that holds treasures that are not normally seen on tours. After the visit, you will be provided with a picnic basket containing a selection local fare: salami and cheese, bread, fruit salad, Tiramisu and drinks.

### Day 1 ARRIVAL:

Collect your luggage, clear customs and meet your driver in the arrivals hall for your private transfer to your hotel. Relax at your hotel, or explore Rome on your own. This evening, enjoy a traditional 3 course dinner at Il Piccolo Mondo Restaurant.

*(Dinner)*



### Private Transfer - Rome Fiumicino Airport to Rome Hotel

Duration: 2 hr



### Rome - Marcella Royal Hotel - Standard

1 Nights ★★★★★

Style: Traditional Location: Via Veneto area

Nearby Attractions: Via Veneto, Villa Borghese Park, Piazza Barberini, Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps  
The Marcella Royal Hotel is a boutique hotel conveniently situated directly on Via Flavia, in an affluent district. This privileged and central location means you will be within walking distance of the city's numerous sights and attractions, including Via Veneto, the Spanish Steps, Via Nazionale, Barberini, and more. A charming hotel with great service and a rooftop terrace offering perhaps the most extraordinary views in all of Rome.



### Rome - Il Piccolo Mondo Restaurant - One 3-course Dinner

Category: Food and Drink Tour Type: Meal

Enjoy a three course meal at a historical restaurant where seasonal products, organic and farm to table, high quality ingredients, local fish and prime cuts of meat are the backbone of our restaurant.

## Day 2 ROME:

This morning, enjoy a panoramic drive through Rome during which your English speaking driving guide will show you an overview of the highlights of the Eternal City, including The Spanish Steps, Piazza del Popolo, Piazza Venezia, Piazza Navona, the Pantheon, Trevi Fountain and the Gianicolo Hill. This tour does not include any admissions to monuments. Duration: 3 hours. Lunch on your own. In the afternoon, you have a private transfer to the Rome Train Station, where you will board the train for your first class seat to Naples. Upon arrival you have a Private Transfer from the Naples Train Station to Sorrento, with a 2 hour private tour of Pompeii en route. In the evening, enjoy a traditional 3 course dinner at Ristorante L'Antica Trattoria in Sorrento. Overnight in Sorrento.

(Breakfast, Dinner)



### Small Group Panoramic Tour of Rome by Driving Escort - 3 Hours

Duration: 3 Hours Category: City Tour Tour Type: Car/Bus Tour

A panoramic drive through Rome during which your driving guide will show you the highlights of the Eternal City. You will see some of the highlights of the Eternal city: the Spanish Steps, Piazza del Popolo with its churches and monuments, Piazza Venezia with its impressive monument dedicated to King Victor Emanuel II and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and the beautiful Piazza Navona with its fountains. The city tour will continue to the Pantheon, originally a pagan temple converted into a Christian Church. You will then reach the Trevi Fountain, where the legend says you must throw a coin if you wish to insure your return to the Eternal City



### Private Transfer - Rome Hotel to Termini Rail Station

Duration: 30 min



Feel the sun in Sorrento! Wonderfully situated in the Bay of Naples, this seaside town on the Amalfi Coast has enthralled the senses for centuries. Sorrento is a gateway to exploring other highlights of the area: archaeological sites and the magical island of Capri. Avanti can arrange a fishing activity where you'll enjoy breathtaking panoramas along the incredible landscape of the

Sorrento Peninsula and discover the hidden beauties of the Blue Island: the White Grotto, the Green Grotto, Marina Piccola, Carena Point and the Blue Grotto and opportunities to swim in the clear waters. Or enjoy a wine tasting at the Enoteca Fuoro 51 situated in the pedestrian area of the historical town center. The wine tasting is held by an English speaking sommelier and it includes three different wines, accompanied by cheese, salami, jam and bread.

## Day 2 SORRENTO:



### Private Transfer Naples Rail Station to Sorrento with 2 Hour stop in Pompeii with Excavation site visit and Private Guide

*Duration:* 1 hr 30 min



### Sorrento - Grand Hotel Royal - Sea View with Balcony 3 Nights ★★★★★

*Style:* Contemporary *Location:* Sorrento city center

*Nearby Attractions:* Sorrento historical center, Sorrento Marina, Marina Grande Beach, Corso Italia

This elegant and refined hotel in the heart of the city of Sorrento is situated on a cliff top above the sea, overlooking the Gulf of Naples and Mount Vesuvius, and set within a large, historic park with an assortment of exotic plants, marvelous camellias, and orange and lemon trees. Built in 1898, the Grand Hotel Royal was a hotel built for the aristocracy, who flocked from all over Europe to enjoy grand gala evenings on the terrace high above the sea.



### Sorrento - Ristorante L Antica Trattoria - One 3-Course Dinner

*Category:* Food and Drink *Tour Type:* Meal

The Ristorante L Antica Trattoria lies in the center of Sorrento, near the beautiful and solemn roman bell tower of the cathedral. The ristorante offers cozy rooms with vintage decor and a flower filled terrace. It serves delicious, traditional food.

## Day 3 SORRENTO COUNTRYSIDE:

After breakfast, Enjoy a walking tour of the lovely resort town of Sorrento with its highlights and breathtaking panorama on the Gulf of Naples. Your guide will take you through the narrow streets of the historical center with its typical artisan and food shops offering a large variety of local produce. After the walking tour, you will transfer to Il Pizzo estate. Follow the Lemon Trail and step back in time and into the history of Sorrento and the beauty of a secret garden that has a touch of royalty, whose original owner was a Count. Learn from experts about the cultivation and nurturing of lemon trees and their fruit. Relax in the lemon grove for a limoncello making demonstration and indulge yourself in generous tasting of homemade lemon delights like marmelade, liqueur and lemonade made with fresh lemons. After returning to your hotel, enjoy an afternoon at leisure by the pool or spend more time exploring the streets of lovely Sorrento.

*(Breakfast)*



### Private Morning Sorrento Walking and Lemon Tour to Il Pizzo Estate with Tasting of Lemon Products and Limoncello Making Demonstration 4.5 Hours

*Duration:* 4.5 Hours *Category:* City Tour,,Food And Drink *Tour Type:* Walking Tour

Follow the Lemon Trail and take a step back in time into the history of Sorrento and the beauty of a secret garden that has a touch of royalty. Learn from experts about the cultivation and nurturing of lemon trees and their from followed by a limoncello making demonstration and the tastings of other lemon products.

## Day 4 SORRENTO:

A day at leisure to explore Sorrento, or perhaps take an optional excursion to the Isle of Capri.

*(Breakfast)*

## Day 5 SORRENTO TO MATERA:

After breakfast, you'll have a private car transfer as we cross the Italian Peninsula to the interesting cave town of Matera, where you'll spend the night in a unique 4 star superior hotel. You have free time to explore this ancient town, one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world, dating back to the 10th Millennium BC. The original settlements were caves or caverns, many of which have now been meticulously repurposed into cave hotels, cave cafes and restaurants.

*(Breakfast)*



## Private Transfer - Sorrento Hotel To Matera Hotel - Day

Duration: 2 hr



Looking over Basilicata's scenic plains, Matera is a city museum in its own right. Natural limestone caves gave refuge to its inhabitants as early as seven thousand years ago! The urban landscape with its monochromatic tufa buildings blend in with the landscape, reminiscing of ancient days and the deep connection between man and nature. Historic buildings and churches are all connected by intricate alleyways and staircases, gracefully connecting this picturesque town. You will experience the true essence of Matera at sunset, when the tourist buses leave and only silence remains. This is the time to walk around and forget everything else while the evening light engulfs it all in a pleasant shade of orange. Stop by a local restaurant and enjoy local dishes and wine. Basilicata definitely has something to say when it comes to Italian cuisine.

### Day 5 MATERA:



#### Matera - Sextantio le Grotte Della Civita - Standard 1 Nights ★★★★★

*Style:* Traditional *Location:* Matera City center

*Nearby Attractions:* Sassi and the Park of the Rupestrian Churches, Rock Churches of San Nicola dei Greci and Madonna delle Virtu, Cathedral of Matera, Piazza San Pietro Caveoso

This old world boutique hotel is set in ancient cave dwellings overlooking the town of Matera. The minimalist stone walled rooms feature rustic wood furniture, free Wi Fi, and bathrooms with modern free standing tubs. The hotel is a 4 minute walk from Matera Cathedral and a 10 minute walk from Casa Grotta di Vico Solitario anthropology museum.



#### Private Matera Walking Tour - 2 Hours

*Duration:* 2 hours *Category:* City Tour *Tour Type:* Walking Tour

Meet your private guide at the designated Matera place and time for a walking tour of this unique town, famous for its sassi, caves built directly into the rocky hill, inhabited by the locals for centuries.

### Day 6 MATERA TO LECCE:

In the morning after breakfast, meet your private guide for a walking tour of this unique town, famous for its sassi, caves built directly into the rocky hill, inhabited by the locals for centuries. UNESCO declared the Sassi a World Heritage Site. This area was the set for Mel Gibson's film The Passion of Christ. In the afternoon you'll have a private car transfer into the "heel of the boot" of Italy, to the city of Lecce. After checking into your hotel, you have free time to explore the city; wander the narrow streets and enjoy one of its many outdoor cafes. Inhabited since Roman times, Lecce is known for its Baroque buildings including the cathedral; a medieval castle; a Roman amphitheater and its archaeological museum.

(Breakfast)



## Private Transfer - Matera Hotel to Lecce Hotel - Day

Duration: 2 hr



## LECCE

Located in southern Italy, Lecce is home to Santa Croce Basilica, Piazza Saint Oronzo, Castle of Charles V, Lecce Cathedral, Santa Chiara Church, Saint Irene Church, Faggiano Museum, Roman Theatre, Piazza del Duomo, Railway Museum and Porta Rudiae.

### Day 6 LECCE:



#### Lecce - La Fiermontina Urban Resort - Standard 1 Nights ★★★★★

*Style:* Boutique *Location:* Historic old town

*Nearby Attractions:* Porta Napoli, Lecce Cathedral, Piazza Mazzini, Basilica of Santa Croce, Church of Saint Irene

Fully renovated in 2015 from an ancient masseria, this calm oasis in the middle of the city occupies an ancient orchard filled with large olive and orange trees. At just 18 rooms and suites, this boutique is only a 10 minute walk from the cathedral in the heart of the city. The restaurant offers choice of dining in the main dining room or al fresco inside the gorgeous walled garden area. A calm outdoor pool shaded by the orchards trees is perfect for cooling off after a day of the Lecces abundant sunshine.

### Day 7 LECCE:

This morning is your guided tour of the Lecce food market. Chef Gianna will show you how to choose fresh seasonal ingredients for the menu. On the way back to the cooking school, stop at a local caf to taste a local coffee. Once at the school you will prepare four local dishes that will comprise lunch, accompanied by three selected wines from the Salento area. Total time for this excursion: four hours. In the late afternoon, you have a private car transfer to the town of Savelletri di Fasano, a spectacular seafront town with an old fishing port, and sandy beaches. You will stay here for three nights.

*(Breakfast, Lunch)*



#### Morning Market Tour and Cooking Class with Lunch in Lecce - 4 Hours

*Duration:* 4 Hours *Category:* Food and Drink *Tour Type:* Walking Tour, Classes Workshops

The aim of this experience is to blend flavors and traditions with empathy and feeling, having the participants experience real and unique moments. The activity starts with a guided visit to the local market with chef Gianna, who will show you how to choose fresh seasonal ingredients for the menu. On the way back to the cooking school, you will stop at a local cafeteria to taste a Leccese Coffee.



#### Private Transfer - Lecce to Savelletri di Fasano - Day

*Duration:* 2 hr



## PUGLIA REGION

If many Italians decide to vacation in Puglia, there must be a good reason for it. Time seems to move slower in this region predominated by a rustic theme. Less crowded than the Italian classics but just as beautiful, Puglia is a destination worth visiting ASAP. Everything here is local and fresh, from the flavorful tomatoes to the handmade pasta and of course, the seafood. Choose from exciting list of cities, from major Bari and Lecce to smaller and more charming Conversano and Savelletri. Each

has its unique character and plays a big role in why the essence of Puglia is so charming. The locals claim they have the best food and wines in all of Italy and pretty soon you as well will understand why.

## Day 7 PUGLIA REGION:



### Savelletri di Fasano - Masseria Torre Coccaro - Superior 3 Nights ★★★★★

*Style:* Elegant, Luxury, Traditional *Location:* Outskirts of Puglia

*Nearby Attractions:* Polignano, Ostuni, Alberobello, San Domenico Golf Club, Egnazia Archeological Museum

This boutique of 36 rooms and suites showcases the classic Puglia style with its whitewashed walls, gorgeous arched ceilings, and the breeze from the sea mixing with ancient olive and lemon trees. The elegant underground dining room and billiards area feels like a secret. But you will get plenty of sun at the quiet relaxing pool or with the host of activities available on site. Access to the beach is just a 10 minute drive at two different exclusive beach clubs you can access during your stay.

## Day 8 SAVELLETRI DI FASANO:

Begin your private car tour with your driving guide by heading to Martina Franca, a lovely town known for its Baroque architecture. After a walking tour of Martina, the tour continues to Cisternino, a charming town with whitewashed houses, narrow streets and tiny courtyards. Originally founded by Greek settlers, it became a Roman settlement until it was destroyed by Hannibal. It was re established in the 800s by monks, who built a Greek Orthodox monastery here. Cisternino is famous for its "barbecuing butchers;" your guide will take you to a butcher shop where you will choose and grill your own meat, which will become part of your lunch, accompanied by mineral water and wine. After lunch, the tour continues to the village of Locorotondo, famous for its "trulli" whitewashed houses with cone shaped roofs. Here we visit the Pastini Family Vineyards and Wine Cellar to taste their wines accompanied by local snacks. At the conclusion of this visit, we return to Savelletri.

*(Breakfast, Lunch)*



### Private Full Day Martina Franca, Cisternino and Locorotondo Tour from Savelletri Di Fasano 7 Hours

*Duration:* 7 Hours *Category:* Historical,Eco/Nature *Tour Type:* Car/Bus Tour

Leave your hotel by private vehicle with driver and guide to Martina Franca. This lovely town of about 50,000 inhabitants is known for its baroque style architecture. The name of the town is tied to the local devotion to St Martin and to the fact that Philip I of the Anjou family declared the town exempt from taxation, hence `franca`

## Day 9 SAVELLETRI DI FASANO:

You have a free day to explore the seaside, or perhaps take an optional excursion to other nearby towns in Puglia.

*(Breakfast)*

## Day 10 DEPARTURE:

After checking out of your hotel, you will have a private transfer to the airport at Bari, where you can continue on to your next Avanti destination!

*(Breakfast)*



### Private Transfer - Bari Hotel to Bari Airport - Day

*\*\* Itinerary and inclusions are subject to change*