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# EXPLORATION OF ITALY

*"Off the Beaten Track"*

**WOMEN'S TRAVEL TOUR**

Tivoli, Umbria, the Amalfi Coast, Matera and Puglia

7 to 22 September 2025

With caring and informative leadership by long-time Italian resident Monica Valentino

Limited to 20 participants



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Experience the joy of travel with like-minded women who share your passion for adventure and discovery. Women's only travel tours offer a unique opportunity to connect, bond, and create lasting friendships in a supportive and empowering environment. Enjoy the freedom to explore new destinations with the comfort of knowing you're surrounded by a community that values safety, camaraderie, and mutual respect. From inspiring conversations to shared experiences, our tours are designed to make you feel welcomed, accepted, and truly part of a special community. Embark on a journey where every woman's story is celebrated, and every moment is a chance to create unforgettable memories together.

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**Informative leadership by Italy expert Monica Valentino**

Monica Valentino was born in Italy in the town of Torino. Monica has spent many years as a professional translator and teacher of English. She received her diploma of English at Cambridge University. She has been a tour manager for many years showing tour members her love of Italy. Monica has an intimate knowledge and love of the history, culture and day-to-day life of Italy and is happy to share the magic of this beautiful country. "I am looking forward to showing you hill towns, villages and other places that get to the heart of the real Italy, beyond the normal tourist route. I want you to live like an Italian, tasting the wines, meeting the people, visiting craft workshops and experiencing other local activities so you can see what Italian life is really like."  
– Monica Valentino



**Small Group – Maximum of 20 passengers**

Experience intimate and personalized travel with our Small Group tours, limited to just 20 passengers. Enjoy the benefits of a close-knit group, allowing for unique access to destinations, deeper connections with fellow travellers, and a more immersive journey. Travelrite International ensures a premium, exclusive travel experience.



**Discover Hidden Italy**

Unveil the secrets of Hidden Italy with Travelrite International. Explore Gubbio and Umbria's charming landscapes, delve into the ancient caves of Matera, and bask in the baroque splendour of Lecce in Puglia. Experience authentic Italian culture and hidden gems with our expertly guided tour.

**The advantages of a relaxed group tour**

On this tour we are able to make the most efficient use of time in the most relaxed way possible. Forget about navigating your way through an unfamiliar road system or dealing with parking. No stress and no hassles. Everything is taken care of. Everything is planned. We have found the most interesting places to see, so come and let us look after you.

**DAY 1 Sunday 7 September 2025**

**Tivoli, Italy**

Today we arrive from our overnight flights from Australia in Rome. We are transferred east to the town of Tivoli. Enjoy free time as you are able to explore the stunning ancient town. We have an included group dinner this evening to welcome everyone on the tour.

**DAY 2 Monday 8 September, 2025**

**Tivoli**

Today we discover Tivoli's rich history and stunning beauty with a visit to its two UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Wander through the expansive grounds of Hadrian's Villa, an ancient Roman retreat showcasing impressive ruins and architectural marvels. Then, immerse yourself in the splendour of the Villa d'Este, renowned for its magnificent Renaissance gardens and intricate fountains.

**DAY 3 Tuesday 9 September, 2025**

**Gubbio, Umbria**

Today we will depart Tivoli and travel for a few hours by coach to Gubbio, where we will spend the next three nights. Gubbio, a beautiful medieval

town in the Umbria region of Italy, is known for its medieval architecture, including the striking Palazzo dei Consoli and the historic Roman Theatre. Nestled in the foothills of the Apennines, it offers a rich blend of history, culture, and scenic beauty, making it a captivating destination for visitors. After our arrival enjoy free time to explore the city before checking into the hotel.



**DAY 4 Wednesday 10 September 2025**

**Gubbio, Umbria**

This morning we will have a walking tour of this beautiful cobbled street town where we will have a comprehensive overview of what the town has to offer. We will see the Gubbio Roman Theatre. This theatre was constructed during the first century AD by using locally obtained limestone square blocks, its walls entirely covered in ashlar. We will then visit St. Ubaldo Basilica. This church was dedicated to Gubbio's patron saint, Ubaldo, the basilica is a fine piece of Renaissance art. We will also visit Ducal Palace which was constructed after the year 1470 and where you can see some fine architecture with beautiful works of door inlays along with marble ceilings and a tiled roof. Today, it is used as a museum and exhibits some of the best works of art and architecture of the Italian legacy.

**DAY 5 Thursday 11 September, 2025**

**Gubbio, Umbria**

This morning, we enjoy a truffle hunt with dogs outside Gubbio. Umbria is one of the biggest truffle producing areas of Italy. We will continue to Perugia for lunch and free time. Perugia was one of the 12 Etruscan city-states comprising the





federation of Etruria and is surrounded by ancient city walls. It is a university town and the capital of Umbria. We will then return to Gubbio late afternoon.

**DAY 6 Friday 12 September, 2025**  
**Sorrento, Amalfi Coast**

Today is a day of scenic countryside travel as our coach takes us south down to the Amalfi Coast where we will spend the next four nights. We will stop for lunch along the way.

**DAY 7 Saturday 13 September 2025**  
**Sorrento, Amalfi Coast**

Today we catch the ferry to the island of Capri. We will board a boat on arrival and cruise around the island, hopefully entering Capri's famous "Grotta Azzurra", the Blue Grotto (weather permitting). The afternoon will be free to wander the picturesque paths, shop, or enjoy a cappuccino and some people-watching in the famous Piazzetta. We return to Sorrento late afternoon and Monica will recommend an interesting restaurant for dinner.



**DAY 8 Sunday 14 September, 2025**  
**Sorrento, Amalfi Coast**

This morning, we will visit the town of Ravello, known as the City of Music which sits high up above the Amalfi Coast. Here we can visit the famous Villa Cimbrone. From its terrace, nicknamed Terrace of Infinity, you can enjoy incredible views of the Amalfi Coast. Later we will visit Positano, which enjoys an unsurpassed position along the Amalfi Coast, where delightful white and pastel-coloured houses litter the hillside. Along with the beautiful beaches, its ancient fishing port, the splendid majolica dome of the church of Santa Maria Assunta and artisan shops, you'll enjoy a taste of the dolce vita as you enjoy a wonderful day tour of the Amalfi Coast. We return to Sorrento by ferry late afternoon.

**DAY 9 Monday 15 September, 2025**  
**Sorrento, Amalfi Coast**

A highlight of the tour, today we will visit the ancient ruins of Herculaneum, the Roman city destroyed by an eruption of the volcano, Vesuvius in 79AD. The impressive ruins help us to understand what life was like at the height of the Roman Empire, 2000 years ago. We will have a guided tour of this ancient city with a local expert. We will see two-story domus homes with the internal architecture and décor intact, including features in wood and marble, decorations, jewellery, and even organic remains like food, providing a unique view into the daily lives of the ancient population of Herculaneum.



**DAY 10 Tuesday 16 September 2025**  
**Matera, Basilicata**

Today we travel to Matera for a two night stay. The town lies in a small canyon and contains ancient cave dwellings. Matera was one of the 2019 European Capitals of Culture. On route we travel through Potenza, a beautiful town in the mountains in the Basilicata region of southern Italy.

**DAY 11 Wednesday 17 September, 2025**  
**Matera, Basilicata**

In the morning, we will enjoy a walking tour of Matera with a local guide. We will visit the world famous ancient cave dwellings known as "Sassi," which are carved into limestone and have been inhabited for thousands of years. This UNESCO World Heritage site offers visitors a unique glimpse into history, with its labyrinthine streets, rock-hewn churches, and stunning views of the Gravina Gorge. Following this, in the afternoon we will take part in a cooking class. Learn to make fresh pasta, an Italian pasta sauce and another dish with cultural relevance to Matera before we sit down and enjoy our food with some local wines.



**DAY 12 Thursday 18 September, 2025**  
**Lecce, Puglia**

Today we will travel by coach to Lecce, the capital of Puglia, sometimes called the Florence of the South, referring to its prominent art. We will spend the next four nights in Lecce. Upon our arrival in Lecce we will enjoy a shopping tour throughout the city with a personal shopper accompanying us onboard a rickshaw.

**DAY 13 Friday 19 September, 2025**

**Lecce, Puglia**

Lecce is over 2000 years old and has a long affinity with Greek culture. This morning will have a tour of the town and visit Piazza Sant'Oronzo, the big civic heart of the town. We will visit the Roman theatre and its museum in the centre of Lecce, as well as the principal archaeological museum, the Museo Provinciale. There will be free time to wander through little lanes to find the more far-flung baroque churches. This evening Monica will recommend an interesting venue for dinner.

**DAY 14 Saturday 20 September, 2025**  
**Lecce, Puglia**

Today we travel to the seaside village of Castro on the eastern coast and visit the beautiful Grotto of Zinzulusa. We wander through the town before heading south towards Santa Maria di Leuca, the most southerly point on the "heel" of Italy. There will be time for an included lunch in Masseria with the local music, La Pizzica, before returning to Lecce.

**DAY 15 Sunday 21 September, 2025**  
**Lecce, Puglia**

Today we will take a short coach trip to the town of Gallipoli, situated on the west coast of the Salento Peninsula in the Gulf of Taranto, better known as "The heel of Italy's boot". We will have a tour of Gallipoli's Old Town and stroll through its maze of alleys. The 17th-century Baroque Sant'Agata Cathedral is in the centre of the town. The walls and bastions surrounding the old town are believed to have been built in the 15th century to fend off attacks, especially from pirates. Castello Angiono stands near the entrance to the old town, built on old Byzantine fortifications, originating in the 11th century. The fortress guarded the old port, once part of an important trade route, and was connected to the mainland by a drawbridge. After free time for lunch, we will enjoy a wine tasting in nearby Cantina Coppola before returning to our hotel. This evening, we have an included farewell dinner to celebrate our wonderful tour.

**DAY 16 Monday 22 September, 2025**  
**Departure**

Today our coach will take us back to Brindisi Airport for onward flights.





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#### Tour Price

Per person twin-share \$ 7,295  
Single supplement \$ 1,750



#### Included in the tour price:

- Accommodation in carefully selected, centrally located three and four-star hotels with private facilities.
- Hote taxes and service charges.
- Travel in a first-class chartered coach.
- Continental breakfast daily.
- Dinners, lunches on tour, as listed in the itinerary.
- Sightseeing and general entry fees as detailed in the tour itinerary.
- Tour leadership by Italian-born Italy expert Monica Valentino.

#### Not included in the price:

- International airfares.  
*Please contact our groups consultant for a quote.*
- Passport and visa fees.
- International airport and travel taxes.
- Travel insurance.
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary.
- Sightseeing and general expenses not specified in the itinerary.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Additional travel arrangements not in the tour itinerary will be quoted for separately.



**Extending:** You can stay longer in Italy for minimal extra cost. Please contact Travelrite on 1800 630 343 for more information.

## General information and booking conditions

International touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the need of assistance from others.

**TOUR OPERATOR:** Travelrite International Pty Ltd (ABN 64 005 817 078) (ATAS A10538) is the tour operator.

**TOUR PRICES:** The tour prices are based on airfare, general transport, accommodation and other costs at foreign exchange rates at 1 August 2024. Travelrite International reserves the right to alter the tour price or modify the tour if any of these factors change, giving any passenger that has booked the right to withdraw with a full refund of monies paid if the price increase is greater than 10% of the original price. No alteration to the tour price will be made within 60 days of departure from Australia.

**DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS:** A deposit of \$700 per person is required at the time of booking. Full payment will be required 60 days before departure. An administrative fee of 1.5% will be added to each payment made by credit card.

**CANCELLATIONS:** Cancellation more than 60 days from the date of departure from Australia will incur a cancellation fee of \$700 per person. Cancellations 60 days or less from the date of departure will result in the loss of all monies paid. Travel insurance is strongly recommended to cover the cost of cancellation fees that could result from a death in the family, illness, etc.

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**REFUNDS:** The tour is based on arrangements that do not allow for any refunds in respect to sightseeing, accommodation, meals, airfare or other services not utilised after the tour has commenced.

**TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:** All passengers will need to be in possession of a valid passport. No visa is required for Australian passport holders.

**BAGGAGE:** Baggage is at own risk throughout the tour.

**CHANGES TO THE TOUR ITINERARY:** Travelrite International reserves the right to make changes to the tour itinerary to fit in with operational requirements. Any change to the itinerary will be replaced with similar arrangements with an equal or greater value.

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**HOW TO BOOK:** Bookings can be made by sending full names and addresses of intending tour members with a deposit of \$700 per person to:

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