



Southern Italian Heritage Tour: Campania to Puglia

12 days

This trip to Southern Italy, created in collaboration with Ancestry®, is an invitation to step back in time. Begin in Naples, the cultural heart of Campania. Discover the charms of Puglia, from coastal Bari to lovely Lecce to untouched Alberobello. Then, soak in the scenery of the Amalfi Coast, exploring your genealogy and uncovering your family story along the way.



Your tour package includes

AncestryDNA® kit
Pre-trip family history review with
AncestryProGenealogists®
10 nights in handpicked hotels
10 breakfasts
5 dinners with beer or wine
9 guided sightseeing tours
Expert Tour Director & local guides
Genealogist from
AncestryProGenealogists®
Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights

Special AncestryProGenealogists®
sessions
National Archaeological Museum
Bari
Castel del Monte
Basilica of St. Nicholas
Trulli entrance
Puglia cooking lesson
Sassi di Matera cave dwellings
Casa Grotta

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 3 hours daily across moderately uneven terrain, including cobblestone streets and paved roads, with some hills and stairs.

Group size

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Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Naples today.

Naples → 2 nights

Day 2: Arrival in Naples

Included meals: dinner

Welcome to Italy! Get an introduction to Italian genealogy and the ways you will be tracing your heritage with your genealogist from AncestryProGenealogists®. Then, enjoy a welcome dinner with your Tour Director and fellow travelers this evening.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Naples & Caserta

Included meals: breakfast

This morning's guided sightseeing tour introduces you to the highlights of Naples, the capital of the Campania region.

- Enjoy a panoramic tour with a scenic drive along the Naples waterfront
- Pass Castel dell'Ovo, the seaside castle on a peninsula in the Bay of Naples
- Visit the National Archaeological Museum and see relics of Roman history

This afternoon, travel to the provincial capital of Caserta for a guided tour.

- Enter the 18th-century Caserta Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site
- Explore the palace gardens, which were inspired by the grounds of Versailles

Bari → 2 nights

Day 4: Bari Region via Benevento & Castel del Monte

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Travel to Benevento and explore the historic city on a guided walking tour.

- View the Arch of Trajan and Church of Sant'Ilario
- Enter the Church of Santa Sofia and the Museum of Sannio

Then, continue on to the Bari region.

- Stop along the way for a guided tour of the UNESCO-protected Castel del Monte

- Step inside the 13th-century structure, which is known as a masterpiece of medieval military architecture

Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

Day 5: Sightseeing tour of Bari

Included meals: breakfast

Get to know the town of Bari with a local guide.

- Visit Bari Cathedral, built atop the ruins of an Imperial Byzantine church destroyed in 1156 by William the Wicked
- See the Old Town, the castle, Piazza Mercantile, and Piazza Ferrarese
- Visit the Basilica of St. Nicholas, which contains the remains of the bishop whose penchant for anonymous gift-giving inspired the legend of Santa Claus

Enjoy a free afternoon in Bari or add an excursion.

+ Monopoli & Ostuni Olive Oil Farm

Lecce → 2 nights

Day 6: Lecce via Polignano a Mare

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Travel along the coast of Italy's "boot heel" today.

Then, arrive in Lecce and explore the city nicknamed "the Florence of the South" on a guided sightseeing tour.

- Marvel at the extravagant ornamentation of Lecce's churches and monuments
- Visit Lecce Cathedral, the Basilica of Santa Croce, and the Roman Amphitheatre

Please note: The sightseeing tour of Lecce may take place on the morning of day 7.

Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

Day 7: Free day in Lecce

Included meals: breakfast

Spend a free day in Lecce or add an excursion.

+ Villages of Salento

Trulli Valley → 2 nights

Day 8: Trulli Valley via Ostuni

Included meals: breakfast

Pay a visit to Ostuni's picturesque cathedral and whitewashed Old Town homes. Then, continue on to the Trulli Valley.

Day 9: Sightseeing tour of Alberobello & cooking lesson

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

A local guide leads a tour of Alberobello, where you'll explore the town's UNESCO-recognized *trulli*. These iconic limestone dwellings often have symbols painted onto their roofs to bring luck.

Tonight, visit an *agriturismo*, or farm stay, for a taste of traditional southern Italian cuisine. Learn to make generations-old recipes, including fresh pasta and focaccia bread with olive oil. Then, enjoy a three-course meal of local specialties and wine.

Amalfi Coast → 2 nights

Day 10: Amalfi Coast via Matera

Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner

Travel through the scenic Apennine Mountains en route to the Amalfi Coast, stopping along the way in the Basilicata region for a guided tour of the hilltop town of Matera.

- Visit the 9,000-year-old Sassi di Matera cave dwellings, including the Casa Grotta di Vico Solitario and the *chiese rupestri*, or "rock churches"
- View Matera Cathedral, Palazzo del Sedile, and the Tramontano Castle, which has sat unfinished since the early 16th century

Tonight, your genealogist from AncestryProGenealogists® shares a summary of all you've learned about Italian heritage. Then, celebrate your trip with your fellow travelers at a farewell dinner.

Day 11: Free day on the Amalfi Coast

Included meals: breakfast

Spend a free day exploring the Amalfi Coast on your own or add an excursion.

Sip a farewell drink as you raise a toast to your trip this evening.

+ A Day on the Amalfi Coast

Flight Home

Day 12: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport in Naples for your flight home.

Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: goaheadtours.ca/QPG | 1-800-754-5066

Day 5: Monopoli & Ostuni Olive Oil Farm

\$69CAD/\$79CAD* (4 hours, departs in the afternoon)

Your first stop is Monopoli, a small town located on the picturesque shores of the Adriatic Sea. Take a guided walking tour of the historic center, making stops to view the charming port and the Baroque Monopoli Cathedral. Then, head inland to visit the farmhouse and groves of one of the largest olive oil-producing areas in the world. The thousand-year-old olive trees and perfectly preserved underground mill, both of which date back to pre-Roman times, make this farmhouse one of the most famous in Puglia. Enjoy learning about the history of olive oil production and how the family uses a 19th-century oil mill to create their oil.

Day 7: Villages of Salento

\$109CAD/\$119CAD* (8 hours, departs in the morning)

Go off the beaten path today to visit several charming villages in the Salento region. First, head to the seaside town of Gallipoli. You'll enter Frantoio Ipogeo, an olive oil press located beneath the Palazzo Granafei, to learn about this traditional craft. Explore the scenic Old Town, situated on a small island, and see Gallipoli Castle. Next, make your way to the village of Specchia for a lunch of local specialties, followed by free time to explore its quaint streets. Continue to the former Greek colony of Otranto. Follow your Tour Director through the Old Town to see Otranto's impressive Romanesque church before returning to Lecce.

Day 11: A Day on the Amalfi Coast

\$185CAD/\$195CAD* (8 hours, departs in the morning)

Join a local guide and drive along the Amalfi Coast, enjoying views of lemon groves growing on terraced cliffs and whitewashed villas clinging to the rocky shores. Stop along the way to see the region's beauty up close during a visit to the town of Amalfi. Here, you'll admire picturesque streets and historic sites, including the architecturally stunning Cathedral of St. Andrew. Enjoy an included entrance to the unique, 13th-century cathedral, which houses relics of St. Andrew the Apostle. Then, spend free time shopping or relaxing over a leisurely lunch before continuing on to Ravello. This breathtaking town's hilltop location makes it the place to go for some of the Amalfi Coast's most awe-inspiring views, and you'll enter the beautiful gardens at Villa Rufolo to soak them all in. End your time on the Amalfi Coast with a taste of *delizia al limone*, a local lemon dessert, as you travel back to your hotel.

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