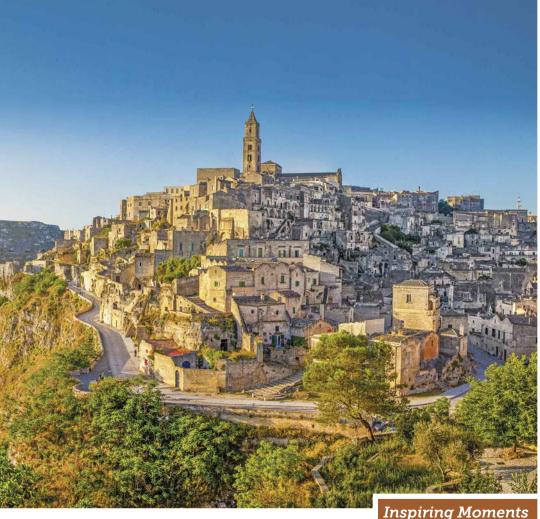




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The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers, who call this area home.

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The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

Fill the pages of your newest chapter with tales of the cultural riches, medieval architecture and rugged coastal beauty that create the fascinating quilt of Italy's deep south.

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- Witness magnificent Adriatic skies melt into the cerulean sea.
- ► Explore the Sassi districts of Matera, a 2019 European Capital of Culture.
- ► Feast your eyes on Lecce's romantic, florid architecture.
- Luxuriate in the slow pace of rural life during a tasting at a countryside vineyard and winery.
- ▶ Discover conical trulli houses in Alberobello, and explore the historysteeped streets of Ostuni.
- ► Taste Apulia's simple, fresh cuisine crafted with homegrown flavors and family recipes.



Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends of Tufts,

Journey to the southern shores of Italy and join us for a seven-night stay in the heart of Apulia. Together, we'll discover this fascinating Mediterranean region steeped in ancient history and unspoiled coastal beauty.

From your base in Polignano a Mare, explore medieval hilltop towns and charming fishing villages with unique architectural and archaeological treasures, including remarkable UNESCO World Heritage sites. Dine on seafood, fresh from the Adriatic, and indulge in locally produced olive oil and wine. Centuries of history will unfold as you dip into Apulia's rich heritage, delight in soothing Adriatic breezes and engage with the region's welcoming people — experiencing everything this special area has to offer.

Your itinerary has been carefully crafted by travel experts to include enriching cultural excursions, preferred access to popular attractions and an engaging educational component. Delight in the camaraderie of traveling with a group, plus enjoy ample free time to make your own discoveries. Join us, as well as alumni and friends from other colleges and universities, on this delightful adventure in discovery. Space is limited and will sell out quickly, so please be sure to contact AHI to make your reservation today!

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Cheers.

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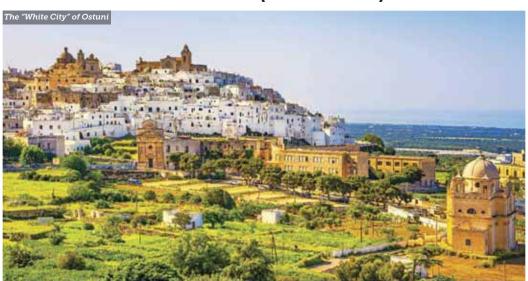
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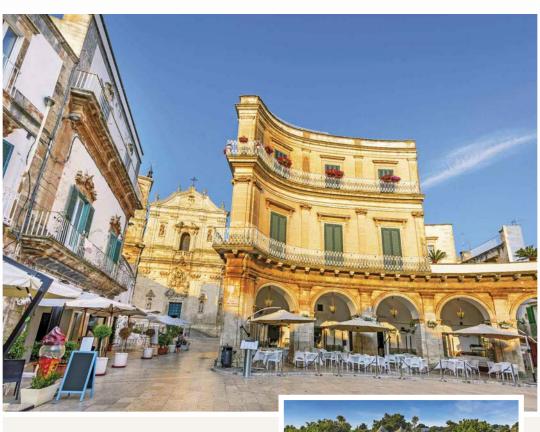
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Art | Architecture | Culture | Cuisine | History



Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Bari, Italy.

Day 2 | Bari, Italy | Polignano a Mare

Upon arrival, transfer → to Polignano a Mare and check in to the Hotel Covo dei Saraceni. Enjoy a Welcome Dinner at the hotel tonight.

Day 3 | Bari | Polignano a Mare

Discovery: *Bari.* Take a walking tour through this seaport, where colorful boats sway gently on their buoys and winding alleys give way to splendid churches and shrines. See the carved portal of the Basilica di San Nicola, and explore the French-influenced Murat Quarter. After, dine on regional fare for lunch.

Discovery: Wonders of Polignano a

Mare. Once a popular port for merchants and travelers, this vibrant fishing village rises from craggy limestone cliffs. Witness the medieval Marchesale Arch in the historic center, and weave through cobbled lanes bordered by artisan shops, quaint cafes and restaurants.

Enrichment: Apulia's History, Beauty and Agriculture. Discuss Apulia's rich past, and learn about its olive groves and vineyards. Gather for a Welcome Reception tonight.

Day 4 | Martina Franca | Alberobello

Discovery: *Martina Franca.* Travel through the fertile Itria Valley, the heart of Apulia. In the



charming historic center of Martina Franca, pass beneath the Porto Santo Stefano, the town's grand gateway, into the Piazza Roma. See the 17th-century Palazzo Ducale and the baroque-style Basilica di San Martino, home to incredible artwork by sculptors Stefano da Putignano and Giuseppe Sammartino.

AHI Connects: Family Winery. Visit a family-owned vineyard located near Locorotondo. Tour the property and learn how the family combines traditional wine-making techniques with modern practices. Enjoy a tasting of wine made from native grapes, accompanied by a selection of hors d'oeuvres.

Alberobello: Discover Alberobello: Discover Alberobello's enigmatic dome-shaped trulli. These ancient buildings are pieced together using stones without mortar. Legend claims that peasant owners used this prehistoric construction technique in order to quickly disassemble their houses to avoid taxes. Alberobello is home to more than 1,000 trulli!



Enrichment: Slow Food and the **Mediterranean Diet.** Learn about this region's mindful, communal style of eating, where meals are savored and eaten slowly.

Day 5 | Lecce | Ostuni

Discovery: Barocco Leccese. Witness whimsical Barocco Leccese architecture, where cherubs, caryatids, garlands and lyrical scrolls compete for space on fanciful façades. In the heart of Piazza Sant'Oronzo, see Le Colonne Romane, which marked the end of the Roman Appian Way, and the ruins of a Roman amphitheater that once held 20,000 spectators. Visit the Basilica di Santa Croce, an elaborate canvas of sculptural brilliance.

Free Time: Indulge in leisure time for lunch, and explore Lecce's treasures on your own.

Discovery: The White City. Journey to Ostuni, where whitewashed buildings cascade from a hilltop perch. Uncover the city's cultural riches and revel in Mediterranean vistas of olive groves and seascapes during a walking tour.

Gather for a dinner of traditional regional cuisine. Typical meals often include focaccia, locally sourced meats, crusty breads, seasonal vegetables or *orecchiette*, a local pasta dish.

Day 6 | Matera

Discovery: *Matera.* Witness a dramatic saga of rebirth while visiting this 2019 European Capital of Culture. Venture into the celebrated Sassi, prehistoric caverns and rockhewn churches that were carved from limestone tufa, and marvel at the intricate façades. These honeycombed dwellings were continuously inhabited until 1952 when the government relocated the population.

Savor southern Italian cuisine during lunch.

Free Time: Craft your own adventure in Matera during time at leisure.



Above: Ancient Roman amphitheater and ruins, Lecce
Inset: Trulli of Alberobello

Day 7 | Trani | Bisceglie

Discovery: Trani, the Pearl of Apulia.

Take a walking tour of Trani, renowned for its fresh seafood, bustling harbor and notable Jewish history. Delight in the 12th-century seafront cathedral dedicated to Saint Nicholas the Pilgrim, and view a defensive fortress built by Emperor Frederick II. In the Jewish neighborhood, see well-preserved, beautiful synagogues that date from the Middle Ages.

AHI Connects: Olive Mill Outing.

Visit a family-run olive mill and learn about the history and cultivation process of olives. After lunch on the property, gather with the mill's employees or owners to discuss life in Italy.

Enrichment: Contemporary Italy.

Compare the rich cultural heritage and lifestyle of Apulia with its northern neighbors.

Day 8 | Polignano a Mare

Free Time: Enjoy a final day at leisure.

Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers and raise a toast to your adventure at a Farewell Reception and Dinner.





UNESCO World Heritage

- 1. The Trulli of Alberobello
- 2. The Sassi and the Park of the Rupestrian Churches of Matera

Day 9 | In Transit

Following breakfast, transfer **3** to Bari airport for the return flight **3** to your gateway city.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

♦ Flights and → transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

A Note About Activity Levels

We want you to have a comfortable and enjoyable experience. That's why we have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available. Please call or visit our website to review the itinerary for full details about our activity levels.

Excursions on this program require:

- walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths or uneven surfaces
- ▶ getting on/off motor coaches

INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations

(with baggage handling)

• 7 nights in Polignano a Mare, Italy, at the first-class Hotel Covo dei Saraceni.

Extensive Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 4 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- Expert-led Enrichment programs enhance your insight into the region.
- Discovery excursions highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
 - -Tour the highlights of historic Bari.
 - -Explore picturesque Polignano a Mare.
 - -View ancient façades in Martina Franca.
 - -Enjoy local flavors at a family vineyard.
 - -See Alberobello's mysterious trulli.
 - -Gaze at Lecce's beautiful architecture.
 - -Discover the "White City" of Ostuni.
 - -Witness Matera's unique Sassi.
 - -Stroll through Trani, a beautiful seaport.
 - -Tour an olive mill and taste fresh olive oils.
- AHI Connects: Local immersion.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Complimentary travel mementos.



AHI Travel Expertise

From your reservation to your return home, we are here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

Before you go:

- ➤ **Travel Consultants** | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.
- ➤ Passenger Service Representative | Once you have reserved your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who will help you with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.
- ➤ **Travel Information** | Receive extensive destination information and travel tips compiled by our travel-savvy team to prepare you fully for your journey.

Once you arrive:

On the ground, three layers of top-quality professionals offer their insiders' perspective. From suggesting the best café or pub to sharing a laugh over the stories of the day, our dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level.

- ➤ Travel Director | Throughout your journey, you will be in the care of a seasoned AHI travel professional who will manage all the logistics, allowing you to relax and simply soak up the ambience. Resourceful, knowledgeable and attentive, your Travel Director helps to ensure you enjoy an unforgettable travel experience.
- ▶ Expert Guides | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed and enthusiastic local professional guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they're ready to share their passion for their country with you.
- ▶ **Lecturers** | Coming from all walks of life, our entertaining local lecturers open your eyes to history and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.



HOTEL COVO DEI SARACENI | POLIGNANO A MARE



With breathtaking views of Polignano a Mare's Cala Porto cove, the Hotel Covo dei Saraceni sits in one of the world's most enchanting locations. Traditional wood, wrought iron and ceramic tile touched with modern elegance and airiness are hallmarks of this property. At the end of an adventurous day, relax on the restaurant's terrace and enjoy local and regional cuisine.

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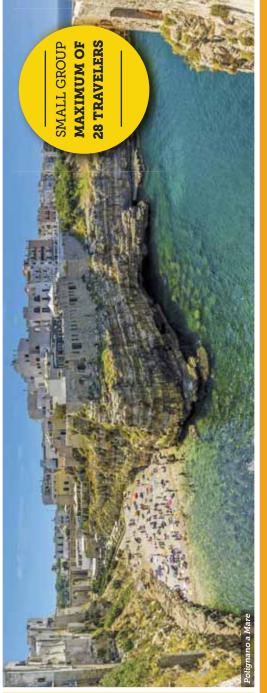
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