



## *Undiscovered Italy: Puglia and the Amalfi Coast*

*October 29-November 7, 2018*



### **Daily Itinerary**

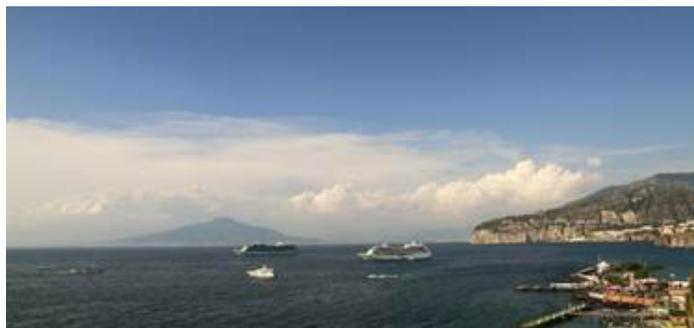
**Mon. Oct. 29** Depart USA – Swiss Air Flight 15 departs **JFK** at 10:10 pm and arrives Zurich at 10:50 am the next day.

On Oct. 30 Swiss Air Flight 1710 departs Zurich at 12:15 pm and arrives Naples at 1:55 pm.

Edventures will arrange transportation from Saratoga Springs and the Albany Airport to and from Italy. See registration form for additional information.

Meals: Our flight includes dinner and breakfast.

### **Tues. Oct. 30 Arrive in Naples, Drive to Sorrento**



Upon our arrival in Naples at 1:55 pm, our tour leader, Liz Mitchell, will meet us, transfer us to our hotel in Sorrento and provide an orientation overview along the way. Situated on a dramatic cliff overlooking Naples Bay, Sorrento is the gateway to the stunning Amalfi Coast, known as the land of colors, mermaids, and orange and lemon groves. Stendhal, this is still true. While the town itself has no major tourist attractions, the enchanting rainbow-painted palazzo and sherbet-

hued villas with brightly striped awnings make this a most welcoming spot from which to explore the coast. After settling into your room, have a beverage at the hotel's terrace and enjoy the view of the Mt. Vesuvius in the background. In the evening we will meet for a welcome dinner.

Overnight: Sorrento

Meals: Welcome Dinner

Hotel Central: [hotelcentralsorrento.it](http://hotelcentralsorrento.it)

### **Weds. Oct.31      Tour of Amalfi Coast, the Cities of Amalfi and Ravello**

This area of Italy is described as the most beautiful coastline in the world. On our drive we will see mountains that rise to 300 feet, olive and lemon groves, pines and cypress trees clinging to the mountainside. We have selected two towns to explore:



**Amalfi**, with its distinctive cluster of tightly packed white houses dramatically stacked up the mountain, is dominated by the beautiful cathedral which superbly stands atop a great stretch of stairs leading up from the town square. Its architecture and that of others in the town reflect the amalgamation of the many cultures that contributed to this region after the Greeks and Romans— Normans (originally from Iceland and then France), Arabs and people from Byzantium. This video gives you a flavor of the town.

<http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/830/video>



**Ravello** is nestled eleven hundred feet above sea level and dates from pagan times. The settlement increased in size as various aristocratic Roman families established their homes in the village, attracted by the same beauty that attracts visitors today. A local guide will walk us through the city and assist us in enjoying unparalleled views of Europe's most scenic coastline. We will also visit Villa Rufolo and its magical cascading gardens. Once the residence of kings and popes, this Moorish palace boasts panoramic Mediterranean views from its porch.

Overnight: Sorrento

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

### **Thurs. Nov. 1      Half-Day Excursion to Paestum**

Paestum has long been shrouded in mystery. Founded possibly around 650 BC, the founding Dorians (a major ethnic



group of ancient Greeks) named the city Poseidonia, after their most important god. The city flourished and became the greatest city on the Gulf of Salerno. Today it is famous for having the oldest, best preserved and most beautiful Doric temples anywhere and thus have the assignation of a UNESCO World Heritage Center. Although scholars had been searching for the ruins for centuries, they were not discovered until 1740. Archaeological investigation continues to this day with many important early Greek and Etruscan artifacts displayed at the Paestum Archaeological Museum, which we will visit.

Based on several taste tests, Edventures awards Paestum the rank of "Best Buffalo Mozzarella City Ever," so we have scheduled a special lunch during our visit to share that taste with you.

Overnight: Sorrento

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

### **Fri. Nov. 2 Visit Pompeii and Begin Tour of the Heel of Italy**

On our way to Puglia, we will stop for a tour of the UNESCO World Heritage Center of Pompeii, a treasury for providing a look at life in the ancient Roman Empire. On August 25, 79 AD, Pompeii looked like any other busy, prosperous city. People were moving about, trading goods, news and friendly talk. One day later, on August 26, all these sounds had fallen silent, and the place itself vanished. It took only about four minutes for boiling mud to flow from Vesuvius, a distance of about 4 miles. Volcanic ash and debris as high as 20 feet buried the city and almost nothing was seen of the city for more than 1500 years. But the ash also protected Pompeii so that today the excavated city provides an amazing view of the past, with art works, paintings, tools, kitchenware, grindstones, and furniture that provide valuable information about the ancient world. Archaeological digs continue the exploration today, adding additional knowledge of ancient times.



After leaving Pompeii, we will head into the mountains as we travel east to the area of Puglia, stopping along the way at the town of Avellino where we will follow its narrow streets to find the symbols of the city, including a renowned clock tower.

At the end of the coach ride we will be in the Puglia Region and prepare to enjoy "Undiscovered Italy."

Overnight: Ruvo di Puglia

Pineta Wellness & Spa Hotel <http://www.hotelpineta.ruvo.it>

Meals: Breakfast

### **Sat. Nov. 3 Matera, European Capital of Culture 2019**



Today we will be off the beaten path of most tourists with a visit to the region of Basilicata, a region of forests and mountains, which can be thought of as the "instep" of Italy, with Puglia as its "heel." Our destination is the city of Matera, designated first as a UNESCO World Heritage Center and then as the EU's European Capital of Culture 2019. The main features of the city are its famed cave dwelling districts called *sassi* districts, which date back over 7000 years and perhaps into the Stone Age,

the most extensive example of their kind in the Mediterranean. Best viewed by walking, our guide will help us explore this complex and beautiful network of caves, rock churches with beautiful frescos, streets, stairways, winding narrow lanes, archways and terraces of this atmospheric city. Here's a live webcam to help you get a feel for the city:

<https://www.skylinewebcams.com/en/webcam/italia/basilicata/matera/matera-sassi.html>.

Overnight: Pineta Wellness and Spa Hotel

Meals: Breakfast

## Sun. Nov. 4 Tour of Puglia Region

A peninsula on the eastern shore of Italy, the area of Puglia is bordered by the Adriatic Sea to the east and the Ionian to the south, creating a perfect landing spot for successive seafaring civilizations to rule the land and leave their mark, among them Greeks, Romans, Normans, Spanish and Muslims. It is mostly comprised of plains so agriculture is an important economic driver, and we will enjoy the benefits of this enterprise with both an olive oil tasting in the countryside and a vineyard tour at a traditional farmhouse, or *masseria*, where we will taste the white wine of the region known as *falanghina*. Connoisseurs of wine may enjoy reading this review of this wine from the *New York Times*: <https://www.nytimes.com/2015/06/17/dining/wine-review-falanghina.html>.

Along the way will be a photo stop at a 13-century castle built by the Holy Roman Emperor Frederick II, a highly significant monarch of the Middle Ages. Castel del Monte is cited as a UNESCO World



Heritage Center for its octagonal shape and unique architectural features, "a successful blend of elements from classical antiquity, the Islamic Orient and north European Gothic."

We continue our tour with a visit to the Adriatic seaside town of Trani where we will have lunch and take time to stroll the harbor, relax on a bench, and oh, look! There's another castle of Frederick II!

Overnight: Pineta Wellness and Spa Hotel

Meals: Breakfast and lunch

## Mon. Nov. 5 Polignano a Mare

The beauty of Polignano a Mare cannot be overstated. In the morning we will have an opportunity to slowly explore this city located along the cliffs above the Adriatic coastline and enjoy a stroll through the twisting stone streets in this quaint old town. The balance of the day is yours to enjoy the scenery, visit the shops, sip a glass of wine, or imbibe the sound and feel of the water.

Overnight: Polignano a Mare

Corte Altavilla Albergo Residenziale <http://www.cortealtavilla.it/it/home/>

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

## Tues. Nov. 6 Visit the Trulli District

On our final day we will be visiting another UNESCO World Heritage Center, the towns of beehive-shaped dwellings with conical roofs called *trullis*, a prehistoric building technique still in use in the region. The buildings we will see date from as early as the 14<sup>th</sup> century and are built without the use of mortar with dry stone collected from the abundance of calcareous sedimentary material nearby. Our primary stop will be Alberobello, which has a large collection of these buildings.



Overnight: Polignano a Mare  
Meals: Breakfast and Farewell Dinner

## Weds. Nov. 7 Depart for Home

Air Dolomiti Flight 8219 departs Bari at 12:10 pm and arrives Munich at 1:55 pm.  
Lufthansa Flight 412 departs Munich at 3:35 pm and arrives **NEWARK** at 7:05 pm.

**Please Note: The flight originates from JFK and returns to Newark.**

### TRIP PRICE:

The land only trip price per person double room occupancy is **\$2999**.

The single room supplement is **\$400**.

The reservation deposit fee is **\$500**.

The price for airfare is **\$696**.

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### **The following elements are included in the price of the trip:**

- *\$100 tax deductible contribution to Saratoga Arts, Soroptimist International of Saratoga County, Academy for Lifelong Learning or North Country Arts;*
- *Full time tour escorts and professional guides who will help make the history and culture of southern Italy come alive;*
- *Gratuities for local guides, coach drivers, tour leader, Liz Mitchell;*
- *Lodging;*
- *Daily breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners;*
- *Small group travel;*
- *Private motor coach transportation throughout the trip;*
- *Pre-departure documents and meeting; and*
- *Memories to last a lifetime!*

**SMALL GROUP FEE:** A small group fee of \$200 per person will be charged if the group number falls below 20.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:** Reservations are due ASAP.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** Edventures will send an invoice in the summer.

**TRIP INSURANCE** is a personal choice, but is recommended. Some purchase it through their AAA office, which sells Allianz. To get the best rates, you can compare costs online through agents like Squaremouth.com, InsureMyTrip.com, or Totaltravelinsurance.com, which offer side-by-side comparisons. **Please contact Edventures prior to purchasing trip insurance to assure that the trip is a "go."**

**AVERAGE TEMPERATURES:** The average high in Sorrento in October is 70F with a low of 60. In Puglia the range is a high of 63 and a low of 48.

***Do you still have questions about the tour? If so, contact Mary at Edventures 1 (607) 387-3322 or email: [goedventures@gmail.com](mailto:goedventures@gmail.com).***

**[You can also attend a trip overview that will be presented on Saturday, March 31 at 11:30 am at Saratoga Arts, 320 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.](#)**

### **How Much Walking Are We Doing?**

**We will be touring historic areas and old cities which are devoted to remaining old, and in order to experience their pleasures we will be walking on uneven ground, on uneven steps, over cobblestone streets and sometimes up and down hilly terrain. For example, we will have a walking tour of Ravello, which is built into hillsides, so walking uphill will be very steep. We will spend at least two hours on our walking tour of Pompeii and travel on rough footing through the *sassi* area of Matera. In some cases due to local ordinances the coach cannot park close to the hotel.**



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TOUR RESERVATION FORM

**Undiscovered Italy: Puglia and the Amalfi Coast**  
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Tour Price: Land Only \$2999 per person double occupancy  
Air: \$696

**Send your deposit check of \$500 (sorry, no credit cards) to  
Edventures, P.O. Box 1404, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866**

**Names(s): EXACTLY as they appear on passports:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of roommate (Edventures is not responsible for finding roommates): \_\_\_\_\_

Passports must be valid for six months beyond travel dates.

Please provide passport information EXACTLY as it appears on passports

Surname	Given Name(s)	Title (e.g., Jr., I, II)	Date of Birth Day/mo/yr 16/May/50	Passport No.	Expiration Date Day/mo/yr 15/March/22

Country that issued your passport: \_\_\_\_\_

Check those that apply:

- I prefer a single room for an added cost of \$400.
- I would like Edventures to arrange my airfare with a departure on Oct. 29 and return on Nov. 7.
- I will make my own air reservations.
- I will use the bus to and from Saratoga Springs and JFK. (Estimated cost is \$160-\$180.)

If you are signing up to take the Edventures bus from Saratoga Springs or Albany to and from the airports, then list:

- 1) The make and model of your car \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Your license plate number \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) I understand the coach to and from the airport will pick me up either at the Albany Airport or in Saratoga Springs. Pick me up (check one) \_\_\_\_\_ in Albany \_\_\_\_\_ in Saratoga Springs.
- 4) Do you have any allergies or sensitivities that we should know about? If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Will you require vegetarian meals? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

In the event of an emergency, please list the name, contact phone number, and email of the person you want us to contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Land line

Cell

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

What is their relationship to you? \_\_\_\_\_

Is it best to phone or email this person? \_\_\_\_\_

**To assure your space on the trip, reserve early!**

*Please read the Conditions and Responsibilities page and sign below.*

*We have read and agree to the Conditions and Responsibilities Policy.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONDITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:  
Edventures, LLC, Saratoga Arts (SA), Soroptimist International of Saratoga Co. (SISC)  
North Country Arts (NCA), and Academy for Lifelong Learning (ALL)**

**DEPOSITS, CANCELLATIONS, AND REFUNDS**

Payment in full is required when bookings are made less than 75 days before the departure date. Notification of cancellation must be made in writing, with the cancellation date being the postal service postmark date. At the time we receive your notification, the following charges apply: (charges are per person) 90-74 days before departure: \$150 plus Edventures, LLC costs and charges by suppliers 75 days before departure \$200 plus Edventures, LLC costs and charges by suppliers. After this point, you will be refunded whatever amount we can recoup from all of the suppliers who have been paid. Trip cancellation insurance is available and is recommended. Refunds for services that are voluntarily not used will not be made.

**TOUR AND AIR RATES**

The right is reserved to change any route or arrangements should conditions necessitate, to offer substitutes of equal value, or to cancel the operation of any scheduled excursion. Individual transfers for those arriving or departing independently are not included in the land cost unless otherwise stated. Air fares may be increased because of tariff changes or fuel surcharges. All rates quoted are based on current tariffs and on the current value of foreign currencies in relation to the United States dollar, and are subject to adjustment in the event of changes before the departing dates.

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I am aware that travel, whatever it may be and by whatever means, contains some inherent risks of injury, illness or death, which may be caused by forces of nature, negligence or actions of others, or other agencies. I recognize that such risks may be present at any time before, during and after the trip in which I am participating, arranged by Edventures, LLC, SA, ALL, NCA and SISC. I am aware that medical services or facilities may not be readily available or accessible during some or all of the time during which I am participating in the trip. I have read the schedule of activities and other information provided, and recognize and accept risks thereof. I understand and agree on behalf of myself, my dependents, heirs, administrators, and assigns to abide by the conditions set forth under the "Conditions and Responsibilities" and to release and hold harmless Edventures, LLC, SA, ALL, NCA and SISC, and any of its officers, employees, agents, or representatives, from any and all liability for delays, injuries, or death, or for the loss of or damage to property, however occurring in relation to the trip.

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