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In Conjunction with FJ Tours presents...*
Italy: Amalfi Coast to Puglia

**Small Group Exploration
November 1 – 14, 2024
Hosted by Father John Gatzak**



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Small Group Travel rewards travelers with new perspectives. With just 12-24 passengers, these are the personal adventures that today's cultural explorers dream of.

14 Days • 19 Meals: 12 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 5 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Naples, Impact Moment, Pompeii, Wine Tasting, Minori, Amalfi, Positano, Ravello, Choice on Tour, Matera, Lecce, *Tarantella* Folk Music & Dance Performance, Ostuni, Ape Calessino Tour, Alberobello

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Royal Continental Hotel, Naples
Days 4 – 7	Hotel Villa Romana, Minori
Days 8, 9	Locanda di San Martino, Matera
Days 10, 11	Risorgimento Resort , Lecce
Days 12, 13	Trulli Holiday Albergo Diffuso, Alberobello

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Friday, November 1, 2024 Overnight Flight In a country of renowned cuisine, iconic coastlines, and ancient roots, stray off the beaten path and explore a new side of the Italy you know and love. Make your way through southern Italy and experience the Amalfi Coast and the Puglia region.

Day 2: Saturday, November 2, 2024 Naples, Italy - Tour Begins Begin in Naples, a vibrant mecca for locals and travelers alike. Volcanic landscapes give way to medieval architecture and Grecian lanes, creating a unique culture exclusive to Naples. Settle into your new home for the next 2 nights and admire the view of crashing waves and bobbing boats. Toast to the start of your Italian getaway over dinner, looking out over the deep blue Bay of Naples to Mt. Vesuvius looming in the distance. (D)

Day 3: Sunday, November 3, 2024 Naples Explore Naples' exuberant historic city center (UNESCO) and underground ancient ruins with a local guide. Visit the Sansevero Chapel, home to the *Veiled Christ* statue, rumored to be created by alchemy due to its carved flowing cloth. During your afternoon at leisure, consider visiting the nearby National Archeological Museum and peruse relics from Pompeii. Tonight's **Impact Moment** comes in the form of a private concert, performed by the *Napulitanata* social enterprise, which supports Italian heritage and abates the city's high unemployment. (B)

Day 4: Monday, November 4, 2024 Naples - Pompeii - Minori Feel the ghosts of the past as you wander through Pompeii with a guide. After you've explored the public baths and private villas, get a new perspective on the volcanic countryside with a visit to a nearby winery. Layers of ash have transformed the timeworn soil into a fertile vineyard. Enjoy a wine tasting with lunch before continuing to the beloved Amalfi Coast. Watch the sun fade along the horizon in coastal Minori, your new home for the next 4 nights. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 Minori - Maiori - Minori A fishing village of terraced lemon groves, Minori exudes the quintessential *Amalfitana* vibe. Start your morning in a garden and learn about *sfusato* lemons, used in *limoncello*. Sample this fragrant liqueur in a pastry shop before hiking* along the coast. You'll trek the rugged Path of Lemons - an ancient, hilly route that links Minori with the nearby town Maiori. Explore on your own before returning by boat. The remainder of the day is yours. (B)

Day 6: Wednesday, November 6, 2024 Minori - Amalfi - Positano - Minori Journey by boat** to Amalfi, the rocky coast's namesake town. Formerly a maritime republic, Amalfi puts a historic spin on the seaside hubs, containing cobblestone piazzas and towering mosaicked cathedrals. After a few hours on your own, ferry past tumbling cliffs and pastel-colored houses on your way to Positano. Enjoy a free afternoon in this resort town, perhaps browsing the posh boutiques or resting along the beach. Return to Minori by ferry. (B)

Day 7: Thursday, November 7, 2024 Minori - Ravello - Minori Look down upon the Amalfi Coast from Ravello, a picturesque village with the best vantage point of the winding coastline. Then, **it's your choice!** Visit the gardens of Villa Rufolo, making your way through a latticework of hedges and flowers to gaze out at the azure waves below **-OR-** hike the half-mile trail down to the remote gardens of Villa Cimbrone*** before returning to Minori for an afternoon at leisure. (B, D)

Day 8: Friday, November 8, 2024 Minori - Matera This morning, discover one of Italy's delectable cheese products during a visit to a dairy farm. Taste freshly made mozzarella for lunch before continuing south to Matera (UNESCO), whose inimitable scenery has been featured in blockbuster films. Experience the town's cave dwellings, your home for the next 2 nights. Each cave is unique, half-excavated and half-carved from the land. In these unparalleled



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Included in Price: Round Trip Air from New York, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$449 per person

Rates are based on a minimum of 19 travelers in your group.

* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment. Your price is not subject to increase after you make full payment, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. Once deposited, you have 7 days to send us written consumer consent or withdraw consent and receive a full refund. (See registration form for consent.)

accommodations,**** connect with the Italian landscape like never before. (B, L)

Day 9: Saturday, November 9, 2024 Matera Hike into Matera's 9,000-year-old history on a guided walking tour along its hillside caves, narrow passages and steep alleys known to locals as the *Sassi*. The afternoon is yours to explore more of Matera's heritage. Perhaps you'll visit the remarkable *Palombaro Lungo* underground water cistern or head out of town for a hike through the surrounding countryside dotted with prehistoric caves and medieval rock churches. (B)

Day 10: Sunday, November 10, 2024 Matera - Lecce Cross into the Puglia region and pause at an olive grove to learn about the different kinds of oil before continuing to Lecce, a Baroque powerhouse of limestone. Get to know the city with a local expert and take in its iconic architecture and papier-mâché craftsmanship. Dine your way around Lecce in the evening with a multi-stop dinner in the city center. (B, D)

Day 11: Monday, November 11, 2024 Lecce The day is yours. Lose yourself in the city's charismatic ambience - full of winding lanes, sun-kissed piazzas, and hidden cafes. Perhaps you'll join an optional excursion to Otranto and a nearby winery, featuring a tasting of wine from the region's dark-purple grapes. No matter how you spend the

day, reconvene in the evening for a private folk music and dance performance, highlighting the traditional *pizzica e taranta*. According to legend, spider bites cause the women to dance with feverish energy. (B)

Day 12: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 Lecce - Ostuni - Alberobello Stop in Ostuni, a whitewashed town surrounded by olive trees. Zoom through the town like a local in the backseat of an open-air Ape Calessino, a traditional 3-wheeled car. Enjoy time on your own before arriving in Alberobello. Make your way to your personal room,**** a converted house that will serve as your home for the next 2 nights. Make the most of a free evening to independently discover the town's secrets. (B)

Day 13: Wednesday, November 13, 2024 Alberobello Say "*buongiorno*" to Alberobello (UNESCO), a whimsical city that hosts a collection of cone-shaped *trulli* homes. Meander through a labyrinth of these gnomish houses, sometimes featuring symbols with superstitious connotations. The afternoon is yours to explore. As the day draws to a close, wish Italy goodbye at a farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 14: Thursday, November 14, 2024 Alberobello - Tour Ends Depart for home with treasured memories of rocky shores and cobblestone streets. (B)

Experience It! Puglia

Experience the region of Puglia – nestled within the coastal “heel” of Italy’s “boot.” Somewhat off the beaten path, Puglia is home to authentic cuisine, cultural traditions, and honest interactions. See a new side to the country you know and love – where centuries-old farmland intercede with mystic gnomish houses and detailed craftsmanship. Visit a local olive grove and discover the art of picking olives sampling this regional staple for yourself. Known for its papier-mâché figurines and hidden cafes, spend your time here uncovering the city's many secrets. Dig in to a plate of orecchiette pasta, grab a glass of wine, and experience Italy the way it was supposed to be experienced.

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PLEASE NOTE:

IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel in 2024, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS visa waiver, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/>

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Most shops and businesses in Italy are closed on Sundays and on national/religious holidays.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

When reserving single accommodations, be advised that single rooms in Italy are often smaller in size.

Triple and child accommodations are not available.

Travel with just 16-24 guests on this tour where a smaller group setting means a more personal travel experience.

Days of features are interchangeable.

****While on occasion you may be accommodated in more traditional hotels, for most part, your accommodations in Matera and Alberobello will be in 'scattered hotels' with rooms located in various buildings close to a central lobby and breakfast room. In order to fully experience the destination, these properties are located in areas where access is limited for large coaches. You will be dropped off as close as possible and there will be a short walk to access the hotel from the drop-off area. In 'scattered hotels' each room is unique, full of history, with standard amenities, and brimming with true local flavor. This is part of the fun!

Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 p.m. Rooms may not be available prior to that time.

In order to fully experience the destination, some of our hotels on these programs are located in smaller towns or on country roads where access is limited to large coaches. In these cases, you will be dropped off as close as possible and there will be a short walk to access the hotel from the drop-off area.

Smaller buses, which may not be lavatory equipped, may be used on this program. In this case, frequent stops are made during travel periods.

*The hike along the Path of Lemons and/or the boat trip to Maiori may be cancelled in case of inclement weather or adverse sea conditions. The hike is 2.4 miles (3.8 kilometers) long and involves multiple flights of stairs; a boat will be provided for travelers who prefer not to hike.

**The ferry boat service does not operate between November and March. During these months a substitute bus service will be provided. In case of adverse sea conditions, the ferry service may be suspended at any time, in which case a substitute bus service will be provided. Travelers prone to seasickness should take proper precautions.

***The gardens of Villa Cimbrone are only accessible by a pedestrian path that is made of approximately 200 large shallow steps. The distance from the village to the entrance of the gardens is 0.4 miles (650 meters). The same distance must be covered uphill to return to the village where the tour bus can meet you.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of



time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motor coaches, especially in historic areas such as Naples, Positano, Amalfi, Alberobello and Matera which requires ability to walk up and down hill on narrow, cobblestoned streets and negotiating stairs. For your comfort, we recommend bringing walking shoes. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Our air guests will arrive into Naples airport and depart out of Bari airport. All departure transfers will depart from Alberobello city center to the Bari airport.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of February 24, 2024 are based upon availability. Final payment due by September 02, 2024. Deposits are refundable up until March 02, 2024.

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For important reservation information visit
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You can also find this information on your tour documents.



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If paying by credit card, please complete this form and return to FJ Tours, LLC. We can only charge your credit card for the amount noted if the signature, address and phone number are listed below. Thank you!

CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION FORM

BOOKING NUMBER: 1210331
DEPARTURE DATE: November 1, 2024

TOUR: Italy: Amalfi Coast to Puglia
GROUP NAME: FJ Tours, LLC

Name of Passenger:

Salutation: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last Name: _____ Suffix: _____
(Mr., Mrs., Rev.) (Please print as it appears on Passport) (Jr., Sr.)

Cardholder Name: _____
(Please print as it appears on your Credit Card)

Cardholder Address: _____
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I agree to pay according to the card issuer agreement. I understand and accept Collette cancellation policy, terms and conditions.

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Available Options

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Lecce

Salento's Wine Country and Medieval Heritage

\$120 USD

Leave the town of Lecce behind and journey through Salento's wine country. Pass rows of vines and olive groves until you reach Otranto. Nestled in Puglia's easternmost corner, this quaint seaside town unveils a rich history: Greek, Romans, Byzantines, Ottomans, Spaniards, French all vied for control of this strategic port – Italy's gateway to the Levant and the Holy Land. The city's Aragonese Castle inspired Horace Walpole's *The Castle of Otranto* (1764), recognized as the first Gothic novel. Soak in the mysterious atmosphere during a guided walking tour of Otranto's treasures: the fortified walls, the mosaic-rich churches, the sudden views over the Mediterranean Sea. Your day continues at a local winery, featuring a tasting of Salice Salentino wine. This intense and full-bodied wine comes from the region's dark-purple grapes wine, known by the locals as "negroamaro" (which translates to "black-bitter"). Learn about the traditional techniques and productions as you sample the wine, followed by a delicious lunch. *Duration: Approximately 6 hours.* Please note a minimum of 10 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

PASSENGERS NAME: (Please submit a separate form for each passenger)

Salutation: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____ Nickname: _____
(Mr., Mrs., Rev.) (Please print EXACTLY as it appears on Passport) (Jr., Sr.)

✓	Option	Price Per Person (USD)
	Salento's Wine Country and Medieval Heritage	120.00

Please make checks payable to Collette and send to:

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TRAVEL DATE: 11/01/2024 TERRITORY: A7
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YOUR INFORMATION:

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.

IMPORTANT: In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

Nickname: _____ Gender: () Male () Female Date of Birth: month _____ day _____ year _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: () _____ Cell: () _____ Email Address: _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiration Date: (month/day/year) _____ Date of Issuance: (month/day/year) _____

City, State, Country of Issuance: _____ Citizenship: _____

Should you become ill or injured, whom should we contact (not traveling with you): _____ Phone: () _____

ROOMING WITH: Check if address is the same as Passenger #1

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

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TRAVEL PROTECTION: () Yes, I wish to purchase travel protection \$449 () No, I decline

If you choose not to purchase Collette's Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations. Travel Protection Payment is due with first deposit. The Waiver Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. The single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (There is coverage under Part B which includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,500 for certain covered reasons. See Part B for details.)

ON TOUR ACTIVITIES: Please choose one of the following on tour hotels

Please Choose One: *(subject to availability)*

() Royal Continental Hotel – Standard (included)

() Royal Continental Hotel – Frontal Sea View (additional charge of \$80.00 double, \$160.00 single required)

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Collette () Check () Credit Card

Waiver/Insurance Amount: \$ _____ Deposit Amount: \$ _____ Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Cardholder Name (if paying by Credit Card): _____

Cardholder Billing Address: Check if address is the same as above _____

Cardholder Phone: _____ Amount: \$ _____

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