



Welcome to Annette and Hans' 'Sapori Tastes of Italy Tour' to the Dolomites and Puglia 17 September - 03 October 2019



Join us on a Sapori Tastes of Italy Tour

Our tours will suit those who would like to travel to Italy but do not want to take it on independently or travel in a large group.

This tour is at a very relaxed pace with three night stays in each place we visit. It not only offers daily trips and activities but we are also able to provide you with plenty of free time to relax and explore.

Every day two or three meals are included. You will not be constantly having to spend more money in order to get full enjoyment out of your holiday. The small group enables us to offer more personal care and attention to our passengers.

This year we have selected two very contrasting regions for our tour – we commence with the Italian Alps or Dolomites with its rugged mountains and lakes providing you with some spectacular scenery and then move to the Puglia region of southern Italy known for its rich history and incredible food where you will experience a very different part of Italy.

Please feel free to contact us without any obligation if you require further information or would like discuss the tour with us.

Prices

17 Days/16 Nights	\$	Twin Share	\$8,900
	\$	Single Supplement	\$1,350

Tour Inclusions

- Domestic flights Venice/Bari & Brindisi/Rome
- Transportation by air-conditioned coach
- Hotel and Masseria (Farm) accommodation with 16 breakfasts (B), 10 lunches (L) & 13 dinners (D)
- Tour host couple Annette (Italian speaking) and Hans will accompany you throughout the tour
- Guided easy walking tours with English speaking local guides
- Tea, coffee, selected wines with dinner and non-alcoholic beverages are included. Alcoholic beverages are additional cost at your expense.



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Tour Itinerary

Day 1 Tuesday 17 September

Arrival day Bologna – Transfer from the Airport to our hotel in the city centre. Welcome Drinks and Dinner (D)

Bologna is famous for its towers, churches and lengthy porticoes and has a well-preserved historical centre, thanks to a careful restoration and conservation policy which began at the end of the 1970s. Home to the oldest university in the world, the University of Bologna, established in 1088 AD, the city has a large student population that gives it a cosmopolitan character.



Day 2 Wednesday 18 September

Half day morning walking tour of Bologna followed by lunch at an authentic Italian delicatessen. Afternoon transfer by mini-coach to Merano (B,L,D)

Merano, the city of flowers, really became a famous vacation destination in the 1930s, when the local waters were discovered to have very unique healing powers. Overnight a spa industry blossomed and thrived here. You will have the opportunity to indulge in some spa therapy whilst we are here.



Day 3 Thursday 19 September

Day tour to spectacular Lake Resia with lunch onboard boat. On return to Merano the rest of the day is yours to do as you please. (B,L)

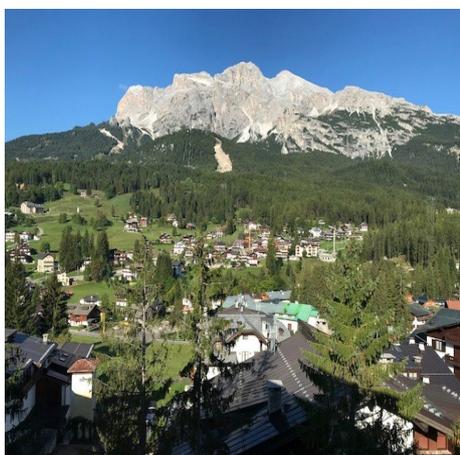
Day 4 Friday 20 September

Tour of Merano including Trautmannsdorf Gardens. Free afternoon in town followed by dinner at a brewery. (B,D)



Day 5 Saturday 21 September

Transfer Merano to Cortina with stops in Bolzano to visit the Ice Man Museum and spectacular Val Gardena for lunch. Further stops along the way to admire the incredible mountain scenery. (B,L,D)



Day 6 Sunday 22 September

Day trip to beautiful Lake Misurina and after lunch a visit by jeep to the open air First World War Museum on top of Monte Piana which commemorates the fierce battles between the Italians and the Austrians (B,L)

Day 7 Monday 23 September

Take the cable car up to the top of one of the local mountains for some incredible views over the rugged Dolomites. Engage in a short hike or simply relax in the fresh mountain air. (B,D)



Day 8 Tuesday 24 September

Transfer from Cortina to Venice Airport via an area famous for its Prosecco wineries for tasting and a light lunch. Afternoon flight to Bari followed by transfer to Matera. (B,L,D)



Day 9 Wednesday 25 September

Morning walking tour of the treasures of Matera with free afternoon. (B,D)

Matera is a haunting and beautiful place. It is the most outstanding, intact example of a troglodyte settlement in the Mediterranean region, perfectly adapted to its terrain and ecosystem. The first inhabited zone dates from the Palaeolithic age. The Sassi and the Park of the Rupestrian Churches of Matera comprise a complex of houses, churches, monasteries and hermitages built into the natural caves dug into the rock itself.



Day 10 Thursday 26 September

Enjoy an informal Italian Cooking class in Matera followed by a free afternoon and evening. (B,L)



Day 11 Friday 27 September

Transfer to Masseria Valente near Ostuni in time for lunch followed by a free afternoon to enjoy the other facilities and amenities in addition to the amazing food. (B,L,D)

Masserias are unique to this part of southern Italy. They were farmhouses that were modelled on the classic Roman villa and built to function as self-sufficient communities. Many have been converted into farm stay accommodation. You will find staying at a Masseria a unique experience. You will be especially delighted with the 'cucina povera' or peasant cooking using the home-grown produce.



Day 12 Saturday 28 September

Full day visit to Alberobello and Polignano including light lunch (B,L,D)

Alberobello has been made a UNESCO World Heritage site for its unusual 'trulli', the characteristic white-washed conical-roofed houses of the area. A short drive down to the sea is Polignano which has an historic centre overlooking a spectacular coastline.



Day 13 Sunday 29 September

Winery and olive grove visits returning for lunch at Masseria Valente and dancing and dinner in Ostuni. (B,L,D)

We experience the growing and processing of some of the products the region is most famous for.



Day 14 Monday 30 September

Transfer to Lecce. Free afternoon to start to explore this intriguing ancient baroque city (B,D)

The rich Baroque architectural monuments found in Lecce has resulted in it being nicknamed "The Florence of the South". The city has a long traditional affinity with Greek culture going back to its foundation; the Messapii who founded the city are said to have been Cretans in Greek records. To this day, in the Grecia Salentina, a group of towns not far from Lecce, the griko language is still spoken.



Day 15 Tuesday 01 October

Morning walking tour of Lecce with free afternoon and evening (B,D)

Day 16 Wednesday 02 October

Day trip to Otranto with boat charter including lunch. Return to Lecce for our final dinner. (B,L,D)

Otranto, the most eastern port in Italy was in its time a major point of departure for merchants, pilgrims and crusaders heading for the Orient and the Holy Land. Today it retains an attractive port and old quarter.



Day 17 Thursday 03 October

Transfer to Brindisi Airport for our flight to Rome from where you can return to Australia or extend your stay

BOOKING FORM

Name as per passport

Date of Birth

Passport No.....

Expiry Date.....

Nationality.....

Please provide copies of your passport details.

Please read the booking conditions below, complete your details and return to Canadian Bay Travel:

Do you suffer from any medical condition or disability we need to be aware of? It is essential that we are made aware of your existing medical conditions. Please advise if you have any and provide details including medication.

Yes No

If yes please describe your condition(s) and/or requirements

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Please attach a doctor's certificate indicating your fitness to travel

Travel insurance is mandatory. Please advise if you would like us to arrange a Travel insurance quote?

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If no, please provide your insurer's name and policy number.

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Please advise any food allergies and any dietary needs.....

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Your Address:

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PASSENGER CONTACT INFORMATION IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

(someone in Australia we could contact while you are overseas)

Name: Relationship:.....

Tel: Mobile:

I, the undersigned, understand and accept the Terms and Conditions.

Signature: Date:

PASSENGER INFORMATION, TERMS & CONDITIONS

Tour Deposit & Balance

A non-refundable deposit of \$1,500 per person confirms your place on the tour. The balance will be due no later than 90 days prior to tour departure.

Prices, Cancellations & Changes.

The Prices given for the tour are based on a minimum of 10 paying passengers. Should we fall short of this number Canadian Bay Travel will attempt to make the necessary alternative arrangements to allow the tour to proceed and consult you if there need to be any alterations in the itinerary or price. At 90 days prior (in June) when the balance is due only if we are forced to alter the itinerary and price or cancel completely due to a lack of the numbers required for the tour to operate you will have the option to have your deposit refunded. If by this time you have made other travel arrangements (eg flights) for this trip our refund will not extend to cover reimbursement of the cancellation fees for any of these additional arrangements. Prices are based on an exchange rate of 60 Euro cents to the Australian dollar. Should there be a fluctuation in the rate of more than 5% or another supplier generated issue beyond our control we may need to adjust pricing accordingly. The decision whether to implement price adjustments will be at our discretion.

Items not Included

The tour price does not include your airfare from Australia. Canadian Bay Travel will be able to assist you with this and any other travel arrangements you require in conjunction with and in addition to the Sapori Tastes of Italy Tour. Other items not included in the tour price are your meals other than those mentioned on the itinerary, beverages, porterage, passport costs, travel insurance and any items of a personal nature.

Travel Insurance

Travel Insurance - please note personal travel insurance is mandatory on all our tours and it is essential for you to insure your travel arrangements in case of cancellation due to sickness or any other events. You agree to hold adequate travel insurance to cover, most importantly, medical costs and cancellation expenses. Canadian Bay Travel can assist you with competitively priced comprehensive travel insurance policies.

Passports

Please supply Canadian Bay Travel with a copy of your passport details. Please ensure that your passport has at least 6 months validity beyond your return date.

Luggage Allowance

The vehicle we are chartering for transport will only allow one regular size suitcase per person plus some hand luggage. Please ensure you restrict your packing to these requirements to avoid carriage problems at the time of travel. Besides it will be in your own better interests to travel as lightly as possible.

Responsibilities

Sapori Tastes of Italy Tours is making tour arrangements for accommodation, transport and sightseeing as well as payments through Canadian Bay Travel in Mt Eliza, an ATAS Accredited Travel Agent. This means we can offer you the benefits and protection that booking through a travel agent who is ATAS Accredited. Your escorts Annette & Hans Went will endeavour to ensure that the tour runs as smoothly as possible. We are unable to take responsibility for matters that are outside our control.



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