

Hidden Gems of Italy

October 14- 04 November 2023

Umbria, Bologna, Puglia

Join Heather's small group tour exploring two special regions in Italy. Traditional Umbrian hill towns, historic cities of Assisi and Perugia, and porticos of Bologna offer the opportunity to discover a slower pace of life. Special places in Puglia's Itria Valley, beautiful seaside towns and Renaissance city of Lecce are waiting to be explored.

- October 14** Afternoon departure from London by private transport to Toronto Pearson Airport. We will travel overnight, Air Canada nonstop to Rome.
- October 15 To October 21** Morning arrival in Rome. Our coach and driver are ready for transfer to Spoleto, Umbria. We will have 7 nights at Hotel San Luca. Each day we will have organized excursions with private guide. The Umbrian hill towns of Spello, Bevagna, Deruta, Montefalco are not to be missed. As well, Perugia, Assisi and Orvieto are 3 major cities in this region with special places to visit.
[Hotel San Luca](#) | 7 nights; breakfast daily, 3 dinners, 1 lunch
- October 22 To October 25** Leaving Umbria today we have one more gem to explore, Gubbio. Independent visit before boarding the coach to Bologna. We have 4 nights to enjoy Bologna and environs. A private morning walking tour in Bologna and time to explore or relax. We will have a day trip north of Bologna to tour a Balsamic Vinegar and Parmigiana production facility, and of course have a taste! The Ferrari Museum in Maranello is well worth a visit as well. A full day to explore Ravenna and the small medieval town of Dozza.
[Hotel Internazionale Bologna](#) | 4 nights; breakfast daily, 2 dinners, 1 lunch
- October 26 To October 31** We will leave Bologna by train to explore Puglia. Arriving in Bari, we will meet our guide and transfer to our hotel, Il Palmento, near the small town of Locortondo in the Itria Valley. During the next 6 days we will discover the heel of Italy's boot, Puglia. Monopoli and lovely seaside towns of Polignano al Mare, Ostuni, Alberobello are just a few places we will discover. We will go into the neighbouring province of Basilicata and spend time exploring Matera. ***For a sneak peek at Matera, watch the opening of the latest James Bond film, No Time To Die... the car chase was filmed in Matera!*
[Il Palmento](#) | 6 nights; breakfast daily, 6 dinners, 1 lunch
- November 1 And November 2** Our driver and guide will travel with us to Lecce, the Renaissance city of the south. After our walking tour, time is unstructured for you to explore the streets and squares Lecce. The following day is time to relax and enjoy Lecce, explore museums or have a leisurely breakfast.
[Grand Hotel di Lecce](#) | 2 nights; breakfast daily, 1 dinner

November 3 Today, a journey by train from Lecce to Rome. After this 5 hour trip, we arrive at Termini station in Rome and transfer to the Hilton Hotel at the Rome FCO Airport. Overnight with dinner at the hotel and breakfast next morning.
[Hilton Rome Airport](#) | 1 night; breakfast daily, 1 dinner

November 4 Arrivederci Italy! Direct flight to Toronto and private ground transportation to London.

COST \$8,590.00 CAD per person based on double occupancy
\$1,000 CAD single supplement for those who want their own room

Inclusions:

- Round trip ground transportation from London, ON to Toronto Pearson
- Round trip economy class airfare with Air Canada; non-stop to Rome
- All airport taxes and fees and hotel taxes.
- Checked luggage and advance seat selection based on block of seats for group
- All transportation as required by private motor coach
- First class train tickets Bologna to Bari and Lecce to Rome
- 7 nights accommodation, Hotel San Luca or similar, Spoleto, Umbria
- 4 nights accommodation, Hotel Internazionale or similar, Bologna
- 6 nights accommodation, Il Palmento Resort or similar, Puglia
- 2 nights accommodation, Grand Hotel Lecce or similar, Lecce
- 1 night accommodation, Hilton Rome Airport or similar, Fiumicino Airport
- Daily sightseeing excursions with private guide, entrance fee as required
- Special excursions for local artisanal workshops, food, wine, olive oil productions
- Breakfast daily, 12 dinners, 3 lunches
- Gratuities for all drivers and guides

Deposit: \$1,500.00CAD per person to secure your seat

Balance due: August 1, 2023

Group will operate with minimum of 14 people; maximum group size of 21 people