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Washington & Lee Traveller Presents:

UNDISCOVERED ITALY

A Captivating Discovery of the Traditions of Southern Italy

April 14th to 23rd, 2020

10 days, 8 nights accommodation, airfare, included sightseeing, various meals from Washington Dulles (IAD)



The gentle breezes off the Mediterranean in southern Italy are balmy and fragrant in April. Beyond its sensual allure, southern Italy is a treasure trove of art and history. With their abundant sun and hospitality, Puglia and Calabria offer enchanted landscapes as well as towns and cities rich with distinctive cultural traditions. Romanesque and Baroque cathedrals and monuments dominate town squares. Majestic castles and venerable palaces offer clues to southern Italy's storied past. With breathtaking natural beauty, delicious cuisine, friendly people and fascinating historical sites, the "Undiscovered Italy" will both astonish and delight.

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Day-By-Day Itinerary

Day 1: April 14, 2020 – Depart the USA: Depart the USA for your overnight flight to southern Italy.

Day 2: April 15, 2020 – Arrive Reggio Calabria: Welcome to the southern regions of the beautiful Italian peninsula! After clearing customs we'll meet our tour manager who will be our escort throughout the journey. Near our centrally located hotel in Reggio Calabria, we can explore what the city fondly describes as "the most beautiful mile in Italy," a panoramic promenade along the shoreline with marvelous views of the sea and the nearby island of Sicily. After checking in, we'll have some time to relax before joining an orientation tour of the city. Tonight, we'll enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. (Dinner)

Day 3: April 16, 2020 – Reggio Calabria – Scilla: Our day begins with breakfast on the panoramic roof terrace of the hotel featuring a magnificent view of the bay. After breakfast, we'll discover why visitors from all over the world come to Reggio: the Bronzi di Riace, the two magnificent bronze statues of nude Greek warriors dating mid-fifth century BC and discovered here in 1972. We'll also visit the city's cathedral and enjoy the lively promenade of Corso Garibaldi, favored by locals for their passeggiata. After some independent time in the afternoon we'll visit the picturesque village of Scilla suspended above the sea for a special dinner at the local restaurant. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 4: April 17 – The Calabria Countryside - Locri Gerace & Aspromonte: After breakfast, we'll depart for our first excursion into the countryside of "Undiscovered Italy." This is an area of extraordinary natural beauty and historical moment, still largely undiscovered by commercial tourism. We'll drive through many seaside towns along the Ionian coastline until we reach Locri, one of the earliest settlements of Magna Graecia (4th century BC). We'll then proceed to Gerace, an ancient fortified hill town like no other in Italy, to visit the main church and Gerace's many tiny piazzas. It is here that we'll encounter the stunning landscape of the Apennine Mountains, a region also known as Aspromonte. Surfeited by grandeur, we'll need to pause along the way at a local Trattoria for a traditional country lunch. Later in the afternoon, we'll return to Reggio Calabria for evening at leisure. (Breakfast, Lunch)

Day 5: April 18 – Winery / Matera: After breakfast, we depart for Matera. Along the way, we'll enjoy a scenic drive among the vast olive groves and leafy vineyards of the region. Soon we'll reach a local farm and winery for a visit to their underground cellars. The winery's barriques and tonneaux contain vintages that are minded by skilled enologists until they are ready to be bottled and shipped all over the world. We'll be served a country lunch, savoring the fruits of local labors, featuring olive oils and wines paired with all the delicacies of the region. Later in the afternoon, we'll arrive in Matera, a small city located on a rocky outcrop in the region of Basilicata. Matera includes the Sassi area, a complex of cave dwellings carved into a mountainside, declared a UNESCO Heritage in 1993 and now widely regarded as one of Italy's most fascinating archaeological wonders. Here, we'll check in to our hotel for an independent evening with the magic of Matera at night. (Breakfast, Lunch)

Day 6: April 19 – Matera / Puglia: After breakfast, we'll enjoy a guided tour of Matera. For millennia, people of this area have carved dwellings directly into ravines and gullies made of tufa, a characteristic honey-colored soft stone. Today the area still evokes ancient times, providing the perfect backdrop for Mel Gibson's film "The Passion of the Christ." The guided tour will take us through several remarkable locations within the Sassi complex. Beginning with the site called "the Piano," the last level of urban development on top of Sassi, we'll proceed along paths, alleys, and stairs as if we were descending back in time. We'll visit a church carved into the rock during the eighth and ninth centuries by Basilian monks who were fleeing the iconoclastic persecutions of the Byzantine Empire. We'll also explore a cave house to see the typical layout of an inhabited cave. Our guided tour includes the visit of Palombaro Lungo, one of the most impressive water cisterns in the world, which lies underneath the main square of Matera. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the cistern is considered a masterpiece of the ancient hydraulic engineering. Dug entirely by hand, the cistern is as deep as a 5-story building and as long as a football field. Fully lined with terracotta for waterproofing, its capacity has been estimated to be five million liters of water. After our city tour and some time at leisure, we'll depart for Puglia, southern Italy's paradise of fine weather, beautiful shorelines, lovely towns, baroque architecture, and delicious cuisine. Our hotel, located in Martina Franca, is a little baroque gem built like a balcony overlooking the land of Trulli. Dinner tonight is at the hotel. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 7: April 20 – Ostuni Oil Mill & Alberobello: Following breakfast we depart for Ostuni, Puglia's "white capital" and truly one of the most stunningly beautiful towns of southern Italy. Perched on three hills and situated at the edge of Le Murge, Ostuni's old center is a spiral of whitewashed houses offering dramatic views of a vast silvery green sea of olive groves and, in the hazy distance, the blue Mediterranean. We'll also visit a fortified Masseria farm, featuring centuries-old olive trees still producing a renowned extra virgin olive oil. During our tour of the farm we'll discover the amazing underground olive mill, which dates back to Roman times. We then proceed for a traditional lunch at a local Trulli Farm. After lunch we'll explore the Trulli Valley and Alberobello, another UNESCO World Heritage Site, where we'll visit the lovely historical town center, which features several unique houses with conical roofs. Evening at leisure. (Breakfast, Lunch)

Day 8: April 21 – Lecce: Today, we'll visit Lecce, known locally as Puglia's "Florence of the South," with its wealth of art and culture. Here we'll enjoy a guided walking tour of Lecce's historical center, featuring beautiful Baroque monuments fashioned with such meticulous embellishment that they appear to be embroidered. We'll also visit the Basilica di Santa Croce, site of the most important local Roman ruins, and Lecce's Duomo towering above one of the loveliest piazzas in all of Italy. After the city tour, we have a special appointment to visit one of Lecce's noble palaces located directly in the center of Lecce. The stunning Palazzo Tamborino was originally built in the 15th century. Its walled circular structure hides one of the most beautiful secret gardens of Lecce. Beyond the imposing front door, a classical columned atrium leads us to the centuries-old garden gate and a lush bamboo forest. The owner will greet us and share interesting anecdotes about his family and the palazzo. We'll also visit the palazzo's small museum that hosts a rich collection of ancient artifacts, pieces of furniture, and clothing that once belonged to the ancestors of the owner. We'll also enjoy a superb lunch at the palazzo featuring regional dishes. After lunch, we'll have some leisure for independent discovery of Lecce. Later in the afternoon, we return to Martina Franca for an evening at leisure. (Breakfast, Lunch)

Day 9: April 22 – Bari: This morning we have time for a relaxing breakfast at the hotel and some free time to enjoy the facilities. Later, we depart for a visit Bari, the capital of Puglia, with its elegant waterfront, the Murat district, and many elegant streets and boulevards. The old city is renowned for its many intact examples of medieval architecture. Here we'll have a guided visit of the Basilica of San Nicola in the Old Town of Bari. Not surprisingly, the Basilica houses the relics of San Nicolas. We'll also have a guided visit to the Norman Castle, "Piazza Ferrarese e Mercantile," and Bari's historic center. Tonight, we celebrate our adventure with a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (Breakfast, Dinner).

Day 10: April 23 – Departure day: Today we bid farewell to southern Italy, grateful for the memories and our many new-formed friendships. (Breakfast)

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This tour includes:

- Round-trip air transportation from PHL. Fuel surcharges included (valid at time of printing).
- Round trip airport transfers.
- Baggage handling at the hotel for your arrival and departure. (Based on one bag per person).
- Services of a tour host throughout the program and local guides for guided tours
- Licensed sightseeing guides for all tours.
- First class hotel accommodations for 8 nights as follows: 3 nights Reggio Calabria, 1 night in Matera, 4 nights Puglia (Martina Franca or similar location); including hotel tax and service charges.
- Welcome cocktail
- Daily breakfasts 4 lunches & 4 dinners (including a welcome dinner & farewell dinner with water and wine/beer).
- Deluxe air-conditioned motor coach transportation for all transfers and guided tours.
- Orientation walking tour around the hotel.
- Full day guided tours of Reggio Calabria, Scilla, Locri, Gerace, Aspromonte, Matera, Puglia, Alberobello, Lecce, Bari, Ostuni Mill Oil tasting
- Whisper system for all guided tours.
- Tips for guides & drivers.

Not included:

- Anything **not** mentioned under INCLUSIONS
- Meals and drinks not mentioned
- Entrance fees not mentioned
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Luggage service at the airport

Pricing: Tour price is \$4,295 per person, double occupancy. For single occupancy, add \$725. Fuel surcharges and air taxes are included and air taxes are valid at the time of printing and are subject to change.



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PLEASE SUBMIT NAMES EXACTLY AS THEY APPEAR ON PASSPORTS:

TSA SECURE FLIGHT REQUIREMENT

Passenger 1: _____ Date of Birth: _____ M / F

First Name _____ Middle Name _____ Last Name _____

Passport #: _____ Country of Issue: _____ Date issued: _____ Expiration date: _____

Passenger 2: _____ Date of Birth: _____ M / F

First Name _____ Middle Name _____ Last Name _____

Passport #: _____ Country of Issue: _____ Date issued: _____ Expiration date: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone #: _____ Cell Phone#: _____

Please reserve me in a single room at a supplement (Add **US \$725.00** for single supplement - limited availability)
 I am rooming with: _____ I am traveling with: _____

Notes (Diet, optional tours etc.): _____

PAYMENT: Deposit: A \$500.00 ** per person deposit is required to reserve the space. The deposit becomes non-refundable 90 days before departure. Final payment amount to Jet Vacations (see address below) is due by **January 14, 2020**. I authorize Jet Vacations LLC to charge my credit card on the final payment day. Reservations and room availability are based on a first come, first served basis. I have read the schedule of activities and accept and abide to the general terms & conditions as outlined in the Group Master Contract or on our web site.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION (FULL TERMS & CONDITIONS ARE AVAILABLE IN YOUR GROUP LEADER'S GROUP MASTER CONTRACT.)

Air arrangements: Fares and schedules are based on regular scheduled carrier service. All applicable airline rules apply and schedules are subject to change. Basic airfares do not include fuel surcharges, airport departure taxes, passenger facility charges (PFCs), customs or immigration fees, and excess baggage charges. For mileage accrual information, please contact the carrier directly for details. Air inclusive group packages are non-changeable and non-refundable once deposit has been paid. Rules and fees for canceling and revising airfares vary depending upon the type of airfare purchased. Refundable airline tickets will be processed once the original paper tickets (if applicable) are returned to us via a traceable method of mailing. E-tickets do not need to be returned. Lost paper tickets have no refund value.

IMPORTANT NOTE ON FUEL SURCHARGES: Fuel surcharges imposed by the airlines are valid at time of contract and are included in the price of your tour. As fuel continues to fluctuate, if the fuel surcharges change prior to your departure date, you will be assessed this additional amount.

Cancellation Policies: No charges other than the non-refundable initial deposit are levied for individual passengers canceling up to 120 days prior to the commencement of Jet Vacations LLC services. However, services which have been prepaid by Jet Vacations LLC on behalf of individual clients maybe non-refundable, non-exchangeable, non changeable and/or maybe subject to a cancellation- change fee (e.g. theater tickets, Train tickets, Airline Tickets, Event Tickets, Passes, Entrance fees etc.).

Full cancellation: Failing to pay the contractual deposits (other than the initial deposit) constitutes a cancellation. In the event of non-compliance with the payment due dates, Jet Vacations LLC shall have the right to demand the Customer to immediately pay the outstanding balance. Payment shall then be received by Jet Vacations LLC within eight days as of the date of Jet Vacations LLC's written request. Should payment not be received within this time limit, the group stay shall be deemed to be canceled by the Customer. In the event of full cancellation of the agreement by the Customer, which is not justified by Jet Vacations LLC's failure to

meet its obligations, cancellation penalties shall be invoiced and calculated as follows:

- Initial deposit**: non-refundable after 120 days.
- Up to 120 days prior departure: 0% penalty of the total cost per person.
- From 119 to 91 days prior to departure: 500USD per person. penalty of the total cost per person.
- From 90 to 61 days prior to departure: 50% penalty of the total cost per person.
- From 60 to 31 days prior to departure: 75% penalty of the total cost per person.
- From 30 to day of departure & no show: 100% penalty of the total cost per person.

** Deposit to hold the space and First deposit is non-refundable after 120 days before departure date. All subsequent deposits are non-refundable. If a passenger cancellation creates a change in the price schedule, the tour price will be revised based on the remaining number of participants. A passenger becoming a single as a result of a partner's cancellation must pay the single supplement.

NOTE: The following non-refundable fees will be added to the penalty charges listed on the cancellation (full or partial) schedule above: Travel protection premiums. Airline tickets - airline penalties, which may be up to 100% of the ticket value. Refundable airline tickets will be processed once the original paper tickets (if applicable) are returned to us via a traceable method of mailing. E-tickets do not need to be returned. Lost paper tickets have no refund value.

Hotel selection: It is the responsibility of client to ensure that the hotels and venues that are suggested and selected in this proposal are adequate for their clientele. Jet Vacations LLC cannot and will not be responsible for room sizes, room air condition, room amenities, room service which vary and differs throughout the world, countries, cultures and hotels. We strongly advise client to peruse hotel rating web sites such as Tripadvisor.com to get an approximate "feel" and "judgment" on each suggested and selected properties, to insure that selected hotels/rooms will be adequate to the client's

group travelers. Client understand that no refund nor legal claims regarding the selected hotels, venues, rooms and /or services will be possible once this contract has been signed and agreed upon.

Hotels Check-in times: Hotel rooms are usually not ready for check-in until after 3 pm. If your flight is arriving early, especially European flights, you should plan for the day's activity until your room is available. Most hotels will store your luggage until your room is ready.

Air Conditioning: Jet Vacations LLC is not responsible for air conditioning standards or availability, as these factors can vary greatly between properties and countries

Single rooms: The single supplement rate is quoted on the basis that single rooms shall not exceed approximately 20% of the total rooms required, unless otherwise agreed and confirmed. Some hotels may charge a further fee should the group exceed this configuration.

Activity level: This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

Itinerary variation: We will make every effort to operate all tours as advertised. Situations may arise, voluntarily or involuntarily, that require changes or exceptions in the airport of departure, the itinerary, land arrangements, hotels, trains or ports of call. On these occasions, we reserve the right to make such modifications and substitute conveyances/hotels as deemed necessary.

Minimum participants to Operate: Group needs a minimum of 20 participants to operate. Optional tours need a minimum of 15 participants to operate.

Tour Cancellation: We reserve the right to cancel the entire trip (or any component of the trip) for any reason and/or time. In this event, our liability, if any, shall be limited to and liquidated by refunding to each prospective participant the payments made. CST#2111829-40; Fla Seller of Travel Reg. No. ST40436.