



Culture & Cuisine of Puglia 1-15 October 2019

Join us in the capital city of Rome & then move to the region of Puglia in the heel of the boot, along the sun-drenched Adriatic Sea. Puglia offers access to the freshest seafood, crowd-free open spaces, irresistible desserts and pastries, distinct wines, and the 50 million olive trees that make this region the worlds leading producer of olive oil. Discover this beautiful rural part of Italy as we partake in a olive oil & wine tasting, a cooking class, visit a local mozerella maker, walking tours, visit a ceramic maker & baker, Andiamo ?

Italy Itinerary | 2019

01 October | Depart South Africa – Rome | D

Overnight flight from Cape Town/Johannesburg to Rome.

02 October | Arrive Rome (3 nights) | BD

On arrival, we will be met & transferred to our hotel in the centre of **Rome**. Check in to our hotel in the afternoon. Welcome to Italy ! Enjoy a Welcome dinner.

03 October | Rome | BD

This morning we will enjoy a tour of Rome's memorable ancient sites, starting with a visit to Michelangelo's celebrated **statue of Moses**, before heading to the **Colliseum**, the timeless symbol of the power of Ancient Rome. Next, crossing under the ancient **Arch of Titus** and the **Arch of Constantine**, we admire the panoramic view from the **Capitoline Hill**, before getting to the **Piazza Venezia** for a visit to the legendary **Roman Forum**. We end the tour at the fantastic **Salumeria Roscioli** where we are at leisure to enjoy lunch & leisure time.

This afternoon we will visit the famous Borghese Gallery, brimming with exquisite patinings and sculptures from **Raffaello, Bernini, Tiziano and Carovaggio**. The gallery is arranged over two floors and 20 rooms. Enjoy a local dinner.

04 October | Rome | BD

This morning we visit the **Vatican Museums**, the **Sistine Chapel** & the **St. Peters Basilica**. Once inside the museum, we will follow a carefully crafted route that takes you to the most important sights in the Vatican Museums, including the **Collection of Classical Antiquities** and the **Raphael Rooms**. Our guide will tell us the stories behind the famous works and characters that inspired them. We end at the Basilica, where we will see **Michelangelo's Pieta**.

Enjoy a local dinner.

05 October | Rome – Bari – Ostuni region (4 nights) | BD

After breakfast, we will be transferred to Rome's central station to catch a **4 hour train to Bari**, seated in first class.

On arrival in Bari, we will be met & transferred to our **masseria** in the country. Dinner at the hotel.

06 October | Ostuni region | BD

Today we travel to meet **Corrado** at a renowned Masseria. The **olive mill** on this ancient estate has been in use since the bronze age and provides a fascinating insight into **olive oil production**. We will walk the beautiful grounds of the estate and of course enjoy some **olive oil tasting**. In the afternoon, we will move to **Ostuni**, the famous '**Citta Bianca**' (the white city) which has stunning sea views from the **hilltops**. Enjoy dinner together.

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07 October | Ostuni region | BD

Today we discover the famous **trulli houses**. These cone shaped dwellings are unique to the region and in the UNESCO **World Heritage Site of Alberobello** you will see a concentration of over **1000** trulli houses. Our guide will bring the history of this picturesque town to life & the secrets of **cheesemaking** in the **ancient traditions of Puglia**. You will meet local **cheese artisan Giorgio at his farm**, where he will demonstrate the art of **making fresh burrata** and let you try twisting a knot of mozzarella or two! Afternoon at leisure before dinner.

08 October | Ostuni region | BD

Martina Franca is a stunning hilltop town, crammed with **Baroque churches** and **gracious palaces**. Enjoy a little free time here for shopping, before we visit one of **Locorotondos leading wineries** for a **private tasting**. Experience wines crafted using the indigenous **Verdeca and Fiano grapes**. Next we visit some of the other enchanting hilltop villages of the **Itria Valley**, including the immaculate **Locorotondo**, noted as one of the **most beautiful villages in Italy**.

09 October | Ostuni region - Lecce | (3 nights) | BL

This morning we check out of our hotel & travel south to visit one of Puglia's most renowned **wineries - Li Veli**. After a fascinating tour with the vineyards **expert oenologist**, we will be treated to a **private wine tasting and lunch** over-looking the ageing barrels of wine. From here we venture to the beautiful city of **Lecce**, the capital of the **Salento Province**. Known as the 'Florence of the South' the city hosts amazing Baroque masterpieces and treasures of Italy.

10 October | Lecce | BL

We will enjoy a morning **walking tour of Lecce**, full of wide streets lined with ornate baroque palazzi and imposing churches. Enjoy a classic light lunch at a local cafe. Afternoon at leisure, or partake in the **optional state-of-the-art cooking school** by enjoying a 2-3 hour private lesson, followed by dinner & wine. We will meet **chef Gianna Greco for a cooking extravaganza** in her fabulous cooking school kitchen. Enjoy a full immersion culinary experience with lively Gianna then feast all together on the dishes you have made. It is sure to be an unforgettable night for us all !

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11 October | Lecce | BD

This morning we continue further south, to the stunning **Galatina** to explore the **Basilica di Santa Caterina d' Alessandria** where we will see **frescoes** depicting biblical stories, including the life and passion of Christ and the martyrdom of Santa Caterina. We will also learn more about the legend of the **tarantella dance**, renowned throughout the Salento Province. We continue to the seaside city of **Gallipoli** to visit the famous fish market and this renowned old center on the **Ionian Coast**. We will return to Lecce in the afternoon.

12 October | Lecce - Matera | (2 nights) | BL

Today we check out of our hotel & travel to the town of **Grottaglie**, the famous center for **incredible ceramics**. Due to the excellent natural elements of the clay found nearby, this ancient town has been a haven for talented potters for thousands of years. We continue to the UNESCO World Heritage site of **Matera** where we will have lunch and then embark on a visit of the old city of Matera perched high on a beautiful hillside and only recently seen by foreign eyes. Our expert guide will lead you on a walking tour of the 'sassi', **ancient cave dwellings** restored for current use as homes, shops and restaurants.

13 October | Matera | BD

Today we will venture to the town of **Altamura** where we will visit a DOP bread producer for a **lesson in traditional breadmaking**. We will make our own dough and have a chance to sample some **incredible focaccia**. We return to Matera for an afternoon siesta. For our final dinner together we will enjoy a **delicious feast** at one the many incredible restaurants featuring the **Lucana cuisine typical of the Basilicata region**.

14 October | Depart Matera - Bari – Rome – South Africa | B

After breakfast we will transfer to the Bari Airport for our flight to Rome & overnight flight home.

15 October | Arrive South Africa

Arrive in Johannesburg or Cape Town.

Map of Italy



Information & Costs



Per person sharing R 59 000
Single Supplement R15 800

Includes:

Accommodation, touring & entrance fees as detailed
First class train from Rome to Bari
Domestic flight from Bari to Rome
Meals as indicated with Breakfast **(B)**, Lunch **(L)**, Dinner **(D)**

Excludes:

R3900 per person Optional cooking course incl dinner & wine

Airfare estimate on Emirates : South Africa - Dubai- Rome return

Ex Cape Town from R 12 200

Ex Johannesburg from R 12 100

Based on 16 passengers

You will visit all the places included in the itinerary. However, we reserve the right to amend the itinerary according to conditions before, or at the time of, travel.

Estimated costings & Itinerary as at August 2018 | Subject to change due to currency fluctuations.

Travel Information:

VISA & IMMIGRATION

- South African passport holders require a Schengen visa for Italy which is approximately R960 per person excluding visa service fees.
- Passports need to be valid for at least 6 months after travel & have at least 2 blank pages

PACKING ESSENTIALS

- Comfortable walking shoes for the city & countryside
- Light cotton clothing
- A few nice outfits for the evenings
- Swimming costume & hat
- Travelling umbrella & light jacket in case of rain showers

WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT ITALY & PUGLIA

- Rich culture, architecture & grandeur of Rome
- Landscapes & seascapes of the lesser known Puglia
- The beautiful endless fields of olive trees
- The charming masserias & quaint seaside towns
- The cuisine, simple, moreish & delicious

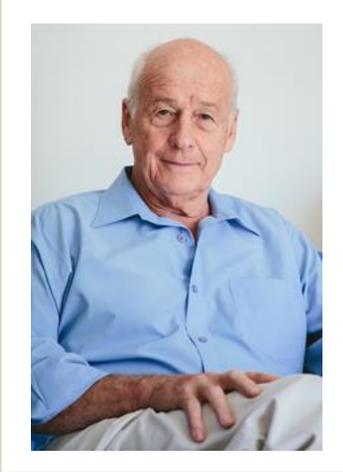
WEATHER IN OCTOBER

- October marks the beginning of Autumn in Puglia and the weather slowly makes its way toward the cooler and wetter winter season. Average temperatures for sea & land are around 20 degrees, making it very comfortable & pleasant for touring.

CURRENCY

- In Italy the currency is the Euro. EUR1 = ZAR15,50

Meet your Tour Leaders



Tour leading for his favourite tour company, Titch Global Tours is Michael's main retirement hobby and fun, assisting his daughter Mandi Aliverti.

Titch offers regular, fully-escorted tours to exotic destinations, catering for the "mature traveller". Michael has been leading tours for over 40 years, starting as early as his University days; that passion is still with him. He is fortunate to have his partner Linda Godlonton accompanying him, assisting him on most of the tours.

Michael loves life and seeks at all times to share his love of travel, as well as his travel brand of *joie de vivre*, with his fellow travellers, who become lifelong friends.



Mandi was born practically with a backpack on her back and a head filled with dreams of adventure. Given both her parents working in the industry, it's no surprise that Mandi went on to complete studies in travel and marketing before jetting off to explore the world.

She later returned to South Africa where she worked in the family travel business before being appointed as MD of Titch in 2008. In addition she holds the appointment as MD of Travel Concepts, as part of the Concepts Collection Group.

Mandi is married to her Italian husband Federico and they have 2 children, Gabriella and Claudio. Mandi promises to share her love of travel and all places foreign!

Titch Global Tours Booking Form | Italy | 2019

Please complete this booking form and return it with your deposit of R 10,000 and photocopy of your passport to Travel Concepts.

Name as per passport:				Title:	
Name you wish to be called:		Maiden name (if applicable):			
Address:					
Telephone:		Work -		Cell -	
Home -					
Fax:		Email:			
Nationality:		Id no:			
Passport no		Date of birth:			
Date of issue:		Date of expiry:			
Alt passport no:		Nationality:			
Date of issue:		Date of expiry:			
If you have two passports, which one will you be travelling on:					
Smoking:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Special meal requests:		
Seating request (on flight):					
Please note that we can only request your choice of seating and cannot confirm it.					
Accommodation - I would like to share with:					Single <input type="checkbox"/>
In the case of passengers travelling alone who wish to share twin accommodation, we endeavour to fulfil these requests. However, should this not be possible, a single room supplement will be payable.					
Name of next of kin /friend:		Relationship:			
Address:		Tel:		Email:	
<p>I enclose my cheque for the deposit of R 10,000 (or will do so, or have done so by eft) to secure a place on the tour. Furthermore I confirm I have read, understood and accept the terms & conditions (as overleaf) of travelling on tour with Titch Global Tours, a division of Travel Concepts. I also note that the balance of the cost of the tour is payable 6 weeks before departure; costed August 2018, based on 16 full paying passengers. If you are 85 or older, please speak to us about your insurance options before booking.</p> <p>Signed this.....day of.....2018 Signature</p> <p>Method of payment: tick applicable one</p> <p>Air ticket: Bank transfer <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Credit card <input type="checkbox"/> No. _____ Expiry date: _____ 3 digit code: _____</p> <p>Card type: _____ Bank name: _____</p> <p>Land & Deposit (no credit card): bank transfer <input type="checkbox"/> cheque <input type="checkbox"/></p>					
Bank details:		Name: Travel Concepts Bank: Standard Bank Cape Town Branch Code: 051001		Account no.: 0624830802 Swift Code: SBZAZAJJ	
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Terms & Conditions | Titch Global Tours

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Accommodation | In specially chosen hotels with private facilities; generally 4 star hotels.

Airline Clause | The carrier(s) concerned will not be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not aboard the aircraft or conveyance. The passenger ticket in use by the airline concerned, when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airline(s) concerned and the purchaser of this tour and/or the passengers.

Baggage | One piece of luggage per person not exceeding 20 kilograms (on an exceptional basis this may be increased to 23 kilograms) plus one piece of cabin luggage/carry-on, not exceeding a total length of 115cm.

Cancellation | All cancellations must be made in writing. Titch Global Tours reserves the right to claim all or a portion of the fares paid by passenger(s) who cancel(s) reservations. In accordance with standard procedures adopted by tour operators worldwide, Titch Global Tours reserves the right to cancel the tour prior to departure without any further liability to Titch Global Tours, other than making an appropriate refund, at the discretion of Titch Global Tours, of amounts paid to Titch Global Tours in respect of the tour.

Fares/Flights | The tours are generally costed excluding international airfares. Accordingly Titch Global Tours recommends the air carrier, according to the destination of the tour, based on convenience of the flights/connections recommended and competitive pricing.

Gratuities | Tips for personal services are not included. Tips for the guides and drivers are not obligatory, but are customary and are left to the discretion of the travellers; ideally these are collected by the tour leader at the beginning of the tour.

Insurance | Comprehensive insurance cover is strongly recommended and is obtainable through Titch Global Tours, which constitutes an additional expense.

Itinerary | The itinerary is subject to alteration, without notice, where necessary, according to the conditions en route.

Meals | Breakfast, Lunch and/or Dinner daily shall be supplied, as specified in terms of the itinerary, by the symbol B, L or D.

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Liabilities | Titch Global Tours, its employees, the Tour Operators and/or their agents, in making arrangements for the tour, act as agents only and on condition that they shall not be held liable for injury, damage or any loss arising in respect of their services. Participation in the tour is strictly undertaken at the traveller's own risk. Titch Global Tours warrants that whilst it will use its reasonable endeavours to ensure that the services are carried out timeously, and accordingly it cannot warrant such services and cannot be held liable for any claims of whatsoever nature by any person whatsoever, arising directly or indirectly out of, or in consequence of its services.

Not included in tour price | The tour specifically excludes all entertainment not shown in the itinerary, insurance cover, flights/fares, gratuities, meals or food purchased over and above the tour menus, morning and afternoon teas, beverages, wines, spirits, laundry, optional tours, additional portorage, telephone calls or any other incidental expense etc.

Passport and Visas | Travellers will be advised of visa requirements, if any, in relation to the destination(s) of the tour. Travellers are furthermore requested to ensure that their passports are valid for at least 6 months after the end of the tour, and that there are a minimum of 2 (two) blank and consecutive pages in the passport still unused for the purpose of applying for a visa, if required.

Payment | A deposit of R10 000 is required at the time of booking. The cost of the tour in question will be based on the advertised minimum full-paying passengers. In the event that less than the minimum number of full-paying passengers are on the tour, the tour cost may change, in which event the traveller will be entitled to withdraw from the tour if desired, and will be refunded any monies paid for the tour, provided the payment for the tour has not already been remitted to the destination country/countries in question.

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