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Exploration of Tuscany, Tivoli, the Amalfi Coast & Puglia

8 to 22 October 2026

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by long-time Italian resident and
Australian, Heather Burden

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Heather Burden was born and educated in Sydney. In 1979, through her love of skiing, she travelled to the Italian Alps to do a ski season, promptly fell in love with a ski instructor and has lived in Italy for more than 40 years. Since selling her business a few years ago, she now lives in Turin. Heather has an intimate knowledge and love of the history, culture and day-to-day life of Italy and is happy to share the magic of this beautiful country. "I am looking forward to showing you hill towns, villages and other places that get to the heart of the real Italy, beyond the normal tourist route. I want you to live like an Italian, tasting the wines, meeting the people, visiting craft workshops and experiencing other local activities so you can see what Italian life is really like." – Heather Burden



Small Group – Maximum of 20 passengers

Experience intimate and personalized travel with our Small Group tours, limited to just 20 passengers. Enjoy the benefits of a close-knit group, allowing for unique access to destinations, deeper connections with fellow travellers, and a more immersive journey. Travelrite International ensures a premium, exclusive travel experience.



Discover Hidden Italy

Unveil the secrets of Hidden Italy with Travelrite International. Whether you're drawn to the ancient villas of Tivoli or the therapeutic hot springs of Bagno Vignoni, this adventure offers a unique glimpse into Italy's hidden wonders. Experience authentic Italian culture and hidden gems with our expertly guided tour.



The advantages of a relaxed group tour

On this tour we are able to make the most efficient use of time in the most relaxed way possible. Forget about navigating your way through an unfamiliar road system or dealing with parking. No stress and no hassles. Everything is taken care of. Everything is planned. We have found the most interesting places to see, so come and let us look after you.

DAY 1 Thursday 8 October 2026

Bagno Vignoni, Tuscany, Italy

Arrive on your flight from Australia into Rome airport. Please arrive before midday. Upon arrival meet Heather Burden and transfer to the Tuscan village of Bagno Vignoni. Bagno Vignoni, is a small Orcia River valley village, which has long been a favourite among painters and travellers seeking solitude in a beautiful location. We will stay at a small family-owned, 15th-century hotel built by Bernardo Rossellino as a summerhouse for Pope Pius II, who enjoyed the advantage of the nearby hot mineral springs. Tour members will enjoy delicious Tuscan dinners each night during our stay at Bagno Vignoni.

DAY 2 Friday 9 October 2026

Bagno Vignoni

Today we will visit Cortona, a small, charming town in the Valdichiana, or Chiana Valley, in the province of Arezzo in southern Tuscany. The city, enclosed by stone walls dating back to Etruscan and Roman times, sits on the top of a hill about 600 metres above sea level. This dominant position over the valley offers a spectacular view from all over the town of the surrounding valley and even Lake Trasimeno. On our tour we will see Piazza della Repubblica, with the Palazzo Comunale or town hall building overlooking the



square, beautiful Santa Margherita Sanctuary, patron of the city, and to the Girifalco Fortress. Various small shops on the main streets of Cortona offer local handmade items and gastronomical products. We return to Bagno Vignoni for our included dinner.

DAY 3 Saturday 10 October 2026

Bagno Vignoni

Today we will visit the town of Pienza, the birthplace of Pope Pius II and the setting for the film, The English Patient. It was the pope's dream to turn his old town of Corsignano into a utopian model town. He commissioned architect Rossellino to make it into a jewel of renaissance architecture. The aroma of pecorino cheese and other local specialities will tempt us into the many

cheese shops. We enjoy an afternoon's drive through the beautiful Orcia Valley, with its rolling hills, to the Brunello wine area of Montalcino to savour a wine tasting in a well-preserved 14th-century fortress. We will explore the town, with time for lunch before we return to the hotel. The rest of the afternoon will be free to relax.

DAY 4 Sunday 11 October 2026

Tivoli

We depart Bagno Vignoni and visit Montepulciano, an impressive hill town famous for its vino nobile wines and food specialities. The town offers stunning views of the surrounding vineyards and valleys, along with charming



cobblestone streets and historic sites. We then continue to the historic town of Tivoli, in the hills above Rome, and check into our hotel.

DAY 5 Monday 12 October 2026

Tivoli

Today we visit the two major sites of Tivoli. In the morning, we will visit Hadrian's Villa. Hadrian's Villa was the grand retreat of Roman Emperor Hadrian, today comprising the ruins and archaeological remains of his grand villa complex showcasing palaces, baths and gardens. Following a break for lunch we will then visit the beautiful Villa d'Este. Villa d'Este is a luxurious 16th-century villa, famous for its Renaissance gardens, elaborate fountains, and exquisite frescoes. The estate is a UNESCO World Heritage site, celebrated for its stunning landscape design and artistic grandeur.



DAY 6 Tuesday 13 October 2026

Sorrento, Amalfi Coast

Today is a day of scenic countryside travel as our coach takes us south down to the Amalfi Coast where we will spend the next three nights. We will stop for lunch along the way.

DAY 7 Wednesday 14 October 2026

Amalfi Coast

Today we catch the ferry to the island of Capri. We will board a boat on arrival and cruise around the island, hopefully entering Capri's famous "Grotto Azzurra", the Blue Grotto (weather permitting). The afternoon will be free to wander the picturesque paths, shop, or enjoy a cappuccino and some people-watching in the famous Piazzetta. We return to Sorrento late afternoon and Heather will recommend an interesting restaurant for dinner.

DAY 8 Thursday 15 October 2026

Amalfi Coast

This morning, we will visit the town of Ravello, known as the City of Music which sits high up above the Amalfi Coast. Here we can visit the famous Villa Cimbrone. From its terrace, nicknamed Terrace of Infinity, you can enjoy incredible views of the Amalfi Coast. Later we will visit Positano, which enjoys an unsurpassed position along the Amalfi Coast, where delightful white and pastel-coloured houses litter the hillside. Along with the beautiful beaches, its ancient fishing port, the splendid majolica dome of the church of Santa Maria Assunta and artisan shops, you'll enjoy a taste of the dolce vita as you enjoy a wonderful day tour of the Amalfi Coast. We return to Sorrento by ferry late afternoon.

DAY 9 Friday 16 October 2026

Matera

Today we travel to Matera for a two night stay. The town lies in a small canyon and contains ancient cave dwellings. Matera was one of the 2019 European Capitals of Culture. On route we travel through Potenza, a beautiful town in the mountains in the Basilicata region of southern Italy.

DAY 10 Saturday 17 October 2026

Matera

In the morning, we will enjoy a walking tour of Matera with a local guide. We will visit the world famous ancient cave dwellings known as "Sassi," which are carved into limestone and have been



inhabited for thousands of years. This UNESCO World Heritage site offers visitors a unique glimpse into history, with its labyrinthine streets, rock-hewn churches, and stunning views of the Gravina Gorge. Following this, in the afternoon we will take part in a cooking class. Learn to make fresh pasta, an Italian pasta sauce and another dish with cultural relevance to Matera before we sit down and enjoy our food with some local wines.

DAY 11 Sunday 18 October 2026

Lecce, Puglia

Today we will travel by coach to Lecce, the capital of Puglia, sometimes called the Florence of the South, referring to its prominent art. We will spend the next four nights in Lecce. Upon our arrival in Lecce we will enjoy a shopping tour throughout the city with a personal shopper accompanying us onboard a rickshaw.



DAY 12 Monday 19 October 2026

Puglia

Lecce is over 2000 years old and has a long affinity with Greek culture. This morning will have a tour of the town and visit Piazza Sant'Oronzo, the big civic heart of the town. We will visit the Roman theatre and its museum in the centre of Lecce. There will be free time to wander through little lanes to find the more far-flung baroque churches. This evening Heather will recommend an interesting venue for dinner.

DAY 13 Tuesday 20 October 2026

Puglia

Today we travel to the seaside village of Castro on the eastern coast and visit the beautiful Grotto of Zinzulusa. We wander through the town before heading south towards Santa Maria di Leuca, the most southerly point on the "heel" of Italy. There will be time for an included lunch in Masseria with the local music, La Pizzica, before returning to Lecce.



DAY 14 Wednesday 21 October 2026

Puglia

Today we will take a short coach trip to the town of Gallipoli, situated on the west coast of the Salento Peninsula in the Gulf of Taranto, better known as "The heel of Italy's boot". We will have a tour of Gallipoli's Old Town and stroll through its maze of alleys. The 17th-century Baroque Sant'Agata Cathedral is in the centre of the town. The walls and bastions surrounding the old town are believed to have been built in the 15th century to fend off attacks, especially from pirates. Castello Angiono stands near the entrance to the old town, built on old Byzantine fortifications, originating in the 11th century. The fortress guarded the old port, once part of an important trade route, and was connected to the mainland by a drawbridge. After free time for lunch, we will enjoy a wine tasting in nearby Cantina Coppola before returning to our hotel. This evening, we have an included farewell dinner to celebrate our wonderful tour.

DAY 15 Thursday 22 October 2026

Departure

Today our coach will take us back to Brindisi Airport for onward flights.



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Tour Price

Per person twin-share	\$ 6,995
Single supplement	\$ 1,900



Included in the tour price:

- Accommodation in carefully selected, centrally located, three and four-star hotels with private facilities
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- Travel in a first-class chartered coach
- Continental breakfast daily
- Dinners on tour, as listed in the itinerary
- Sightseeing and general entry fees as detailed in the tour itinerary
- Tour leadership by Australian-born Italy expert Heather Burden

Not included in the price:

- International airfares to join the group
- Passport and visa fees
- International airport and travel taxes
- Travel insurance
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary
- Sightseeing and general expenses not specified in the itinerary
- Items of a personal nature
- Additional travel arrangements not in the tour itinerary will be quoted for separately



Extending: You can stay longer in Italy for minimal extra cost. Please contact Travelrite on 1800 630 343 for more information.

General information and booking conditions

International touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the need of assistance from others.

TOUR OPERATOR: Travelrite International Pty Ltd (ABN 64 005 817 078) (ATAS A10538) is the tour operator.

TOUR PRICES: The tour prices are based on general transport, accommodation and other costs at foreign exchange rates at 1 October 2025. Travelrite International reserves the right to alter the tour price or modify the tour if any of these factors change, giving any passenger that has booked the right to withdraw with a full refund of monies paid if the price increase is greater than 10% of the original price. No alteration to the tour price will be made within 60 days of departure from Australia.

DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS: A non-refundable deposit of \$750 per person is required at the time of booking. Full payment will be required 60 days before departure. An administrative fee of 1.5% will be added to each payment made by credit card.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellation more than 60 days from the date of departure from Australia will incur a cancellation fee of \$750 per person. Cancellations 60 days or less from the date of departure will result in the loss of all monies paid. Travel insurance is strongly recommended to cover the cost of cancellation fees that could result from a death in the family, illness, etc.

MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS: The tour has been priced on the basis of a minimum number of passengers having booked 60 days prior to the date of departure. Travelrite International reserves the right to cancel the tour, giving a full refund of all monies paid or offer arrangements to proceed with the tour at a modified price.

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TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: All passengers will need to be in possession of a valid passport. No visa is required for Australian passport holders.

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