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 in history and distinctive cultural traditions. Romanesque and Baroque cathedrals and monuments dominate town squares, while venerable palaces, rusticated by the centuries, offer clues to southern Italy’s storied past.

Our itinerary begins in Reggio, Calabria, at the rocky tip of the Italian peninsula. Here, among several highlights, we’ll behold the renowned Riace Bronzes, two magnificent bronze statues of Greek warriors dating from the mid-fifth century BCE discovered off the coast in 1972. Today they stand as one of the most eloquent expressions of the ancient Mediterranean. From Reggio we’ll move on to several picturesque towns in the Apennines—beautiful Locri and Gerace—as well as the vineyards of Aspromonte. After a charming interlude in Matera, a UNESCO Heritage site, we’ll spend our first night in Puglia in the little baroque gem of Martina Franca. Our visits in Apuglia include Ostuni, with its sea of silvery olive groves, and then we move on to the luscious agriculture of Trulli Valley and Alberobello, another UNESCO site. Lecce, Puglia’s “Florence of the South” well known for its stunning Palazzo Tamborino, and historic Bari, the capital of Puglia, will complete our tour.

This exceptional Traveller program will be an introduction—and, inevitably a celebration—of an Italy not yet on the beaten path. With breathtaking natural beauty, delicious cuisine, friendly people and fascinating historical sites, the Undiscovered Italy will both astonish and delight. Please note that this all-inclusive package includes roundtrip air from the U.S.
Day 1: April 28 – Depart the USA: Depart the USA for your overnight flight to southern Italy.

Day 2: April 29 – 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. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 3: April 30 – 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: May 1 – 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: May 2 – 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 tonneaua 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: May 3 – 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. Also 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: May 4 – 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: May 5 – 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: May 6 – 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: May 7 – Departure day:** Today we bid farewell to southern Italy, grateful for the memories and our many new-formed friendships. (Breakfast)

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