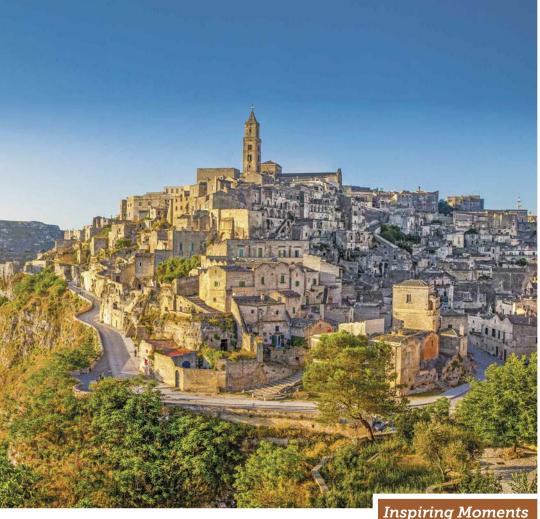




May 29 – June 6, 2019
Featuring Peabody Faculty Lecturer Ernest Liotti



# A World Apart

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers, who call this area home.

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surroundings. This high-caliber professional makes you feel safe
and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

Fill the pages of your newest chapter with tales of the cultural riches, medieval architecture and rugged coastal beauty that create the fascinating quilt of Italy's deep south.

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- ► From your hotel's terrace, witness **magnificent**Adriatic skies melt into the cerulean sea.
- ► View the Sassi districts of Matera, a 2019 European Capital of Culture.
- ► Feast your eyes on Lecce's unique, florid architecture.
- ► Experience the relaxed pace of rural life during lunch at a countryside vineyard and winery.
- ➤ Discover **Alberobello's** conical trulli houses, and wander cobbled alleyways in **Ostuni.**
- ► Taste Apulia's simple, fresh cuisine crafted with homegrown flavors and family recipes.





### **Faculty Lecturer**

Ernest Liotti is both a graduate of and a faculty member of the Peabody Institute, where he studied piano. An instructor in Opera Literature and a choral director, he was also a longstanding faculty member of a Road Scholar program where he addressed more than 40 different subjects.

### Dear Johns Hopkins Alumni and Friends,

Journey to the southern shores of Italy and join us for a seven-night stay in the heart of Apulia. Together, we'll discover this fascinating Mediterranean region steeped in ancient history and unspoiled coastal beauty.

From your base in Polignano a Mare, explore medieval hilltop towns and charming fishing villages with unique architectural and archaeological treasures, including remarkable UNESCO World Heritage sites. Dine on seafood, fresh from the Adriatic, and indulge in locally produced olive oil and wine. Centuries of history will unfold as you dip into Apulia's rich heritage, delight in soothing Adriatic breezes and engage with the region's welcoming people — experiencing everything this special area has to offer.

Your itinerary has been carefully crafted by travel experts to include enriching cultural excursions, preferred access to popular attractions and an engaging educational component. These fascinating lectures by expert speakers provide meaningful context for what you will encounter during your travels.

On this remarkable trip, delight in the camaraderie of traveling with a group, plus enjoy ample free time to make your own discoveries. Space is limited and will sell out quickly, so make plans today!

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### Art | Architecture | Culture | Cuisine | History

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Day 1

### In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Bari, Italy.★

Day 2

### Bari, Italy | Polignano a Mare

Upon arrival, transfer ★ to Polignano a Mare and check in to the Hotel Covo dei Saraceni. Enjoy a Welcome Dinner at the hotel tonight.

Day 3 B|L|D

### Bari | Polignano a Mare

**Enrichment:** *Apulia's History, Beauty* and *Agriculture.* Discuss Apulia's rich past, and learn about its olive groves and vineyards.

**Discovery:** Beautiful Bari. Delight in Bari, the capital city of Apulia. During a walking tour of this peaceful seaport, spy the pretty harbor filled with colorful boats and admire the carved portal of the Basilica di San Nicola. Explore Quartiere Murattiano, the Murat Quarter, which features many significant buildings.

Dine on local specialties during lunch in Bari.

**Discovery:** Wonders of Polignano a Mare. This vibrant fishing village rises from

*Mare.* This vibrant fishing village rises from craggy limestone cliffs. Witness the medieval Marchesale Arch in the historic center, and weave through cobbled lanes lined with artisans' workshops, restaurants and shops. Gather for a Welcome Reception tonight.



Above: Martina Franca Inset: Vineyards and olive groves near Martina Franca

Day 4 B|L

### Alberobello | Martina Franca

### Discovery: Trulli Fascinating Alberobello.

Discover Alberobello's enigmatic trulli dwellings, mysterious dome-shaped buildings dotting the landscape, many of which are pieced together without mortar. According to legend, this was done so peasant owners could quickly disassemble their houses to avoid taxes.

**AHI Connects:** Family Winery. Visit a family-owned vineyard, famous for its white grape varietals. Tour the property and learn how the family combines traditional winemaking techniques with modern practices. Sample wine made from Puglian grapes, and enjoy the tranquil setting over a light lunch.

**Discovery:** *Martina Franca.* Continue to Martina Franca, the largest town in the Valle d'Itria. Many of the village's original towers and gates still exist. In the Old Town, walk under the Porto Santo Stefano – one of the town's remaining Renaissance and baroque gates –



into the Piazza Roma. See the 17th-century Palazzo Ducale and the honey-colored Basilica di San Martino, which features sculptures by Stafano da Putignano and Giuseppe Sammartino.

**Enrichment:** *History and Architecture of Lecce and Ostuni*. Explore the region's rich architectural heritage, focusing on the "Florence of the South" and the "White City."

Day 5 B | D

### Lecce | Ostuni

**Discovery:** *Barocco Leccese.* Witness whimsical Barocco Leccese architecture, a harmonious blend of caryatids, garlands, fruit, crests and lyrical scrolls. In the heart of Piazza Sant'Oronzo, see where the ancient Roman Column marks the end of the Appian Way. Nearby, the shallow rows of seats in the Roman amphitheater date from Emperor Hadrian's era and once held 20,000 guests.

**Free Time:** Indulge in free time for lunch and exploring Lecce on your own.

**Discovery:** The White City. Journey to Ostuni, where whitewashed buildings cascade from a hilltop setting. Uncover the city's cultural riches and revel in vistas of olive groves and pretty seascapes during a walking tour.

Tonight, gather at a local restaurant for a dinner of Pulgian cuisine. Meals are often based around *orecchiette*, a popular pasta dish, as well as focaccia, crusty breads, locally sourced meat and seasonal vegetables.

Day 6 B | L

### Matera

**Discovery:** *Matera.* Visit Matera, a 2019 European Capital of Culture, and witness its dramatic saga of rebirth. Venture into the celebrated Sassi, prehistoric caverns and rockhewn churches that were carved from limestone



Above: Ancient Roman amphitheater and ruins, Lecce Inset: Trulli of Alberobello

tufa, and marvel at the intricate façades. These honeycombed dwellings were continuously inhabited until 1952 when the government relocated the population.

Savor southern Italian cuisine during lunch.

**Free Time:** Craft your own adventure in Matera during time at leisure.

Day 7 B | L

### Trani | Bisceglie

### **Discovery:** Trani, the Pearl of Apulia.

Tour historic Trani, renowned for sweet Moscato di Trani wine and fine architecture. Delight in the 12th-century seafront cathedral, dedicated to Saint Nicholas the Pilgrim. The church's creamy stone is an arresting sight against the turquoise Adriatic. In the Jewish Quarter, view elaborate synagogues and Norman homes along the cobblestone streets.

### AHI Connects: Olive Mill Outing.

Visit a family-run olive mill and learn about the history and cultivation process of olives. After lunch on the property, gather with the mill's employees or owners to discuss life in Italy.





### **UNESCO World Heritage**

- 1. The Trulli of Alberobello
- 2. The Sassi and the Park of the Rupestrian Churches of Matera

### **Enrichment:** Contemporary Italy.

Compare the rich cultural heritage and lifestyle of Apulia with its northern neighbors.

Day 8 B | D

### Polignano a Mare

Free Time: Enjoy a final day at leisure.

Later, attend a Farewell Reception and Dinner, and share your Apulian adventures.

Day 9

### **In Transit**

Following breakfast, transfer to Bari airport for the return flight to your gateway city. ★

**Note:** Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on many excursions, and surfaces may be uneven or unpaved.

★Transfer and flights included for AHI FlexAir participants.

B|L|D denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.

### **INCLUDED FEATURES**

### Accommodations

(with baggage handling)

 7 nights in Polignano a Mare, Italy, at the first-class Hotel Covo dei Saraceni.

### **Extensive Meal Program**

- 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 4 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.

### Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- Expert-led Enrichment programs enhance your insight into the region.
- Discovery excursions highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
  - -Tour the highlights of historic Bari.
  - -Explore picturesque Polignano a Mare.
  - -See Alberobello's mysterious trulli houses.
  - -Enjoy local flavors at a family vineyard.
  - -View ancient façades in Martina Franca.
  - -Gaze at Lecce's beautiful architecture.
  - -Discover the "White City" of Ostuni.
  - -Witness Matera's unique Sassi.-Stroll through Trani, a beautiful seaport.
  - -Tour an olive mill and taste fresh olive oils.
- AHI Connects: Local immersion.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Complimentary travel mementos.



### **AHI Travel Expertise**

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### Before you go:

- ➤ **Travel Consultants** | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.
- ➤ Passenger Service Representative | Once you have reserved your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who will help you with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.
- ➤ **Travel Information** | Receive extensive destination information and travel tips compiled by our travel-savvy team to prepare you fully for your journey.

### Once you arrive:

On the ground, three layers of top-quality professionals offer their insiders' perspective. From suggesting the best café or pub to sharing a laugh over the stories of the day, our dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level.

- ➤ Travel Director | Throughout your journey, you will be in the care of a seasoned AHI travel professional who will manage all the logistics, allowing you to relax and simply soak up the ambience. Resourceful, knowledgeable and attentive, your Travel Director helps to ensure you enjoy an unforgettable travel experience.
- ▶ Expert Guides | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed and enthusiastic local professional guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they're ready to share their passion for their country with you.
- ▶ **Lecturers** | Coming from all walks of life, our entertaining local lecturers open your eyes to history and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.



HOTEL COVO DEI SARACENI | POLIGNANO A MARE



With breathtaking views of Polignano a Mare's Cala Porto cove, the Hotel Covo dei Saraceni sits in one of the world's most enchanting locations. Traditional wood, wrought iron and ceramic tile touched with modern elegance and airiness are hallmarks of this property. At the end of an adventurous day, relax on the restaurant's terrace and enjoy local and regional cuisine.

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**Air Program dates:** May 29 – June 6, 2019 **Land Program dates:** May 30 – June 6, 2019

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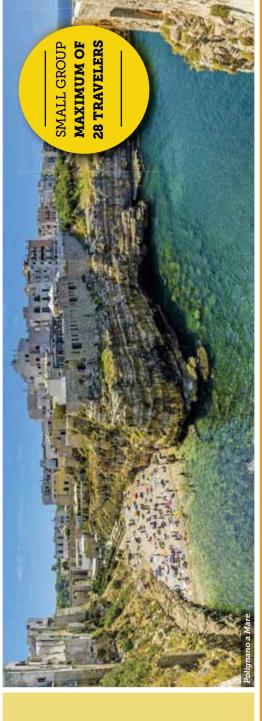
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