



7 Sept 2018 – 6 Oct 2018

From \$AUD6199* twin share

Ex Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Perth, Hobart, and Darwin.

Our preferred carriers are Emirates and QATAR Airlines. Other airlines can be used if desired or if seats become scarce. All travel is organised by Axis Travel Centre.

(*Price includes airfares, fuel levies, land content and tour escort. Add \$500 for single supplement.)

This tour is for people who love the Italian language and culture

Over four fabulous weeks, the Lecce Italian Language Experience will immerse you in the Italian language surrounded by the culture, history and culinary delights of Lecce and the Salento. Whether you have already been to Italy or whether it is your first time, Baroque Lecce, the School of Italian for Foreigners and the unexplored south are waiting. A truly memorable experience in this amazing part of Italy is guaranteed.

This tour is for people who love Italy, and who want to learn Italian or improve their Italian language proficiency. Italian language beginners are very welcome.

The package includes**

- Return Economy Class airfare to Rome and a one-way connecting airfare to Brindisi. (See *Travel Itinerary* below for “**Flexi-Fare**” ticketing/arrival/departure/upgrade options)
- Arrival and departure meet/greet and transfer assistance if on group flights
- Four weeks of intensive language tuition at the School of Italian for Foreigners in Lecce
- Day trips – to the Adriatic Coast, and the historic towns of Gallipoli, Gallatina and Otranto.
- Budget self-contained apartment in the historic old walled city of Lecce (**5 October check-out**).
- Or opt for Homestay accommodation to give your Italian language a real boost
- Cooking classes
- A maximum of 15 people in the group plus tour leader
- Experienced tour leader with extensive local knowledge
- An unforgettable experience in the Salento region of Italy
- Exclusive optional extras only available to tour participants
- 24/7 Travel Agency support via Axis Travel Centre (SA).
- The Axis Travel “[SECURITY UMBRELLA](#)”©, free to you and exclusive to Axis, means all monies paid to Axis are guaranteed in case of insolvency of the airlines, other suppliers or of the agency itself.

My services to you as tour leader include:

- I will be there to provide assistance, support, advice, and information
- I will be available 24/7 for emergencies
- I will be your link to the School of Italian for Foreigners
- I will be available to be your interpreter if you need one
- I will share with you my knowledge, experience and passion for Lecce and the riches it has to offer.

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Additional Costs

- Quality Travel insurance is essential – this can be arranged by Axis Travel Centre
- Travel and accommodation in Italy **after** 4 October 2018
- Your own discretionary spending including food, entertainment, and other expenses
- Individual or group activities not organised by the school.

Free time

There is actually plenty of free time with many days off, including most afternoons and weekends. Lessons are held Monday to Thursday from 9.00am to 1.00pm with day trips on Fridays. The program is very flexible and there is plenty to do. Take a Friday off and have a long weekend in Venice, Rome or elsewhere. Hire a car and explore the region some more. Hire a bike and ride to the beach. Or just relax and soak up the ambience of beautiful Lecce.

Cost of living

The south of Italy is still a relatively inexpensive place to visit – for example you can buy a pizza and beer for less than 10 Euro (about \$15). You can live very comfortably on \$AU50 – \$AU100 per day.

Travel Itinerary

The following is an **indicative and flexible** travel itinerary departing from Australia on 7 September, arriving in Rome on 8 September and connecting to Brindisi and Lecce on the same day. The itinerary includes four weeks in Lecce, departing from Rome on Saturday 5 October, and arriving back in Australia on Sunday 7 October. Flights include a return airfare to Italy and a one way flight from Rome to Brindisi.

Using an exclusive “Flexi-Fare” you can decide to follow the suggested itinerary or build more travel around the “Flexi-Fare” option. Before you pay airfares in full, please advise us if you wish to amend flight dates and cities of arrival and departure, or class into or out of Europe, as we can usually do this (subject to availability) at the lowest cost possible when booking via Axis Travel Centre - as long as you meet us for the **Lecce** part! The professional staff at Axis Travel Centre will assist and guide you.

After tickets are paid for, strict amendment and cancellation fees apply. These will be detailed to you before you commit.

Important note: Our responsibility to you ends on Thursday 4 October which is also your last night of accommodation. Check out is Friday 5 October. Additional nights in Lecce can be purchased for \$60 pp per night single or \$50 pp per night double. It is your responsibility to organise travel and accommodation after 4 October. This is able to be done in advance through Axis Travel Centre or from Lecce while you are there. The tour leader can assist you with any travel arrangements made in Lecce. The two most commonly used travel options after Lecce are:

- Train to Rome then continue your journey back to Australia or for more travel in Italy and Europe. Book your train fare in Lecce. It should cost about €60 (about \$90).
- Fly from Brindisi to continue your journey. Use Axis Travel to book your flight. Travel to Brindisi airport from Lecce via the Airport Shuttle for €20 (about \$30) or by private taxi for about €50 (about \$75).

Date	Description
Fri 7 September	Depart Australia
Sat 8 September	Arrive in Rome then connect to Lecce
10 Sept – 4 Oct	24 days of language, culture, food, fun, and great company
Fri 5 October	Depart Lecce for Rome
Sat 6 October	Depart Italy
Sun 7 October	Return to Australia

Please note: Arrival and departure dates are flexible. This is a suggested itinerary only. It is intended for those who do not wish to extend their stay or must be back in Australia for the week beginning 8 October.

I’m convinced. What next?

The sooner you commit and pay the better. Airfares are subject to change as is the exchange rate. The tour will be closed off once there are 15 participants. You can join the group at any time subject to places being available, but delaying your decision may mean higher airfares.

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****Conditions (please read carefully)**

The Lecce package is conditional on using Axis Travel Centre for flights as part of our group booking. Exact costs will be quoted to each before monies requested.

A copy of each traveler's passport is required before booking.

A \$550 deposit to hold the package (airfare and Lecce component) is required per person. It will be deducted from the final balance, but is non-refundable.

Payment of a deposit will hold your place on flights and the tour but costs may vary until your final payment is made. We strongly recommend paying the total package price as soon as practical to avoid increases that may occur. Changes to fares, fuel levies, security, and airport charges can increase the cost as can changes to exchange rates and the availability of seats on flights.

Once the balance is paid the package price is locked in as per the package price applicable on that day. Fees will apply should you change your flight or airfare or if you cancel your booking.

If you can afford a little luxury, Economy Class fares can be upgraded to Business Class or First Class upon application to Axis Travel Centre.

Quality travel insurance is essential. Axis Travel Centre offers a quality product with no excess payable on claims. By all means shop around and compare but beware of cheap products. A low purchase price will almost certainly mean limits on what can be claimed and excess payments to be paid on claims, sometimes on individual items claimed.

Axis Travel Centre will provide FREE OF CHARGE their exclusive and unique "SECURITY UMBRELLA"© insurance protections that protects your investment in case of insolvency of the airlines, other suppliers or of Axis Travel Centre itself. No other Travel Agency has this protection in place. Personal comprehensive travel insurance is still required that we can advise you of and issue, but this is your FREE added benefit on this tour.

24/7 travel agency support and assistance, and other services provided by the tour leader are only available to those who book through Axis Travel Centre. Axis Travel has almost 40 years of experience in the travel industry and comes fully accredited through IATA, ATAS, AFTA, AMEX, and CRUISECO.

To book for the September 2018 Lecce Italian Language Experience contact Max Najar at Axis Travel now on 08 84331133 or email max@axistravel.com.au and reserve your place. Please contact me if you would like more information.



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