



2 Sept 2016 – 1 Oct 2016

From \$5690*twin share while seats last

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

Our preferred carrier is Qatar Airlines BUT if seats become scarce, we use Emirates, Singapore, or Etihad Airlines. All travel is organised by Axis Travel Centre.

(*Price includes airfares, fuel levies, land content and tour escort. Add \$250 for single supplement.)

This tour is for people who love 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 options including upgrades to Business and First Class, varied dates and cities of arrival and departure)
- 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
- Guaranteed place at the school - no pre-test or deposit needed
- 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 (up to **1 Oct check-out**).
- 4 x three-hour cooking classes
- A maximum of 20 people in the group
- Experienced tour leader with local knowledge and experience
- 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) using their 36 years’ experience, accreditations, security and contacts worldwide.

Additional Costs

- Quality Travel insurance is essential – this can be arranged by Axis Travel Centre
- Travel and accommodation in Italy away from Lecce **after** 29 September 2016
- Your own discretionary spending including food, entertainment, and other expenses
- Individual or group activities not organised by the School.

** The quoted cost is an estimate only. The variables are airfares, accommodation and tuition fees. The final airfare cost will depend on the airfare chosen and time of purchase. Accommodation costs and tuition fees are paid in Euro. The final cost of these will depend on the exchange rate at the time of payment.*

Free time

The itinerary may seem crowded but 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 relatively inexpensive – for example you can buy a pizza and beer for under 10 Euro (about \$15). You can live very comfortably on \$AU50 – \$AU100 per day.

My services to you as tour leader and participant

- I will be there to provide assistance, support, advice, and information, particularly at the beginning
- I will be available 24/7 for emergencies and to provide help if you need it
- 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.

Travel Itinerary

The following is an indicative and negotiable 29 day travel itinerary departing from Australia on 3 September, arriving in Rome on 4 September and connecting to Brindisi on the same day.

The itinerary allows for 27 days in Lecce, departing from Rome on Saturday 1 October, and arriving back in Australia on Sunday 2 October. Flight arrangements include a return airfare to Italy and a one way connecting flight from Rome to Brindisi.

The core dates are the Italian language course dates (5 September – 29 September).

Using an exclusive “Flexi-Fare” you can decide to be part of the formal group dates (2 Sept – 1 Oct) 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 minimal extra cost 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.

Our responsibility to you ends on Thursday 29 September. It will be your responsibility to organise travel and accommodation away from Lecce after that date. These are all able to be organised in advance through Axis Travel Centre or from Lecce while you are there.

Date	Description
Fri 2 September	Depart Australia
Sat 3 September	Arrive in Italy then connect to Lecce
Mon 5 September	Italian language course begins
5 Sept – 29 Sept	24 days of language, culture, food, fun, and great company
Thurs 29 September	Italian language course finishes
Fri 30 September	Depart Lecce for Rome
Sat 1 October	Depart Italy
Sun 2 October	Return to Australia

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 20 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 and costs may vary if exchange rates, fuel levies or fares change. 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 and guaranteed 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.

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 Centre has over 37 years' experience in the travel industry and come fully accredited through IATA, ATAS, AFTA, AMEX, and CRUISECO.

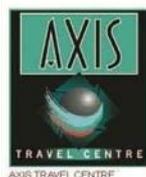
Please consider my invitation to join the Lecce Italian Language Experience in May 2016. Contact Max Najar at Axis Travel now on 08 84331133 to book and reserve your place. See their details below. Please contact me if you would like more information.

Food for Thought

For that something extra special why not stay on in Italy and join me Raffaele Tardivo and local chef and food identity Gianna Greco from 10-19 October on the **Salento Food and Wine Experience**. We will take you on a unique, authentic and fascinating 10 day food, wine and cultural experience with the very best that this incredible region has to offer. Please contact me and I will send you a brochure with more information or call or email me if you would like me to answer any questions.

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