

Honeymoon in Italy

October 11 – 21, 2026 · Brittany & Jeff

NAPLES · POSITANO · MATERA · NAPLES

THE PLAN

Itinerary

Nine nights · three bases · in and out of Naples

DATES	WHERE	STAYING	NIGHTS
Mon Oct 12 – Wed Oct 14	Naples	SuperOtium	2 nights
Wed Oct 14 – Sat Oct 17	Positano	Punta Regina	3 nights
Sat Oct 17 – Tue Oct 20	Matera	Le Dimore dell'Idris	3 nights
Tue Oct 20 – Wed Oct 21	Naples	To be booked	1 night

TRAVEL DAYS

Sun Oct 11 — Jackson Hole → Newark → Naples, overnight. **Mon Oct 12** — land 11:40am, fixed-fare taxi to SuperOtium. **Wed Oct 14** — Naples → Positano by ferry, or by private car with a Pompeii stop. **Sat Oct 17** — ferry to Salerno, pick up the Sixt car at 10am, drive to Matera via Paestum. **Tue Oct 20** — drive Matera → Naples airport, return the car by 2:30pm. **Wed Oct 21** — Naples 11:20am → Rome → Denver → Jackson Hole.

Flights out

FLIGHT	ROUTE	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	TIME	AIRCRAFT	BRITTANY	JEFF
UA 1511	Jackson Hole → Newark	Sun 8:00 AM	Sun 2:21 PM	4h 21m	737-700	22D	22E
UA 966	Newark → Naples	Sun 8:35 PM	Mon 11:40 AM	9h 05m	767-300	36L	36K

All four seats are Economy Plus. eTickets — Brittany [Private detail](#) · Jeff [Private detail](#) .

LAYOVER · 6H 14M AT NEWARK

Land 2:21pm, leave 8:35pm. Both are United flights, so expect Terminal C for both. Check the gate in the app when you land. You stay airside the whole time, with no re-screening.

UNITED CLUB · NEAR GATE C123

The one to go to.

On the mezzanine level of C3, near gate C123. It's United's largest club at about 30,000 sq ft and opened in 2022.

Open 5:00am – 10:30pm.

6 shower suites, which help before a 9-hour overnight flight. Also an illy barista bar and Manhattan skyline views.

UNITED CLUB · NEAR GATE C74

The backup.

On the upper level of C1, near gate C74. Smaller and older, but closer if the Naples flight leaves from the C70s–C90s.

Open 5:00am – 10:00pm.

WHAT TO PACK FOR

October weather

Long-term October averages. Mid-October is still warm and the sea is swimmable. Showers and wind pick up in the second half of the month. **Sunset is around 6:30pm, and clocks don't change until Oct 25, after you're home.**

	DAY HIGH	NIGHT LOW	SEA	RAIN	RAINY DAYS	SUN / DAY
Naples	72°F	62°F	71°F	2.6 in	~13	6.8 hrs
Positano	70°F	55°F	72°F	—	~11	6 hrs
Matera	71°F	58°F	inland	1.8 in	~13	7.4 hrs

NAPLES

T-shirt days and light-jacket nights. The city holds heat. Most likely to see a passing shower of the three.

For biking Vesuvius, the top is about 3,300 ft higher than the city and windy. Bring a layer for the descent.

POSITANO

Warm on the water and cooler up on the ridges. The sea is warmer than the air in the evening, so beach days are still on.

Rough seas can cancel hydrofoils. Have a plan B on both ferry days.

MATERA

Inland at about 1,300 ft, so the coolest nights of the trip. Bring a real jacket for dinners out.

The stone streets in the Sassi get slick when wet. Wear shoes with grip.

Sources: [weather-atlas.com](#) (Naples, Matera); [weather2travel.com](#) (Positano). Check the 10-day forecast before packing.

Arrival

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Clear the airport

You land at 11:40am. Naples Capodichino is small: passport control, bags, then out through the arrivals hall.
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Find the official taxi rank

It's just outside the arrivals exit. Use only white cars with a NAPOLI taxi sign and a number on the door. Ignore anyone inside the terminal offering a ride.
- 3

Say "tariffa predeterminata" before you get in

This is the set fare. You have to ask for it at the start. The driver shouldn't start the meter, and the official fare card should be posted in the cab. **SuperOtium is next to the Archaeological Museum, which is a €24 zone. €21 if they class it as the historic centre.** The fare is per car, not per person, with luggage and supplements included.
- 4

Pay and arrive

About 15–20 minutes. Many cabs take cards, but have cash in case. To call a cab instead: Consortaxi 081 2222 · Taxi Napoli 081 8888 · Radio Taxi Partenope 081 0101.

HOTEL · SUPEROTIUM ART CONCEPT HOTEL	
CONFIRMATION	Private detail (confirmed)
ADDRESS	Via Santa Teresa degli Scalzi 8, Naples
DATES	Mon Oct 12 → Wed Oct 14 · 2 nights
ROOM	Suite · bed & breakfast
TOTAL	€285.12, paid at the hotel. Nothing paid up front.
CHECK-IN	From 12:30pm. Desk staffed until 7pm
LATE ARRIVAL	€15 for 7pm–10pm · €25 for 10pm–1am. Latest check-in 1am
CHECK-OUT	By 11:00am
CANCEL	Contact the property directly
GETTING AROUND	Between the Museo and the Sanità. MANN is about 5 minutes on foot and the catacombs about 10 minutes. The cute restaurant streets are a 10–15 minute walk downhill.

Pizza (a few suggestions)

Where the critics agree. This list comes from Italy's own guides (50 Top Pizza, Gambero Rosso), not US review sites. Most of these take bookings, and it's worth it for dinner. Lunch is easier.

WALKABLE FROM THE HOTEL

Concettina ai Tre Santi — Sanità, about 10 min on foot. Ciro Oliva's fourth-generation family pizzeria, and the one Naples pizza people send you to now. Book.

Starita a Materdei — about 15 min on foot. Old-school since 1901. Order the montanara, a lightly fried base that's then baked.

Di Matteo (Via dei Tribunali) — skip the sit-down and get a pizza frita at the counter as a street-food snack.

WORTH A TAXI

50 Kalò — Mergellina, by the water. Ciro Salvo. #5 in 50 Top Pizza Italy. The dough is unusually light and digestible.

Palazzo Petrucci Pizzeria — Posillipo, on the sea. #3 in 50 Top Pizza Italy, with the best setting of any of these.

La Notizia 94 — Vomero. Enzo Coccia, the pizzaiolo other pizzaioli cite. #12 in 50 Top Pizza Italy.

FOR THE OBSESSED

Diego Vitagliano — west side, toward Bagnoli. Top-rated by Gambero Rosso, with a modern, thicker cornicione (puffy crust). Pair it with a Posillipo bike ride.

How to order like a local — margherita or marinara first, then one daily special. Fold it a portafoglio (in quarters) if you're eating on the move.

FAMOUS, BUT SKIP

Da Michele and Sorbillo have hour-long lines of tourists and are missing from the current critic lists. Not bad, but not worth the line when Concettina is around the corner from your hotel.

Dinners, espresso & gelato (a few suggestions)

OLD-SCHOOL, WITH ATMOSPHERE

Taverna a Santa Chiara — historic centre. Slow Food "snail" pick (Osterie d'Italia). Tiny, run by a family, classic Neapolitan cooking. Book.

La Locanda del Gesù Vecchio — historic centre. Michelin Bib Gourmand, meaning good value. About €30 a head.

Da Donato — near Garibaldi. A trattoria since 1956: paper tablecloths, ragù, and fried things.

Salumeria Upnea — historic centre. The best room of the bunch: Campanian cured meats, cheeses, and seasonal plates. Feels like a hangout.

CHIAIA & VOMERO (TAXI OR LONG WALK)

Cap'Alice — Chiaia. A natural-wine bar with a short, smart kitchen. The best aperitivo-into-dinner option.

Antica Osteria da Tonino — Chiaia. A wine shop turned osteria. Locals, about €25 a head.

Osteria della Mattonella — Chiaia. Majolica-tiled walls and grandmother food. About €20 a head.

Archivio Storico — Vomero. Dinner in tufa-stone vaults, with Bourbon-era dishes. The most "occasion" of this list without being formal.

Chiaia tip: have an aperitivo at the bars on Vico Belledonne and Via Bisignano, then walk to dinner.

ESPRESSO

Bar Mexico — Piazza Dante. Many Neapolitans' favorite. Order it standing at the bar.

Caffè del Professore — by Piazza Plebiscito. Known for its nutella-cream coffee.

Gambrinus — the grand 1860 café. Go once for the rooms.

GELATO & PASTRY

Casa Infante — Via Toledo and around. The best scoop in the centre.

Mennella — another Naples institution with several shops.

Gay Odin — chocolatier since 1894. Get the chocolate gelato.

Poppella — Sanità, by the hotel. Get the fiocco di neve, a cream-filled bun.

Monday

You're at the hotel around 1pm. MANN is open Mondays (it's closed Tuesdays), so today is the museum day.

MANN · ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM

5 minutes on foot from SuperOtium. Walk in, no booking needed (only groups must book). €20.

The mosaics, frescoes and bronzes taken out of Pompeii and Herculaneum, including the Alexander Mosaic. It's the perfect primer for Herculaneum tomorrow.

Don't miss: the Farnese sculptures on the ground floor, the Villa of the Papyri bronzes, and the Secret Cabinet.

Open 9am–7:30pm. Allow 2–2½ hours.

WHERE TO RIDE THE ROAD BIKES

Lungomare + Posillipo loop (the classic local ride). Head down to the sea, then ride Via Partenope (mostly car-free) and the Via Caracciolo bike lane to Mergellina. Climb Via Posillipo along the water to Capo Posillipo, come back along the ridge on Via Manzoni and Via Petrarca for the bay views, and drop back down.

Add Campi Flegrei — keep going past Posillipo down the Discesa Coroglio to Nisida, then Pozzuoli, Lago Lucrino, Lago d'Averno, Baia and Capo Miseno. Volcanic lakes and Roman ruins, flatter, and less traffic.

Climb to Camaldoli — the highest point in Naples, above Vomero. A short, steep climb for one big view.

Heads-up: the historic centre is basalt cobbles with tram tracks on Via Marina. Ride or walk the bikes down to the sea. Weekday traffic is heavy, so early or late afternoon is best.

STROLL + CHURCHES YOU CAN WALK INTO

Spaccanapoli & Via dei Tribunali — the two Greek-era streets through the old city. San Gregorio Armeno, the nativity-maker street, links them.

Free churches: the Duomo (San Gennaro's chapel), Gesù Nuovo, Santa Chiara (the cloister costs extra), San Domenico Maggiore, Purgatorio ad Arco (with its skull cult), and Santa Maria della Sanità by the hotel.

Sanità, on your doorstep: Palazzo dello Spagnolo and Palazzo Sanfelice, with their winged open staircases.

Sunset: Via Toledo → Galleria Umberto → Piazza del Plebiscito → the Lungomare out to Castel dell'Ovo.

Tuesday: Vesuvius by bike, Herculaneum, catacombs

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7:15 Get the bikes to Ercolano, the safe way

Recommended: train. Ride about 15 min to Napoli Centrale, then take a Trenitalia regional train to Portici-Ercolano (about 20 min). Use a train marked with the bike symbol, plus a Campania bike ticket (€2 per Trenitalia's rules). **Riding the whole way is about 12 km along the coast through San Giovanni and Portici: flat, but industrial, with trucks, tram tracks and cobbles. Only before 7:30am.**
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8:00 Climb Vesuvius

From Ercolano, take Via Vesuvio onto the SP144: paved switchbacks through old lava fields, roughly 7% average, to the car park at 800 m. The last 1.8 km up to the crater gate at Piazzale Quota 1000 is walked (about 30 min) or shuttled (€1). The park doesn't say whether bikes can ride that stretch, so bring a lock in case. **Don't use Strada Matrone** (the Boscotrecase side). It's partly dirt.
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~9:45 Book the crater 30 min out

Last-minute guided tickets, €10: [vesuviopark.vivaticket.it](https://www.vesuviopark.vivaticket.it) → "**Gran Cono last minute**". Open 9am–4pm in October. About 4 km and 1–1½ hrs round trip on foot. The tickets are online only, so have a phone with signal.
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12:15 Fly down, eat, Herculaneum

A fast descent to **Herculaneum, Corso Resina 187**. Lunch first, then 1½–2 hrs on site (€16, tickets at [ercolano.coopculture.it](https://www.ercolano.coopculture.it), open ~8:30–7:30). There's no bike parking inside, so lock the bikes outside the entrance.
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14:50 Train back, drop the bikes, catacombs at 4

Train from Portici-Ercolano at about 2:50pm, ride up to the hotel, then a 10-minute walk to Via Capodimonte 13. Be there by 3:45.

CATACOMBS OF SAN GENNARO • BOOKED

BOOKING	Private detail
TICKETS	2 • English tour, standard
WHEN	Tue Oct 13 • 4:00pm
MEET	Infopoint, Catacombe di San Gennaro, Via Capodimonte 13
ARRIVE	At least 15 min early. Latecomers miss the tour with no refund.
CONTACT	biglietteria@catacombedinapoli.it • +39 081 7443714
BONUS	Your ticket also includes a free visit to the Catacombs of San Gaudioso (under Santa Maria della Sanità) within 12 months. Book it with your ticket code at pop.cooplaparanza.it/seconda_visita . Same-day slots aren't guaranteed, so book ahead.
AFTER	Capodimonte museum is a 10-min walk uphill if you still have legs.

If there's time

All walk-in, no booking, all within a few blocks in the historic centre. Any two fit around Monday's museum or Tuesday evening.

NAPOLI SOTTERRANEA · ~€12

Guided tour 40 m down through Greek-Roman aqueducts and WWII shelters, with candlelit squeezes through narrow passages. On Piazza San Gaetano, Via dei Tribunali. Tours leave on a schedule in English.

SAN LORENZO MAGGIORE · ~€10

A Gothic church on top of a whole excavated Roman market street. You walk the actual shops and lanes of Neapolis. The best "city under the city" for the money.

PIO MONTE (CARAVAGGIO) · ~€7

Caravaggio's Seven Works of Mercy, still hanging over the altar it was painted for in 1607. Ten minutes and you've seen it in situ. Via dei Tribunali.

SANTA CHIARA CLOISTER · ~€7

The majolica-tiled cloister: benches and columns covered in hand-painted 18th-century tiles, with lemon trees. Calm in the middle of the chaos. The church itself is free.

ALSO STRONGLY WORTH IT · BOOK AHEAD

Cappella Sansevero — the Veiled Christ. Timed entry, sells out, closed Tuesdays, so Monday only (museosansevero.it).

Capodimonte — Caravaggio, Titian and Bruegel in a hilltop park. Next to the catacombs. Closed Wednesdays.

EASY EVENING

Certosa di San Martino — funicular up to Vomero for the best view over the bay and Vesuvius, then dinner at Archivio Storico.

Piazza Bellini — students, books and cheap spritzes over Greek walls.

Wednesday: two ways to Positano

SuperOtium check-out is 11am. Punta Regina check-in is 3pm. Either option lands you about right.

OPTION 1 · PRIVATE CAR WITH A POMPEII STOP

BlueKeys: about €156 for a sedan direct, plus €40–60 for the driver to wait at Pompeii. That's about €196–216 per car.

Book ahead. Pompeii tickets aren't included: €20 each at vivaticket.it. Book a timed entry.

How it runs: pickup at the hotel around 9:30. Pompeii for about 3 hours while your bags stay locked in the car (no suitcases allowed inside the site). Back on the road by early afternoon, about 1h15 to Positano over the Amalfi Drive.

Bonus: Punta Regina is on Via Pasitea, the road through town, so the car can drop you at the door. No stairs with luggage.

OPTION 2 · DIRECT FERRY, THE SCENIC, CHEAPER ONE

€27.50–34 each (about €55–68 for two), about 1h20. Still running mid-October, through about Nov 3.

Taxi from SuperOtium to Molo Beverello, about 15 min. Ticket booths are on the pier. You can buy online at positano.com/ferry-booking, but you still collect the ticket at the booth.

Departures to aim for after check-out: 12:40 (weekdays), 14:05 (Lucibello, €31) or 14:40 (NLG, €27.50). Later boats at 15:35 and 17:40. These are sample times. Check positano.com a few days before.

Arriving: you dock at Spiaggia Grande. Punta Regina is about 0.3 km up, but it's steps. Use the porters at the pier or ask the hotel to send theirs.

HOW TO CHOOSE

Ferry if you want the arrival by sea and an easy day. Car if Pompeii matters to you (you'll have seen Herculaneum the day before), or **if the sea is rough. Hydrofoils cancel in wind, and the car is the plan B either way.**

Punta Regina

Mid-town on Via Pasitea, the road that winds through Positano. Spiaggia Grande is about a 4-minute walk down and Fornillo about 8. The rooftop terrace has the view over the town and sea. There's an outdoor pool, open seasonally April–November.

CONFIRMATION

RESERVATION ID	Private detail
PIN	Private detail
BOOKED	Sun Sep 27, 2026 · under Jeffrey Brines
EMAIL ON FILE	Private detail
DATES	Wed Oct 14 → Sat Oct 17 · 3 nights · 1 room
ROOM	Standard, small balcony, no sea view
BOARD	Bed & breakfast
PAID	€1,034.00 prepaid (≈ US\$1,177.73, charged in EUR)
POLICY	Non-refundable · Best Rate Guarantee

HOTEL CONTACT

ADDRESS	Via Pasitea 224, 84017 Positano (SA)
PHONE	+39 089 812020
FAX	+39 089 8123161
EMAIL	info@puntaregina.com
TIMES	Check-in from 3pm · check-out by noon

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

Email the hotel with your arrival plan. Coming by ferry, ask them to send a porter to the pier. Coming by car, the driver can stop out front.

Ask for a higher floor or a better view at check-in. Mid-October is shoulder season and upgrades happen.

Leaving Sat Oct 17: ask for an early porter for the 8:40am Salerno ferry, and check whether they can pack breakfast to go.

Lunches, dinners, espresso & gelato (a few suggestions)

IN TOWN

Da Vincenzo — Viale Pasitea, a few doors from your hotel. Michelin-listed and family-run, the locals' answer to "where should we eat". Book. Listed as closed Wednesdays, so plan it for Thursday or Friday.

C'era una Volta — upper town. Simple pizza and pasta at village prices. Where the staff from the fancy places eat.

Casa e Bottega — Viale Pasitea. Bright, healthy lunches and juices in a design shop. Daytime only.

Da Gabrisa — terrace over the town, recognised by Gambero Rosso. Good for a sunset dinner without beach prices.

WORTH THE TRIP

Il Ritrovo & La Tagliata — Montepertuso, above town. Free shuttles from Positano. Farmhouse food, grilled meats, and big terraces with the whole coast below. The most fun dinners on the coast.

M'Ama! — Praiano. Slow Food pick, sea-view terrace, seafood done simply.

Lo Scoglio / Maria Grazia — Marina del Cantone, by boat or car. Spaghetti alla Nerano (zucchini, provolone) where it was invented. A great boat-day lunch. Confirm they're still open mid-October.

Li Galli — Villa Franca, up the road from you. A smart, not stuffy, hotel restaurant with views.

ESPRESSO

Collina Bakery — Via C. Colombo 1/3. Coffee and pastry, the best morning stop.

Bar Internazionale — upper town by Chiesa Nuova. Where the locals drink theirs.

GELATO

Collina — try the "sfogliatella" flavor.

Buca di Bacco gelateria — Via della Tartana 6, on the beach. Get the Amalfi lemon.

STEER AROUND (VIEW TAX, MIDDLING FOOD)

The beachfront row: **La Cambusa, Chez Black, Le Tre Sorelle, Covo dei Saraceni, Buca di Bacco** (the restaurant; its gelato is fine). Have a drink there for the view, then eat elsewhere. La Zagara: pastry at the counter only. **Splurge only:** Taverna del Capitano (1 Michelin star, Marina del Cantone, about €180–200 each). **Rada** at beach level can be good. Check it's open.

Beaches & road biking

SPIAGGIA GRANDE

The main beach below town. Lively, where the boats leave. Rent loungers at the clubs. About 4 min from the hotel.

FORNILLO

Quieter, about a 10-min scenic cliff path from the harbor. The local favorite, with simple beach clubs and a laid-back feel.

ARIENZO

The "300 steps beach" east of town. Faces southwest, so it gets sun the longest. Reach it down the steps or by beach-club boat.

LAURITO

Tiny cove reached by steps or the shuttle boat (the red fish flag) run by Da Adolfo. Stay for a long, sandy-feet lunch.

Mid-October: some beach clubs start packing up after mid-month. Public stretches of every beach stay open.

ROAD BIKE RENTALS

Cycling Amalfi (cyclingamalfi.com)

Amalfi Coast Rental CF

Sorrento Bike — delivers to the hotel

Rental Bike Italy

Book a few days ahead and give them your height and pedal or shoe system.

SIGNATURE RIDES

Montepertuso / Nocelle — the brutal climb straight up behind Positano. Short, very steep, huge views. Coffee in Nocelle at the top.

Valico di Chiunzi — the classic pass climbing inland from Maiori over the Lattari mountains, with far less traffic than the coast.

SAFETY

The SS163 coast road is narrow, busy and rough.

Tour buses take the hairpins wide. Ride early morning, which is the single best move. Mid-October traffic is lighter than summer.

Front and rear lights, even in daylight, for the tunnels.

The best hikes, hardest first

MONTE SANT'ANGELO A TRE PIZZI · THE ROOFTOP OF THE RANGE

~1,443 m summit · ~1,200 m+ of climbing · a full mountain day.

The highest peak in the Lattari mountains, the "three peaks" massif you see from the coast. Up to Santa Maria del Castello first, then the long push to the summit ridge, with rocky, exposed, hands-on bits near the top. The most alpine objective on the peninsula. Confirm the exact track on komoot or AllTrails before going.

MONTE COMUNE · THE BIGGEST VERT FROM YOUR DOOR

~9.9 km loop · 810 m gain · ~4.5 hrs.

Staircases out of Positano up to Santa Maria del Castello (the plateau above town), then along the ridge to the summit. The Gulf of Naples is on one side and the Amalfi Coast on the other. The classic leg-burner, with real climbing, an open ridge and a huge payoff.

PATH OF THE GODS · REVERSED AND EXTENDED

~1,000 m+ of climbing · start from your hotel.

Everyone walks it downhill (Bomerano → Nocelle). Flip it: climb the ~1,700 steps from Positano up to Nocelle, then hike the trail uphill to Bomerano and back. Take the upper #327 line. Lunch in Bomerano, and you can bus or taxi down if you've had enough.

PUNTA CAMPANELLA + MONTE SAN COSTANZO

From Nerano / Termini · ~+236 m on the San Costanzo leg.

Out to the very tip of the Sorrento peninsula, staring at Capri across the strait. An ancient watchtower on the point, with open sea on three sides. Not the biggest vert, but the most spectacular endpoint. The catch: no clean public route from Positano, so go by boat or transfer. It pairs well with a Nerano lunch.

Worth leaving Positano for

A BOAT DAY · THE #1 PICK

Half or full day on a private gozzo (a small wooden boat) with a skipper. Li Galli islands, the Furore fjord, swim stops in coves you can't walk to, and lunch at Nerano.

The coast looks best from the water. The sea is still about 72°F. Book through the harbor kiosks or the hotel, and go on the calmest forecast day.

CAPRI · BY BOAT, NOT FERRY

Worth it only done right: a boat around the island (the Faraglioni rocks, grottoes, swim stops), then up to Anacapri for the Monte Solaro chairlift or the Villa Jovis walk.

October crowds are much thinner than summer. Skip the Piazzetta shopping scene.

RAVELLO

1,100 ft up above Amalfi. Villa Cimbrone's Terrace of Infinity is the best view on the coast. Villa Rufolo's gardens, a Romanesque cathedral, and real quiet.

Getting there: ferry to Amalfi, then the bus or a taxi up. Pair it with **Atrani** on the way back, a tiny medieval village 10 minutes' walk from Amalfi.

COOKING CLASS

Il Ritrovo, Montepertuso runs a cooking school in its farmhouse above Positano: fresh pasta and local dishes, then you eat it on the terrace. There's also a Positano pizza-making class. Book directly a few days ahead.

NOT WORTH THE TIME

Sorrento (a shopping town), Amalfi on its own (busy, so treat it as a stop on the way to Ravello), and the Emerald Grotto unless it's part of a boat day.

Travel day: ferry & car

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Catch the 8:40am ferry to Salerno

Grassi Junior, 8:40 → about 9:50, from €16.50 each. Backup: Lucibello at 9:00 (→ about 10:10, €17). The 10:00 direct (50 min) only works if Sixt will hold the car. Other Travelmar boats from 9:55 run throughout the day, €16.50–19.50 each, 50–70 min. Times are from positano.com. Re-check a few days before.
- 2

Where & how

Boats leave from the pier on **Spiaggia Grande**, about 4 min down from the hotel. Book online at positano.com/ferry-booking and collect the ticket at the pier booth, or just buy at the booth. Be there 20–30 min early. Porters are at the pier.
- 3

Walk to Salerno station

Most boats dock at Piazza della Concordia, about 5–10 min on foot to the station (Piazza Vittorio Veneto). If yours docks at Molo Manfredi, take a short taxi.
- 4

Pick up the car at 10:00

Bring both driving licenses, both International Driving Permits, a credit card in the driver's name, and passports. Check in online beforehand to speed it up. It's a manual, so whoever drives needs to be comfortable on hill starts in Matera.

SIXT RENTAL · CONFIRMATION	
BOOKING	Private detail
PICK UP	Sat Oct 17, 10:00am
WHERE	Salerno Central Train Station, Via Clemente Mauro 6/8, 84123 Salerno
RETURN	Tue Oct 20, 2:30pm
WHERE	Naples Airport, Sosta Breve Parking P3, 80144
CAR	Compact Elite Sedan: Audi A3 Sportback, Audi A3, Mercedes A-Class or similar
SPECS	Manual · 5 seats · 3 bags
FUEL	Full-to-full: return it full
TO DO	Check in online before pickup (link in your Sixt email)
ZTLS	Camera-enforced no-drive zones in Salerno, Matera's Sassi and central Naples. Each violation is mailed as a fine months later.

The drive & parking in Matera

STOP 1 · PAESTUM · ~40 MIN FROM SALERNO

Three standing Greek Doric temples from the 5th–6th century BC, better preserved than anything in Rome, plus a superb small museum (the Tomb of the Diver).

€15 for the full ticket. Summer hours were 8:30–7:30 with last entry 6:30. October hours aren't posted yet, so call +39 0828 811023. Allow 1½–2 hrs.

STOP 2 · TENUTA VANNULO · 10 MIN ON

An organic buffalo farm: mozzarella made that morning, plus buffalo-milk yogurt, gelato, and a café. You can watch the buffalo.

Via Galileo Galilei 101, Capaccio Scalo · 0828 727894. Saturdays are busy. Farm visits and mozzarella are best reserved ahead by phone or vannulo.it.

Backup: Barlotti, Via Porta Marina 29, right by the temples.

THEN ON TO MATERA · ABOUT 2½ HRS

Take the A2 south, then the RA5 and SS407 Basentana east through empty, rolling Basilicata. Mostly toll-free.

Check-in is 2:00–8:30pm. Leave Paestum by about 3pm to arrive before dark.

Don't follow GPS into the Sassi. It's all ZTL. Head for your parking option below.

PARKING · FROM THE HOTEL · NO CAR ACCESS TO THE HOTEL ITSELF

OPTION	WHERE	COST	HOW IT WORKS
Valet · TA&CO	Contrada Rondinelle	€30/day (car)	Park, then their shuttle takes you to the hotel (included). Reserve ≥1 day ahead: WhatsApp +39 351 3340648
Valet · NICOLETTI	Via Cappelluti 1	€20/day + €20 transfer	Shuttle to the hotel, covering check-in and check-out. Reserve ≥1 day ahead: +39 0835 330896. Same street as Bike Basilicata.
Public · Via Vena	Via Vena	€1/hour	Self-park, then walk to the hotel via Via Duni and Via Buoizzi
Public · Via Saragat	Via Saragat	€1/hour	Miccolis "LINEA SASSI" bus every 15 min to Piazza San Pietro Caveoso, 2 min from the hotel

Our pick: a valet. Book NICOLETTI (about €80 total for 3 days) or TA&CO (about €90) by Fri Oct 16. Uphill steps with bags in the Sassi are no joke.

Le Dimore dell'Idris

Cave rooms in Sasso Caveoso, right under the rock church of Santa Maria de Idris. One of the best-located places in the Sassi, a step from the Murgia gorge views.

CONFIRMATION · BOOKING.COM

CONFIRMATION

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BOOKED UNDER

Jeffrey Brines

DATES

Sat Oct 17 → Tue Oct 20 · 3 nights

ROOM

Classic Double Room · 2 adults

CHECK-IN

Sat Oct 17, 2:00pm – 8:30pm

CHECK-OUT

Tue Oct 20, by 10:30am

PAYMENT

No prepayment. Pay at the property

CANCELLATION

Free until Sun Oct 11, 11:59pm CEST. From Oct 12: €525. No-show: full price.

HOTEL CONTACT

ADDRESS

Via Madonna dell'Idris 17, 75100 Matera

PHONE

+39 0835 312613

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

Book parking by Fri Oct 16 (see the parking table). The valets shuttle you and your bags to the door.

Message the hotel your ETA. If you'll be past 8:30pm, check-in has to be arranged with them.

Tue Oct 20: check-out 10:30, and the car is due at Naples airport at 2:30pm, about 3 hrs away. Book the valet return for about 10:15.

Ask them to book dinner for Saturday night. Weekend tables in Matera go fast.

Lunches, dinners, espresso & gelato (Linds’s List)

Checked against Slow Food, Gambero Rosso, 50 Top Pizza and Italian food press. You're there Sat, Sun and Mon nights, and most places close one day a week, so **confirm the day and book everything, especially Saturday.**

	RESTAURANT	WHERE	VERDICT
Book it	Ristorante da Nico	Centro	In Slow Food Osterie d'Italia 2026. Honest Lucanian cooking, mid-priced. Top of the list.
Book it	L'Abbondanza Lucana	Via De Blasiis 12 (moved from Via Buozzi 11; confirm when booking)	Gambero Rosso and Dissapore pick. Tufa dining room, Slow Food Presidia ingredients, peperoni cruschi. Always book.
Book it	Osteria San Francesco	Via del Corso 80	Recognised osteria, classic dishes, about €35 a head.
Book it	Osteria al Casale	Via Casale 24	Well reviewed by Italian guides. Homemade pasta, about €30–35.
Pizza pick	Oi Marì	Via Fiorentini 66	Listed in 50 Top Pizza. Neapolitan-style pizza in a cave room in Sasso Barisano. The easy, fun night.
Fallback	Cantuccio	Via delle Beccherie 33	Friendly, small, well liked, but no critic coverage found. A good walk-in if others are full.
Fallback	Annina 1937	Vicolo Lombardi 1	No critic coverage found. Safe, mid-range Lucanian food.
Unverified	San Biagio, centro Sassi	Sassi	Couldn't confirm a restaurant by this exact name. Possibly San Pietro Barisano (tourist menu). Check before booking.

Additions, espresso & gelato

ADD THESE

Trattoria Stano — Via Santa Cesarea 67. Rustic-chic, beloved by locals and Italian guides. Pasta with peperoni cruschi. Book this one first.

Trattoria Lucana — Via Lucana 48. Old-school, inexpensive, family-run.

Baccanti — Sasso Caveoso. A dressier cave dining room near your hotel, for one nicer night.

SPLURGES (IF ONE NIGHT CALLS FOR IT)

Vitantonio Lombardo — Via Madonna delle Virtù 13/14. Michelin-starred, in a cave with an open kitchen and tasting menus.

Dimora Ulmo — Via Pennino 28. Modern Lucanian tasting menus and a terrace over the Sassi.

Both are more formal than your usual taste. Only if you want one occasion dinner.

ESPRESSO, GELATO, PASTRY

Caffè Tripoli — Piazza Vittorio Veneto 17. The historic café. Espresso standing, granita in season.

Pasthello — gelato recognised by Gambero Rosso.

I Vizi degli Angeli — Via Ridola 36. A small artisan gelateria.

Schiuma — pastry and breakfast.

WHAT TO ORDER IN BASILICATA

Peperoni cruschi (sweet, crispy dried peppers, on everything) · **cavatelli or orecchiette** with pezzente sausage ragù · **fave e cicorie** (fava purée with wild chicory) · **cialleda** (bread soup, a cool-weather dish) · **pane di Matera** (the IGP sourdough) · **Aglianico del Vulture**, the big local red. Finish with **amaro Lucano**.

Biking

BIKE RENTALS · BIKE BASILICATA

WHO	Ferula's shop
WHERE	Via Cappelluti 34
PRICE	€50/day · €90 for 2 days
BOOK	Use the form on bikebasilicata.it
TIP	Book now. It's a small shop.

MURGIA PARK GRAVEL LOOP · 31 KM · ~400 M

White gravel and dirt, non-technical, with ups and downs that never get hard. It finishes at the Murgia Timone belvedere, staring straight across the ravine at the Sassi.

The best easy gravel ride in southern Italy. The views are unreal.

PIETRAPERIOSA LOOP · 82 KM · 2,130 M

The big one. Starts from Calciano (about 1 hr drive) and goes up into the Dolomiti Lucane, the rock-spire villages of Pietrapertosa and Castelmezzano.

A full day. Drive the bikes over with the car.

HISTORIC-CENTRE LOOP · 46 KM · 700 M

From Matera Sud. A solid half-day straight from town.

LA PALOMBA LOOP · 31 KM · 410 M

The moderate one: an old-quarry sculpture park plus the Murgia.

TIMING

Sun Oct 18 and Mon Oct 19 are your full days. Big ride one day, Sassi on foot the other.

COOKING CLASS IN MATERA (CESARINE, HOME COOKS)

Filomena's "We use bread" €141 · Filomena's "Fresh pasta workshop" €153 · Bruna's "Pasta, love and fantasy" €147 · Anna Maria's "Traditional cooking class and aperitif" €153. Book at cesarine.com.

Back to Naples

DRIVE TO THE AIRPORT · CAR DUE 2:30PM

Leave Matera by about 10:30. It's about 3 hrs. Google will pick one of two routes: west via Potenza (SS407 Basentana → A2 → A3) or north via the A16. Expect tolls only on the motorway stretches near Naples. Cards are accepted at the booths.

Fill the tank in the last 10–15 km. It's full-to-full.

Returning: follow the airport signs. About 100 m after entering, the **Sosta Breve Parking P3** entrance is on the left. Take a ticket at the barrier and **enter code 54546** (per Sixt's site). Sixt returns are inside P3. The desk is open 8am–11pm.

Return confirmation — get a receipt or photos of the fuel gauge and car.

AIRPORT → THE CITY

Taxi, set fare: ask for the tariffa predeterminata at the arrivals rank. €21 for Stazione or the historic centre. €24 for Municipio, Molo Beverello or MANN. €28.50 for Via Partenope, Mergellina or San Martino.

Alibus: €5, every ~20 min, to Piazza Garibaldi and Piazza Municipio. Buy at the airport tabacchi.

WED OCT 21 · TO THE AIRPORT

Flight AZ 1264 at 11:20am. It's domestic to Rome, but you're checking bags through to Jackson. Be at the airport by about 9:30.

Taxi: leave by about 9:00. Same set fares as above, in reverse (e.g. €21 from the historic centre). Ask the hotel to book it the night before.

Alibus: from Municipio or Garibaldi, about 15–35 min depending on traffic. Fine with light bags. A taxi is easier with luggage.

The airport is small: one terminal, ITA check-in, security, then the Schengen (EU) gates. No passport control in Naples. That happens in Rome.

HOTEL · OCT 20 – 21

Not booked yet

Name:

Address:

Confirmation:

Flights home

FLIGHT	ROUTE	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	TIME	AIRCRAFT	BRITTANY	JEFF
AZ 1264	Naples → Rome FCO (ITA)	11:20 AM	12:20 PM	1h 00m	A220-100	not assigned	not assigned
UA 178	Rome FCO → Denver	2:20 PM	5:50 PM	11h 30m	787-9	not assigned	not assigned
UA 785	Denver → Jackson Hole	7:14 PM	8:46 PM	1h 32m	A320	11D	11E

Pick seats for the first two legs in the United app now (Rome–Denver is the 11½-hour one). eTickets: Brittany [Private detail](#) · Jeff [Private detail](#) .

ROME FCO · 2H LAYOVER

Go straight to the gate. You arrive on the EU (Schengen) side and have to clear passport exit control to reach the E gates. Allow 75–90 min, since queues run 30–45+ min.

United has no club at FCO. The Star Alliance lounge is on the Schengen side, before passport control, so it isn't practical. Star Gold members are sent to Plaza Premium (near E1–E8, ~5:00am–10:30pm) or Prima Vista (near E51–E61, 5:45am–10:45pm), Priority Pass or about €40–48.

Heads-up: US flights usually leave from E31–E44, across the SkyBridge (about 15 min more walking), where there are no lounges.

DENVER · 1H 24M · TIGHT

The order: land at the A gates → customs (CBP) in the main Jeppesen Terminal. Use Global Entry kiosks if you have them, otherwise the free Mobile Passport Control app → collect and re-drop bags right after customs → TSA → train to your gate.

United Clubs, if time allows: B West near B32 (the big new one, ~5:30am–9pm), B East near B44 (5:30am–9pm), A West near A25/26 (5am–8:30pm). United Club Fly near B60 is grab-and-go only.

Realistically, no lounge. Spend the time on customs, then walk to the gate.