Basilicata is one of Italy’s most interesting regions and rarely visited by Americans. Join us for a look into this fascinating region, full of cave cities and ghost towns, amazing food and wine and haunting hints of its Greek past along its azure coast!

Friday, April 7th
Roma – Bari – Matera

7:00 Meet in front of the campus with your bags packed! Private bus transport to the Rome Fiumicino Airport for our flight to Bari

10:30 Arrive at Bari’s airport and take private coach bus to Matera, Italy’s most famous cave city!

12:00 Arrival at our hotel in Matera, Hotel Sassi Via San Giovanni Vecchio, 89, 75100 Tel: 0835 331009 – Your rooms are cave rooms in this hotel.

Afternoon Free afternoon for lunch and time to explore Matera

20:30 This evening we’ll have special group dinner and wine tasting in one Matera’s fascinating cave restaurants. Learn about Basilicata’s famous Aglianico red wine.

Saturday, April 8th
Matera- Craco- Metaponto

Morning Breakfast in hotel.

9:00 Departure for Craco, Basilicata’s most famous Ghost Town!

10:00 Guided tour of Craco with local guide. Because of its unique and particular landscape, Craco has been the setting of many movies, including “The Passion of The Christ” (2004) by Mel Gibson.
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**Sunday, April 9**<sup>th</sup>  
**Matera**

**Morning**
- Breakfast in hotel.

11:00  
**Mass in Italian in the newly restored Cathedral of Matera,** which historically was the “doorway” between the two cave communities of Matera! Materans had to pay a tax to pass from one side to the other.

13:00  
**Traditional Sunday group lunch overlooking the sassi cave district of Matera,** while dining on Lucano specialties.

15:00  
**Private walking tour of the city with local guide,** Nadia Garlotti, private tour guide to the Stars that have filmed movies in Matera.

18:00  
Independent dinner and evening in Matera

**Monday, April 10**<sup>th</sup>  
**Matera – Roma**

**Morning**
- Packed breakfast from hotel.

5:30  
Departure in private coach to the Bari airport to Rome

9:00  
Arrive in Rome (FCO)

10:00  
Estimated arrival at Campus, in time for you to make your Monday morning classes.

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**Included in excursion:** Private coach transportation throughout the trip – 3 nights in *** cave hotel. Guided tours in Craco, Matera, and Metaponto with local guides. Two meals per day including a wine tasting and dinner in Matera, a seafood lunch in Metaponto, a traditional Sunday lunch in Matera, in addition to three breakfasts.

All walking tour entrances and anything mentioned in the itinerary.

**Not included in excursion:**  
Gratuities, all other entrances, any meal marked “independent”

**Price:** €440.00