

Untold Italy Episode 313: Your Italy Travel Questions - Rome, Puglia, Luggage Tips and Getting Around Italy

You know what I love about your questions? They are never "what are the top ten things to do in Rome?" They are thoughtful questions. The kind that comes from really thinking about your trip, not just copying someone else's itinerary. And today I am answering a selection of them, from train logistics to where to base yourself in Puglia, to how to do Italy for the second time.

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Katy Clarke:

Ciao everyone and welcome back to Untold Italy. I'm Katy Clarke, your podcast host, and I started this show back in 2020 because I genuinely believed - and I still do - that Italy has so much more to offer than the highlights reel that most people are being handed. Since then, what started as a podcast has grown into something that I could not have imagined. We now run small group tours, offer trip planning consultations, and have a travel app, and also, most importantly, a community of Italy lovers who honestly make me excited to get up and start work every day. If you are new here, we go deeper into Italy beyond the checklists and 10-second grabs that you find on social media. We find the people, the places, the food, and the stories that you most likely won't find on Google and an AI chat. And we help you travel Italy in a way that feels like yours. Every now and again, I do a Q&A episode, and it's been a while since I've done one, so when I thought of it I was like, oh, this is a great idea. And so on these Q&A episodes, I answer questions that come in from you through the app, through email, through Instagram, and every time I sit down to do one of these I'm reminded about why I love this community so much. Because like I mentioned, there are so many great questions. We're going to cover quite a lot of ground today, from getting around with big suitcases on Italian trains to what to eat in Puglia in April and how to plan a second trip that feels different.

Katy Clarke:

These are all great questions, and the answers might be the very ones that you are looking forward to. So andiamo, let's get started. Now, the first question came in from Charley via the Untold Italy app, and the question is: "We are embarking on a 2-week Italian adventure this June and have a very specific query about train travel and luggage." They'll be bringing a standard carry-on along with a larger suitcase that won't fit in the overhead storage,

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probably, and they're looking for guidance on which train ticket class would be the most suitable for our baggage scenario and recommendations for ensuring the security of our larger bags while on board. This is a very common question, and it's something that you really should think about, especially if it's your first trip to Italy, because really taking a large suitcase, unless you have someone driving you around or a car, is probably not the best option. So we always recommend people bring a medium-sized luggage as the maximum that they bring, and I do that - I have used one for a 6-week trip, so it's doable. I am not a carry-on only person, but you can do it with a medium case.

Katy Clarke:

Now, on the trains, there's not a lot of room for larger luggage, but if you're strong, you can sometimes get a soft-shell medium case in the racks above the seats. Otherwise, there is a luggage storage area at the end of carriages, but it does tend to get full very quickly in peak travel season and also between key routes. Uh, like, I've seen - some crazy scenes on the train from Naples to Rome, for example. So just to be aware of that. And that's the reason I book business on both Trenitalia and Italo, which are the two main intercity train services. And it's mainly for the luggage space, as there are fewer passengers in this section, and so therefore there's less likelihood of running out of space in that area. I've never had a problem with security, but if you are worried, you can get one of those, um, flexible bike locks, you know, one of those twisty ones. I don't know what they're called, to attach your luggage to the racks and obviously make sure that your luggage is locked when you place them in the racks.

Katy Clarke:

I mean, I've honestly never seen it, but I'm sure that it can happen. Um, but yeah, just get one of those bike locks and attach the luggage to the racks if you're worried. One tip, if you're going to lock it up, is that you will need to be prepared to get it unlocked and organized at least 5 minutes before you arrive at your destination because there's not a lot of time in between arriving at the station and taking off if it's not the final stop on the train journey, and you don't want to be trying to unlock your luggage when you're trying to get off the train. All of this - what I've mentioned - is true for the intercity trains, but there are really not a lot of options on most regional trains. You're going to need to maybe just squash your case in between some seats. It can be pretty hairy.

Katy Clarke:

You've got to think about it; the trains weren't really built for international travelers. They're built for local people just doing short journeys, or maybe, you know, like a little vacation on a train where they would just have carry-on luggage. If you are going on those smaller trains, just be aware that there's not a lot of options, but you can usually just find somewhere to shove your case somewhere. Okay, Michelle asks that - Michelle had a lot of questions, so this is going to be a rapid quick-fire answer to your questions, Michelle. "We will be traveling to Italy in July 2026 and staying in Sorrento 3 days and Rome for 4." And she wanted to know what are the best food tours in Rome. Well, if you've been listening for a while, you'll know that, uh, Nesim's Full Belly Tours are our favorite. And obviously Nesim was on the show last week, so he'll give you the best experience that you can imagine, and you'll meet all his

friends and people along the way that he's known for a lifetime, and they share his passion for food. So it's an excellent tour to do.

Katy Clarke:

But there's only one Nesim, and so if he's booked out, uh, we can recommend Devour Tours, uh, that is owned by Walks of Italy, and they do a great job too. When we recommend people on this show, I take it very seriously actually, and we do not partner with people that we don't share values with. So we have been working with Walks of Italy and Devour, uh, and also Nesim's, um, Full Belly Tours and also LivTours since before COVID, so before this podcast even started. And it's because they are wonderful, genuine people to work with, and they have really creative and interesting ideas. And the people are very nice people who have strong values around sustainable travel and also how we interact with the world as travelers. So if I'm recommending a group, it's because they align with our values, and I think that's really important these days. So it's really important to me too. Okay, so Michelle's next question was "What is the best way to see the Amalfi Coast, by boat or by bus?" Boat, 100%, do the boat.

Katy Clarke:

And by that, I don't mean the ferry because they also get crowded. If you can take a private tour, if there's one thing you do on the Amalfi Coast, if you don't even stay there, take the private boat tour. It's the best. It's worth every cent. LivTours have some great options, uh, and there's a myriad of people that you can find. I think we've got a blog post about that actually, which I will find and link to in the show notes. But absolutely take the boat. The next question was, what is your best advice for seeing the Sistine Chapel? Um, Michelle had heard that early tours are the best, and it's true.

Katy Clarke:

You go as early as you can, and by that I mean before it opens to the general public. So there's an amazing tour called the Key Masters tour, but it's really pricey. And I would say you really have to think hard. There's going to be some hard decisions. And if you want to see the Sistine Chapel and you want to see it in a really, beautiful - amazing way, then I recommend going in those early tours. Walks of Italy again and LivTours are your best options, in my opinion. You can also get them through the Vatican Museums. It's very difficult to do that, and they've got a different style of delivering the content, I would say.

Katy Clarke:

So it's completely up to you. I would say if you're doing the Sistine Chapel just to tick a box, it's a very expensive half-day activity. I'd really think hard about whether you really are interested in art and all of that. And I am, so I love it, and I would invest that money, but otherwise, the standard entry is - it's very busy and you don't see much, unfortunately. And that's the real truth. So, um, I have a lot of thoughts on this, and I am quite happy to share it with the people at the Vatican Museums because they let far too many people in every day. But it is what it is... so. So the next question was "Would I recommend a day trip to Florence

from Rome, or is that trying to fit in too much?" I think you answered your own question there, Michelle. Yes, it's too much.

Katy Clarke:

There is plenty of things to do in Rome, and I haven't even scratched the surface, even having been there so many times, I would say Florence, save it for another trip. And it's, it's easy for me to say this because I have been back so many times, but I think most people, if they fall in love with Italy, they will come back. And Florence deserves, you know, several days of its own exploration, and it's a completely different place, which it would be sad to sort of keep it to - it would really end up being half a day if you were doing a day trip. And the - her final question is, "What is my top to-do in Rome that are not in most guidebooks?" That's a great question, and we've actually got whole episodes and articles on this, which we will link to in our show notes. But the two places I really love and I keep going back to is Palazzo Massimo, which holds a collection of ancient frescoes, mosaics, and statues, and it's just incredible. It's one of the most amazing museums I've ever been to. And the other one is the Baths of Caracalla, the public baths, the ruins of the public baths of ancient Rome, and it's just incredible. It's in a work - working archaeological site, and it's very well worth the visit.

Katy Clarke:

Okay, now from a question from Claire, who sent it in via the Untold Italy app, and Claire wanted to know "The best locations for traveling with primary school age kids in early fall. Will they love places that aren't the beach?" It's a great question. There's a lot of people worried about taking their children to Italy, and what I'm going to say is Italy is amazing for children because Italians love children. And this is not just saying it, they really do. They'll make every effort in restaurants and out and about to make sure your children are having a great time. So we've been traveling in Italy with our children for over a decade. What I've learned is the key is to pace your trip and set things up so you do some activities in the morning and have some relaxed time in the afternoon before you go out exploring, maybe in the later afternoon and evening when it's a bit cooler, especially in summer. It gives you the opportunity to have some downtime and relaxed time because it's a sensory overload. You've got beautiful scenery everywhere, food, you know, they get hungry when they're walking so much, and I think if you have built in that downtime, you will never regret it.

Katy Clarke:

Another tip is to mix up cities and countryside, as the cities can be overwhelming, as I said, and in too much of a large dose. So beach clubs and the sea are great, but the lakes and countryside are fantastic too, and also some of the smaller cities. So some of our favorite places are the lakes, so Lake Como and Lake Garda, and you can take the funicular up to Monte Baldo at Lake Garda, which overlooks the lake, which is great for walks and exploring. And another place on Lake Garda, which is really - fires the imagination of children is Sirmione, which has a castle with a turret and a moat. So it's like your fairytale castle. Even the smaller cities are great. We love going to Modena for the market, and Parma is fun to explore, too. A lot of these places are pedestrianized, so you can just let them run wild because there's no cars that are going to hurt them, or, you know. It's just, it's a really nice,

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safe environment. And actually, I didn't think of this before, but Venice, I think, is amazing for kids because you can just sit on the vaporetto and go up and down and watch the city going about its business.

Katy Clarke:

And because it's a city built on water, it's just endlessly fascinating. You've got the garbage removal people and the ambulance boats and the fire engine boats, and it's - I love it. It's fantastic. Now for the bigger cities and the key sites like the Colosseum, I think it's really a good idea, especially if you've got younger children, to find tours that cater to families. And LivTours do a great job of this. And Christine and Angelo, the owners, have children and they know how to do this properly. So what they do is they enable you to relax and enjoy the experience yourselves. And while the children are engaged in some activities that are going to fire their imagination, too.

Katy Clarke:

And you know what, if all else fails, you just bribe them with gelato. That's what we do. So, you know, call that bad parenting if you like, but, um, I think I want to go to Italy, and you know, what child can resist a gelato bribe? Not mine anyway. Okay, next question is from Susan, and Susan's planning a trip to Puglia and Sicily, and she wanted to know if it's better to fly from Bari or Brindisi to Catania. And if they drove, what route would be the best to take that doesn't take days but you can still see the sights? So she's wanting to do some slower travel as well, so she's a bit unsure. So, Susan, it really depends on how much time you have, and I'm going to say this now, if you want to do a slow travel version of those two areas, you're going to need a minimum of 2 weeks in both Puglia and Sicily. So 4 weeks in total if you're going to take a slow travel approach, and even then you're going to not see everything. So I think bearing that in mind, and I don't know how long you've got, I would, uh, suggest that if you're, you know, if you've only got 4 weeks, then only - I wish - I think everyone wishes they had 4 weeks to explore Italy, but if you have 4 weeks, then definitely fly between Bari or Brindisi and Catania or Palermo even.

Katy Clarke:

That way would be kind of the most efficient. If you have more time, if you say you had 6 weeks, then driving is a great idea. You can follow the Calabrian coast down to Reggio Calabria. And take the ferry across to, um, near Messina. From there, you can go inland to Matera and make your way down the Tyrrhenian coast to towns like Tropea and Scilla. And it's just - it's a lovely part of the coastline and you get a real sense of the change in the geography and the change in the level of services and just the culture as well. So it's a really lovely trip. So it really depends how long you've got and if you only had 4 weeks, I would say definitely fly across.

Katy Clarke:

Okay, speaking of these longer trips, Catherine from New Zealand wanted to know how she'd go about renting a property for 4 people for a longer stay, like 4 to 6 weeks. She wanted it to be near public transport but away from the main tourist paths. Hmm, Catherine, this is the

unicorn. But actually, longer-term rentals are becoming more popular and there's no real easy answer to this, unfortunately, because there's not a single service that really offers this. But one of our team who rents out places in Italy, uh, um, as part of her - what she does - she made this suggestion, and that was to message the owners of properties you're interested in that you find on Airbnb or other platforms like Plumguide and ask them for a deal if you're wanting to stay longer term. So I'm going to look into a service that does this because I've been asked this many times lately and it's just an interesting question. But yeah, I think it's - that's a good suggestion, is to go to Airbnb and ask for a deal. If you are interested in a longer stay, then it is something that takes quite a bit of work to go into finding the right properties into the right locations.

Katy Clarke:

So it's not something I can really quickly answer here on the podcast, but it's something that we can assist with if you are interested.

Katy Clarke:

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Katy Clarke:

Now, Minda is very lucky, and she has got herself tickets for the opera in Verona, which I don't know if anyone's seen, but they had the closing ceremony of the Winter Olympics in the arena there, which was amazing. So she wanted to know where to pick up and drop off her car. So she's picking up in Vicenza and dropping off in Verona. And actually, in those two cities, they're quite small, so there are Hertz outlets near the station, near the train station, and there which are outside the historic zones, because that's, um, quite useful as well. So I would just pick and drop off near the station, can make it very easy for you, and you know, you're close to the center of the city, but you're not in the historic zone.

Katy Clarke:

So, Minda, I hope that was helpful. Okay, moving on to Anne, who's from Georgia. Hello, Anne. She said, "Ciao, what would be the best home base for touring the Amalfi Coast? Capri is on my bucket list". Well, Capri is on a lot of bucket lists, and for very good reason. And I'm going to suggest maybe you stay on Capri. And we've got quite a few episodes about how to extend your stay on Capri on this podcast with my friend Holly, who lives on the island. And there's a lot of good reasons why you'd stay there, because you can actually go against all the crowds that are going from, say, Positano to Capri for the day.

Katy Clarke:

So it's maybe an idea to stay in Capri, but it really does depend on how much time you have, when you want to go, what vibe you're looking for, and how much you want to see and do. So a lot of people stay in Sorrento, which is actually not on the Amalfi Coast, but it's close by, and it's popular because it's really well situated to reach Capri and Ischia, as well as the Amalfi Coast, Pompeii, and Naples. - but it can get really busy in summer especially, and so

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you really have to think about what kind of vibe you want. Positano is right in the middle of everything, has ferry links to Capri, and is spectacular, but of course, it comes with a price tag, and let's just say the value is not great in Positano. Also worth noting, it is very steep, so you need to be aware of that, and think that you have to get your luggage up to your accommodation or pay for portage to your hotel, and that's if that's available. So that's only really available for the really fancy hotels. So it's just something to think about. Positano is gorgeous, and I think, in my opinion, is best seen from the water, but that's just my opinion. Um, Amalfi is also popular for the ferry links, and it's not as steep as Positano.

Katy Clarke:

I really like the history and the little laneways in Amalfi town and the walk across to the tiny town of Atrani. Again, it's popular, so if you're on a budget, it might chew a bit of that up. I would consider, depending on how much time you've got, is looking at some of the smaller towns along the coasts that, um, may be less well-known, but they're just - they're so beautiful, and you're going to have a bit of a slice of local life there. So one that I love is Praiano, which is, uh, right next to Positano, and it's gorgeous. And you can get the bus into Positano, uh, and a lot of the hotels there have shuttle into Positano as well. Maiori is where you can find the sandy beaches. You've got Ravello up on the hill, and you know, there are a lot of smaller towns that are definitely worth a look, but it really does depend on how much time you've got and if you want to spend a lot of time traveling around, because getting from A to B is not fast in the Amalfi Coast. So have a good think about it because yeah, there are a lot of options, but I think if it was me and I really had Capri on my bucket list, I would stay on Capri.

Katy Clarke:

Uh, Lisa said "Ciao, we are arriving on our second trip to Italy and flying into Venice airport for the first time. We are actually not staying in Venice and we'll be going straight from the airport to this train station to go to Bolzano. What is the best way to get from the airport to the train station?" Okay, this is such a great question, Lisa, because maybe if you didn't know Venice very well, you'd go to the train station in Venice, but that's not what I would do. I would pick up your train in Mestre, which is on the mainland, and that means that you can get on the train - you don't need to go into Venice. If you go into Venice and you get off, uh, at Piazzale Roma, you have to carry your luggage all over a bridge to get to the train station. So skip all that and go straight from the airport in Venice to Mestre station. That's on the mainland, and all trains go through there. So you can get there by taxi, which probably is what I would do, takes 15 minutes, or there's an express airport bus from the airport to the station.

Katy Clarke:

So that was a great question, Lisa, and I'm glad you asked it. Shelagh said that she really enjoyed the podcast about the different cuisines in Italy. Thank you, Shelagh. And she wanted to know about regional cuisine in Puglia for their trip in Martina Franca in a few months. What a lovely place to be in April. Amazing. So she wanted to know if we had any specific dishes or restaurant recommendations. We do.

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Katy Clarke:

You are arriving at the right time for orecchiette con cime di rapa, which is Puglia's signature dish. So the vegetable in that is broccoli rabe, and it's in season in spring, early springtime. So it's the best to taste that one. They also do stuffed artichokes and fava beans with cicoria, which is delicious. And you can learn more about the dishes from Puglia on episode 233 of the podcast, where Flavia, our friend, goes into a lot of detail about how they use vegetables and what are the local dishes. You can try a restaurant called Origini in Martina Franca, and the butcher shops in Cisternino are absolutely fantastic. Now, all of that information is actually in the Untold Italy app in the premium version, and we have that information for every region of Italy. So if you're traveling to Puglia or Campania or Piedmont, it's in there.

Katy Clarke:

Okay, Sandeep - Sandeep wrote me the best message. I absolutely loved it, and it was quite long, so I'm not going to read it all out, but he and his family did a tour in Italy in 2022, and they did the classic trip with the usual cities, and they used Sorrento and Amalfi Coast, Rome, Florence, Venice. And Sandeep said it was exhausting and exhilarating at the same time. And I think he got in trouble with his family because he might have pushed it a bit hard in all his excitement to see everything and have an incredible trip to Italy. So, well, he's wanting to know what would a less intense second trip look like? And I love this question, and this happens a lot. Like, people go to Italy and then suddenly fall in love and they want to go back, but they realize that they want to, you know, take their time a little bit more and enjoy things. And it's a journey that everyone goes on. And, you know, I like to tell people to travel their own way because the way that I liked to travel when I was in my 20s is very different to how I like to travel now and the things that I'm aware of.

Katy Clarke:

And traveling is a journey in itself. So everyone - enjoy the way that you travel and I think most people come to a similar conclusion, but you do you, it's up to you completely. Anyway, Sandeep, back to you and your family. You wanted to know - you gave me some suggestions and I really like this one, which is Milan, Lake Como, Genoa, Portofino, and La Spezia area, which is the Liguria coastline. It's absolutely stunning there. There's so much for you to see and do, and Sandeep's got, uh, teenagers and they love the outdoors, so this is going to be perfect for them. They're small hikes or longer hikes. There's a combination of mountains and lakes and seaside, and I just think that, that will be a brilliant trip.

Katy Clarke:

So that would be what I would go for. The other one combination that you could do is Lake Garda and the Dolomites, because again, you've got a lot of nature happening there and really relaxing outdoor experiences. And Italians love the outdoors, actually. I think a lot of people think of it - Italy as a museum place, but Italians really love the outdoors and love hiking and getting out into nature, so it's a great thing. And Sandeep, I think what you can do is pace the days out. So in the morning, you could do the hikes and all the physical activity. In the

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afternoon, let them have a rest and you can go off in search of the treats that you're looking for. So Sandeep mentioned he's really into food, but everyone in his family isn't.

Katy Clarke:

So I think, you know, wear them out, take them out for the morning, get them all exhausted and wanting to have a rest, and then you can go and search for the food. Sounds like a good plan to me. Okay, next up is Elaine who said, thank you so much for all the helpful info that you post, it gives me too many ideas. So Elaine is wanting to spend a 10-day trip based in or near Siena and wanting to know where they should base themselves for Siena and trips to the Val d'Orcia. What a beautiful trip. I would say that you should spend half the time near Siena. I would stay in an agriturismo near Siena and get that country feeling and then take little day trips out from there. And then if you wanted to see the Val d'Orcia, then Pienza or Montepulciano, around those areas, are really fantastic as well.

Katy Clarke:

So there's so much to see and do there. It can easily be a 10-day trip, and you can even take a little drive over into Umbria and maybe Orvieto from there as well. And then she's wanting to do another 10 days in Umbria, and again, they would need a car. So she wanted to know what would be a best home base. Or should she stay in two different locations? Because they wanted to visit the Frassassi caves by car. And now those caves are in - actually in the region of Marche, which is over the border from Umbria. And I would say the best place is Gubbio. Gubbio itself is gorgeous, and I think it's a lot like some of the famous Tuscan towns like San Gimignano before so many tourists arrived.

Katy Clarke:

So I would say Gubbio because it's a short drive to Frassassi Caves from there, and then stay in maybe Todi or Spoleto in southern Umbria for a contrast. Two more questions.

Katy Clarke:

Julia had some lovely things to say, and she said "Thank you for all your valuable information about Italy. I love your podcast and your premium app. The format is great." Thank you, Julia. We've put a lot of work into it, and we really do hope you find it useful. Julia is going to be in Italy later in this year, in May, in June, and she's celebrating 20 years of marriage. Congratulations, Julia, that's a big milestone. And she's wanting to go to a town called Vico Equense because there's some family connections there with, um, her husband's grandfather was born there, which is a lovely way to connect with the country, I think. Julie was wondering if they should use Vico Equense as a base to see Capri and the Path of the Gods, or just relax at the hotel. And I think that you should just relax, actually. I think it's a beautiful place to relax. It's a bit more off to the side of Sorrento, between Sorrento and Naples. It is a fun town, it's very local and bustling, and we've been there with our friend Pierpaolo, and it's fun. And there is an absolutely amazing gelato place there called Gelateria Gabriele, and it gets 3 gelato cones from the gelato bosses in Italy. So it's one of the better gelato places in the whole of Italy.

Katy Clarke:

And Pierpaolo took us there and it was really quite amazing. So the thing about Vico Equense is a really nice beach there, or a few beaches there. There's even a spa hotel, which is thanks to the thermal baths or thermal waters that are there. So it's a relaxed place and it's easy to get to Pompeii from there because it's on the Circumvesuviana train line, but it's a little bit trickier to get into Sorrento for group tours. You could organize some private tours, but I say just relax and enjoy. That's what I would do. Julia also wanted to know, uh, about getting to the airport from there, and I just think that there is an airport shuttle bus that stops in Vico Equense, which probably your hotel can help you with. Otherwise, I would just get a transfer because the airport is out of the city.

Katy Clarke:

There's no point trying to get the train in because the airport's out, so you'd have to get the train and then a bus, which is - sounds like a hassle. What I would do is arrive at the airport around 2 to 3 hours early and just grab one last vino or gelato and start planning your next trip, because I have a feeling you're going to be back, Julia. Julia also asked about family history research, and I'm going to put a website into the show notes here. We did have a recent episode about researching family history, which is a good place to start, and we'll put that in a little section in the show notes. But there's also another website that can be useful that one of our listeners shared with us, which is fantastic. And I do understand researching a common surname, um, mine is Clarke, so I feel your pain. But, um, Julia was trying to search for Espósito, which is a very, very common name in Campania. So good luck with that, Julia, and I hope you have a wonderful time.

Katy Clarke:

Last question is from Gabrielle, who is curious about ideas for staying in the countryside without a car. She's really wanting to stay in a village where she can walk to - out in the countryside, I guess. And you know what, this one is really tricky and it's another unicorn situation. There - it's out there, but you have to know exactly where you want to go. Um, and if I was working with you on this one, Gabriella, I'd be asking a lot more questions. But just off the top of my head, I think the towns that have great transport links and are close to the countryside are in Umbria, there's some great towns. Assisi is actually really handy because it's near the mountain there, where St. Francis used to walk, and so that's a nice option.

Katy Clarke:

And there's other towns along the train line in Umbria which can help out with that. So you've got Spello and Spoleto, which are some nice towns that are kind of in a more rural area. Liguria is another region where the train links are fantastic, and there are a lot of walks out of smaller towns like Levanto near the Cinque Terre. And I would say that one is actually the best train line if you're interested in sea and having a little bit of combination of nature and sea, then don't stop in the Cinque Terre, keep going to the towns, um, on the Ligurian coast and you'll find some magic there. And lastly, Gabrielle, I would say the best region for public transport is actually South Tyrol, and you can stay in the towns and get around by bus, and

then you reach the mountains by cable car. So it's a really lovely option. They've got - the bus services in South Tyrol are absolutely fantastic. So there's a few options for you there.

Katy Clarke:

Thanks so much for sending in your questions, everyone.. This was great fun, and if you like, I will do them more often. If your question did not make it in today, I'm so sorry, but there will be another possibility in around a month or so. And if you're planning a trip and want someone in your corner helping you figure out all the details, we do offer personalized trip consultations. Our team is broad, and they have specializations in everything from traveling solo, traveling as a couple or as a family or with a group of friends. And we have coverage across the whole country, which is quite unique, I think, because it's very difficult to know everything about Italy because it's such a wide and diverse country. If you only have a few questions, we have a quick service where you can pick the brains of one of the team, and we can help you build a solid plan if that's what you need, or even do a day-by-day itinerary for you. And if you're in deep planning mode or you're already on the ground in Italy, our app is a really great companion for finding restaurants, dishes to eat, and even how to order if you're avoiding or allergic to gluten. You can download the app for free, and the Milan guide there is also free to get you started.

Katy Clarke:

And if you like what you see, you can upgrade to premium for a one-time fee. There's no subscriptions because honestly, who needs another one of those? Now, as always, all the links and resources from today's episode are in the show notes at untolditaly.com/313 for episode number 313. Next week, I am excited to share a fun, efficient, and very clever way to see the Amalfi Coast and Pompeii if you are short on time. But until then, it's ciao for now.