

Ciao, fellow traveler!

Italy in July bursts with sacred celebrations, cultural festivals, and delicious seasonal sagra. From the heart of Rome's Jubilee year to coastal food feasts and opera under the stars, here's your curated guide to what's happening.

Jubilee of Missionaries and Influencers

July 28 and 29, Rome opens its arms to content creators, missionaries, and evangelizers for this special **Jubilee Year** event. Participants walk through the **Holy Door at St. Peter's**, attend inspirational Masses, and connect faith with mission in a uniquely modern way.

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July Festivals:

Peaches for the Pope – Castel Gandolfo

Start your summer in the papal summer getaway town nestled in the Alban Hills overlooking Lake Albano. Castel Gandolfo's Sagra delle Pesche celebrates the sweet bounty of July with market stalls, homemade peach desserts, and a festive village atmosphere. This year, **the tradition is especially meaningful: Pope Leo XIV will arrive on July 6 and stay through July 20**, reviving the centuries-old custom of the pontiff spending part of summer here.

Verona Opera Festival – All Summer Long

There's nothing like seeing Aida or Carmen performed in the open-air **Roman Arena of Verona**. The opera festival continues nightly through July, book tickets early!

Festa del Redentore – Venice, July 19

One of Venice's most magical nights. Locals build a votive bridge across the Giudecca Canal and gather in boats to watch spectacular fireworks light up the lagoon. A must-see celebration of gratitude and renewal.

Sagra del Polpo – Mola di Bari, July 26–27

If you're in Puglia, head to this **octopus festival** on the final weekend of July. Locals serve grilled and stewed octopus right on the seafront alongside music and dancing.

Bari in Jazz – Throughout July

Enjoy jazz concerts across Puglia's capital, with sunset shows on the waterfront and international musicians lighting up the summer air.

Palio di Feltre – July 25–26 & August 1–3

Travel back to medieval times in Feltre, where knights ride, flags fly, and four ancient neighborhoods battle in this historical pageant. Not on July 6, but don't miss these immersive days of costumed parades and competition.

Stragusto – Trapani's Street Food Festival (mid-July)

A Sicilian feast for all senses! The **Stragusto festival** in Trapani brings together traditional street food vendors from across the island and the Mediterranean. Think arancini, pane cunzato, and cannoli all in one vibrant piazza.

Liri Blues Festival – Early July, Isola del Liri

Set beside a waterfall in a charming Lazio town, this international **blues festival** brings top musicians to a breathtaking stage. Don't miss the soulful sounds and lively atmosphere during the first half of July.

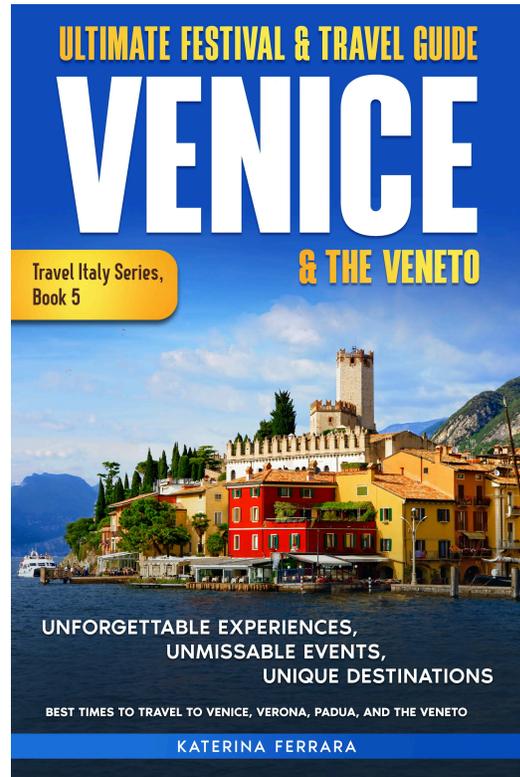
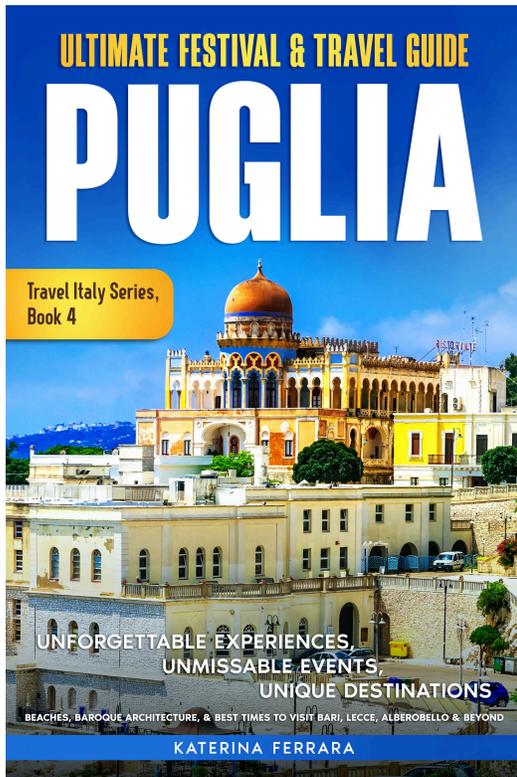
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Arrivederci,

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