



PUGLIA, THE PLACE TO BE IN ITALY

Puglia is dotted with, beautiful small towns, in shades of white, gold and multicolors with unique architecture like the conical trulli of Alberobello and the extravagant baroque of Lecce. Only in Puglia you'll find an incredible Baroque architecture, fascinating cities steeped in history, picturesque historic towns, crystal blue waters, urban and rural architecture and taste the healthiest in season and simple delicious foods.

Puglia has been conquered and influenced by just about everyone, from the Byzantine Greeks to the Romans, the Arabs and the Bourbons. Rich in churches, Palaces, secret piazzas and picturesque alleyways, Km Zero trattorias, Puglia's towns are a highlight of a visit to the region.

ITINERARY

Day 1, ARRIVAL IN PUGLIA

Brindisi Airport: Arrival day in Puglia, meet and greet with our driver and transfer to your Hotel Patria Palace a 5* hotel in the old town of Lecce. Check in at Hotel in Lecce. Time to unfold at your Hotel.

From 2 to 5 pm Hairstylist optional appointment for "piega", welcome aperitivo and dinner (or Pizza dinner).





Day 2, LECCE' BAROCCO & SALENTO'S WINERY

After breakfast, morning tour of Lecce, city of Baroque. Your guide will meet you in the lobby of your Hotel for a guided discovery of the city of Baroque and its elegant old town made of art studios, Palazzi and stylish alleys characterized by the warm light of the "pietra leccese" a traditional stone of Lecce.

During the tour, you will enjoy some street food tastings stops, sampling Rustico Leccese, Pasticciotto, Puccia, Wine and Caffé Leccese.

At the end of the walking tour and tastings, your personal driver will take you to a Salento Winery for a tasting and landscape tour, Salento's wines most popular grapes being in fact Negroamaro and Primitivo. On our way to the winery, we will stop for a momentum photo at a typical Piazza di Paese village (Square in a village) and a Vineyard landscape.

Return to Lecce and time at leisure.





Day 3, INCANTEVOLE SALENTO: GALLIPOLI & OTRANTO

After breakfast, meet your private driver. Your local guide will introduce you to the charming Salento South through two iconic spring and summer destinations which are very popular among the Italian holiday culture. Situated on the Adriatic and Ionian Seas, the two cities are sea front and both have two very charming old towns that we will discover over a nice guided stroll. Otranto is more Greek style with its white old town while Gallipoli, with its many pastel colors, has a more Mediterranean style. We will also take the time to watch the sea and touch first-hand the magnificent sand of Salento. Everywhere we go we taste local foods, and today we will taste a menu featuring south of Salento food special edition.

We will return to Lecce in the mid-afternoon for time and evening at leisure.

Enjoy an afternoon and evening at leisure in Lecce: there are so many little restaurants and nice places for "aperitivo al tramonto", sunset aperitivo.



Day 4, PASTA VINO DOLCE VITA, BIKE & TASTE LECCE

After breakfast, participate in a fun and learning experience making Orecchiette Pasta with real chefs of a bistro of the old town. Besides learning how to make Orecchiette Pasta from scratch, you will be also introduced to the local wine scene tasting indigenous wines.

After lunch enjoy a Guided Bike Tour or a papier machè class with the papier machè masters.

Afternoon and evening at leisure.





Day 5, POLIGNANO A MARE BOAT TOUR AND MONOPOLI

After breakfast, check out from your Hotel in Lecce, we meet our driver in the lobby of our hotel. Your guide today will introduce you to the central coastal towns of Puglia. You will visit romantic Polignano a Mare with its sea front terraces, narrow streets and enjoy a boat tour along its charming cliffs. Today we will enjoy a bite of *Panzerotto* for lunch and the famous *Caffé Speciale* which is a must when you visit Polignano a Mare.

We will also tour Monopoli with its Greek influences that can be seen in the urban scenes and narrow and white washed walls alleys and check in at our hotel in the Palazzo Indelli, a boutique 4-star hotel located in the principal square of the old town of Monopoli. Leisure time to stroll and enjoy the unique ambiance of Monpoli on your own.





Day 6, TRULLI VILLAGES IN THE ITRIA VALLEY & BURRATA CHEESE

The discovery of Puglia today will have you immerse in a unique scenario made of Trulli, the famous conical shaped little houses in the Itria Valley, in the central area of the region. We will visit the Trulli White Towns, all close to each other one and characterised by very picturesque old towns and narrow alleys. This are is also known for its Burrata cheese production and we will taste a bite of it with a local "maestro casaro".

The towns we will visit today, all located in the Itria Valley will be Alberobello, Martina Franca and Cisternino.

Lunch is tasting local specialties of the Itria Valley // Food Culture Tours

We will return to our hotel in the late afternoon, with evening at leisure.





Day 7, BIANCA OSTUNI AND PHOTO SHOOTING

After breakfast, we start our day of touring visiting the area around Ostuni in an Ape.

Today we enjoy the city of Ostuni with our Personal Photographer for an incredible photo shooting in Ostuni in its total white, which is well known for both being pretty with Greek style all some very pretty little towns which are known as the white villages of Puglia.

For lunch we stop at a traditional Bohemian trattoria and taste olive oil and more local specialties.

We will enjoy the mid afternoon and evening at leisure in our second hotel in central Puglia

Day 8, TRANSFER TO BARI AIRPORT AND ARRIVEDERCI PUGLIA TILL NEXT VISIT

Goodbye Puglia, Private transfer to Bari or Brindisi airport

INCLUSIONS

- Hotels (Lecce, Monopoli)
- Transportation as per itinerary
- Activities and Tours as per itinerary
- 1 welcome dinner, all breakfast and lunches
- Local English-speaking guides
- Local team assistance 24/h

- IMPORTANT INFO:

- We **highly recommend travel insurance** to assist you in the event of medical emergency, lost baggage, cancelled trip or any other trip related issue.
- Deposit and balance non-refundable.
- We reserve the right to make modifications and to make substitutions to the itinerary as necessary to improve the trip quality or to accommodate the comfort, convenience and well-being of the travelers. In this event we will always substitute an equal or better option.

Tips:

- Housekeeping at hotels and driver/tour guide is **NOT** included and will be left to your discretion)

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- Minimum number of travelers per trip: 6
- Maximum number of travelers per trip: 10

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Total cost: \$6420.00 pp

To confirm we request a deposit of \$2000. pp Balance 30 days prior the trip - \$4420.00