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Great Apulia & Matera 2024

8 DAYS TOUR
START IN BARI - END IN BRINDISI

Small Groups (16 pax) – All Excursions Included
Minimum Two Meals Per Day
Comfortable Departure Time
First Class Hotels - Fully Escorted





Day 1 – Bari

Welcome to Bari-Palese int. airport (BRI). At your arrival your driver will be waiting for you at 10:00 am, 12:30 pm and 3:00 pm for a private transfer to your hotel in Bari. In the afternoon meet your tour guide and other passengers for a sight-seeing walking tour of the picturesque old town and San Nicola's Basilica followed dinner at a local restaurant. Hotel: Parco dei Principi, Oriente Hotel or similar hotel (2 nights)

Day 2 – Trani – Polignano a Mare

This morning private walking tour of Trani city center to see the beautiful Cathedral, the Swabian castle and the picturesque marina. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon head to the amazing village of Polignano a Mare called the pearl of the Adriatic, built on the clifftop overlooking the sea for a short walking tour of the center followed by some free time to spend at your own pleasure.

Day 3 – Alberobello – Cheesemaking demonstration Martina Franca

This morning leave Bari to reach the beautiful UNESCO site of Alberobello. Walking tour with a local guide to learn more about Trulli houses and their history. After our visit we head to a local Masseria, to participate in a cheesemaking demonstration, where we will also have lunch. Check in hotel. In the late afternoon visit Martina Franca to see the Palazzo Ducale and the Cathedral followed by some free time for shopping and dinner at your own pleasure. Hotel: Masseria Chiancone Torricella, Parco delle Querce or similar hotel (3 nights)



Day 4 – Itria Valley – Matera – Locorotondo

Today drive to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Matera, known as the City of Stones, with Sassi that are ancient homes carved right into the tufa rock. With a local guide we will explore the narrow streets that wind their way through the Sassi to discover the ancient houses and churches carved from stone. Enjoy the evening at your own pleasure in Locorotondo, considered one of the most beautiful Italian historical centers. Dinner will be served at local restaurant.

Day 5 – Taranto – Mini Cruise – Winery

This morning reach Taranto on the Ionio sea, lies between the Mar Grande (Big Sea) and Mar Piccolo (Little Sea) bodies of water. Bridges link the mainland to the old town on a small island. Walking tour with a local guide through the old town, San Cataldo Basilica and the 15th-century Aragonese Castle. Then enjoy a mini cruise through major sea and minor sea overlooking the beautiful old section of the town from the seaside. In the afternoon visit a local winery with a wine tasting and typical products of the region. Dinner tonight will be served at local restaurant.

Day 6 – Ostuni – Lecce

This morning drive by the small village of Cisternino to visit local olive oil mill. Then drive to Ostuni, "The white city", one of the most beautiful hilltop towns in the Apulia region for some free time to discover and enjoy the small village at your own pleasure. In the afternoon, enjoy a scenic drive to beautiful Lecce, also known as "The Florence of the South". Guided on a sightseeing tour we'll see this delightful city including the stunning Basilica & its monumental Piazza Del Duomo. Tonight, discover the flavors of typical regional dishes. Hotel: GH Lecce, GH Tiziano or similar (2 nights)

Day 7 – Gallipoli – St. Maria al Bagno – Salento

Today drive to Gallipoli, where we visit a stunning cathedral and the Frantoio Ipogeo, an ancient underground olive mill carved from stone followed by some free time to explore the old town. Enjoy included lunch with a selection of fresh seafood and wine to celebrate the success of your vacation in the Apulia region. After lunch, short drive to St. Maria al Bagno to enjoy a beautiful view overlooking the Ionian Sea with a cup of coffee or gelato. Enjoy the evening at your pleasure in Lecce.

Day 8 – Home

Arrivederci Apulia! Our Departure transfer will arrive at Brindisi-Casale Airport (BDS) at 6:00 am and 10:30 am.

WHAT IS INCLUDED

Transportation:

- Private airport transfer for your tour on arrival & departure (see the Itinerary)
- Luxury air-conditioned private minibus
- Mini cruise in Taranto

Accommodations:

- First Class Hotels (4**** or 5****)
- Includes all taxes (including city tax)
- Baggage handling included (ask your driver)
- All standard gratuities for hotel personnel

15 Meals:

- 7 breakfast buffets
- 7 lunches/dinners to include: three main courses, dessert local fine wine (1/4)
- 1 wine and olive oil tasting with fine local food
- All Standard gratuities for restaurant personnel

Tour Guide & Tour Driver:

- Your tour will be conducted by our tour guide & tour driver. They will take the worry out of foreign travel as they manage the intricate details of your tour, keeping you entertained with anecdotes and stories to make sure your vacation is educational, entertaining, fun and safe!
- Any gratuities are at your pleasure for our tour guide & tour driver

Equipment:

- Wireless headsets to hear our guides clearly and distinctly in public places allowing you to roam & explore sites (within 60 feet) without missing any insight from your local guides (group of 9 or more)
- Travel documents (PDF) included
- One umbrella per person in case of rain



View, Visit, Walking tour, Museums, and Gallery:
(WLG) = With local guide and wireless headsets

Bari:

Walking tour with a local guide through the city center. View of San Nicola's Basilica, San Sabino Cathedral and Castle Svevo

Trani:

Walking tour with a local guide through the city center. View of Cathedral, Swabian Castle and the marina

Alberobello:

Walking tour with a local guide through the city center to visit the Trulli

Matera:

Walking tour with a local guide to visit the Sassi and the Park of the Rupestrian Churches of Matera

Lecce:

Guided tour through the center city, see the Basilica and its monumental Piazza del Duomo

Suggested attire:

Comfortable shoes are important for walking on the uneven surfaces.

Attire for Italian Churches:

No shorts, skirts, tank tops, or bare shoulders for men or women are permitted. Bermuda shorts are permitted.

LAND PRICE FOR PERSON (USD)

DEPART - END DATE	DOUBLE	SINGLE	TRIPLE	YOUNG (5-12)
March 17 - March 24	2600	3250	2470	2418
April 14 - April 21	2800	3500	2660	2604
May 12 - May 19	2800	3500	2660	2604
June 16 - June 23	2800	3500	2660	2604
July 14 - July 21	2800	3500	2660	2604
Sept 22 - Sept 29	2800	3500	2660	2604
Oct 20 - Oct 27	2600	3250	2470	2418
Nov 03 - Nov 10	2600	3250	2470	2418

LAND PRICE FOR PERSON (CAD)

DEPART - END DATE	DOUBLE	SINGLE	TRIPLE	YOUNG (5-12)
March 17 - March 24	3588	4485	3409	3337
April 14 - April 21	3864	4830	3671	3594
May 12 - May 19	3864	4830	3671	3594
June 16 - June 23	3864	4830	3671	3594
July 14 - July 21	3864	4830	3671	3594
Sept 22 - Sept 29	3864	4830	3671	3594
Oct 20 - Oct 27	3588	4485	3409	3337
Nov 03 - Nov 10	3588	4485	3409	3337

LAND PRICE FOR PERSON (NZD)

DEPART - END DATE	DOUBLE	SINGLE	TRIPLE	YOUNG (5-12)
March 17 - March 24	4108	5135	3903	3821
April 14 - April 21	4424	5530	4203	4115
May 12 - May 19	4424	5530	4203	4115
June 16 - June 23	4424	5530	4203	4115
July 14 - July 21	4424	5530	4203	4115
Sept 22 - Sept 29	4424	5530	4203	4115
Oct 20 - Oct 27	4108	5135	3903	3821
Nov 03 - Nov 10	4108	5135	3903	3821

Prices are subject to change according to international currency rates and price changes by distribution channels without further notice.

Price per person in Double, Single, Triple room occupancy
Price include Tax, city night tax, credit cards fee, currency exchange



LAND PRICE FOR PERSON (AUD)

DEPART - END DATE	DOUBLE	SINGLE	TRIPLE	YOUNG (5-12)
March 17 - March 24	3952	4940	3755	3676
April 14 - April 21	4256	5320	4044	3959
May 12 - May 19	4256	5320	4044	3959
June 16 - June 23	4256	5320	4044	3959
July 14 - July 21	4256	5320	4044	3959
Sept 22 - Sept 29	4256	5320	4044	3959
Oct 20 - Oct 27	3952	4940	3755	3676
Nov 03 - Nov 10	3952	4940	3755	3676

Why our tours are so special?

- **Small group of max. 16 passengers**, means intimate and personalized experience, enjoy authentic local restaurant, learning more with a peace of mind
- **All excursions are included at no additional cost**, which will turn an already amazing experience into the trip of a lifetime (skip the line tickets, restaurants, venues, local guides, transportation, excursions and more). There will be no surprises along the way
- All our tours have been planned with **comfortable morning departure times**. Never leaving your hotel before **8:00 am**.
- **Included every day you will have a minimum of two meals**; our selected family owned restaurants will certainly be unforgettable!
- **You will never feel alone**. Your tour director and tour driver who will be ready to fulfill your needs with the utmost professionalism and safety
- Tour price include **Tax, city night tax, credit cards fee**
- **Travel and connect with locals** "Traveling the Italian Style"