



## **Rome and Puglia - 09 Days (#20520)**

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### **Overview**

Trip Highlights:

- See the UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES of Castel Del Monte, Alberobello and Matera!.
- Locorotondo and Otranto: Certified "BORGHI"!
- Visit the best of Puglia with us!.
- Dinner in a special location!.
- Local guides in Bari, Matera and Lecce.
- Private arrival transfer from Rome airport to the hotel.
- High-speed train tickets Rome/Bari in 2nd class.
- High-speed train tickets Lecce/Rome in 2nd class.
- Private arrival and departure transfers from & to Rome Termini train station.
- Private departure transfer from the hotel to Lecce train station.

### **Trip Highlights**



Rome - Bari - Trani - Castel del Monte - Alberobello - Matera - Locorotondo - Ostuni - Otranto - Lecce - Rome

## Detailed Itinerary

### Day 01

### Day 1 Rome

Welcome to Rome! Arrival in Rome, meet with our driver at the airport and transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day free at your leisure. Overnight stay.

### Day 02

### Day 02 Rome - Bari

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before leaving Rome. Transfer to the station for the train departure to Bari. Arrival at the hotel in Bari on your own. Meet our Tour Leader in your hotel in Bari, the main city of Puglia, and from here start our tour to discover this wonderful region. Walking tour in the afternoon to learn about the city's history and its most relevant monuments. Walk through the charming narrow alleys of the old city center, admire the Basilica of San Nicola where the remains of Saint Nicholas of Myra are preserved and the Norman-Swabian Castle, a 12th century fortress built by Roger the Norman and rebuilt by Frederick II of Swabia. Be amazed by the astonishing view that you can enjoy from the fortress (admission fee for the Castle at own expense). After the visit, reach Piazza Mercantile where you will see the ancient Column of Justice. Dinner and overnight stay.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

### Day 03

### Day 03 Bari - Trani - Castel del Monte - Alberobello

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel before leaving Bari by coach to reach Trani. Known as the 'Pearl of Puglia', the medieval town of Trani is one of the most remarkable cities of Southern Italy. Discover its art and monuments, visit the Jewish quarter and the wonderful white stone Cathedral. In the afternoon, reach Castel Del Monte, one of Puglia's most acclaimed landmarks. Visit this UNESCO World Heritage Site built in the 13th century under Roger the Norman, one of the most enlightened kings in history. The building is a harmonious geometrical complex, shaped as an octagon and surrounded by a still unsolved mystery. Your journey will continue towards Alberobello: a world-known UNESCO World Heritage Site made famous by the "Trulli". These dry-stone cone-shaped houses were built in the 14th century from local limestone and



this village is really unique, with a fairytale-like atmosphere. The town of Alberobello gets its name from the ancient oak forest of “Arboris Belli” (beautiful trees) that once covered the area. It is possible to see these typical buildings all over the Itria Valley. Overnight stay. Dinner included.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

**Day 04**

**Day 04 Alberobello - Matera - Alberobello**

Matera will be the destination for today. After breakfast the coach will take you to this incredible UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit and learn the history of the “Sassi as houses for over 9.000 years! that are part of the historic centre of the city. Admire the Romanesque Cathedral that overlooks the city, its beautiful “Campanile” (Bell Tower) and enjoy the amazing view of the “Sassi”. Transfer back to Alberobello in the late afternoon. Dinner and overnight.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

**Day 05**

**Day 05 Alberobello - Locorotondo - Ostuni - Lecce**

Breakfast in hotel. Leave Alberobello by coach and reach Locorotondo. Enjoy some free time to visit this small town that is part of the “white towns” of Puglia. Board on the coach again and travel to Ostuni: located between the “Trulli” region and Salento, overlooks the coastal plain rich of ancient olive trees. Free time at your disposal to explore another “white town” with free time for lunch, shopping and tasting of several local products like the world’s famous Ostuni olive oil (all at your own expenses). In the late afternoon, get again on board of the coach and reach Lecce in the heart of the Salento region. Dinner and overnight stay.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

**Day 06**

**Day 06 Lecce - Otranto - Dinner at the “Masseria L’Uliveto - Lecce**

After breakfast at your hotel, enjoy a 3 hour guided visit of the city, learn the history of Lecce, visit the old town center, the 12th century Cathedral, the Basilica of Santa Croce and Piazza del Duomo. After the visit, board on the coach and leave Lecce. You will reach Otranto where you will have some free time at your disposal for lunch. Spend the afternoon visiting the wonderful city of Otranto at your pace. Over the centuries, the city has been invaded by an impressive number of populations, amongst the others we can find traces of Greek, Roman and Turkish cultures. Wander around the old quarters to



see how these cultures have blended together. Don't forget to visit the iconic Cathedral where the bones of 813 martyrs are displayed in a glass case behind the altar. See its marvelous mosaic floor which rivals the wellknown mosaics of Ravenna in its richness and significance. In the early evening, reach Maglie where you will have dinner at the "Masseria L'Uliveto". Visit this ancient farm, learn about the history and culture of Puglia. Dinner with typical meals and products from the region. In the night, travel back to Lecce. Overnight stay.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

### Day 07

### Day 07 Lecce - Rome

Breakfast at the hotel. At the time indicated, transfer to the station for the train departure to Rome. Arrival at the train station and transfer to the hotel. Overnight stay.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 08

### Day 08 Rome

Breakfast at the hotel. Spend a leisurely day exploring the wonders of Rome at your own pace. Opportunity to choose one of our I Love Rome experiences. Overnight stay.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 09

### Day 09 Rome

Breakfast at the hotel and end of our services.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Inclusions

- Transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- Monolingual tour-escort in English





- Accommodation in 4 stars
- Entrance tickets to the archaeological site in Pompeii with “Skip the Line” (when included in the itinerary)
- Entrance tickets to Vatican Museums & St. Peter’s Basilica with “Skip the Line” (when included in the itinerary)
- Visits with local expert guide as per itinerary (Rome, Florence, Venice, Milan, Pompeii, Capri, Palermo, Agrigento, Bari, Matera, Lecce)
- Entrance tickets to the archaeological sites in Sicily on our Fantasia Siciliana, Fantasia Mediterranea and Fantasia All Italy
- Spritz & “Cicchetti” Experience in Venice (light lunch)
- Spritz Experience in Milan
- Visit of a historic Cellar, wine tasting and light lunch in Marsala
- Entrance tickets to the Castel del Monte (Fantasia of Puglia)
- Visit of the Blue Grotto in Capri (when included in the itinerary)
- Portage service included only on our escorted tours in Sicily & Apulia

DUE TO TECHNICAL AND / OR LOGISTIC ISSUES, ITINERARIES COULD BE AMENDED.

## Exclusions

- International and domestics flight tickets
- Meals which are not mentioned in itinerary.
- Personal expenses
- Tipping

## Note

HOTELS:

ROME: ST. MARTIN 4\*, HOTEL DIANA ROOF GARDEN 4\* OR BETTOJA HOTELS

BARI: HOTEL EXCELSIOR BARI 4\*

ALBEROBELLO: GRAND HOTEL OLIMPO 4\*

LECCE: DELLE PALME 4\*

Important Note

-City tax not included: it shall be paid directly at the hotel.

-Drinks not included in meals.

Rates indicated include Service and the current applicable VAT. All prices are subject to automatic change without prior notice due to VAT increase, local fees or bus congestion charge.



## Program Touring / Guide

Escorted Experience

### Fixed Departure

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