



Lecce and Baroque Salento - 7 Days (#18999)

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Trip Highlights

Lecce - Otranto - Santa Cesarea Terme - Santa Maria di Leuca - Galatina - Le stanze - Gallipoli - Grottaglie - Crispiano - Ceglie Messapica - Martina Franca - Lecce

Detailed Itinerary

Day 01

Day 01: Lecce

Arrival in Lecce. Check-in at your hotel.

Day 02

Day 02: Lecce



After breakfast, meet your tour guide at the hotel and off you go on a 3-hour walking tour to discover the beauties of Lecce. For its artistic and cultural buzz, Lecce is known as “southern Florence”. Its underlying trait is though the baroque style of its buildings. A number of religious and secular monuments will be yours to take in: Maria Santissima Assunta and the Basilica Santa Croce, Palazzo dei Celestini, Piazza Sant’Oronzo and its Roman amphitheatre, as well as the Church of Santa Chiara. You will have free time in the afternoon. Overnight stay is in Lecce.

Day 03

Day 03: Lecce • Otranto • Santa Cesarea Terme • Santa Maria Di Leuca • Lecce

Breakfast at your hotel. Afterwards, meet your driver and head for Otranto, just a 30 minute drive from Lecce. Along many centuries, Otranto was dominated by the Greeks, the Romans and the Turks, and traces of this melting pot of cultures can still be gazed in awe. After lunch in a typical restaurant (drinks not included), a stop is worth in Santa Cesarea Terme and Castro Marina. Afterwards, take your time in Santa Maria di Leuca, a summer time preferred destination famous for its liberty-style residences as well as the iconic lighthouse. Next to the lighthouse is the Sanctuary de Finibus Terrae (1720-1755), built to commemorate the passage of St. Peter during his travel to Italy. Return to Lecce and overnight stay.

Day 04

Day 04: Lecce • Galatina • Le Stanzie • Gallipoli • Lecce

After breakfast, you will see Galatina - a fascinating and pagan inland little town. The Basilica di Santa Caterina d’Alessandria houses amazing paintings and mosaics. The Baroque church of San Pietro and the small church of San Paolo are on the list of places to see. You will get a clear understanding of the tarantismo as well as the pizzica and taranta folklore dances. Lunch is at Le Stanzie, a beautiful masseria (or large farm). Gallipoli is next, a city of Greek origin. Its urban nucleus, surrounded by medieval walls, is connected to the mainland by a bridge. Gallipoli draws a lot of people during the summer and especially young people for its vibrant nightlife. Return to Lecce. Overnight stay.

Day 05

Day 05: Lecce • Grottaglie • Crispiano • Lecce

After breakfast at your hotel, we’ll visit Grottaglie, a well-known community of artisans in the Salento region. You will visit ateliers of famous ceramics and attend a real workshop: you will learn how to sculpt clay and paint it during a 2/3-hour practical course. Next is the Crispiano area, known for producing the Primitivo wine. You’ll access a very important and famous vineyard-garden embedded in this once semi-desertic area turned by men into a fertile, productive, oasis-like



territory. Lunch and wine tasting. Return to Lecce. Overnight.

Day 06

Day 06: Lecce • Ceglie Messapica • Martina Franca • Lecce

After breakfast, the day starts with a visit to Ceglie Messapica, located between the Altipiano delle Murge (Murge plateau) and the Upper Salento. From the historical centre of this enchanting town your sight will embrace trulli, farms, lamie (typical dwellings), caves, olive groves, vineyards, cattle pastures and swathes of arable land. Next, you'll get to see Martina Franca, an elegant Baroque village full of churches, noble buildings, and squares perfect for a stage setting. The urban focal points Piazza Plebiscito, the Cathedral, the Ducal Palace and the Torre dell'Orologio. This is the famous Valle d'Itria, a rural area full of olive trees and vineyards. Lunch is in a typical trattoria. Return to Lecce and overnight stay.

Day 07

Day 07: Lecce

Breakfast. Transfer to Brindisi airport or port. End of our services.

Inclusions

- » 6 nights in Lecce Bed and Breakfast Basis.
- » Transport according to the chosen itinerary, private car with English or Italian-speaking driver.
- » Local guide in Lecce (3 hours).
- » Local guide in Otranto (2 hours).
- » Local guide in Galatina and Gallipoli (4 hours).
- » Lunch at Le stanzie (drinks are not included).
- » Local guide in Grottaglie and Crispiano area (full day).
- » Local guide in Ceglie Messapica and Martina Franca (full day).
- » Ceramics workshop in Grottaglie (3 hours).
- » Lunch in Otranto (drinks not included).
- » Lunch in Martina Franca (drinks not included).
- » Lunch and wine tasting at the azienda vinicola Amastuola or similar.



Exclusions

- Tips
- Porterage service
- Drinks
- Entrance fees to monuments or museums when not mentioned
- City tax for overnight stays (according to each city council rules). The amount changes according to the city board and it is meant per pax per night, and hotel category.
- Everything that is not mentioned in the paragraph “The Tour includes”

Note

Hotel Used Or Similar

Lecce - RISORGIMENTO HOTEL 5* OR SIMILAR

BlackOut Dates

10 - 15 AUGUST

All prices are subject to automatic change without prior notice due to VAT increase.

During trade shows or public holidays/events, extra fees could apply. In this case, the amount to be paid will be communicated at the time of booking.

For all Packages that include transfers, a night supplement will be applied for services from 8.00 pm to 08.00 am.

Program Touring / Guide

Escorted Experience

Periodic Departure



01 Apr, 2024 to 31 Oct, 2024

5 Star

AUD 9,540 P P twin share

AUD 18,429 P P single

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