



## Rome and Puglia - 9 Days (#16733)

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### Overview

#### Tour Highlights

Small group no more than 15 passengers!

See the UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES of Castel Del Monte, Alberobello and Matera!

Locorotondo and Otranto: Certified “BORGHI”!

Sleep in one of the world famous “Trulli”

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-Lecce-Rome

## Detailed Itinerary

### Day 01

#### Day 01: Arrival in Rome

Welcome to Rome! Arrive in Rome, meet with our driver at the airport and transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is 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. Arrive 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 centre, 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 your 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 in 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 fairy-tale-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 in a scattered hotel, sleeping in a real “Trullo”. Dinner included.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

**Day 04****Day 04: Alberobello-Matera-Alberobello**

Matera will be the destination for today. After breakfast, in the "square" of the scattered hotel (consider 200 m from the Trulli), the coach will take you to this incredible UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit and learn the history of the “Sassi” 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 in the “Trullo”.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

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

Breakfast in the "square" of the scattered hotel (consider 200 mts from the Trulli). 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 in ancient olive trees. Free time at your disposal to explore another “white town” with free time for lunch, shopping and tasting several local products like the world’s famous Ostuni olive oil (all at your own expense). In the late afternoon, get again on board 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 le Stanziè-Lecce**

After breakfast at your hotel, enjoy a 3-hour guided visit of the city, learn the history of Lecce, and visit the old town centre, 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 marvellous mosaic floor which rivals the well-known mosaics of Ravenna in its richness and significance. In the early evening, reach Supersano where you will have dinner at the "Masseria le Stanzie". Visit this ancient farm, and learn about the history and culture of Puglia. See how homemade pasta is made and visit the medieval tombs that are part of the farm. 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 any Rome experience. Overnight stay.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 09****Day 09: Rome Departure**

Breakfast at the hotel and end of our services

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Inclusions



Transportation by deluxe motorcoach.

Tour-escort in English.

Accommodation in 4 stars.

Meals as per itinerary (please inform us at the moment of the booking, in case of any food allergy or alimentary restriction).

Visits with a local expert guide as per itinerary.

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.

## 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)
- Everything that is not mentioned in the paragraph “The Tour includes”

## Note

Suggested Hotels OR Similar

Rome - HOTEL DIANA ROOF GARDEN 4\* OR ST. MARTIN 4\*

Bari - THE NICOLAUS 4\* OR HI HOTEL BARI 4\*

Alberobello - TRULLI HOLIDAYS RESORT 4\*

Lecce - DELLE PALME 4\* OR 8PIUHOTEL 4\*

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

We inform all clients that rates do not include city tax when applicable. City tax will have to be paid directly from clients at the hotel upon arrival or at the checkout. We remind you that the city tax may change according to the hotel category.

Rates indicated include Service and the current applicable VAT. All prices are subject to automatic change without prior notice due to VAT increases, local fees, or bus congestion charges ( if any )

Opportunity to add a private transfer to Bari available on request.



## Program Touring / Guide

Escorted Experience

### Fixed Departure

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| <p><b>05 Sep, 2024</b><br/>           4 Star<br/>           AUD 4,895 P P twin share<br/>           AUD 5,835 P P single<br/>           AVAILABLE</p> | <p><b>19 Sep, 2024</b><br/>           4 Star<br/>           AUD 4,895 P P twin share<br/>           AUD 5,835 P P single<br/>           AVAILABLE</p> | <p><b>26 Sep, 2024</b><br/>           4 Star<br/>           AUD 4,895 P P twin share<br/>           AUD 5,835 P P single<br/>           AVAILABLE</p> |
| <p><b>03 Oct, 2024</b><br/>           4 Star<br/>           AUD 4,895 P P twin share<br/>           AUD 5,835 P P single<br/>           AVAILABLE</p> | <p><b>17 Oct, 2024</b><br/>           4 Star<br/>           AUD 4,895 P P twin share<br/>           AUD 5,835 P P single<br/>           AVAILABLE</p> | <p><b>24 Oct, 2024</b><br/>           4 Star<br/>           AUD 4,895 P P twin share<br/>           AUD 5,835 P P single<br/>           AVAILABLE</p> |
| <p><b>07 Nov, 2024</b><br/>           4 Star<br/>           AUD 4,895 P P twin share<br/>           AUD 5,835 P P single<br/>           AVAILABLE</p> |   |   |

