



# Explore Central Apulia and Matera - 7 Days (#19001)

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## Trip Highlights

Bari - Trani - Andria (Masseria) - Castel Del Monte - Monopoli - Selva di Fasano (Masseria) - Polignano a Mare - Alberobello - Locorotondo (Masseria) - Ostuni - Matera - Bari

## Detailed Itinerary

**Day 01****Day 01: Bari**

Arrival in Bari. Check-in at the hotel. Overnight stay.



**Day 02****Day 02: Bari**

After breakfast, meet your tour guide at the hotel and off you go on a tour to discover the beauties of Bari. You'll reach its historical centre, known as "Bari Vecchia", and learn interesting information about Bari's past as well as the history of its main monuments. Walk down little alleys and find yourself in tiny little squares inside the walls, until you reach the Pontifical Basilica of Saint Nicholas (that contains the relics of Saint Nicholas), the Castello Svevo (or Swabian Castle, built in the XII century by Norman King Roger II and later restored by Frederick II of the Holy Roman Empire), Piazza Mercantile, Piazza Ferrarese, Piazza del Sedile and finally the Basilica di San Sabino. Leisure time in the afternoon. Overnight stay in Bari.

**Day 03****Day 03: Bari • Trani • Andria (Masseria) • Castel Del Monte • Bari**

After breakfast at your hotel, we suggest a visit to Trani, a very important medieval centre of the so-called Imperial Apulia. The Jewish ghetto (or Guidecca) and the splendid Romanesque cathedral by the sea are not to be missed. After your free time, we will take you to Andria for lunch and wine tasting in a typical masseria (or large farm). On our way back to Bari, we'll make a stop at the Castel del Monte, the most amazing castle built by Frederick II. It is protected as a World Heritage Site. Its geometric design is unique: it is an octagonal prism with an octagonal tower at each corner. Many mysteries are still unresolved, including the real purpose of the castle. Return to Bari. Overnight.

**Day 04****Day 04: Bari • Monopoli • Selva Di Fasano (Masseria) • Polignano A Mare • Bari**

After breakfast, we'll set off to two of the most prominent coastal places of Puglia: Monopoli and Polignano a Mare. We'll start from Monopoli, a fortified citadel overlooking the sea. Getting lost in the intricate little streets of Monopoli is an almost mystical experience. From its port, just like a number of other Apulian ports, the crusaders left Puglia in the Middle Ages to reach the Holy Land and free it from the Muslims. After lunch in Selva di Fasano at a typical masseria, we'll head for Polignano a Mare, hometown to Domenico Modugno, Italian singer-songwriter who cowrote the world-known song Volare (nel blu, dipinto di blu). Polignano was built on the peak of a cliff, and therefore its coastline is characterized by coves, small bays and inlets. Return to Bari. Overnight in Bari.



**Day 05****Day 05: Bari • Alberobello • Locorotondo (Masseria) • Ostuni • Bari**

After breakfast, Alberobello is on the list, the “città dei Trulli”, also protected as a World Heritage Site. Trulli are dry stone huts with a conical roof originally built for storage purposes. They were also permanent dwellings and are called *casedde* by locals (or little houses). Alberobello is a gem, a true fairy tale place in the heart of Puglia. Near Locorotondo, you’ll eat at a typical *masseria*, and after lunch you’ll see Locorotondo, a picturesque town is one of the “*Borghi più belli d’Italia*” (most beautiful hamlets of Italy). Locorotondo comes from the Latin phrase “*locus-rotundus*”, meaning circular place, for its round shape. Next stop will be Ostuni, the “*città bianca*” (or white city), another true gem 74 kilometres (46 miles) south of Bari located on the summit of a hill. It was built by the Normans and has city walls with four gates (remains of them can be seen). The region is a producer of top quality olive oil and wine. We will have time to go around the historical centre, eat typical delicacies, shop for food or souvenirs or simply get lost in the old medieval streets. Return to Bari, overnight there.

**Day 06****Day 06: Bari • Matera • Bari**

After breakfast, we’ll head for Basilicata, a border region. Welcome to Matera, its capital, “*la città dei sassi*” (literally the city of the stones), Italy’s own version of Cappadocia in the south of Italy. European Capital of Culture 2019, Matera is a UNESCO Heritage site. Take your time to admire the *sassi* from different perspectives and overlooks. These cave dwellings inhabited since the Palaeolithic period make for the monumental historical centre and are connected by a maze of quaint little alleys, which will make you feel like you are catapulted in a real-life nativity scene. We’ll visit the historical centre and enjoy the views from different overlooks. Lunch and free time. Return to Bari. Overnight there.

**Day 07****Day 07: Bari**

After breakfast, head for Bari Karol Wojtyła Airport. End of services.

## Inclusions

- » 6 nights in Bari Bed and Breakfast Basis.
- » Transport according to the chosen itinerary, private car with English or Italian-speaking driver.



- » Transport (private car with English- or Italian -speaking driver).
- » Local guide in Bari (2 hours).
- » Local guide in Trani (2 hours).
- » Local guide in Alberobello, Locorotondo and Ostuni (full day).
- » Local guide in Matera (2 hours).
- » Lunch and wine tasting in a masseria near Andria.
- » Lunch in a masseria near Selva di Fasano (drinks are not included).
- » Lunch in a masseria in Valle d'Itria (drinks are not included).
- » Lunch in Matera (drinks are not included).

## 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

Bari - NICOLAUS HOTEL 4\* OR SIMILAR

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**

4 Star

AUD 8,800 P P twin share

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