



## Wonders of Puglia - 9 Days (#20557)

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### Trip Highlights

Bari-Trani-Andria (masseria)-Castel del Monte-Alberobello-Matera-Polignano a Mare-Ostuni-Lecce-Otranto-Santa-Cesarea Terme-Santa Maria di Leuca-Galatina-Masseria-L'Uliveto-Gallipoli-Lecce

### Detailed Itinerary

#### Day 01

#### Day 01: Arrive Bari

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

**Meal:** No Meal

#### 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.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**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 Giudecca) 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.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch

**Day 04**
**Day 04: Bari · Albero Bello · Matera · Bari**

After breakfast, Albero Bello 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). Albero Bello is a gem, a true fairy tale place in the heart of Puglia.

We will continue to 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. Return to Bari. Overnight there.

**Meal:** Breakfast



**Day 05**
**Day 05: Bari • Polignano a mare • Ostuni • Lecce**

After breakfast, we'll set off to one of the most prominent coastal places of Puglia: 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. Our 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. Transfer to Lecce. Overnight in Lecce.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 06**
**Day 06: 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 Santissi- ma 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.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 07**
**Day 07: 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 (not included) a stop is worth in Santa Cesarea Terme and Castro Marina. Afterwards, take your time in Santa Maria di Leuca, a summertime preferred destination famous for its liberty-style residences as well as the iconic lighthouse. Next to the lighthouse is the Sanctuary de Fini bus Terrae (1720-1755), built to commemorate the passage of St. Peter during his travel to Italy. Return to Lecce and overnight stay.

**Meal:** Breakfast



**Day 08**
**Day 08: Lecce • Galatina • Masseria l'uliveto • 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 L'Uliveto, 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.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch

**Day 09**
**Day 09: Lecce**

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

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Inclusions

4 nights Bed and Breakfast Basis in Bari.

4 nights Bed and Breakfast Basis in Lecce.

Transport according to the itinerary, private car with English- or Italian-speaking driver.

Local guide in Bari (2 hours).

Local guide in Trani and Castel del Monte (full day).

Local guide in Alberobello ( 2 hours).

Local guide in Matera (2 hours).

Local guide in Lecce (3 hours).

Local guide in Otranto (2 hours).

Local guide in Galatina and Gallipoli (4 hours).

Lunch and wine tasting in a masseria near Andria.

Lunch at Masseria L'uliveto (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

Hotels Used Or Similar

BARI - HOTEL ORIENTE 4\* OR SIMILAR

LECCE - PATRIA PALACE 5\* OR SIMILAR

Rate not valid during trade and event (date T.B.A.)

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, 2025 to 31 Oct, 2025**

Hotel

AUD 11,290 P P twin share

AUD 20,769 P P single

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