



By Popular Demand! Finally, an Apulia or as we say in Italy Puglia tour is here. Get to know this special region of Italy and enjoy this slow paced tour with a small group

## HIGHLIGHTS

See the UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES of Castel Del Monte, Alberobello and Matera! Locorotondo and Otranto: Certified "BORGHI"! Overnight in one of the worlds famous "Trulli" – **SMALL GROUP maximum 15 participants.**

## ITINERARY

### **Day 1- Arrival in Bari**

Privat transfer from airport to your hotel. 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 to be paid locally). After the visit, reach Piazza Mercantile where you will see the ancient Column of Justice. Dinner and overnight. **D**

### **Day 2 - 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 in a scattered hotel, sleeping in a real "Trullo". Dinner included. **B, D**

### **Day 3 - Alberobello > Matera > Alberobello**

Matera will be the destination for today. After breakfast, in the "square" of the scattered hotel (consider 200 mts from the Trulli), the coach will take you to this incredible UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit and learn the history of the "Sassi di Matera" (Stones of Matera), caves that have been used as houses for over 9.000 years! that are part of the historic center 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". **B, D**

### **Day 4 - 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 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 olive oil (to be paid locally). In the late afternoon, get again on board of the coach and reach Lecce in the heart of the Salento region. Dinner and overnight. **B,D**

**Day 5 - Lecce > Otranto > Dinner at the "Masseria le Stanzie > Lecce**

After breakfast at your hotel, enjoy a 3 hour guided visit of the city, learn the history of Lecce, visit the old town centre, the 12<sup>th</sup> 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 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, 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. **B, D**

**Day 6 – Lecce**

Enjoy one final breakfast at the hotel. End of our services. **B**

**WHAT'S INCLUDED**

- 6 night - hotel accommodation with daily breakfast in 4 star properties.
- Daily dinner
- Transportation by deluxe motor coach
- Multilingual tour escort
- Panoramic visits as per itinerary
- Arrival airport transfers

**ADDITIONAL INFO**

**Hotel Information**

Bari: Hotel Nicolaus or Hi Hotel Bari

Alberobello: Trulli Holidays Resort

Lecce: Hotel President

Opportunity to add a private transfer to Brindisi or Bari, check our transfers confidential tariff, and ask to our booking department.

Optional transfer at the end of tour (Day 6) from Lecce

To Bari: \$130 per person To Brindisi: \$60 per person (*minimum 2 people*)

GUARANTEED DEPARTURES		1 CATEGORY	
2019		DOUBLE ROOM	SINGLE ROOM
May	17 31	\$2,131	\$2,404
June	14 28	\$2,131	\$2,404
July	12 26	\$2,131	\$2,404
August	30	\$2,131	\$2,404
September	13 27	\$2,131	\$2,404
October	11 25	\$2,131	\$2,404