



ITALY

## TRAIN TOUR APULIA (TOUR CODE: 11583)

### STARTS AND ENDS

in Bari

### TRAVEL PERIODS

01 Apr 2022 - 31 Oct 2023

### EXPERIENCE

Cultural

### TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

Experience a multitude of emotions in a region of overwhelming beauty, surrounded by unspoiled nature and full of history: Apulia awaits you!

### Highlights

- Private tours to the most enchanting towns and **villages of Central Puglia**
- Visiting the world-famous **Trulli of Alberobello**, UNESCO World Heritage Site

In the deep south of Italy, in the heel of the country's boot, is the region of Puglia. It is a land of flavours and fragrances where bakers, dairymen and farmers turn fruits into products that owe their rich flavours and fragrances to their simplicity, and a place with a world-famous winemaking tradition as well.

Enjoy the pleasant countryside and imposing castles, including noble palaces and ancient cathedrals, olive groves, old stone "Trulli" and white baroque buildings, stunning caves and historic Masserie farmhouses.



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support

- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

# INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights in Bari at the iH Hotel Bari Oriente - 4\*
- 2 nights in Martina Franca at Park Hotel San Michele - 4\*
- 1 night in Lecce at Suite Hotel Santa Chiara - 4\*
- Return transfers between Bari Airport and the hotel
- Private transfer Martina Franca to Brindisi Train Station
- One Way Regional Train Bari to Martina Franca
- One Way Regional or High-Speed Train Brindisi to Lecce
- One Way Regional or High-Speed Train Lecce to Bari
- Daily Breakfast
- Half-day private tour of Bari with tastings
- Half-day private tour of Lecce
- Half-day private tour of Castellana Grotte
- Full-day private tour of Valle d'Itria, Alberobello, Ostuni and Locorotondo
- Entrance fees to Grotte di Castellana

# ITINERARY

Day

1

## Bari

Arrival at Bari Palese International Airport, collect your luggage and take a private transfer to your hotel in Bari City. The rest of the day is at leisure.

Overnight stay in Bari at the **iH Hotel Bari Oriente** or Similar.



PALAZZO MINCUZZI, BARI

Day

2

## Bari

After breakfast, meet your private guide for a **half day visit of the city**.

Bari represents a gateway to the east and is the guardian of the relics of San Nicola, with the enchanting old town full of



stately buildings dominated by the Basilica Nicolaiana. It is characterised by narrow alleys, people sitting on their doorsteps, smells of the local focaccia (pizza), and orecchiette (homemade pasta) freshly made and left to dry and corners of the squares.

The visit will be followed by a **tasting of the typical and excellent food specialities of this vibrant city.**

Rest of the afternoon at leisure exploring the city on your own.

Overnight stay in Bari at the **iH Hotel Bari Oriente** or Similar.

Breakfast



Day **3**

## Bari    Martina Franca

After breakfast, check out and board a regional train to Martina Franca (approx. 2 hours). Make your own way to your hotel and check in.

In the afternoon, travel to **Castellana Grotte**. You'll visit the wonderful Grotte (Grottos) di Castellana, situated at a depth of 70 meters, along more than 1 mile of road.

Rest of the day at your leisure to explore Martina Franca, known above all for its splendid Baroque architecture and the homonymous music festival.

Overnight stay in Martina Franca at **Park Hotel San Michele** or Similar.

Breakfast



Day **4**

## Martina Franca Valle d'Itria Martina Franca

After breakfast, enjoy a **private guided tour of the enchanting Valle d'Itria**, welcoming visitors with unequalled olive trees, born from a red earth that makes the landscape around a succession of wonderful colour effects.

Known as the Valley of the Trulli, it includes some of the most characteristic towns of Puglia: **Ostuni**, known as the "White City" due to its small white houses, typical of Mediterranean architecture; Locorotondo, in the ranking of the most beautiful villages in Italy; **Alberobello**, a unique village famous for the presence of its 'Trullo' dwellings, small circular shaped abodes with conical shaped roofs.

Overnight stay in Martina Franca at **Park Hotel San Michele** or Similar.

Breakfast



Day **5**

## Martina Franca Lecce

After breakfast, check out for your private transfer to Brindisi Train Station. Board the regional train to Lecce (approx 40



minutes). Upon arrival, make your own way to the hotel and check-in.

In the afternoon, take a **private tour of Lecce**. Known as the "Florence of Baroque", Lecce has a wealth of architectural monuments in Baroque style, with portals and monuments made from Pietra Leccese, a gold coloured stone.

Overnight stay in Lecce at the **Suite Hotel Santa Chiara** or Similar.

Breakfast



Day 6

## Lecce Bari

After breakfast, make your own way to the railway station and board your train to Bari ( approx 1.5 hours). Upon arrival, transfer on your own to the hotel and check-in.

Rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight stay in Bari at the **iH Hotel Bari Oriente** or Similar.

Breakfast



After breakfast, check out of the hotel and take a private transfer to the airport to board your flight.

Breakfast

## OPTIONAL EXTRAS

### Street food by bicycle

#### **Lecce**

This tour includes a visit of the city of Lecce accompanied by a Tour Guide. Then, continue your visit and stop to taste the typical and excellent food specialities of this vibrant city. Puccia – speciality pizza of the area, "Pasticciotto" – delightful pasty with assorted sweet fillings wine and coffee



Prices are dynamic based on travel dates. Please proceed to [Book Now](#) or [Contact Us](#) for details.

### Cooking Class with Lunch

#### **Martina Franca**

Enjoy a Cooking Class followed by a typical lunch in a farmhouse "The Masseria". The lunch includes three course excluding wines.





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### Visit to a local Winery with wine tasting

**Martina Franca**

Visit to a local Winery and sample 3 different wines accompanied with finger food snacks.



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# ACCOMMODATION

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## iH Hotels Bari Oriente

### Bari

The iH Hotels Bari Oriente is a 4 star hotel located in the heart of Bari, in the Murat district, a few steps from the historical Petruzzelli Theatre. It is housed in a majestic building of the XVIIIth century. The roof garden on the sixth floor offers, in the warm season from May to September, an enchanting view of the city and the dome of the famous Theater, where it is possible to sip cocktails and enjoy delicious aperitifs.



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## Park Hotel San Michele

### Martina Franca

Made out of an antique farmhouse dating back to the 1600s and now a modern hotel complex, The Park Hotel San Michele is in an exclusive location that offers the possibility of living a genuine experience in the beautiful town of Martina Franca, in a refined and elegant atmosphere with first class service.



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## Suite Hotel Santa Chiara

### Lecce

Suite Santa Chiara is a 4-star boutique hotel located in Lecce's historical centre, 100 metres from the cathedral. The roof garden on the 4th floor has a bar, outdoor seating and views of the historic centre. Rooms are very elegant and nicely decorated with soothing tones.





# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE	LOCAL CURRENCY
Italian	EURO

- This package is excluded from the "**CHANGE OF MIND**" Portion of our Peace of Mind Booking Plan.
- We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means we may need to offer an alternative hotel of equivalent or better quality. Our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit.

Blackout dates may apply during festive season.

## Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package