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ITALY

PUGLIA JOURNEYS (TOUR CODE: 12366)

STARTS AND ENDS	TRAVEL PERIODS	EXPERIENCE	TRAVEL STYLE
in Bari	22 Apr 26 - 04 Nov 27	Group Journeys Food & Wine	Escorted Group Tour

Join Puglia Journeys for an 8-day small group tour. Discover Alberobello's Trulli, Matera's UNESCO-listed caves, and savour Puglia's history, culture, and cuisine in southern Italy's most enchanting towns.

Highlights

- **Guaranteed Departures**
- Small group of maximum **25 People**
- Guided visits in **Bari, Matera & Lecce**
- Discover **Alberobello's iconic Trulli**, nestled in picturesque countryside
- See the UNESCO World Heritage Site of **Matera**
- **Hands-on pasta making** with wine at a traditional Masseria
- Explore **Locorotondo and Ostuni,** Puglia's charming white towns

Entire Bonus

This holiday package is carefully designed by our team to give you complete Peace of Mind, with access to trusted local partners and expert support at your destination.

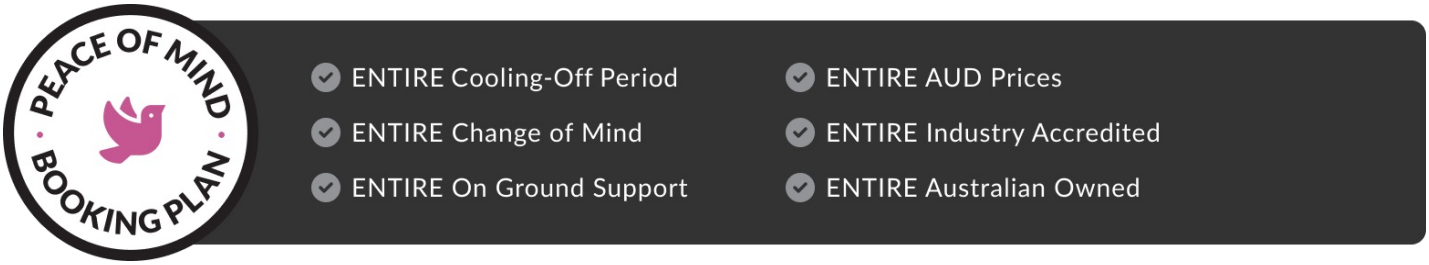
Puglia Journeys invites you to discover the heart of southern Italy, beginning in the lively port city of Bari and winding through the region's most captivating towns and landscapes. This thoughtfully curated itinerary blends guided exploration with leisure, taking you from the historic streets of Bari and the coastal elegance of Trani to the mysterious Castel del Monte and the iconic Trulli houses of Alberobello.

You'll also experience the ancient cave dwellings of Matera, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and enjoy the charm of Puglia's famous "white

towns," including Locorotondo and Ostuni.

As the journey continues, immerse yourself in the baroque beauty of Lecce, the multicultural history of Otranto, and the seaside allure of Monopoli. Along the way, savour authentic Apulian cuisine with special experiences like a traditional dinner at a masseria and a hands-on pasta-making class.





INCLUSIONS

- 7-night accommodation in 4-star hotels
- Transportation by coach
- Daily breakfast
- 4 Meals and 2 Local Food Experiences included
- Local Guide in Bari, Matera and Lecce
- Visit to Locorotondo and Otranto
- See the UNESCO Heritage Sites of Castel del Monte, Alberobello, and Matera
- Cooking class experience
- Entrance fees included for: Casa Grotta (Matera), Otranto Cathedral, and the Churches of Lecce
- English-Speaking Only Tour Director throughout the journey

ITINERARY

Intro Map

Bari > Trani > Castel del Monte > Alberobello > Matera > Locorotondo > Ostuni > Otranto > Lecce > Martina Franca > Monopoli > Bari



Day 1 Bari

Welcome to Bari!

Meet your driver at the airport and enjoy your transfer to the hotel.

Check-in at the hotel and day at your leisure.

Overnight stay in Bari at **Hotel Excelsior** or similar.

Dinner


BARI

Day 2 Bari

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel and meet our tour leader for a morning tour of **Bari**, the main city of Puglia.

Visit the old city centre, including the **Basilica of San Nicola and the Norman-Swabian Castle**, with its breathtaking views *(castle entry at your own expense*). Continue to **Piazza Mercantile** and see the ancient **Column of Justice.**

After the visit, you'll have free time for lunch. While not included in the package, we recommend you enjoy a meal at a typical local restaurant in the city centre or explore the area for some delicious street food. Aftrewards, enjoy your dinner at the hotel.

Overnight stay in Bari at **Hotel Excelsior** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



NORMAN-SWABIAN CASTLE

Day 3 Bari Trani Castel Del Monte Alberobello

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before departing Bari by coach to **Trani**, known as the 'Pearl of Puglia'. Discover its art, monuments, the Jewish quarter, and the stunning white stone Cathedral.

In the afternoon, visit **Castel Del Monte**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, built in the 13th century under Frederick II. Explore this octagonal fortress, surrounded by mystery. Continue to Alberobello, famous for its UNESCO-listed Trulli, dry-stone cone-shaped houses dating back to the 14th century.

Enjoy a welcome drink with local white wine and Apulian taralli, as well as your dinner at the hotel.

Overnight stay in Alberobello at **Grand Hotel La Chiusa di Chietri** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner


ALBEROBELLO

Day 4 Alberobello Matera Alberobello

After breakfast, the coach will take you to this incredible **UNESCO World Heritage Site: Matera.**

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 and 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 at the hotel is included.

Overnight stay in Alberobello at **Grand Hotel La Chiusa di Chietri** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner


SASSI DI MATERA

Day 5 Alberobello Locorotondo Ostuni Lecce

Breakfast in the hotel. 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 ostuni olive oil (all at your own expenses).

In the afternoon, we’ll get back on the coach and continue on to Lecce, right in the heart of the Salento region. Later, enjoy a dinner at the hotel in Lecce.

Overnight stay in Lecce at **Hotel Delle Palme** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



LOCOROTONDO

Day 6 Lecce Otranto Lecce

After breakfast at your hotel, enjoy a **3-hour guided visit of Lecce**. Learn its history, explore the old town center, the **12th-century Cathedral, the Basilica of Santa Croce,** and **Piazza del Duomo**.

Afterward, depart for **Otranto** by coach, with free time for lunch. Spend the afternoon exploring Otranto at your own pace, known for its blend of Greek, Roman, and Turkish influences. Visit the iconic Cathedral, housing the bones of 813 martyrs and a marvelous mosaic floor.

In the evening, head to **Maglie for dinner at Masseria L’Uliveto**, an ancient farm offering regional cuisine. Afterwards, return to Lecce.

Overnight stay in Lecce at **Hotel Delle Palme** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



LECCE

Day 7 Lecce Martina Franca Monopoli Bari

After breakfast, head to Bari, passing through the unique landscape of the **Murge plateau**. Visit **Martina Franca**, an elegant Baroque town with churches, noble buildings, and **Piazza Plebiscito**. Explore the **Cathedral**, **Ducal Palace**, and **Torre dell'Orologio**, followed by free time.

Continue through **Valle d'Itria**, filled with olive trees and vineyards, to Masseria Montenapoleone. Here, learn to make fresh pasta like orecchiette, cavatelli, and strascinate, while enjoying local wines. Savuor the lunch made with your creations.

In the afternoon, visit **Monopoli**, a fortified citadel by the sea, then head to Bari.

Overnight stay in Bari at **Hotel Excelsior** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch


PIAZZA PLEBISCITO

Day 8 Bari

Enjoy your final breakfast at the hotel. Check out of your hotel and transfer to Bari Airport.

End of our services.

Breakfast

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- No age limit
- All passengers must be able to indepently board and alight the coach.

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

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