



## ITALY

# PUGLIA JOURNEYS (TOUR CODE: 12366)

### STARTS AND ENDS

in Bari

### TRAVEL PERIODS

22 Apr 26 - 04 Nov 26

### EXPERIENCE

Group Journeys  
Food & Wine

### TRAVEL STYLE

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

**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.



GUARANTEED  
DEPARTURES



VARIED GROUP  
SIZES



SUSTAINABLE  
TRAVEL



ENGLISH-ONLY  
EXPERT GUIDES



HANDPICKED  
CENTRAL HOTELS



AUTHENTIC  
EXPERIENCES



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

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

## 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
- Entrance fees included for: Casa Grotta (Matera), Otranto Cathedral, and the Churches of Lecce
- English-Speaking Only Tour Director throughout the journey
- Cooking class experience

## 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



Day **3**

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 drystone 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.

Upon arrival at the hotel, enjoy a welcome toast with a glass of local white wine and a taste of the famous **Apulian taralli**.

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

Breakfast, Dinner



## 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.

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

Breakfast, Dinner



NORMAN-SWABIAN CASTLE

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



After breakfast, we leave Alberobello and reach Locorotondo by coach.

Enjoy some free time to explore this charming little town, one of Puglia's famous "white towns." Hop back on the coach and head to Ostuni, set between the Trulli region and Salento. It overlooks a beautiful plain filled with ancient olive trees.

You'll have time to wander around, grab some lunch, do a bit of shopping, and try some local specialties, like Ostuni's world-renowned olive oil (not included).

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 in Lecce.

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

Breakfast, Dinner



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 centre, the 12th-century **Cathedral**, the **Basilica of Santa Croce**, and **Piazza del Duomo**.

After the visit, you'll board the coach and leave **Lecce** for **Otranto**. You'll have free time for lunch. Spend the afternoon exploring **Otranto** at your own pace. Over centuries, the city has seen invasions leaving traces of Greek, Roman, and Turkish cultures. Wander the old quarters to see this blend. Don't miss the iconic **Cathedral**, where the bones of 813 martyrs are displayed behind the altar, and its marvelous mosaic floor, rivalling Ravenna's.

In the early evening, reach **Maglie** for **dinner** at "**Masseria L'Uliveto**." Visit this ancient farm, learning about **Puglia's** history and culture, and enjoy typical regional meals. At night, travel back to Lecce for overnight.

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

Breakfast, Dinner



LECCE

## Day 7

### Lecce Martina Franca Monopoli Bari

After breakfast, we head back to **Bari**, driving through the unique **Murge plateau**. We'll visit Martina Franca, an elegant Baroque village with churches, noble buildings, and squares. Continue through **Valle d'Itria**, a rural area of olive trees and vineyards.

Lunch will be at a **Masseria**, where organic food and excellent extra virgin olive oil are produced, including a tasting.

In the afternoon, explore **Monopoli**, a fortified citadel overlooking the sea. Its intricate streets reveal an oriental atmosphere from ancient commerce and crusader departures. After Monopoli, a short drive returns us to Bari for overnight.

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.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- No age limit
- All passengers must be able to independently 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

## IN PARTNERSHIP

