


**ITALY**

## INTIMATE PUGLIA

(TOUR CODE: 16181)
**STARTS AND ENDS**

 Bari to  
Brindisi

**TRAVEL PERIODS**

01 Jan 26 - 19 Dec 26

**EXPERIENCE**

 Locally Made  
Cultural

**TRAVEL STYLE**

Independent Holiday Packages

An intimate journey through Puglia, blending trulli villages, artisanal food traditions and creative workshops with Baroque Lecce and the coastal beauty of Salento, offering an authentic, slow-paced experience of southern Italy's culture, flavours and craftsmanship.

### Highlights

- Our **Locally Made** experiences are carefully curated to highlight authentic local connections, bringing travellers closer to the people, stories, and traditions that define each place
- Explore **trulli of Alberobello on a guided walk**, including the impressive Trullo Sovrano, revealing the unique architecture and folklore of Valle d’Itria
- Experience authentic Apulian gastronomy at an organic farmhouse, learning traditional mozzarella-making and enjoying a **light lunch of regional cheeses and wine**
- Explore **Monopoli** and **cliff-top Polignano a Mare**, featuring historic centres, dramatic Adriatic views, sea caves and the famous caffè di Polignano
- Uncover **Lecce’s Baroque beauty on a guided tour**, paired with tastings and a hands-on pietra leccese stone-carving workshop with a master artisan
- Wander through **Ortranto’s UNESCO-recognised old town**, visiting the Aragonese Castle and cathedral famed for its extraordinary medieval mosaic floor

Intimate Puglia invites you to slow down and savour the authentic soul of southern Italy. Journey from Bari into the rolling countryside of Valle d’Itria, where trulli villages, artisanal cheese-making and creative workshops reveal centuries-old traditions. Discover luminous coastal towns such as Monopoli and Polignano a Mare, then continue south to Lecce and Salento, celebrated for Baroque artistry, olive oil heritage and sculpted stone. Carefully curated, this itinerary blends culture, craftsmanship and relaxed coastal living for a truly immersive Apulian experience.



HANDPICKED  
LOCAL EXPERTS



SUPPORT  
COMMUNITIES



SUSTAINABLE  
TRAVEL



INSIDER  
ACCESS



SMALL-GROUP  
MOMENTS



AUTHENTIC  
EXPERIENCES

## INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights in Locorotondo at Ottolire Resort - 4\* or similar
- 2 nights in Lecce at Suite Hotel Santa Chiara - 4\* or similar
- 2 nights in Otranto at Masseria Mongiò dell'Elefante - 4\* or similar
- 9 days Automatic Car Rental
- Private transfers as per itinerary
- Daily breakfast at the hotel
- Light lunch with local specialities and wine at a farmhouse
- Pasticciotto tastings in Otranto and Lecce
- Pietra leccese stone-carving workshop with a local sculptor
- Visit an artisanal studio in Valle d'Itria with a hands-on luminaria workshop in Fasano
- Visit to a traditional frantoio with olive oil tasting and local products
- Visit to an organic farmhouse with mozzarella and Apulian cheese-making experience
- Guided walking tour of Alberobello, including entrance to Trullo Sovrano
- Guided tour of Monopoli and Polignano a Mare with caffè di Polignano tasting
- Guided tour of Lecce with caffè Leccese, and entrance to Cathedral of Lecce
- Guided walking tour of Otranto, including entrance to Aragonese Castle

## ITINERARY

Day 1

Bari Locorotondo

Upon arrival at Bari airport, private transfer to your accommodation in Valle d'Itria. Take the rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight stay in Locorotondo at **Ottolire Resort** or similar.

Day 2

Locorotondo

In the morning, head to a traditional farmhouse that produces organic mozzarella and other Apulian cheeses. Meet the owner and learn how time-honored techniques and organic practices come together to produce some of the region's most beloved cheeses. Round off the experience with a **light lunch of Apulian specialties and wine**.

In the afternoon, reach **Alberobello**, the house of the 1400 trulli, declared World Heritage Site in 1996 by the UNESCO. Enjoy a **guided walking tour** through the curious white-washed structures have pyramidal, conical or domed roofs built of corbelled local limestone without mortar. Step into the Trullo Sovrano, the biggest one built on two floors.

Overnight stay in Locorotondo at **Ottolire Resort** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day

### 3 Locorotondo

In the morning, visit **Lucciole**, an artisanal studio in the heart of Fasano, set inside a beautifully restored former oil mill. Led by designer Donato Potenza, it creates handcrafted wooden luminaires inspired by Puglia's traditional festive lights, reinterpreted with a modern, artistic touch. In their hands-on workshop, guests discover the story and craftsmanship behind these iconic illuminations and create their own small wooden luminaria to take home—a charming blend of culture, creativity, and authentic Apulian tradition.

Lunch at leisure and rest of the day free.

Overnight stay in Locorotondo at **Ottolire Resort** or similar.

Breakfast

Day

### 4 Locorotondo

In the morning, head to **Monopoli**, located in one of the most beautiful coastal lines of the Adriatic Sea. The town features the imposing walls of the fortified abbey of Santo Stefano and lovely sandy beaches. On the coastal strip south of Bari sits the old village of Polignano, located on a sheer cliff overlooking a sea full of natural grottoes and caves.

Explore its charming alleys on a **guided walking tour of the town centre**, of Greek origin, that stands on a karstic promontory that shows a continuous front of buildings, as impenetrable as a defence wall against attacks from the sea. Break at a coffee shop and taste the special caffè di Polignano: a mix of coffee, sugar, lemon, cream and amaretto. Lunch at leisure and rest of the day free.

Overnight stay in Locorotondo at **Ottolire Resort** or similar.

Breakfast



Day 5

## Locorotondo Lecce

Breakfast and check out.

Then, reach a local authentic Frantoio and enjoy an immersive experience **discovering the olive oil production process**, from harvesting the olives to pressing and bottling the final product. After the visit, seize the opportunity to taste some of the finest olive oils of the region with local products.

Have lunch at leisure and continue to your accommodation in Lecce. Rest of the day at leisure.

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

Breakfast



Day 6

## Lecce

In the morning, **set out on a walking tour to discover Lecce**, the "Florence of the South," starting with a taste of the

city's signature iced coffee with almond milk. Visit **Piazza del Duomo**, known as the city's elegant "living room," with its magnificent Baroque cathedral of Maria Santissima Assunta. Cap off the experience with a **pasticciotto tasting, a traditional cream-filled dessert**. Lunch at leisure.

In the afternoon, enjoy a workshop in Lecce. Lecce is famous for its stone - pietra leccese - a limestone rock extracted only in the region of Salento, famous for its malleability and used in the baroque architecture of the capital of Salento. Visit the workshop of an internationally renowned sculptor in the Lecce area, and learn from him the tradition of Lecce stone. Discover the art of sculpting and try your hand working with your own personal block of stone. At the end of the activity, keep the carved object as a souvenir

Rest of the day at leisure.

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

Breakfast



LECCE

Day 7

## Lecce Otranto

Check out and drive to your next accommodation in **Salento**.

Rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight stay in Otranto at **Masseria Mongiò dell'Elefante** or similar.

Breakfast

Day 8

## Otranto

In the morning, enjoy a **walking tour of Otranto**, a natural bridge between the Mediterranean and the Middle East. Explore the ancient village, recognised by UNESCO as a cultural heritage site as "messenger site of peace", crossing Porta Alfonsina. Here you will find the **Aragonese Castle**, a defensive fortress of the city, and the marvelous cathedral dedicated to Santa Maria Annunziata, built in Norman times on ancient Messapian, Roman and early Christian vestiges. The beautiful mosaic floor is a masterpiece created by the monk Pantaleone between 1163 and 1165 that represents the tree of life. Cap off the excursion **tasting a pasticciotto, a typical local dessert**.

Lunch at leisure and rest of the day free.

Overnight stay in Otranto at **Masseria Mongiò dell'Elefante** or similar.

Breakfast



OTRANTO

Day **9**

## Otranto Brindisi

Breakfast and check out.

Then, drive to the Brindisi airport to drop off your car and fly back home.

Breakfast

# ACCOMMODATION

## 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

Italian

### LOCAL CURRENCY

EURO

### 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

