

APULIA TOUR

from ROME



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Day 1 ROME – POLIGNANO A MARE (460 km) – LECCE (110 km)

Departure from Rome at 07.45. to Lecce by motorway with stop on the way for necessary breaks. Arriving to **Polignano a Mare**, the town famous for being the birthplace of the most popular Italian singer of all times, Domenico Modugno. This lovely town will surprise you with its old town, perched on the ramparts that frame a splendid beach. Lunch at your own. Continue to **Lecce**; in the afternoon you discover this city, already defined as the capital of the Baroque of the southern Italy; a cultural and historical centre of almost 100,000 inhabitants which hides ancient buildings of rare beauty, built along the centuries with the so called "stone of Lecce": the Cathedral, the Basilica of the Holy Cross, the Celestini Palace, the Roman Theater, the elegant and central Piazza Sant' Oronzo with the characteristic column and the entrance gates of the old city. Visit and accommodation. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 2 LECCE – GALLIPOLI (40 km) - S. MARIA DI LEUCA (45 km) – OTRANTO (55 km) – LECCE (45 km)

Breakfast. Full day excursion through the micro-region of Salento. Arrival to **Gallipoli**, a beautiful fishermen village that was an island until a bridge, still used nowadays was built in the seventeenth century to join the two sides. Visit of the picturesque old town. Later, departure to **Santa Maria di Leuca**, the most renowned tourist center of the area, because of the wonderful position between promontories and beaches. The luxury tourism began to discover Leuca at the end of the nineteenth century and this is noted for the incredible number of summer villas of that time. Lunch at your own and in the afternoon, visit of the lighthouse of Leuca, unique viewpoint where Adriatic and Ionic Sea join each other. Finally, arrival to **Otranto**, easternmost municipality of the entire Italian peninsula and large Norman centre in the antiquity. A walled city, it grew up around the castle and the Cathedral and is today an important tourist center due to its location on the Adriatic, its beaches and the elegant *Passeggiata degli Eroi* along its beautiful coast. Visit and then return to Lecce. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 3 LECCE – ALBEROBELLO (110 km) – OSTUNI (35 km) – BARI (80 km)

Breakfast. Today you will be invited to taste a couple of products that represent Apulia itself: extra virgin olive oil and red wine. Day dedicated to discover the northeastern part of Apulia, beginning with one of the most picturesque places and known in the world for its characteristic houses: **Alberobello**. In the seventeenth century the farmers of the area to avoid paying taxes to the Kingdom of Naples on the houses, began to build their houses with dry stone, which according to the law of the time said that it could not be considered a real place to live. The low local buildings with black roof have stood up to this day and many

have become luxury houses, craft shops or hotels. Visit and lunch at your own. In the afternoon, continue to **Ostuni**, the city of white houses, beautiful tourist center, known for its charming Cathedral, a mix of Romanesque, Gothic and Baroque styles. Walk through the picturesque streets of the historic centre and then, departure for Bari. Introductory tour around the city including the Castello Svevo, the harbour, theatre Margherita and Petruzzelli. Walking in the narrow streets of *Bari Vecchia* to discover the old medieval wall, the Basilica of Saint Nicholas and admire the old housewives producing the orecchiette, typical and local handmade pasta. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 4 BARI – CASTEL DEL MONTE (55 km) – MATERA (75 km)

Breakfast. Departure for Matera with stop at the sensational hill where the famous **Castel del Monte** arises, an octagonal building commissioned by the King of Sicily Frederick II in the 13th century and today represented in the Italian currency of 2 Euro cents. UNESCO World Heritage, the castle was a fortress, a jail and even a tomb. Visit and later continuation to *Matera*. Lunch at your own. The city of the "Sassi" is also a UNESCO World Heritage for its old quarter which is an example of prehistoric urbanization. Today the old caves have been reused for daily and tourist reasons and component a really unique landscape that is worth to be discovered. Visit and overnight at the hotel.

Day 5 MATERA – BENEVENTO (190 km) – ROME (230 km)

Breakfast. Departure back to Rome with stop on the way in *Benevento*. The town was populated by the native Sannits, Romans, Longobards and became city of the Papal State: it presents traces of its ancient dominations among which stand the Roman Theater, the Arch of Trajan, the Church of Saint Sophia, World Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO and the Cathedral. Visit. Lunch at your own. Then departure to Rome. End of services.

- Tour starts and finishes at Hotel Cicerone, via Cicerone 55/C, Rome. Please contact us for any further information concerning transfers or additional service.

RATES PER PERSON:

APULIA 2023	COMFORT		LUXURY	
	PUBLIC PRICE IN DBL	PUBLIC PRICE IN SGL	PUBLIC PRICE IN DBL	PUBLIC PRICE IN SGL
March 13, 2023	1.520,00 €	1.720,00 €	1.990,00 €	2.420,00 €
April 10, 2023	1.520,00 €	1.720,00 €	1.990,00 €	2.420,00 €
May 15, 2023	1.550,00 €	1.750,00 €	2.050,00 €	2.660,00 €
June 19, 2023	1.550,00 €	1.750,00 €	2.050,00 €	2.660,00 €
July 17, 2023	1.550,00 €	1.750,00 €	2.010,00 €	2.460,00 €
August 21, 2023	1.560,00 €	1.770,00 €	2.010,00 €	2.460,00 €
September 18, 2023	1.550,00 €	1.750,00 €	2.050,00 €	2.660,00 €
October 9, 2023	1.550,00 €	1.750,00 €	2.050,00 €	2.660,00 €
November 13, 2023	1.520,00 €	1.720,00 €	1.990,00 €	2.420,00 €

due to the international situation of Covid-19, the schedule of fairs/events/congresses during period between April and October 2022 is still in progress. Dates on the website of the managing authority are partial and temporary and could change further in the next months. Possible surcharges on the dates of departures of our tours will be added tour by tour once the schedule will be definitively confirmed. In any case price will not rise more than 10% of the regular amount. We will regularly inform you about eventually changing. Thanks for understanding.

IN THE TOWNS OF LECCE AND MATERA A CITY TAX FOR ACCOMMODATION IS NOW COMPULSORY. EVERY CLIENT MUST PAY IT CHECKING OUT.

RATES INCLUDE:

- Itinerary as above according to the hotel option choice
- Private minivan or coach
- English speaking escort guide/driver up to 8 people (driver and guide with more than 8)
- Entrance to Castel del Monte
- Olive oil and wine tasting
- Wi-fi on board

RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

Meals, drinks, entrances, portorage, city taxes, tickets, tips extras and whatever not specified in "RATES INCLUDE".

DATES OF DEPARTURE:

2023

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NOTES

Low season departures will be guaranteed with minimum 4 pax

HOTELS ACCOMMODATION OR SIMILAR – COMFORT TOUR:

Lecce: **Hotel delle Palme******, Via di Leuca, 90, Lecce, tel. +39/ 0832 347171,
<https://www.hoteldellepalmelecce.it/>

Bari: **Hotel Oriente******, Corso Cavour 32, tel. +39/080 5255100,
<http://www.orientehotelbari.com/italiano/>

Matera: **Hotel San Domenico******, Via Roma 15, tel. +39/0835 256309,
<http://www.hotelsandomenico.it/>

HOTELS ACCOMMODATION OR SIMILAR – LUXURY TOUR:

Lecce: **Patria Palace Hotel*******, Piazzetta Riccardi 13, tel. +39/0832 245111,
<https://patriapalace.com/>

Bari: **Grand Hotel delle Nazioni*******, Lungomare Nazario Sauro 7/9, tel. +39/080 5920111,
<http://www.grandealbergodellenazioni.com/>

Matera: **Palazzo Gattini Hotel*******, Piazza Duomo 13, tel. +39/0835 334358,
<http://www.palazzogattini.it/it/home/>

CANCELLATION POLICY:

- ✓ 100% no-show
- ✓ 70% from 1 to 3 days before the departure
- ✓ 50% from 3 to 14 days before the departure
- ✓ 30% from 14 to 21 days before the departure