

Tour of Apulia and Matera

Duration

8 Days 7 Nights

Location

Bari City

Language

Italian, English, Spanish

Availability

From March 31th 2018 to March 27th 2020

Transport

Coach

Program Of Tour of Apulia and Matera

Saturday **Central Apulia**

Arrival at your hotel in Bari/Barletta. Meeting with your guide before dinner. Welcome cocktail and presentation of the tour.

Sunday **Trani, Monte Sant'Angelo, S. Giovanni Rotondo**

Breakfast at the hotel. You will leave for Trani to visit its most famous monument: the majestic Romanesque Cathedral on the beach, then S. Giovanni Rotondo, a destination for pilgrims from all over the world. Lunch. Tour of the places so dear to Padre Pio. You will reach then Monte Sant'Angelo to visit the ancient shrine with the Cave of San Michele Arcangelo, included in the UNESCO World Heritage Site list. Then back to the hotel for dinner.

Monday **Foresta Umbra, Vieste**

Half board at the hotel. You will cross the Foresta Umbra, the largest hardwood forest in Italy as well as the heart of Gargano National Park. Then you will reach Vieste, the most popular seaside resort of the Gargano promontory; guided tour of the old town set on a cliff. Lunch. In the afternoon, free time in Vieste. Then back to the hotel for dinner.

Tuesday **Castel del Monte, Bari**

Breakfast at the hotel. You will leave Gargano, to return to the plains in Puglia, where you will be travelling along the majestic Margherita di Savoia salt flats, which are the largest in Europe, to admire beautiful pink flamingos. Tour of Castel del Monte, included in the UNESCO World Heritage Site list, the most charming of all the many famous castles wanted by Emperor Frederick II of Swabia. Lunch break. Then you will leave for Bari, to visit the old town with the superb Basilica of St. Nicholas, a masterpiece of Romanesque architecture in Puglia. Transfer to Valle d'Itria and to your hotel for dinner.

Wednesday **"Grotte di Castellana", Ostuni, Alberobello**

Half board at the hotel. Tour of the "Grotte di Castellana", the most popular cave complex in Italy. Arrival in Alberobello, the fabulous "Capital of the Trulli", to walk in the area included in the UNESCO World Heritage Site list. Lunch break. Tour of the picturesque old town of Ostuni, the "White Town", with its original Romanesque-Gothic cathedral. Then back to the hotel.

Thursday **Lecce, Otranto**

Half board at the hotel. You will leave for Lecce, also known as the "Florence of the South", the Baroque capital of Puglia. Tour of the old town with the magnificent basilica of Santa Croce and the spectacular Piazza Duomo and Piazza Sant'Oronzo. Lunch break. In the afternoon tour of Otranto, the "Gateway to the East"; the Romanesque cathedral, with its huge mosaic, the tomb-chapel of the Holy Martyrs and the crypt. Then back to the hotel.

Friday **Locorotondo, Matera**

Breakfast at the hotel. Short tour of Locorotondo, included in the list of the most beautiful towns in Italy and awarded the Bandiera Arancione. Lunch break and tour of Matera, with the famous "Sassi", included in the UNESCO World Heritage Site list: thousands of homes, shops and churches carved into the rock. Transfer to Bisceglie/Bari or surroundings and to the hotel for dinner.

Saturday **Central Apulia**

Breakfast at the hotel and end of our services.

Highlights Of Tour of Apulia and Matera

THE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Coach transfers and guide/local guide from dinner on the day of your arrival to your departure day.
- Full board, with fixed menu from dinner on Day 1 to breakfast on Day 8 at the hotel or at nearby restaurants.
- Beverages included with meal: wine (1/4 litre) and mineral water (1/2 litre) per person per meal
- 4-star hotels
- Welcome cocktail
- Use of headphones for the entire duration of the tour.

THE PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Start/end location transfers
- Monuments, museums, galleries and archaeological and private sites entrance fees, where required. For state sites the ministerial decree in force applies. The cost of entrance fees, with direct payment, is about EUR 24.
- Any local and tourist taxes.
- Anything not specifically mentioned in "the price includes" section.

POSSIBLE HOTELS OR SIMILAR

- Area Central Apulia: Park Hotel Elizabeth – Nicotel Bisceglie – Grand Hotel D'Aragona – Hotel Villa – Una Hotel Regina
- Area Gargano: Palace Hotel San Michele - Ariae Hotel – Hotel Garden Ripa – Regio Hotel Manfredi
- Area Valle d'Itria: Hotel Lo Smeraldo – Hotel Semiramide – Resort Dei Normanni – Riva Marina Resort – Cala Ponte Resort – Masseria Caselli

NOTE

- Hotels and accommodation facilities will be announced seven days before departure. The trips included in the program may be subject to changes or replaced due to adverse weather conditions.
- When booking, please specify any special dietary requirements, especially if relating to food intolerance and allergies.