

# PUGLIA | REGIONAL DISCOVERY

8 DAYS



At the heel of Italy's boot you will find beautiful whitewashed hill towns, delicious Mediterranean food and wine, stunning coastlines and ancient ruins. Discover Puglia, an overlooked region by tourists, where locals love to travel.

## HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- > 7 nights in exquisite 4 or 5 star accommodation, including 2 nights in a traditional Trullo house.
- > 7 breakfasts (B), 3 lunches (L).
- > Guided tours of Matera, Lecce and the UNESCO World Heritage city of Alberobello.
- > Private cooking class to make traditional orecchiette.
- > Guided tour and lunch with wine pairings at a local winery near Lecce.
- > Visit the charming seaside villages of the Salento Peninsula.
- > Private boat excursion in Santa Maria di Leuca.
- > Visit the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Matera and Alberobello.
- > Lunch and wine at a private beach in Monopoli with beach umbrella and chair.
- > Entrance to Casa Grotta & Chiesa Rupestre (rock church), Basilica di Santa Croce and Duomo and Trullo Sovrano.
- > Airport transfers on arrival & departure.

PRIVATE DRIVER  
TWIN SHARE FROM **\$4,250PP**

SELF-DRIVE  
TWIN SHARE FROM **\$2,675PP**

### DAY 1 Bari – Matera

On your arrival, transfer to Matera, an ancient city with over 10,000 years of history. Transfer to your hotel and unwind.

**RECOMMENDED HOTELS:** 4 star - Boutique Hotel Le Origini, Il Palazzotto Hotel & Winery.

### DAY 2 Matera (B)

Enjoy a walking tour of Matera, a UNESCO World Heritage listed city and one of the oldest continually inhabited settlements. Discover the famous limestone shaped caves of the Sassi rock including entrance to the Casa Grotto and rock church. Afterwards, the afternoon is at leisure.

### DAY 3 Matera – Ginosa – Lecce (B, L)

Visit Ginosa for a private orecchiette (hand made fresh local pasta) cooking class followed by an amazing lunch with wines. Continue to Lecce, known as the 'Rome of the South' with its ancient Roman amphitheatres, 17th Century Baroque style churches and palaces, surrounded by

stunning countryside, coastlines and small towns. Arrive in the afternoon and enjoy the evening at leisure.

**RECOMMENDED HOTELS:** 5 star - Risorgimento Resort. 4 star - Palazzo Sant'Anna Lecce, Masseria Chicco Rizzo (Lecce region).

### DAY 4 Lecce (B, L)

Stroll amongst the stunning architecture, Roman ruins and discover Lecce's traditions on a walking tour of the city including entrance to the Basilica di Santa Croce and Duomo. Afterwards, enjoy a winery tour and lunch with wine pairings at a local winery.

### DAY 5 Lecce - Santa Maria di Leuca - Castro - Otranto - Lecce (B)

Enjoy a full day excursion exploring the beautiful villages and coastline of the Salento Peninsula. Visit Santa Maria di Leuca for a private boat ride, including time to swim off the boat in amazing waters. Afterward, enjoy time for an independent lunch before passing through the picturesque village of Castro to Otranto, where you have time to explore before returning to Lecce.



Matera



Basilica di Santa Croce, Lecce



Alberobello

## DAY 6 Lecce – Ostuni – Martina Franca - Alberobello (B)

Visit the beautiful whitewashed town of Ostuni, with a historical tradition of painting all the houses with white lime. Stroll the streets at your own leisure and perhaps visit its local treasures such as the Cathedral and the baroque Church of Santa Maria Maddalena. Continue to Martina Franca, an old town surrounded by stone walls and featuring piazzas and narrow, winding streets. Enjoy time for an independent lunch before arriving in Alberobello for an overnight stay in a real Trullo.

**RECOMMENDED HOTELS:** 4 star - Trulli Central Accommodation, Masseria Fumarola (Martina Franca).

## DAY 7 Alberobello – Monopoli – Alberobello (B, L)

Discover Alberobello's tradition and landscape with a morning walking tour. Afterwards, transfer to Monopoli to a private beach club where you will enjoy a delicious lunch with wine in perfect Apulian style. After lunch you will be shown to your private beach chair and umbrellas for a relaxing afternoon before heading back to your Trullo.

## OPTIONAL DAY Alberobello - Castellana Cave - Polignano a Mare - Alberobello (B, L or D)

Perhaps include an extra day for a full day excursion to explore Castellana Cave and the picturesque seaside village of Polignano a Mare, which features a Michelin star restaurant Grotta Palazzese Restaurant housed in a grotto.

**FROM** \$750 PP TWIN SHARE

## DAY 8 Alberobello - Bari Depart (B)

After breakfast, transfer to Bari for your ongoing journey.



Otranto



Ostuni