"THE ROAD LESS TRAVELLED IS OFTEN THE MOST REWARDING." ROBERT FROST

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Enchanting Puglia

9 DAYS

At the heel of Italy's boot, discover beautiful, whitewashed villages, stunning coastlines with turquoisecoloured waters, ancient ruins and gastronomical delights. The magic of Puglia has long been known to the Italians, but now the secret is out, and it awaits you on this magnificent regional discovery.



Ormina Highlights & Inclusions

- > Experience the region's 'must see' towns including Bari, Matera, Lecce, Ostuni, Alberobello and Polignano a Mare.
- > 8 nights in a boutique property and 5-star hotels including a Trullo.
- > 8 breakfasts (B), 2 lunches (L), 2 dinners (D).
- > Guided sightseeing of Bari, Matera, Lecce, Ostuni and Alberobello.
- > Private cooking class to make traditional orecchiette.
- > Winery restaurant lunch paired with wines.
- > Visit the charming seaside villages of the Salento Peninsula.
- > Private boat excursion in Santa Maria di Leuca and Polignano a Mare.
- > Entrance to Casa Grotta & Chiesa Rupestre, Basilica di Santa Croce, Lecce Cathedral and Trullo Sovrano.
- > Visit the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Matera and Alberobello.
- > Deluxe VIP transport.
- > Arrival transfer on the first day.
- > Note: hotel city taxes, if applicable, are not included.

TOUR FOCUS





DAY 1 Bari

Welcome to Puglia, a region less travelled and bursting with stunning landscapes and history. On arrival, transfer to your centrally located Bari hotel.

OVERNIGHT: iH Hotels Bari Grande Albergo delle Nazioni 5-star or similar

DAY 2 Bari – Matera (B, D)

Enjoy a half-day guided tour of Bari's historic old town and seaside promenade including Piazza's del Ferrarese and Mercantile, Bari Cathedral and Castello Svevo. In the afternoon, transfer to ancient Matera to relax and freshen up before an organised welcome dinner.

STAY 2 NIGHTS: Le Origini Suites & Rooms or similar

DAY 3 Matera (B)

Enjoy a walking tour of Matera, a UNESCO World Heritage listed city and one of the oldest continually inhabited settlements in the World. Discover the Sassi and its prehistoric cave dwellings as well as the Church of Saint Peter Barisano, San Nicola dei Greci, Matera Cathedral, Church of Saint Mary of Idris, San Pietro Caveoso, Casa Grotto and Piazza Vittorio Veneto. Enjoy leisure time in the afternoon.



DAY 4 Matera – Ginosa – Grottaglie – Lecce (B, L) Venture into the UNESCO Listed Murgia National Park famous for its caves and rock formations, as well as the limestone shaped caves of the Sassi rock. Visit the Crypt of Original Sin, considered the 'Sistine Chapel of Rock Churches' for its fresco paintings dating to the 8th century. Continue to Ginosa for a private orecchiette (hand made fresh local pasta) cooking class and lunch. Afterward, pass through Grottaglie, for a visit to a famous Ceramics producer to observe the craftsmen and perhaps purchase a souvenir. Continue to Lecce for an evening at leisure.

STAY 3 NIGHTS: Patria Palace Hotel 5-star or similar



Experience an amazing authentic cooking class with a local family revealing generation-old techniques. The mouth-watering lunch is one to be remembered.

DAY 5 Lecce (B, L)

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. Enjoy a Lecce guided walking tour that includes the Basilica di Santa Croce, Castello di Lecce, Roman Amphitheatre, Teatro Romano, Lecce Cathedral, Teatro Paisiello and Palazzo Loffredo Adorno. Afterwards, transfer to the Lecce countryside for a gourmet lunch paired with wine belonging to a prestigious local winery.



Venture into the sun-drenched Puglian countryside, the second largest producer of wine grapes in Italy. The winemakers are garnering attention of international markets for their wine quality. Enjoy a special gourmet lunch and wine tasting hosted by a prestigious winery.

DAY 6 Lecce – Santa Maria di Leuca – Otranto – Lecce (B)

Enjoy a full day excursion exploring the beautiful villages and coastline of the Salento Peninsula that resides on the UNESCO Listed tentative list for its Barocca Leccese architectural achievements. 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 visiting the picturesque village of Otranto, where you have time to explore before returning to Lecce.



The beaches and sea in Puglia are almost unrivalled in Italy. At the tip of the Salento Peninsula, board a private boat to enjoy time on the Ionian Sea with time to swim off the boat for a unique experience.

DAY 7 Lecce – Martina Franca – Ostuni – Alberobello (B, D)

Depart late morning for Martina Franca, an old town surrounded by stone walls and featuring piazzas and narrow, winding streets. Enjoy time for an independent lunch and leisure time before freshening up in your Alberobello Trullo for an evening excursion to the beautiful, whitewashed town of Ostuni. Enjoy a short orientation tour and visit its local treasures such as the Cathedral and the baroque Church of Santa Maria Maddalena, before enjoying an organised dinner.

STAY 2 NIGHTS: Le Alcove Luxury Hotel 5-star or similar

DAY 8 Alberobello – Polignano a Mare – Alberobello (B)

Discover Alberobello and its traditions with a guided walking tour. Afterward, travel to the beautiful seaside village of Polignano a Mare with leisure time for independent discovery, a swim at its amazing beach with pristine turquoise water and possibly independent lunch at its world-renowned Grotto Palazzese. Afterward, be treated to a short boat trip for magnificent views of Polignano a Mare from the sea, before returning to Alberobello.

DAY 9 Alberobello (B)

If you are not extending your stay with us in Puglia or joining us for a back-to-back tour experience in Sicily, your tour ends on hotel check-out.

Departures and Pricing

| 2024 | | | 2025 | | |
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| STARTS | ENDS | PRICE* | STARTS | ENDS | PRICE* |
| Bari | Alberobello | Twin Share per person | Bari | Alberobello | Twin Share per person |
| 21-Apr-24 | 29-Apr-24 | \$6,290 | 27-Apr-25 | 5-May-25 | \$6,590 |
| 5-May-24 | 13-May-24 | \$6,290 | 11-May-25 | 19-May-25 | \$6,590 |
| 19-May-24 | 27-May-24 | \$6,290 | 18-May-25 | 26-May-25 | \$6,590 |
| 9-Jun-24 | 17-Jun-24 | \$6,290 | 8-Jun-25 | 16-Jun-25 | \$6,590 |
| 23-Jun-24 | 01-Jul-24 | \$6,290 | 22-Jun-25 | 30-Jun-25 | \$6,590 |
| 14-Jul-24 | 22-Jul-24 | \$6,290 | 13-Jul-25 | 21-Jul-25 | \$6,590 |
| 1-Sep-24 | 9-Sep-24 | \$6,290 | 31-Aug-25 | 8-Sep-25 | \$6,590 |
| 22-Sep-24 | 30-Sep-24 | \$6,290 | 14-Sep-25 | 22-Sep-25 | \$6,590 |
| 6-Oct-24 | 14-Oct-24 | \$6,290 | 21-Sep-25 | 29-Sep-25 | \$6,590 |
| | | | 5-Oct-25 | 13-Oct-25 | \$6,590 |
| S | ingle Supplement | \$3,300 | Si | ngle Supplement | \$3,300 |

* All prices are listed in AUD. Prices in other currencies are available on our website.



★★★★ PATRIA PALACE HOTEL LECCE STAY ③ NIGHTS

- > This boutique hotel boasts 58 rooms and suites in an 18th century Baroque Palace.
- > Exquisitely blending its heritage with modern amenity and contemporary Italian design.
- > Features a wonderful rooftop bar overlooking Basilica Santa Croce and a soon to be revealed spa.





ENCHANTING PUGLIA

Extend your stay

OUR MOST POPULAR TOUR EXTENSIONS

PRE-TOUR RECOMMENDATIONS

A Highlights of Italy (North)

Small Group Journey (12 Days)

- A popular pre-tour extension, Highlights of Italy (North) together with Enchanting Puglia delivers both the classic Italian treasures mixed with the magical untouched charm of the south.
- > Featuring Italy's iconic cities, the Lake District, the Italian Riviera and Tuscany's winding roads, hilltop towns and vineyards.

Priced from \$10,990 pp. Explore more on page 15.

Rome City Break (5 Days)

- > Guided tours of ancient Rome and the Vatican.
- > Enjoy a day trip to Pompeii with lunch on a charming farmstead.

Priced from \$3,835 pp. Explore more on page 70.

POST-TOUR RECOMMENDATIONS

- B Sicily Bella Small Group Journey (10 Days)
- > Experienced back-to-back, Enchanting Puglia and Sicily Bella provide the perfect discovery of the lesser-known southern Italy.
- > Explore Sicily's stunning coastline, rugged mountains, active volcano, ancient ruins and historic villages

Priced from \$7,490 pp. Explore more on page 27.

Malta Regional Discovery (7 Days)

- Extend to discover the world's oldest man-made structures, Valletta's beautiful, fortified port, the mystique of the Knights of Malta, beautiful fishing villages and more.
- Priced from \$4,990 pp. Explore more on page 79.