



PUGLIA DISCOVERY

ALBEROBELLO | LECCE | BARI

8 DAYS
from
\$2,359

CAD\$, PP, DBL, OCC.

During this small-group escorted tour of Puglia, explore the coast of Val d'Itria; see Alberobello's incredible trulli houses, enjoy wine, cheese and lunch at a beautiful masseria. Take stunning photos in the iconic white town of Ostuni and explore the man-made sassi rock caves of Matera, the third oldest city in the world. See the ornate architecture of Lecce and spend two nights in Bari, the port city nestled in the heel of Italy's boot.

Day 1

BARI – ALBEROBELLO Arrive in **Bari**. Welcome and transfer to Alberobello. Take some time to settle in; enjoy a welcome briefing followed by a welcome dinner. *Palazzo Scottò or similar* ★★★★★

Day 2

ALBEROBELLO, LOCOROTONDO & CISTERNINO After breakfast, begin exploration of **Val d'Itria**. Pass along beautiful small villages, vineyards and olive trees. **Locorotondo** is located very close to Alberobello; it is considered one of the most beautiful villages in Italy, a whitewashed maze of narrow streets and ancient buildings. Take beautiful photos while wandering *centro storico*, the historic part of town, perched on top of a hill. Visit **Cisternino**, a small charming old town that has remained virtually intact for centuries. There are a series of panoramic viewpoints from which you can appreciate the surrounding countryside. Enjoy a wine and cheese tasting followed by a farmer's lunch in a beautiful **Masseria**, where you will see the green of olives and the blue of the Adriatic Sea. Return to magical **Alberobello** where you will have time to explore the city on your own. Defined by its *trulli*, the traditional dome shaped buildings made from local stone, the town is surrounded by the olive groves and vineyards typical of the Puglia region. *Palazzo Scottò or similar*

Day 3

OSTUNI, POLIGNANO & MONOPOLI Better known as the **White Town**, **Ostuni** sits perched on three hills. Its characteristic whitewashed houses are a tradition upheld by its inhabitants. A series of churches and elegant houses embellish the old town. **Polignano** lies south of Bari on the edge of a rocky gorge, considered one of the most ancient establishments in Puglia. Many are drawn to it for cliff diving, its outstanding ice cream and delicious traditional local breads of the *panifici* bakeries. In **Monopoli**, experience an unusual concentration of cultural heritage and churches, positioned literally one next to another. See small and charming homes, once inhabited by heroic fishermen and expert farmers, whose children are still dedicated to producing great wines. Return to Alberobello. *Palazzo Scottò or similar*

Day 4

ALBEROBELLO – MATERA – LECCE After breakfast, check out of your hotel. **Matera** is the third oldest city in the world, after Aleppo and Jericho, with over 10,000 years of history. From natural cavities carved by wind and rain of the past to the first man-made caves, discover how easy it was to shape the limestone material of the sassi rock. Enjoy free time to explore this UNESCO World Heritage Site. You can visit the most beautiful churches, starting from the Duomo on the Civita; walk through the beautiful streets and traffic-free squares; enjoy the most picturesque alleys. Opt for an optional panoramic tour by three-wheeled *Ape Calessino*. Continue to Lecce for overnight. *Risorgimento Resort or similar* ★★★★★

Day 5

LECCE In the afternoon, meet your guide for a tour of the beautiful city of **Lecce**, also called the *Florence of the South* due to the abundance of monuments and historical buildings here. Thanks to the presence of limestone, which is soft and easy to work, Lecce soon became the center of ornate architecture known as *barocco leccese*. *Risorgimento Resort*

Day 6

LECCE – BARI Enjoy breakfast and check-out of your hotel. Your private driver will take you to **Bari**, a port city nestled in the heel of Italy's boot. Take time to explore this city on your own. We suggest you indulge in a delicious lunch upon the *Lungomare Promenade* for an incredible seafood lunch, not included. For dessert, be sure to enjoy the city's iconic street food including *focaccia*, *panzerotti* and a decadent *sgagliozze* treat. *Nicolaus Hotel Bari, Standard Room* ★★★★★

Day 7

BARI After breakfast, enjoy your day at leisure. Perhaps take a cooking class to make the region's specific pasta *orecchiette* (little ears), or simply watch the local women sitting at their windows and doorways preparing them by hand. *Nicolaus Hotel Bari*

Day 8

BARI – HOME After breakfast, check-out of your hotel. Private transfer to Bari airport to begin your journey home.

TOUR OVERVIEW

- ▶ Total of 7 nights accommodation; charming 4 & 5-Star hotels
 - 3 nights in Alberobello
 - 2 nights in Lecce
 - 2 nights in Bari
- ▶ Transfers as per itinerary
- ▶ Touring as per itinerary
- ▶ Continental breakfast daily and other meals as indicated
- ▶ Hotel taxes and service charges**

HIGHLIGHTS

- *Trulli* houses of Alberobello
- Incredible vistas from the village of Locorotondo
- Walking tour of Lecce, Florence of the South
- Sassi cave dwellings of Matera
- Iconic white town of Ostuni
- Explore the authentic Italian culture of Bari

International airfare not included.
Minimum 2 passengers travelling.

Price as indicated valid April 17, 2020, subject to availability at time of booking. For alternative dates, inquire for pricing. Itineraries are fully customizable. Not valid during trade shows, bank holidays and other special events. Blackout periods may apply.

**European city/tourist taxes collected locally unless otherwise indicated.

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