



Enchanting Puglia

9 Days | **SMALL GROUP JOURNEY**
MAXIMUM 12 GUESTS

At the heel of Italy's boot, discover beautiful, whitewashed villages, stunning coastlines with turquoise-coloured waters, ancient ruins and gastronomical delights. Explore Matera's winding streets and ancient 'Sassi' cave dwellings, Alberobello's iconic Trulli and Puglia's stunning coastline with boat excursions off Santa Maria di Leuca and Polignano a Mare. 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.



CENTRAL & SOUTHERN ITALY

Highlights & Inclusions

- > Experience the region's 'must see' towns including Bari, Matera, Lecce, Ostuni, Alberobello and Polignano a Mare
- > 8 nights in 5-star hotels and boutique properties
- > 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
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- > Private boat excursion in Santa Maria di Leuca and Polignano a Mare
- > Entrance to the Crypt of the Original Sin, Casa Grotta & Chiesa Rupestre, Basilica di Santa Croce, Lecce Cathedral, Santa Maria Annunziata Cathedral and Trullo Sovrano
- > Visit the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Matera and Alberobello
- > Tour Director accompanying group
- > Deluxe VIP transport
- > Arrival and departure transfer on first and last day

Note: hotel city taxes, if applicable, are not included.

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.

STAY 1 NIGHT: Jr Hotels Grande Albergo delle Nazioni Bari 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, venturing 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, before arriving at your hotel. 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 – Lecce (B, L)

Continue to Ginosa for a private orecchiette (hand made fresh local pasta) cooking class and lunch. The town boasts ancient rock-hewn dwellings, Byzantine frescoed churches, and was of strategic importance under Norman and Aragonese rule. Continue to Lecce for an evening at leisure.

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

Ormina Tours VIP Inclusion

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



Matera, Italy



Ginosa cooking class



Piazza del duomo square, Lecce



Ostuni, Italy



Trulli of Alberobello

Day 5 Lecce (B)

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 guided walking tour that includes the Basilica di Santa Croce, the Roman Amphitheatre, Teatro Romano, Lecce Cathedral, Teatro Paisiello and Palazzo Loffredo Adorno. Afterwards, continue exploring the town at leisure.

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 Barocco 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 with admission to the Santa Maria Annunziata Cathedral, before returning to Lecce.

Ormina Tours VIP Inclusion

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

Day 7 Lecce – Ostuni – Alberobello (B, L)

Depart mid-morning for the beautiful whitewashed town of Ostuni with a stop on the way at a 17th-century masseria for a winery tour and lunch. In Ostuni, enjoy a short orientation tour and visit its local treasures such as the Cathedral and the baroque

Church of Santa Maria Maddalena, before continuing to Alberobello and checking-in to your authentic Trullo.

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

Day 8 Alberobello – Polignano a Mare – Alberobello (B, D)

Discover Alberobello and its traditions with a guided walking tour. Afterward, travel to the beautiful seaside village of Polignano a Mare. Enjoy a scenic boat trip# with an aperitivo and local delicacies as you admire the grottoes and magnificent views from the sea with some leisure

time afterward in the town. Upon returning to Alberobello, freshen up before a tour closing dinner.

Day 9 Alberobello – Bari (B)

If you are not extending your stay with us in Puglia or joining us for a back-to-back tour experience in Sicily, check-out and join the group transfer at 9:00am to Bari airport or train station.

Feature hotel | ★★★★★

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



Basilica di Santa Croce, Lecce

Endless Wonders, Timeless Stories – A note from our CEO

Puglia's natural geography has enticed settlement for over 7000 years with stunning coastlines and crystal waters, natural limestone caves for human shelter and broad plains with hot dry summers and mild winters, perfect for agriculture. Puglia is the original hostess: welcoming, unpretentious, loyal and grounded. A visit showcases why its people have been so connected to this magnificent land for millennia.

Salento Peninsula

Departures and Pricing

2026	STARTS	ENDS	2027	STARTS	ENDS
	Bari	Bari		Bari	Bari
	26-Mar-26	03-Apr-26		03-Apr-27	11-Apr-27
	08-Apr-26	16-Apr-26		10-Apr-27	18-Apr-27
	29-Apr-26	07-May-26		25-Apr-27	03-May-27
	09-May-26	17-May-26		08-May-27	16-May-27
	20-May-26	28-May-26		22-May-27	30-May-27
	30-May-26	07-Jun-26		29-May-27	06-Jun-27
	12-Jun-26	20-Jun-26		12-Jun-27	20-Jun-27
	04-Jul-26	12-Jul-26		03-Jul-27	11-Jul-27
	24-Jul-26	01-Aug-26		24-Jul-27	01-Aug-27
	02-Sep-26	10-Sep-26		04-Sep-27	12-Sep-27
	16-Sep-26	24-Sep-26		11-Sep-27	19-Sep-27
	27-Sep-26	05-Oct-26		25-Sep-27	03-Oct-27
	24-Oct-26	01-Nov-26		09-Oct-27	17-Oct-27
	06-Nov-26	14-Nov-26		23-Oct-27	31-Oct-27
	11-Dec-26	19-Dec-26		02-Nov-27	10-Nov-27
				05-Dec-27	13-Dec-27

Price from AUD \$7,390 Twin Share per person
Single Supplement \$3,200

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

Amendment on certain departures

2026 - 26 Mar, 8 Apr, 24 Oct, 6 Nov, 11 Dec

2027 - 3 Apr, 10 Apr, 23 Oct, 2 Nov

In lower season departures as indicated, the Day 6 visit to Santa Maria di Leuca and boat excursion there and on Day 8 in Polignano a Mare will be replaced with a visit to Galatina with pasticciotto tasting and additional leisure time in Polignano a Mare and Putignano (with olive oil or mozzarella activity) respectively.



Our most popular tour extensions

PRE-TOUR RECOMMENDATIONS

A Naples & The Amalfi Coast (7 Days) Small Group Journey

- > A popular pre-tour extension, Naples & The Amalfi Coast together with Enchanting Puglia delivers both the iconic coastal Italian highlights, with the magical untouched charm of the south
- > Featuring Italy's stunning coastlines, UNESCO World Heritage sites, vibrant cities, and culinary experiences – from Neapolitan pizza to Amalfi lemons

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Return to Rome (5 Days) Private City Break

- > Explore Rome's Jewish quarter and Trastevere, Tivoli Gardens and the historic Appian Way

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POST-TOUR RECOMMENDATIONS

B Sicily Bella (10 Days) Small Group Journey

- > 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

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Malta Legends (7 Days) Private Regional Discovery

- > 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

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