



THE BEST OF APULIA

Discover Bari, Alberobello, Polignano a Mare and Matera

Discover vibrant Bari with its historic center and the Basilica of St. Nicholas, then delve into the magical world of trulli in Alberobello. Continue along the coast to admire the fascinating cliffs of Polignano a Mare, and finally head to ancient Matera, with its picturesque houses carved into the rock, for an unforgettable journey into the heart of Apulia.

Day 1: Start of the tour

Arrival in Bari and meeting with an english-speaking guide for a first panoramic tour of the city. Together we'll explore the charming **Old Town of Bari**, a maze of winding streets and historic buildings that tell tales of the city's rich past. We'll won't miss the impressive Basilica of Saint Nicholas, where the saint's remains rest. We'll also discover ancient churches, quaint shops, and traditional **trattorias** that offer a genuine taste of Apulian life. Free time for lunch, transfer to the hotel. Accommodation in a 4* hotel in the city center and afternoon at disposal for individual visits. Dinner at our hotel and overnight stay.



Transfer to **Polignano a Mare**, a gem nestled along the breathtaking coastline of Puglia. Our adventure begins with a **guided tour** through the historic city center, where narrow cobblestone streets wind their way past charming cafes and centuries-old buildings. We'll be immersed in the rich history and vibrant culture of Polignano a Mare as we explore its hidden alleys and picturesque squares.

Next, we'll prepare for an exhilarating boat tour to uncover the secrets hidden within the **Polignano caves**. We'll glide along the sparkling waters as the sun illuminates the rugged cliffs, revealing ancient **grottoes** and hidden **coves**.

After our boat tour, we'll indulge in some free time for relax on the famous "beach of desire".

Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.



Day 2: Alberobello and Polignano a Mare

Breakfast at the hotel, meeting with our knowledgeable english-speaking guide and transfer to **Alberobello** for a walking tour of the city center. This town is renowned for its iconic **trulli**, traditional dry stone huts with distinctive conical roofs. We'll wander through the **UNESCO World Heritage** site's picturesque streets, exploring the charming whitewashed houses. Inside **Trullo Sovrano**, the largest trullo, and **Basilica dei Santi Cosma e Damiano**, we'll delve into the unique history and architecture of these ancient structures. Continuing our exploration, we'll stroll through **Rione Monti**, the historic district, before pausing for a leisurely lunch break.





Day 3: Guided tour of Matera

Breakfast at the hotel, meeting with the guide and transfer to **Matera** for a walking tour of the city center. Matera is renowned for its **Sassi**, ancient cave dwellings carved into the limestone, which have been inhabited since the Paleolithic period and are today designated as a **UNESCO World Heritage site**.

With our guide, we will take a walk through the historic center of Matera, starting from the main **Piazza Vittorio Veneto** towards the most characteristic places of the city. We will tell the story of the city's origins and its recent fame, also contributed to by the many films shot in the city. We will enter the **Cathedral** dedicated to the **SS. Madonna della Bruna and Sant'Eustachio**, the **Casa Grotta in the Sassi** where you can discover the ancient stone-working techniques, and the **Palombaro Lungo**, a huge medieval cistern that collects spring water later used in the city.

Free time for individual visits and next transfer to Giovinazzo where you'll have the possibility to spend some relaxing time on the beach.

Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.



Day 4: End of the tour

Breakfast at the hotel followed by transfer to the airport 3 hours before the flight.

Tour for groups and F.I.T. Custom made itinerary

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Included:

- Transfer from the airport to the hotel and return;
- Bus at disposal 1st, 2nd and 3rd day
- Dinners as described
- Guided tour with English speaking guide: Bari, Alberobello, Polignano a Mare and Matera
- Boat tour to Polignano caves
- Entrance included: Trullo Sovrano, Basilica dei Santi Cosma e Damiano, Casa Grotta in the Sassi and
- the Palombaro Lungo
- Headsets during the tour

Not included:

- Tips and personal extras
- Everything that is not in the "included" section
- Lunches and dinners, where not specified