



ITALY

DISCOVER APULIA & ROME (TOUR CODE: 12373)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Rome

TRAVEL PERIODS

24 Apr 25 - 06 Nov 25

EXPERIENCEEscorted
Food & Wine**TRAVEL STYLE**

Escorted Group Tour

Discover the southern peninsular of Italy during this 9-day journey through Puglia and Matera. Explore ancient cities and take in incredible vistas from the turquoise waters of the Adriatic Sea to the green olive groves in the west.

Highlights

- **Guaranteed Departures**
- Small group of maximum 20 **People**
- Transportation by **deluxe motorcoach with Free-Wi-Fi** connection on board and tour-escort in English Only.
- Enjoy a stay in a **Trullo house in Alberobello**
- Guided city tours with local guides
- Specialty Dinner Experiences

Departing from Rome, discover the best of Puglia during this 9-day journey through the heart of Italy. You will visit historic cities of Matera, Locorotondo, Ostuni and Lecce, plus enjoy a 2 night stay in Alberobello staying in a Trullo.



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 8-night accommodation in 4-star hotels
- Transportation by coach
- Private arrival airport transfer as per itinerary
- High-Speed train - 2nd class
- Daily Breakfast
- Additional meals as per itinerary
- Guided city tour with local guides

ITINERARY

Day 1 Rome

Meet & greet your driver at the airport and take private transfer to your hotel.

Rest of the day is at leisure

Overnight stay in Rome at **St. Martin Hotel** or similar.



Day 2 Rome Bari

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before leaving Rome. This morning you will transfer from your hotel to the station for the train departure to Bari. Upon arrival in Bari make your own way to your hotel where you will meet your Tour Leader and begin your tour to discover this wonderful region.

Enjoy a **walking tour** in the afternoon to learn about the city's history and its most relevant monuments. Walk through the charming narrow alleys of the old city center, admire the Basilica of San Nicola where the remains of Saint Nicholas of Myra are preserved and the Norman-Swabian Castle, a 12th century fortress built by Roger the Norman and rebuilt by Frederick II of Swabia. Be amazed by the astonishing view that you can enjoy from the fortress (admission fee for the Castle at own expense). After the visit, continue to Piazza Mercantile where you will see the ancient Column of Justice.

Dinner is included at the hotel or in a close by restaurant.

Overnight stay in Bari at **The Nicolaus** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **3**

Bari Trani Castel del Monte Alberobello

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel before leaving Bari by coach to reach Trani.

Known as the 'Pearl of Puglia', the medieval town of Trani is one of the most remarkable cities of Southern Italy. Discover its art and monuments, visit the Jewish quarter and the wonderful white stone Cathedral.

In the afternoon, you'll reach Castel Del Monte, one of Puglia's most acclaimed landmarks. Visit this UNESCO World Heritage Site built in the 13th century under Roger the Norman, one of the most enlightened kings in history. The building is a harmonious geometrical complex, shaped as an octagon and surrounded by a still unsolved mystery.

Your journey will continue towards Alberobello: a world-known UNESCO World Heritage Site made famous by the "Trulli". These drystone cone-shaped houses were built in the 14th century from local limestone and this village is really unique, with a fairytale-like atmosphere. The town of Alberobello gets its name from the ancient oak forest of "Arboris Belli" (beautiful trees) that once covered the area. It is possible to see these typical buildings all over the Itria Valley.

Overnight stay in Alberobello at **Grand Hotel Olimpo** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **4** Alberobello Matera Alberobello

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel.

Matera will be the destination for today the coach will take you to this incredible UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit and learn the history of the "Sassi" as houses for over 9.000 years! that are part of the historic center of the city. Admire the Romanesque Cathedral that overlooks the city, its beautiful "Campanile" (Bell Tower) and enjoy the amazing view of the "Sassi". Transfer back to Alberobello in the late afternoon.

Overnight stay in Alberobello at **Grand Hotel Olimpo** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **5** Alberobello Locorotondo Ostuni Lecce

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel.

This morning you will depart Alberobello by coach and reach Locorotondo. Enjoy some free time to visit this small town that is part of the “white towns” of Puglia.

Board the coach again and travel to Ostuni: located between the “Trulli” region and Salento, overlooks the coastal plain rich of ancient olive trees. Free time at your disposal to explore another “white town” with free time for lunch, shopping and tasting of several local products like the world’s famous ostuni olive oil (all at your own expenses).

In the late afternoon, you will board the coach again and continue on to Lecce in the heart of the Salento region.

Overnight stay in Lecce at **Delle Palme Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 6

Lecce Otranto Lecce

After breakfast at your hotel, enjoy a 3 hour guided visit of the city, learn the history of Lecce, visit the old town center, the 12th century Cathedral, the Basilica of Santa Croce and Piazza del Duomo. After the visit, board on the coach and leave Lecce.

You will reach Otranto where you will have some free time at your disposal for lunch. Spend the afternoon visiting the wonderful city of Otranto at your pace. Over the centuries, the city has been invaded by an impressive number of populations, amongst the others we can find traces of Greek, Roman and Turkish cultures. Wander around the old quarters to see how these cultures have blended together. Don't forget to visit the iconic Cathedral where the bones of 813 martyrs are displayed in a glass case behind the altar. See its marvelous mosaic floor which rivals the well-known mosaics of Ravenna in its richness and significance.

In the early evening, you will reach Supersano where you will have dinner at the “Masseria le Stanzie”. Visit this ancient farm, learn about the history and culture of Puglia. See how homemade pasta is made and visit the medieval tombs that are part of the farm. Following dinner you will return to Lecce.

Overnight stay in Lecce at **Delle Palme Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **7**

Lecce Rome

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel.

At the time indicated, transfer to the station for the train departure to Rome. Upon your arrival at the train station in Rome you will be meet and transferred to the hotel.

Enjoy the remainder of the day at your leisure.

Overnight stay in Rome at **St Martin Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **8**

Rome

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel.

Spend a leisurely day exploring the wonders of Rome at your own pace.

Overnight stay in Rome at **St. Martin Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **9**

Rome

Breakfast at the hotel.

END OF SERVICES.

Breakfast

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Italian

LOCAL CURRENCY

EURO

- No age limit
- All passengers must be able to independently board and alight the coach.
- We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit. The package price is based on 4-star accommodation.
- A minivan with driver/guide, normally not equipped with wifi, will be provided if the number of participants is equal to or less than eight.
- For organizational reasons, the itinerary may be reversed or modified without notice. In this case, our supplier ensures similar visits and excursions in accordance with the spirit of the tour program.
- Blackout dates may apply during festive season.

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- City tax not included: it shall be paid directly at the hotel
- Meals and drinks other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package (Entrance tickets to sites and museums)