

# 7 DAYS

## FIVE SENSES OF PUGLIA

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### ACCOMMODATION

Your accommodation will be in the spectacular, discreet and yet elegant countryside of the Itria Valley in Puglia. The accommodation has been selected strategically so we are located in a position which allows us to travel only short distances on a daily basis..

All guests will have their own authentic Trullo with private bathroom and all modern facilities. The accommodation is set on majestic grounds where you can recharge by the pool, enjoying the warm sun and fresh air.

### GETTING THERE

The tour begins at Bari International airport where we will meet you and transfer you to your accommodation. Approximately 1 hour drive.

### EXCLUSIONS

\*Airtfares \*Travel insurance (we'd advise taking out cover ahead of time) \* Entry fees to visit any museums, galleries, or public premises, not listed on the itineraries. \*Any meals outside of those listed within the itinerary.

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- Transfers to/from Bari International Airport on arrival & departure days
- 7 Nights accommodation in a typical Masseria/Trullo
- All breakfasts
- Three lunches are provided throughout the tour
- All dinners including local wines
- Traditional aperitivo in selected towns
- Bilingual hosts for the duration of your stay
- Olive Oil tasting and farm visit
- Local cheese tasting
- Guided tours in: Matera, Lecce, Alberobello
- All wine tasting events held at local establishments
- We'll assist with all travel as detailed on your itinerary
- Transport to the local township on tour free day

**CA \$3,500 per person, twin share.**

**Single Occupancy \$550**

From the exquisite coastline and views of the traditional whitewashed homes, through to the UNESCO site in Alberobello, the local trattorias for food, the cobblestone paths and the nearby towns - your tour will be as captivating as it is memorable.

### **SAT / ARRIVAL**

Once you arrive in the beautiful region of Puglia, we'll transport you to your new home for the week, where you can relax and unwind for the afternoon. Come evening time, we'll take you to one of the local eateries to enjoy locally produced fine foods and wine. We'll also give an overview of the exciting activities awaiting you this week.

### **SUN / OSTUNI & OLIVE OIL FARM & TASTING**

Known as the white city, Ostuni is the first thing on our agenda where you'll be able to shop, explore the area and enjoy food from any number of the local stores and eateries. Next, we'll meet up at a local trattoria for an exciting lunch, followed by a tantalising olive oil taste tasting in the afternoon, courtesy of one of the oldest Pugliese oil producers in the region. If you didn't know; Puglia plays host to no fewer than 60 million olive trees and their locally produced oils are a staple part of the daily diet in the region. Lastly, you'll get to enjoy dinner in the evening on us in a nearby town!

### **MON / MATERA**

We'll be up bright and early for breakfast as a trip to Matera - the host of the 2019 European Capital of Culture - is on the cards this morning. This ancient location is well known for its primitive homes, which are commonly renovated to blend antiquity with a modern appeal. You'll get to take part in a guided tour of the city, which will be followed with free time to enjoy as you please. To help you relax after a day of excitement, we'll arrange a traditional dinner once you're back at your accommodation and will undoubtedly want to discuss your exciting outing to a region chosen by UNESCO to feature a World Heritage Site, as well as having played host to the film *The Passion of the Christ*.

### **TUE / CHEESE TASTING & POLIGNANO A MARE**

After a leisurely breakfast, we'll make our way to a local Caseificio, where you'll get to witness first hand how Mozzarella cheese is made! You'll also get to enjoy a spot of taste testing to whet your appetite. From there we will make our way to Polignano a Mare - a part of the region featuring crystal clear water and ancient caves - and you'll see just why it's called the Pearl of the Adriatic. You'll also likely appreciate knowing that the ruins of four watchtowers can still be found in this location, which used to overlook the region back in the days of its Spanish, Byzantine and Norman ownership. You will have this afternoon free to explore the township of Polignano before meeting for an aperitivo prior to an exquisite dinner!

### **WED / LECCE - OTRANTO**

The stunningly baroque architecture of Lecce has led to this city becoming a firm favourite amongst photographers - and this is where we'll be heading this morning. Widely regarded as the New Florence of Italy, you'll find plenty to see and do, whilst being guided on a tour of the area. Whether you're a fan of fine dining, or a follower of centuries-old architecture, you'll love the time you have in Lecce. We'll eat lunch here and then visit Otranto - an elegant sea-front town with its own traditions and activities. You'll have the afternoon to explore this gorgeous town, have a swim, or simply enjoy a drink overlooking the water. The Romanesque cathedral stands pivotal within the town and still features its original 12th Century floor mosaics. Late afternoon we will make our way back to the accommodation, where a local chef will have dinner prepared for your arrival.

### **THU / LOCOROTONDO & ALBEROBELLO**

This morning we will be starting with a trip to the UNESCO site of Alberobello, where you'll be treated to a guided tour through the Trulli and learn more about this historic town, which has been a World Heritage Site for almost 25 years. From there we will make our way back to the accommodation where our chef will prepare a typical 'light Pugliese' lunch. You will then have this afternoon to go for a bike ride, laze by the pool or read a book.

Mid to late afternoon, in Italian style we will make our way into the local township of Locorotondo which you can explore at your own pace. Unlike other parts of Puglia, Locorotondo is notable for its lack of tourist attractions; being one of the last bastions of traditions in the area.

We will then all meet in the main square for an aperitivo prior to a delightful dinner.

### **FRI / FREE DAY**

During this free day, you'll get to choose which activities you take part in; from an exciting cooking experience, all the way to a morning in Ostuni, a cycling tour, yoga, or an optional day tour to suit your preference.

### **SAT / DEPARTURE**

With a final breakfast to say goodbye to you and thank you for choosing us, we'll transfer you to Bari for your return flight and take away iconic memories to last a lifetime!



# Frequently Asked Questions

## **How small are the groups?**

Our groups are no more than 12 participants.

## **What is the average age of those in your groups?**

Our guests vary in age from 30 through to 75 years of age.

## **What time do our day trips start?**

Our touring day generally commences at 9am

## **Do I need travel insurance?**

We highly recommend you have travel insurance. You are required to purchase your own travel insurance to cover cancellation coverage, airline tickets, trip delay, lost luggage or any potential medical expenses.

## **Is there any free time?**

We have scheduled tour free days within our respective itineraries and there is also the opportunity of spending time on your own on any of the scheduled day tours.

## **Is there air-conditioning in the apartments?**

Yes, all apartments are air conditioned.

## **Is there a lot of walking?**

Walking is part of the tour itinerary and although there may be stairs to climb and walking over cobble stoned streets is common, the walking is quite leisurely and you are able to stop and take a break if required.

## **What can I do on a Tour Free Day?**

You can choose from a variety of additional activities that we have on offer, these range from cheese making, cooking classes, horse riding, cycling tours and many more. Booking prior to the tour is recommended. Alternatively you can visit another township.

## **Is there access to Wi-Fi?**

There is Wi-Fi at all of the accommodations. However please remember that some of these places are in the countryside and although the Internet generally works quite well, it may not be the speed to which you are accustomed.

## **Can I make changes to my itinerary before or during the trip?**

Itineraries are provided in order to ensure all our guests have the utmost travelling experience and we therefore do not amend itineraries once your tour has commenced.

## **How are the meals provided?**

A continental breakfast will be served each morning at your accommodation. Lunches are generally at a Caffe or restaurant where you choose one course from the menu, this is generally a light lunch.

All dinners are either catered for at the accommodation or at a local restaurant or Trattoria. Dinner is 2 courses chosen from an a-la-carte menu. Local wine is included with dinner.

## **What will the food be like?**

The food is typically Italian; all the meals provided are from a-la-carte menus which have ample varied selection.

## **What if I'm vegetarian or require a particular diet?**

You are able to choose from an a-la-carte menu for all meals and the selection is varied and caters well for vegetarians.

## **What is the dress code?**

Comfortable clothing and walking shoes for daily tours and smart casual for dinners.

## **What happens if I need to cancel?**

Please see our terms and conditions.

