

## Itinerary



### Tour : Explore the Hidden Gems of Puglia, Basilicata and Calabria

Day 1

Arrival in Bari - Welcome Dinner and Orientation

Meals: D



**Location:** Bari, Puglia, Italy

**Meeting Location:** Bari Airport

**Description:** Bari is one of southern Italy's largest cities and most important ports. It has a fascinating and beautiful historical center to discover and enjoy.

Upon your arrival at Bari airport we will be there to meet you and bring you to a glorious hotel located in a charming historical center of Conversano city which is near Bari where your guide will be starting to give you first notions about the area for you to get acquainted with.

This evening, a wonderful walk along the seafront and welcome dinner in the historic center.

Overnight in Conversano at the Corte Altavilla.

Day 2

Alberobello, Itria Valley, Ostuni and Lecce.

Meals: B L D



**Location:** Alberobello, Puglia, Italy  
**Location 2:** Martina Franca, Puglia, Italy  
**Location 3:** Ostuni, Puglia, Italy  
**Description:** This morning we head to the southern Puglia, Itria Valley where you will see Alberobello, the entire Itria Valley and experience a wonderful wine tasting at Si Rose. Lunch in Ostuni and Lecce. Return to the hotel and overnight stay here!

**Day 3** **The Coastal Towns of Polignano a Mare, Monopoli and the Castellana Caves** **Meals: B**



**Location:** Monopoli, Puglia, Italy  
**Location 2:** Polignano a Mare, Puglia, Italy  
**Location 3:** Grotte di Castellana, Puglia, Italy  
**Description:** This morning after a buffet breakfast at the hotel, we head south to Castellana caves which are some of the most impressive networks of caves in Europe and an absolute must see in Puglia. Descending down over 350 feet, we will venture into some cooler territory this morning, so make sure to bring a light jacket and wear good footwear today.

Following our morning tour here, we head to the coastal town of Monopoli for a walk along the 'Lungo Mare' of this very pretty town which is also home to some wonderful shopping.

For lunch, only 20 minutes north we move onto the town of Polignano a Mare which is world famous for the many movies filmed here as well as the singer [Domenico Modugno](#) who wrote the song "Volare" .

You may want to make reservations at the restaurant "Il Bastione" and enjoy the sea view that this restaurant offers.

You will enjoy your leisure as well as the incredible shopping and scenery this town is world famous for.

Following our afternoon here, we will head back to the hotel in Coversano, near Bari for dinner and overnight at your leisure.

**Day 4** **Morning Walking Tour of Matera and the the Southern Dolomites** **Meals: B D**



**Location:** Matera, Basilicata, Italy

**Location 2:** Castelmezzano, Basilicata, Italy

**Description:** After breakfast today we depart from Bari for the incredible city of Matera which is about a one hour drive. Here, you will enjoy a morning walking tour of this incredible city which is one of the most ancient cities in Italy and has been featured in major motion pictures like the Passion of Christ, James Bond and many others.

Following our tour, there will be time for lunch on your own before we carry on into the mountain towns in the heart of the southern Dolomites mountain range where we will stay in Castelmezzano.

This evening, upon check into the hotel Villa Monserrat, there will be a brief orientation tour of the town and dinner at the hotel's wonderful restaurant this evening. Overnight stay here!

**Day 5** **Lucanian Dolomites - Pietrapertosa & Castelmezzano** **Meals: B D**



**Location:** Castelmezzano, Basilicata, Italy

**Location 2:** Pietrapertosa, Basilicata, Italy

**Description:** Today after breakfast we begin our 1.5 hour walk from Castelmezzano to Pietrapertosa. Then once we reach Pietrapertosa, time to explore it and visit the castle up in the mountains. Here we provide you the option to experience the volo dell' angelo "The fly of the Angel" or provide you alternatively a transfer back to Castelmezzano or better visiting the Gallipoli Cognato which is a natural park where you will admire the local flora & fauna. Return to the hotel and dinner overnight there in Castelmezzano.

**Day 6** **Continue exploring the Basilicata mountains, lakes and castles** **Meals: B L**



**Location:** Melfi, Basilicata, Italy

**Location 2:** Lake Monticchio and San Michele Monastery, Basilicata, Italy

**Location 3:** Venosa, Basilicata, Italy

**Description:** Today after breakfast you will admire castles connected by under passages around the area of Melfi and the pretty town of Venosa where the Aragonens castle and the pretty town makes this place so enjoyable to visit. Then you will have lunch at the lake Monticchio and relax among nature. After lunch we will take you to visit the unbelievable abbey where you can admire the lakes of Monticchio from the top!

Return to the hotel and overnight here.

**Day 7** Get onto the cost of Basilicata with a stop in Lagonegro for a wine tasting and then the beginning of Calabria. Meals: B L



**Location:** Lagonegro, Basilicata, Italy

**Location 2:** Maratea, Basilicata, Italy

**Location 3:** Tortora, Calabria, Italy

**Description:** Day tour Lagonegro with wine tasting and lunch included. Then Cristo Redentore statue up the mountain and arrive at Tortora town which is located in the beginning of Calabria Region. Check in to La Loggia resort with dinner on your own and overnight here enjoying the spectacular view of the coast !!!

**Day 8** Explore Maratea, the southeast part of the Basilicata and then go visiting Praia a Mare right next to Tortora Meals: D



**Location:** Maratea,Basilicata,Italy

**Location 2:** Praia a Mare,Calabria,Italy

**Description:** Today after breakfast you will go visiting the wonderful Praia a Mare with its Dino Island and the Magna Grecia "Arco Magno". You will also admire la "Madonna della Grotta" which is a church carved in the rocky mountains. Farewell dinner at the resort and overnight here.

**Day 9** **Depart from train station for any optional extension of the tour on your own**

**Meals:** B

**Description:** Private transfer from the resort La Loggia to the train station in Praia a Mare.