



invites Alumni, Parents, and Friends to...

The Hidden Gem of Italy

PUGLIA



9-DAY TOUR INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip International Airfare from Boston, MA
- Seven (7) Nights' Accommodations in Bari and Lecce.
- Daily Breakfast, One (1) Lunch, One (1) Culinary Masterclass Dinner, and Three (3) Curated Dinners
- Private Motorcoach Transportation, Expert Local Guides, & Services of a Tour Manager
- UNESCO World Heritage Site Excursions, Exclusive Cultural & Sensory Immersions, and Maritime & Natural Wonder Excursions
- Guided Sightseeing Tours, Admissions, and Visits to Attractions as per itinerary

MAY 14 - 22, 2027

"Discover Puglia and the Salento Peninsula on this immersive nine-day expedition. Centered in vibrant historic coastal hubs, this program blends culinary traditions with architectural exploration. Stand before majestic Romanesque cathedrals, witness whimsical cone-roofed trulli, and walk through ancient cave complexes before engaging with local olive oil and winemaking traditions, offering a profound connection to Southern Italy."

TOUR COST

LAND AND AIR

\$5,699

DOUBLE
per person

\$6,815

SINGLE
per person

LAND-ONLY

\$950

AIR FARE CREDIT
per person

*Airfare taxes and fuel surcharges are subject to a possible increase until final payment is made. Baggage fees are not included.



Bari



Bisceglie



Locorotondo



Alberobello, Trulli Houses

Day 1 May 14, 2027: Departure from the US

Depart on your overnight flight to Italy, beginning an unforgettable journey through the **enchanting region of Puglia**. Known for its picturesque coastal towns, rich culinary traditions, ancient history, and stunning landscapes, Southern Italy offers the perfect blend of culture, cuisine, and authentic Italian charm.

Day 2 May 15, 2027: Arrive in Puglia: Bari (D)

Welcome to Italy! Upon arrival at Bari Airport, meet your tour manager and **transfer into the heart of Bari's historic center**. Discover one of Southern Italy's most vibrant and authentic cities as you enjoy a guided walking tour through its charming old town. Highlights may include the magnificent **Basilica of Saint Nicholas**, the **Norman-Swabian Castle**, and the picturesque waterfront promenade. Later, continue to your hotel in the Bari area and settle into your accommodations. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers for a **welcome drink and dinner featuring regional specialties** as you celebrate the beginning of your Italian adventure. Overnight in **Bari** at the **Hotel Mice Oriente** (or similar).

Day 3 May 16, 2027: The Itria Valley: Alberobello, Locorotondo & Cisternino (B)

After breakfast, set out to explore the beautiful **Itria Valley**, one of Puglia's most iconic regions. Begin in **Alberobello**, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** famous for its unique trulli, whitewashed stone dwellings topped with distinctive conical roofs. Stroll through the enchanting streets of **Rione Monti**, browse local artisan shops, and admire panoramic viewpoints overlooking hundreds of trulli rooftops. Continue to **Locorotondo**, widely regarded as one of the most beautiful villages in Italy. Time permitting, visit the charming town of **Cisternino**, another hidden gem known for its authentic atmosphere and traditional Apulian character. Overnight in **Bari** at the **Hotel Mice Oriente** (or similar).

Day 4 May 17, 2027: Prehistoric Matera & The Sassi Cave Dwellings (B, D)

Today's excursion takes you to one of Italy's most extraordinary destinations: **Matera**, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** and former European Capital of Culture. Built into a dramatic ravine, Matera is famous for its ancient "Sassi" cave dwellings, which have been continuously inhabited for thousands of years. Visit historic cave dwellings and fascinating rock churches while learning about the remarkable story of Matera's transformation. Following the guided tour, enjoy time to wander the atmospheric streets, browse local shops, or relax at one of the city's scenic cafés before your **included group dinner** and returning to your hotel. Overnight in **Bari** at the **Hotel Mice Oriente** (or similar).



Ostuni "The White City"

Day 5 May 18, 2027: Trani's Romanesque Pearl & Coastal Bisceglie (B, L)

Following breakfast, travel to the elegant seaside city of Trani, often referred to as the **"Pearl of Puglia."** During a guided walking tour, discover one of Southern Italy's most beautiful coastal towns, renowned for its magnificent Romanesque cathedral perched directly along the Adriatic Sea. This afternoon, continue to nearby Bisceglie, an authentic coastal town rich in history and local character. Explore its picturesque historic center, where medieval streets, beautiful churches, and inviting piazzas create the perfect setting for a leisurely afternoon before your **olive oil tour and tasting followed by an included group lunch of coastal cuisine.** Enjoy time to wander along the waterfront and soak in the rhythms of everyday life in Puglia before returning to your hotel. Overnight in **Bari** at the **Hotel Mice Oriente** (or similar).



Trani

Day 6 May 19, 2027: Castellana Subterranean Caves & Ostuni (B)

After breakfast check out and depart for the remarkable **Castellana Caves**, one of Italy's most spectacular natural attractions. Venture beneath the surface to discover an extraordinary underground world of soaring caverns, dramatic rock formations, stalactites, and stalagmites that have evolved over millions of years. Later, continue to **Ostuni**, one of Puglia's most iconic destinations. Known as **"The White City,"** Ostuni rises dramatically above endless olive groves, its gleaming whitewashed buildings creating a striking contrast against the blue skies of Southern Italy. Check into the your hotel in **Lecce**. Enjoy free time to explore the town independently along the Adriatic coast. Overnight in **Lecce** at the **Hotel President Lecce** (or similar).



Lecce

Day 7 May 20, 2027: Baroque Lecce & Hands-On Culinary Masterclass (B, D)

This morning travel south into the Salento region to Lecce. Often called the **"Florence of the South,"** Lecce boasts ornate Baroque architecture, elegant piazzas, and centuries of history that combine to create one of Italy's most beautiful cities. During a guided walking tour, admire intricately carved churches, grand palaces, and the city's distinctive golden limestone buildings. This evening, immerse yourself in one of Puglia's greatest treasures: its cuisine. **Participate in a hands-on cooking experience where you'll learn traditional regional recipes and techniques while discovering the flavors that define Southern Italian cooking.** The experience concludes with a delicious dinner featuring the dishes you've helped prepare. Overnight in **Lecce** at the **Hotel President Lecce** (or similar).



Salento



Otranto

Day 8 May 21, 2027: Salento Countryside & Indigenous Wine Tasting (B, D)

Today offers a deeper exploration of the Salento region, where history, culture, and culinary traditions blend seamlessly. Enjoy additional time in Lecce to appreciate its extraordinary architecture and lively atmosphere before venturing into the surrounding countryside. **This afternoon, visit a local winery to discover the region's celebrated wine traditions. Learn about indigenous grape varieties such as Primitivo and Negroamaro while enjoying a tasting experience that highlights the flavors and culinary heritage of Southern Italy.** Surrounded by beautiful countryside, this is the perfect opportunity to slow down and savor the authentic spirit of Puglia. Return to your accommodations and **enjoy your Farewell Dinner in the evening.** Overnight in **Lecce** at the **Hotel President Lecce** (or similar).

Day 9 May 22, 2027: Final Departure (B)

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your return flight home. As your Italian adventure comes to a close, take with you memories of charming coastal villages, **UNESCO World Heritage Sites**, remarkable cuisine, breathtaking landscapes, and the warm hospitality that makes Puglia one of Italy's most captivating regions.



Gallipoli