

PUGLIA

September 27th - October 5th 2026



Puglia where time pauses and beauty whispers to the heart

Puglia, is the golden light that ignites the white stone at dawn, the sea that changes color with every glance, and the scent of the sea blending with that of the land, **and the silence of centuries-old olive trees whispering ancient stories.**

It is losing yourself in whitewashed alleys and flower-filled balconies, savoring dishes that tell of tradition and shared moments; **it is breathing in an authenticity** that touches the soul: the richness of freshly pressed olive oil, warm bread broken by hand, and the flavors of ancient culinary traditions crafted from fresh, genuine products of the land and sea.

Here, every experience becomes a connection, every moment an unforgettable memory to carry in your heart

In Puglia, you don't rush: you breathe, you listen, you savor, you live

Day 1

DEPARTURE FROM USA AND ARRIVAL IN PUGLIA

Arrive at Bari Airport and private transfer to your seaside resort 4*. Take a full day to unwind and immerse yourself in the beauty of your resort. Bask in the warm Puglian sun by the poolside or on the gentle sounds of the Adriatic set the perfect backdrop for pure relaxation. This is a day in half board, designed for you to recharge, enjoy gourmet meals and refreshing drinks, and soak in the serene atmosphere. Let yourself fully savor the tranquility of your surroundings, preparing for the exciting experiences that lie ahead

beautiful resort along one of the Adriatic coast's most stunning stretches of beach, perfectly located halfway between Bari and Lecce. This will be your base for relaxation and the exciting tours and experiences planned over the coming days—a true home in the heart of Puglia.

COOKING CLASS STREET FOOD BARI EXPERIENCE (Theoretical and Practical Lesson + tasting)

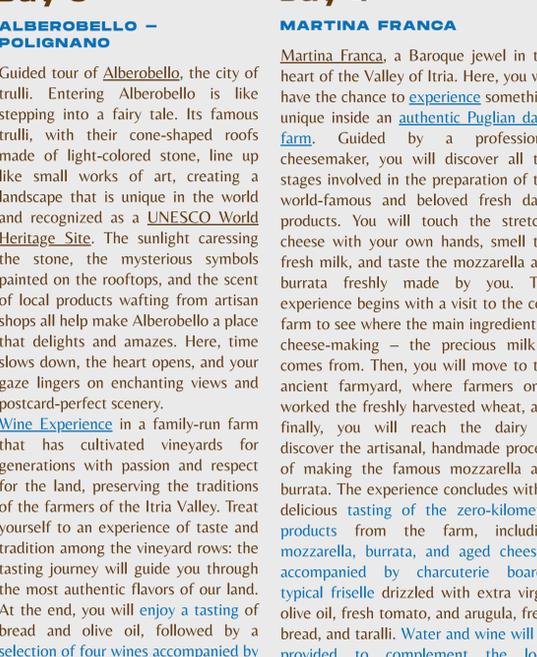
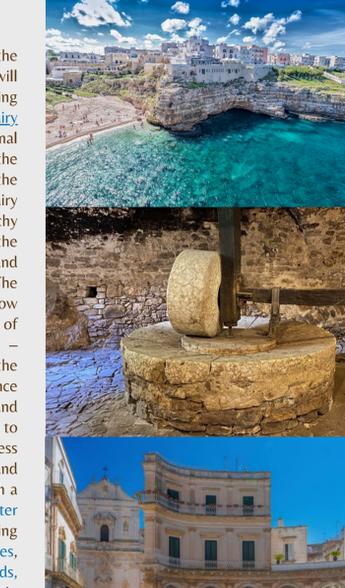


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Day 2

CASTEL DEL MONTE - BARI

Guided tour of Castel del Monte, one of the region's most iconic castles, where a guided tour will reveal its fascinating history and architectural beauty. After this enchanting experience, continue to Bari, where you will enjoy an aperitivo featuring Bari's famous street food (water and beer included). Join a hands-on workshop to learn the secrets of making authentic Italian pizza and the beloved Baresi Panzerotti, a true taste of Puglia. Then, immerse yourself in the charm of Bari's historic old town. Guided walking tour through a labyrinth of narrow, picturesque streets where every corner tells a story. Feel the echoes of the bustling markets of the past, breathe in the aroma of freshly baked bread, and savor the scents of traditional Puglian dishes filling the air. Marvel at the majesty of the Basilica of San Nicola, guardian of the patron saint's relics, and admire the noble palaces and hidden corners that make Bari's old town so captivating. Every alleyway, every piazza, every church invites you to discover the city's vibrant soul and timeless beauty. Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel



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Day 3

ALBEROBELLO - POLIGNANO

Guided tour of Alberobello, the city of trulli. Entering Alberobello is like stepping into a fairy tale. Its famous trulli, with their cone-shaped roofs made of light-colored stone, line up like small works of art, creating a landscape that is unique in the world and recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The sunlight caressing the stone, the mysterious symbols painted on the rooftops, and the scent of local products wafting from artisan shops all help make Alberobello a place that delights and amazes. Here, time slows down, the heart opens, and your gaze lingers on enchanting views and postcard-perfect scenery.

Wine Experience in a family-run farm that has cultivated in vineyards for generations with passion and respect for the land, preserving the traditions of the farmers of the Itria Valley. Treat yourself to an experience of taste and tradition among the vineyard rows: the tasting journey will guide you through the most authentic flavors of our land. At the end, you will enjoy a tasting of bread and olive oil, followed by a selection of four wines accompanied by typical local products, lunching in the shade of the vineyards. A truly authentic sensory experience that will stay in your heart. In the afternoon enjoy free time for an individual walk through the historic center of Polignano. This city is a jewel set into white cliffs that plunge into the sea. The town offers breathtaking views, natural balconies suspended over infinity, and a sea of turquoise hues that captivates both the eyes and the soul. Walking through the narrow streets of the old town, among ancient arches and sun-bleached houses, you are accompanied by the sound of the waves echoing beneath your feet. Weather permitting, enjoy a boat tour with a sunset toast.

Enjoy an unforgettable experience, discovering the hidden secrets of the Apulian coast as you sail among spectacular natural wonders, sea caves, and secluded coves accessible only by boat. Among the most iconic stops: the famous Grotta Palazzese, Cala Port'Alga, and the coastline of Polignano. Dinner and night in hotel

WINE EXPERIENCE (Tasting and light lunch in the vineyard)



day 3

Day 4

MARTINA FRANCA

Martina Franca, a Baroque jewel in the heart of the Valley of Itria. Here, you will have the chance to experience something unique inside an authentic Puglian dairy farm. Guided by a professional cheesemaker, you will discover all the stages involved in the preparation of the world-famous and beloved fresh dairy products. You will touch the stretchy cheese with your own hands, smell the fresh milk, and taste the mozzarella and burrata freshly made by you. The experience begins with a visit to the cow farm to see where the main ingredient of cheese-making – the precious milk – comes from. Then, you will move to the ancient farmyard, where farmers once worked the freshly harvested wheat, and finally, you will reach the dairy to discover the artisanal, handmade process of making the famous mozzarella and burrata. The experience concludes with a delicious tasting of the zero-kilometer products from the farm, including mozzarella, burrata, and aged cheeses, accompanied by charcuterie boards, typical friselle drizzled with extra virgin olive oil, fresh tomato, and arugula, fresh bread, and taralli. Water and wine will be provided to complement the local specialties. Truly a taste to remember!

Falconeria experience: The ancient art of training and flying birds of prey, such as falcons and eagles, for hunting purposes or demonstrations. In Puglia, this tradition is connected both to medieval history and to the promotion of nature and the local wildlife heritage.

Free time for a walk in Martina Franca, where art, history, and elegance blend in perfect harmony. Its historic center is a maze of whitewashed streets and flower-filled balconies that captivates at first sight, featuring extraordinary Puglian Baroque architecture rich in delicate details, sculpted portals, and luminous façades that tell centuries of nobility and culture. Guided visit to an ancient underground olive mill carved into the rock and preserved in the silence of the earth, this fascinating place tells centuries of history linked to the production of olive oil, the true gold of the Mediterranean. Among stone millstones, ancient presses, and evocative rooms illuminated by soft lighting, every detail speaks of wisdom passed down through generations. This visit is not just about discovering a place, but about experiencing a deep emotion rooted in the memory of the most authentic Puglia. The visit concludes with a tasting of three extra virgin olive oils, accompanied by friselle with fresh tomato. Dinner and overnight stay in hotel



CHEESEMAKER EXPERIENCE (Theoretical and Practical Lesson + tasting)

OIL MILL EXPERIENCE (Tasting in ancient oil mill)

day 4

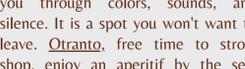
Day 5

LECCE - OTRANTO - CAVE DI BAUXITE

Guided tour of Lecce, known as the "Florence of the South." Its beauty is an endless journey through splendid Baroque palaces, frescoed churches, elegant squares, narrow streets, and hidden corners that, like magic, lead you to discover new secrets: monumental doors, ancient Roman theaters, and small artisan shops filled with the scent of paper and tradition. Walking through Lecce feels like stepping into a painting. The Lecce Baroque, unique in the world, with its sculpted forms, intricately sculpted facades, and Roman ruins blending harmoniously with the rest of the city, is the true beating heart of this land. Lunch at a typical trattoria, where you can enjoy the traditional dishes of Salentine cuisine. An unforgettable sensory experience for your taste buds.

Guided tour of Bauxite Caves. A guided walk through this incredible place, where nature has become an artist and sculpted a breathtaking landscape. A surreal place, immersed in a sea of colors ranging from the intense red of the bauxite to the vibrant green of the vegetation, and the deep blue of the sea that wraps around you like a hug, transporting you to a secret corner of the world. The Bauxite Caves are an emotional journey, a dive into the wild heart of Puglia, where nature tells its story through its strength, beauty, and transformation. A place that speaks to you through colors, sounds, and silence. It is a spot you won't want to leave. Otranto, free time to stroll, shop, enjoy an aperitif by the sea, relax on the sandy beach, or swim in the turquoise, crystal-clear waters of Otranto's sea, one of the most beautiful in Puglia. This ancient town is a crossroads of cultures, where past and present embrace in perfect harmony. Walking through its narrow streets and cobble alleys, you can feel the essence of an authentic Puglia, far from the tourist crowds but close to the heart of those who live here. Otranto's historic center is an open-air museum: the ancient churches with their spectacular mosaics tell stories of faith and art intertwined over the centuries. But Otranto is also about the sea: a crystal-clear sea that caresses its rocky shores and offers postcard-perfect views, white beaches, and hidden coves where you can relax under the warm sun. Otranto is authenticity: small artisan shops, the scent of traditional cuisine mingling with the saltiness of the sea. Otranto is one of the most beautiful towns in Puglia. Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel

TRADITIONAL LUNCH (Tasting the traditional dishes of Salento)



day 5

Day 6

ALTAMURA - MATERA

A very charming location in the heart of Altamura, meticulously cared for in every detail. A tasting journey that delights the palate and caresses the soul with traditional dishes and impeccable service. This place is a true culinary temple that embodies the cultural value of Altamuran and Apulian tradition. Here, every dish is a tribute to the roots of our history, an homage to the authenticity of flavors from the past. The concept focuses on the careful selection and enhancement of raw ingredients, creating a harmonious blend of culinary excellence and respect for tradition, to deliver an extraordinary gastronomic experience gourmet country cuisine. Everything is made with products grown directly in the restaurant's own garden, offering the genuine flavors of the past. Guided by an expert chef specializing in this iconic pasta, you will learn every step of the process, from selecting the finest ingredients to manually preparing the dough. You will shape the pasta with your own hands, pressing your thumb into the dough to create the small "orecchiette," a gesture that will become natural over time, as if the Puglian tradition flows through your veins. There is no better place to enjoy this cooking experience and a traditional, hearty lunch made with fresh, local products—a true sensory delight for your palate. You will also taste the Orecchiette you prepared yourself (water and wine included).

Guide visit of Matera, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Famous for its Sassi, the ancient districts carved into the rock, Matera is a masterpiece of cave architecture, where houses, churches, and squares seem to emerge directly from the earth itself, with a raw and captivating appearance. Every corner tells a millennia-old story of struggles and hopes, of sacredness and daily life. Walking through the narrow streets winding through the Sassi feels like stepping into a tuff stone. The homes carved into the tuff stone, with their characteristic rock chapels and winding alleys, take you back in time, to a city that seems to live on today. The past, which has attracted artists, writers, and filmmakers over the years, is now one of the most extraordinary destinations in Italy—a place where the past blends perfectly with the present. Matera is not just a city to see, but an experience to be lived with all your senses. The scent of the damp stones, the silence that envelops you, the sound of footsteps on the old stone stairs, and the feeling of being in a place where time stands still. Every detail, every rock, every corner tells its story, maintaining its wild charm and authentic soul. Dinner and night in hotel



COOKING CLASS ORECCHIETTE EXPERIENCE (Theoretical and Practical Lesson + lunch)

day 6

Day 7

SPECIAL EXPERIENCE DAY

Breakfast at the hotel. Private transfer to an elegant Masseria for this Special Experience day. We start with the Traditional Apulian Cooking Class to prepare traditional tarallini and a classic Puglian first course (theoretical/practical lesson) + tasting/light lunch with local products and traditional dishes

At the end, enjoy a special experience: a Pizzica dance lesson, the traditional Salentine dance, a folk dance accompanied by lively music and infectious rhythms.

The dance has very ancient roots and was originally a folk dance connected to healing and superstitious rituals. The rhythm is fast, driving, and hypnotic, designed to keep the dancers moving without pause. The dance simulates a dialogue between man and woman, energy, and liberation. The experience includes an introduction to the first steps to approach the Pizzica dance, followed by a performance by 2 professional dancers, with all participants joining in to practice and perform what they have learned. Return to hotel, dinner and night

SEAFOOD DINNER (Tasting the traditional dishes of Salento)



day 7

Day 8

RELAXING DAY

Take a full day to relax and immerse yourself in the beauty of your resort. Enjoy the warm Puglian sun by the poolside or on the gentle sounds of the Adriatic create the perfect backdrop for pure relaxation. This is a day designed to recharge and savor the serene atmosphere before departure. Lunch at the hotel is included. Last evening in Puglia: a seafood dinner in a charming restaurant suspended between sky and sea, where every scent and flavor tells the story of this extraordinary land. Let these moments be etched in your mind, kept in your heart, and let the song of the waves become unforgettable memories. Puglia bids you farewell with its golden light, the sound of the waves, and the emotion of a journey that will remain within you forever, ready to be shared with the people you love

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to Bari airport for your return flight.

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