

## LEISURE ITINERARY 8 APULIA

### DAILY PROGRAM

#### DAY 1

##### BARI

This morning we arrive in Bari. We are met by our Tour Manager and transferred to our hotel in Bari city centre. Rest of the day is at leisure. Welcome drink, dinner and overnight at the hotel.

#### DAY 2

##### ALBEROBELLO – POLIGNANO A MARE

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure to Alberobello, one of the Apulia symbol and “capital” of the Trulli, traditional cone-shaped stone buildings, which are the symbol of Apulia. Guided visit, including Rione Monti (UNESCO World Heritage Site), the Church Trullo, Trullo Siamese and other charming places of this unique town. Free time for lunch on your own and for shopping. In the afternoon departure to Polignano a mare for a pleasant walk and a tasty dinner in a local restaurant. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

#### DAY 3

##### BARI – WINE TASTING

Breakfast at the hotel. Guided tour of the city of Bari walking through the winding roads of the city center to admire the imposing medieval castle, the two main Basilicas: the Basilica of San Nicola and the Cathedral of San Sabino, the old City, The Petruzzelli theatre, one of the most famous symbols of Bari and so on. Free time for lunch on your own. The rest of the day is free for personal exploration. Dinner and overnight at the hotel

#### DAY 4

##### LECCE – BRINDISI

Morning departure for Lecce and visit this magnificent baroque city. See Porta Napoli, the Cathedral, Piazza S. Oronzo with its column and Amphitheatre. Stop for lunch on your own. In the afternoon continue to Brindisi, ancient main port to Greece and the Middle East, built during the Roman Empire and the ending point of the Appian way that starts in Rome. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight.

#### DAY 5

##### OSTUNI

Morning departure for Ostuni “the White City”. The brilliance of the white washed houses set against the pink and brown monuments make the town stand out in the green of the surrounding countryside. Walking tour of the narrow streets, Porta Nuova, S. Giacomo di Compostela and the Cathedral. Return to Bari for a free afternoon. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

#### DAY 6

##### MT. ST. ANGELO/ SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO/ CASTEL DEL MONTE

Morning departure for Mt. St. Angelo and visit the Sanctuary of St. Michael the Archangel. Go on to San Giovanni Rotondo, Holy Shrine of Padre Pio, where we see his Tomb and Cell. Stop for lunch on your own and personal adventure. Continue toward Castel del Monte, visit the octagonal castle, once the residence of Emperor Frederick II. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight.

#### DAY 7

##### CASTELLANA GROTTUES – EGNATIA

Morning departure for Castellana to visit the Speleological Museum of Castellana Grottoes, a

series of underground caves with spectacular calcite formations, stalagmites and stalactites. Continue to Egnatia, built during the Roman Empire as their most important harbor. Visit the Museum, Basilicas, Amphitheatre and Forum. Return to Bari for a free afternoon. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

DAY 8

DEPARTURE DAY

Arrivederci italia . Departure to Bari airport. End of the tour