




# Apulia

Undiscovered Italy

## Inspiring Moments

- ▶ From your hotel's terrace, witness **magnificent Adriatic** skies melt into the cerulean sea.
- ▶ Uncover **Matera**, home to a fascinating network of caves inhabited since the Paleolithic era.
- ▶ Delight in **Lecce's architecture**, from its Roman amphitheater to churches adorned with cherubs and gargoyles.
- ▶ Take in sweeping panoramic views of the **Apulian countryside** at a local vineyard.
- ▶ Discover **Alberobello's** fascinating conical trulli houses and wander the narrow lanes of luminous **Ostuni**.
- ▶ Taste **Apulia's simple, fresh cuisine** crafted with homegrown flavors and family heirloom recipes.
- ▶ Delight in the exquisite charms and laid-back atmosphere of **Locorotondo**.
- ▶ Experience two **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.



Trulli, Alberobello

Experience Apulia, Italy's inspiring southern region. From your home in Polignano a Mare, explore hilltop towns and charming fishing villages with architectural and archaeological treasures, including remarkable UNESCO World Heritage sites. Dine on seafood, fresh from the Adriatic, and indulge in locally produced olive oil and wine. Centuries of history will unfold as you dip into Apulia's rich heritage, taste the salt in its tangy Adriatic breezes, and engage with its welcoming people — experiencing everything this special area has to offer. Together, we'll discover this fascinating Mediterranean region steeped in history and beauty.

## Day-by-Day Itinerary

### Day 1 | In Transit

Depart gateway city for Bari, Italy. 🚗

### Day 2 | Bari, Italy | Polignano a Mare

Touch down in Bari and transfer 🚗 to Polignano a Mare to check in to the Hotel Covo dei Saraceni.

Join us for a Welcome Dinner this evening.

### Day 3 | Bari | Polignano a Mare

**Beautiful Bari.** This ancient seaport boasts narrow lanes and a pretty harbor. Visit the historic port and wander the tight tangle of streets in the old town. Admire the carved portal of the Basilica di San Nicola, which houses the relics of Bari's patron saint, Saint Nicholas, and visit the interesting Murat quarter, the modern heart of the city.

Relax over a lunch of delicious local fare.

**A Stroll Through Polignano a Mare.** This fishing village rises from limestone cliffs molded by the Adriatic. Pass through the Porta Vecchia gate to walk along the cobble streets of the historic quarter.

**Enrichment: The History, Agriculture and Beauty of Apulia.** Study the enduring influence of the region's diverse cultural inheritance.

Meet up with fellow travelers at a Welcome Reception.

### Day 4 | Locorotondo | Alberobello

**Locorotondo.** Travel through the Valle d'Itria to the municipality of Locorotondo, a tranquil village with a labyrinth of whitewashed lanes waiting to be explored. Notice the curious *cummerse*, Locorotondo's narrow houses brandishing pointed gable roofs. The historic center features stone staircases and balconies draped with flowers. Have your camera at the ready!

**Family Winery.** Tour a family-owned winery and learn how the Carparelli family combines traditional wine-making techniques with modern practices. See the property's new cellar, ancient farmhouse

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and vineyards, and sample wine made from native white grapes. Enjoy the ambience of this countryside retreat over a light snack.

**Trulli Fascinating Alberobello.** Unusual dome-shaped buildings dot the Apulian countryside and in the enchanting city of Alberobello you will find the largest concentration of the mysterious dwellings known as trulli. More than 1,000 trulli cluster along the town's cobblestones!

**Enrichment: History and Architecture of Lecce and Ostuni.** Learn about the incredible and unique architectural styles found in this region.

#### Day 5 | Lecce | Ostuni

##### **Barocco Leccese and the White Town of Ostuni.**

Lecce boasts a trove of florid baroque architecture carved from cream-colored stone. Visit the Basilica of Santa Croce and admire its elaborate façade and rose window. Next, walk to the center of the Piazza Sant'Oronzo to see the Roman Column crowned with a bronze statue.

After leisure time in Lecce, continue to Ostuni where gleaming, white-washed buildings cascade from a hilltop perch. Marvel at the old town's serpentine passages, admire the magnificent cathedral and walk along the city walls to glimpse olive groves stretching to the glimmering sapphire sea.

Dine on traditional cuisine during dinner. The regional cuisine is a tasty medley of Mediterranean flavors and menus are crafted with homegrown flavors and family heirloom recipes.

#### Day 6 | Trani | Bisceglie

**Trani.** Trani is known for its Moscato di Trani wine and is home to a cathedral dedicated to Saint Nicolas the Pilgrim. You will also see Norman houses built in a typical English Romanesque style.

**AHI Connects: Olive Mill Outing.** Visit a family-run olive mill for a guided tour, and learn about the fascinating history and cultivation process of olives. Enjoy the smooth, sweet smells and buttery flavors of these regional specialties. Following lunch at the olive mill, gather with some employees or owners of the mill for an open-forum discussion about life in Italy.



#### Day 7 | Matera

**Matera.** Visit the Sassi districts of Matera, a 2019 European Capital of Culture. Honeycombed throughout the Sassi are more than 100 rock churches decorated with delicate frescoes carved by monks seeking refuge from the Byzantine Empire. Enjoy exploring one of the world's oldest continuously inhabited settlements. Savor southern Italian cuisine during lunch today.

**Free Time:** Enjoy leisure time in Matera.

**Enrichment: Contemporary Italy.** In 2011, Italy celebrated the 150th anniversary of its unification as a single state. Compare the rich cultural heritage and slow-paced lifestyle of Apulia with its neighbors.

#### Day 8 | Polignano a Mare

**Free time:** Recharge during a day at leisure. Soak up the sunshine, visit your favorite café or search for a perfect souvenir to bring home.

Share your favorite experiences with your fellow travelers at a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

#### Day 9 | In Transit

Transfer to the Bari airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

## Included Features

### Accommodations {with baggage handling}

- **7 nights** in Polignano a Mare, Italy, at the first-class Hotel Covo dei Saraceni.

### Extensive Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 4 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

### Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Small group:** Sized just right at 28 guests.
- **AHI Travel Assurance** plan covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Free time to pursue your individual interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.



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**Note:** Itinerary sequence and/or scheduled events may change. Walking is required on many excursions.

Flights and transfers provided for AHI FlexAir participants.