



## ROME & PUGLIA JOURNEYS (TOUR CODE: 12373)

### STARTS AND ENDS

in Rome

### TRAVEL PERIODS

22 Apr 26 - 04 Nov 26

### EXPERIENCE

Group Journeys  
Food & Wine

### TRAVEL STYLE

Escorted Group Tour

Discover the southern peninsular of Italy during this 11-day Rome & Puglia Journeys. Explore ancient cities and take in incredible vistas from the turquoise waters of the Adriatic Sea to the green olive groves in the west.

### Highlights

- **Guaranteed Departures**
- Small group of maximum **25 People**
- Transportation by **deluxe motorcoach with Free-Wi-Fi** connection on board and tour-escort in English Only.
- Enjoy a stay in a **Trullo house in Alberobello**
- Guided city tours with local guides
- Specialty Dinner Experiences

Discover the rich contrasts of Italy on this 11-day journey from Rome to the heart of Puglia, where ancient cities, UNESCO World Heritage Sites, and charming villages await. Travel by high-speed train between Rome and Bari, enjoy guided tours in Bari, Matera and Lecce, and explore iconic destinations including Castel del Monte, Alberobello, and Matera. Delight in authentic experiences like a cooking class and lunch at a traditional Masseria, dinner with wine in the countryside, and visits to Locorotondo and Otranto, two of Italy's most beautiful "Borghi." Continue through the Murge plateau to elegant Martina Franca, then visit seaside Monopoli before returning to Rome via Bari to conclude your Rome & Puglia journey.



GUARANTEED  
DEPARTURES



VARIED GROUP  
SIZES



SUSTAINABLE  
TRAVEL



ENGLISH-ONLY  
EXPERT GUIDES



HANDPICKED  
CENTRAL HOTELS



AUTHENTIC  
EXPERIENCES



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

## INCLUSIONS

- 8-night accommodation in 4-star hotels
- Transportation by coach
- Private arrival airport transfer as per itinerary
- High-Speed train - 2nd class
- Daily Breakfast
- Additional meals as per itinerary
- Guided city tour with local guides
- English-Speaking Only Tour Director throughout the journey (expect during the Cruise)

## ITINERARY

Day 1

### Rome

Welcome to Rome!

Arrival in Rome, meet with your driver at the airport and transfer to your hotel.

Rest of the day is at leisure.

Overnight stay in Rome at **St. Martin Hotel** or similar.



ROME

## Bari

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel and meet our tour leader for a morning tour of **Bari**, the main city of Puglia. Visit the old city center, including the **Basilica of San Nicola** and the **Norman-Swabian Castle**, with its breathtaking views (*castle entry at your own expense*). Continue to **Piazza Mercantile** and see the ancient Column of Justice.

After the visit, you'll have free time for lunch. While not included in the package, we recommend you enjoy a meal at a typical local restaurant in the city center or explore the area for some delicious street food.

Dinner is included at the hotel or in a close by restaurant.

Overnight stay in Bari at **Hotel Excelsior** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



## Rome Bari

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before leaving Rome. Transfer to the station for the train departure to Bari.

Arrival at the hotel in Bari on your own. Rest of the day at your disposal.

Overnight stay in Bari at **Hotel Excelsior** or similar.

Breakfast



Day 4

## Bari Trani Castel del Monte Alberobello

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before departing Bari by coach to **Trani**, known as the 'Pearl of Puglia'. Discover its art, monuments, the Jewish quarter, and the stunning white stone Cathedral.

In the afternoon, visit **Castel Del Monte**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, built in the 13th century under Roger the Norman. Explore this octagonal fortress, surrounded by mystery. Continue to **Alberobello**, famous for its UNESCO listed Trulli, dry-stone cone-shaped houses dating back to the 14th century. Enjoy a welcome toast with local white wine and Apulian taralli.

Overnight stay in Alberobello at **Grand Hotel La Chiesa di Chietri** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 5

## Alberobello Matera Alberobello

**Matera** will be the destination for today. After breakfast, the coach will take you to this incredible UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit and learn the history of the "**Sassi di Matera**" (**Stones of Matera**), caves that have been used as houses for

over 9.000 years, that are part of the historic center of the city. Admire the Romanesque Cathedral that overlooks the city, its beautiful “**Campanile**” (**Bell Tower**) and enjoy the amazing view of the “Sassi”.

Transfer back to Alberobello in the late afternoon.

Overnight stay in Alberobello at **Grand Hotel La Chiesa di Chietri** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **6**

## Alberobello Locorotondo Ostuni Lecce

Breakfast in the hotel. Leave Alberobello by coach and reach **Locorotondo**.

Enjoy some free time to visit this small town that is part of the “white towns” of Puglia. Board on the coach again and travel to **Ostuni**: located between the “Trulli” region and Salento, overlooks the coastal plain rich of ancient olive trees.

Free time at your disposal to explore another “white town” with free time for lunch, shopping and tasting of several local products like the world’s famous ostuni olive oil (*all at your own expenses*).

In the late afternoon, get again on board of the coach and reach **Lecce** in the heart of the Salento region.

Overnight stay in Lecce at **Hotel Delle Palme** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **8**

Lecce Martina Franca Masseria Monopoli Bari

After breakfast, we head back to **Bari**, driving through the unique **Murge plateau**. We'll visit **Martina Franca**, an elegant Baroque village with churches, noble buildings, and squares. See **Piazza Plebiscito**, the **Cathedral**, **Ducal Palace**, and **Torre dell'Orologio**. Enjoy free time.

Continue through **Valle d'Itria**, a rural area of olive trees and vineyards. Lunch will be at a **Masseria**, where organic food and excellent extra virgin olive oil are produced, including a tasting.

In the afternoon, explore **Monopoli**, a fortified citadel overlooking the sea. Its intricate streets reveal an oriental atmosphere from ancient commerce and crusader departures. After Monopoli, a short drive returns us to Bari for overnight.

Overnight stay in Bari at **Hotel Excelsior** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **7**

Lecce Otranto Masseria Lecce

After breakfast at your hotel, enjoy a **3-hour guided visit of Lecce**. Learn its history, explore the old town center, the **12th-century Cathedral, the Basilica of Santa Croce, and Piazza del Duomo**.

Afterward, depart for **Otranto** by coach, with free time for lunch. Spend the afternoon exploring Otranto at your own pace, known for its blend of Greek, Roman, and Turkish influences. Visit the iconic Cathedral, housing the bones of 813 martyrs and a marvelous mosaic floor.

In the evening, head to **Maglie** for dinner at **Masseria L'Uliveto**, an ancient farm offering regional cuisine.

Following dinner you will return to Lecce.

Overnight stay in Lecce at **Delle Palme Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **9**

## Bari Rome

Breakfast at the hotel. At the time indicated, transfer to the station for the train departure to Rome. Arrival at the train station and transfer to the hotel.

Overnight stay in Rome at **St Martin Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast



CASTEL SANT ANGELO

Day **10** Rome

Breakfast at the hotel. Spend a leisurely day exploring the wonders of Rome at your own pace.

Opportunity to choose one of our I Love Rome experiences.

Overnight stay in Rome at **St. Martin Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast



PIAZZA DI SPAGNA

Day **11** Rome

Enjoy your final breakfast at the hotel. Depending on your flight schedule, take advantage of any last-minute free time for shopping or sightseeing. Transfer to the airport is included.

End of our services.

Breakfast



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- No age limit
- All passengers must be able to independently board and alight the coach.

### Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- City tax not included: it shall be paid directly at the hotel
- Meals and drinks other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package (Entrance tickets to sites and museums)

## IN PARTNERSHIP

