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GRAND TOUR OF PUGLIA 2025

SmallGroup Travel Tour of Puglia

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Tuesday • May 13th



Upon landing at Bari Karol Wojtya Airport, make your own way through customs and collecting your luggage, you'll find your private transfer driver waiting for you in the arrivals hall, holding a sign with your name for easy identification. Check in at the hotel.

Meet your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. MEALS: Welcome dinner



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CASTELMONTE & VIESTE

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As we depart from Bari, our comfortable coach winds through the picturesque landscapes of Puglia. Rolling hills adorned with olive groves and vineyards pass by, offering glimpses of rustic Italian life. Our knowledgeable guide provides insights into the region's history, culture, and the significance of our destination: Castel del Monte.

Upon reaching the UNESCO World Heritage site of Castel del Monte, anticipation mounts as the imposing silhouette of the castle emerges on the horizon. Built in the 13th century by Emperor Frederick II, this architectural gem is a testament to medieval ingenuity and sophistication.

Stepping into the castle's courtyard, you're transported back in time. Our expert guide leads us through the intricacies of this octagonal masterpiece, revealing its unique blend of medieval and Islamic architectural elements. Marvel at the mathematical precision of its design, the symbolism woven into its structure, and the mysteries that still shroud its purpose.

As the day draws to a close, we bid farewell to Castel del Monte and begin our way to Vieste.

MEALS: Breakfast & Lunch in Trani

INCLUSIONS: Tour leader

Mediterranean style resort hotel with multilingual staff, restaurant & bar; situated 200 meters from the sea, near city center.



Degli Aranci Hotel - Vieste, Italy

39 0884-708557

Piazza Santa Maria delle Grazie 10, Vieste, Italy 71019

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Thursday • May 15th



Your exciting boat tour begins from the port of Vieste.

Once you've checked in, you'll board a comfortable, spacious boat designed for sightseeing and relaxation. The boat will be equipped with shaded areas and open decks, providing the perfect vantage points for taking in the stunning views. The captain and crew, experienced locals with extensive knowledge of the region, will give a brief safety overview before setting off.

As the boat leaves the marina and heads out into the open sea, you'll begin to see the dramatic cliffs and lush landscapes that define the Gargano Peninsula. The captain will navigate the boat along the rugged coastline, pointing out notable landmarks and sharing fascinating stories about the region's history and natural wonders.

One of the highlights of the tour will be the exploration of Gargano's famous sea caves and grottos. The boat will carefully maneuver into some of the larger grottos, allowing you to marvel at the impressive rock formations and the play of light on the water. The emerald and turquoise hues of the sea, contrasting with the white limestone cliffs, create a mesmerizing spectacle. The tour will include several stops at secluded coves and pristine beaches, where you, weather permitted, can take a refreshing dip in the crystal-clear waters.

As you continue along the coast, you'll pass by iconic landmarks such as the dramatic Pizzomunno rock, the towering Faraglioni sea stacks, and the picturesque Baia delle Zagare. Each site offers a unique perspective on the region's geological and natural diversity.

After a day filled with exploration and relaxation, the boat will make its way back to Vieste. As you approach the marina, you'll have one last chance to capture photos of the stunning coastal scenery.

MEALS: Breakfast

INCLUSIONS: Tour leader, shared boat in Vieste

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After breakfast, you'll meet your tour guide and fellow travelers at the hotel reception. The tour will start with a comfortable, air-conditioned bus or minivan ride, offering you a scenic journey through the beautiful landscapes of the Gargano Peninsula. As you travel inland, your guide will share interesting facts about the region's history, culture, and natural beauty. The first stop on your tour is Monte Sant'Angelo, a historic town perched high in the mountains.

Upon arrival in Monte Sant'Angelo, you'll explore this ancient town renowned for its religious significance and historical architecture. Your guide will lead you to the Sanctuary of Monte Sant'Angelo, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of Italy's most important pilgrimage destinations. This sanctuary, dedicated to the Archangel Michael, features an impressive basilica built over a grotto where the Archangel is said to have appeared.

You'll have time to explore the sanctuary, including the stunning church, the sacred grotto, and the museum. The town itself is also worth exploring, with its narrow, winding streets, whitewashed buildings, and panoramic views of the surrounding landscape. Don't forget to visit the Norman Castle, which offers further insights into the town's rich history.

After lunch, the tour continues with a short drive to the Umbra Forest (Foresta Umbra), a dense and verdant forest located in the heart of the Gargano National Park. Known for its biodiversity and serene beauty, the Umbra Forest is a natural haven that contrasts sharply with the coastal and mountainous regions of Gargano.

Upon arrival, you'll embark on a short guided nature walk through the forest. Your guide, an expert in local flora and fauna, will lead you along well-marked trails, pointing out various plant species, ancient trees, and, if you're lucky, some of the forest's wildlife. The Umbra Forest is home to deer, wild boar, and numerous bird species, making it a paradise for nature enthusiasts and bird watchers.

As the afternoon draws to a close, you'll board the bus for the return journey to Vieste.

MEALS: Breakfast & Lunch in Monte Sant'Angelo
INCLUSIONS: Tour leader

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Your day begins with an early departure. After breakfast at your hotel, you'll be picked up by a comfortable, air-conditioned private vehicle. Your friendly driver will assist with your luggage and ensure you are settled in for the journey. The drive from Vieste to Matera will take approximately 3 to 4 hours, passing through the scenic landscapes of Southern Italy. As you travel inland from the Adriatic coast, you'll see the diverse terrain of the Apulian countryside, from rolling hills and olive groves to quaint villages and historic towns. The journey offers plenty of opportunities to relax, enjoy the views, and perhaps learn more about the region from your knowledgeable driver.

Upon arrival in Matera, one of Italy's most unique and captivating cities, you'll be struck by the amazing landscape of the Sassi districts, known for their ancient cave dwellings. Your driver will take you directly to your hotel, where you'll have a chance to check in, freshen up, and prepare for the day's exploration.

After settling in, you'll meet your local guide in the hotel lobby. This expert guide will lead you on an in-depth tour of Matera, offering insights into the city's rich history, culture, and architecture.

The tour begins with a visit to the Sassi di Matera, the ancient cave dwellings that have earned Matera its status as a UNESCO World Heritage site. The Sassi are divided into two main districts: Sasso Caveoso and Sasso Barisano. As you wander through these labyrinthine neighborhoods, your guide will explain the history of these homes, carved directly into the limestone rock, and how they have been inhabited for thousands of years.

You'll visit key sites within the Sassi, including:

- **Casa Grotta di Vico Solitario:** A typical cave dwelling, furnished to show what life was like for its inhabitants in the past.
- **Rupestrian Churches:** Matera is home to numerous rock-hewn churches, adorned with ancient frescoes. Notable examples include the Church of Santa Maria de Idris and the Crypt of Original Sin, often referred to as the "Sistine Chapel of the Rupestrian Art."

Piazza Vittorio Veneto

Next, you'll head to Piazza Vittorio Veneto, Matera's main square. Here, you can admire the beautiful architecture and bustling atmosphere. The square offers a fantastic viewpoint over the Sassi, providing a panoramic view that is perfect for photographs. As the tour concludes, you'll have some free time to explore on your own, perhaps visiting local artisan shops or enjoying a coffee at a sidewalk café.

MEALS: Breakfast & dinner at local restaurant in Matera

INCLUSIONS: Tour leader, Matera Walking tour in the afternoon

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Situated in the heart of the historic city of Matera, which is one of the oldest in the world, European Capital of Culture in 2019 and a UNESCO city since 1993. Lo Stemma Luxury Hotel awaits you to provide an unforgettable experience in a place unique in the world.

The result of years of restoration, each room is unique and designed to have its distinct personality and charm while preserving its original soul. Furnished by blending the elegance of the antique with the linear style of the modern, they offer guests the opportunity to experience a magnificent blend of history and relaxation.

Sunday • May 18th



This morning you'll board a comfortable, air-conditioned vehicle for a short drive to Altamura, a charming town renowned for its rich history and culinary delights.

The drive from Matera to Altamura takes approximately 30 to 40 minutes, passing through the picturesque landscapes of the Apulian countryside. As you travel, your guide will provide an introduction to Altamura, known for its ancient architecture, fascinating history, and, most famously, its traditional bread.

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Upon arrival in Altamura, you'll be struck by the town's beautiful medieval architecture and lively atmosphere. Altamura is famed for its well-preserved historic center, which you'll explore in detail during the tour.

Your guided walking tour begins in the heart of Altamura's old town. As you stroll through the narrow streets and bustling squares, your guide will share stories and insights about the town's rich history and cultural heritage. Key highlights of the tour include:

- **Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta:** Visit the stunning Altamura Cathedral, a masterpiece of Apulian Romanesque architecture. Built in the 13th century by Emperor Frederick II, the cathedral boasts an impressive façade, intricate carvings, and beautiful interior frescoes.
- **Historic Center:** Wander through the historic center, with its labyrinth of alleys, arches, and courtyards. You'll see ancient buildings, charming piazzas, and landmarks such as the Clock Tower and the Church of San Nicola dei Greci.

As the afternoon draws to a close, you'll regroup with your guide and fellow travelers for the return journey to Matera. The drive back offers more scenic views and a chance to relax after a day of exploration and culinary delights.

You'll arrive back in Matera in the late afternoon or early evening, with plenty of time to enjoy the rest of your day. You'll return with a deeper understanding of Altamura's history and culture, as well as a newfound appreciation for its world-famous bread.

MEALS: Breakfast & bread tasting in Altamura

INCLUSIONS: Tour leader

Monday • May 19th



WINERY TOUR & ALBEROBELLO

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After breakfast you will be heading towards the picturesque Val D'Itria, a journey through the rolling hills and scenic landscapes of Puglia.

Arriving at the Aiello Winery, you'll be greeted with the warm hospitality that southern Italy is famous for. The tour begins with a walk through the lush vineyards, where you will learn about the unique terroir and grape varieties that thrive in this region. Your knowledgeable guide will explain the sustainable farming practices employed by the winery.

Next, you'll head to the cellar, where the magic of winemaking happens. Discover the traditional and modern techniques used to produce Aiello's acclaimed wines. The tour culminates with a guided tasting session, where you'll savor a selection of the winery's finest offerings, accompanied by local cheeses, bread, and olive oil. This immersive experience provides a deep appreciation of the craftsmanship behind each bottle.

After the winery visit, continue your journey to the enchanting town of Alberobello, renowned for its unique trulli houses. These whitewashed stone huts with conical roofs are another UNESCO World Heritage site. Wander through the narrow streets of the Rione Monti district, marveling at the charming architecture and visiting the Trullo Sovrano, the only two-story trullo in town.

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In the afternoon, travel to the coastal town of Polignano a Mare, perched on cliffs overlooking the Adriatic Sea, where you will be spending the next 3 nights.

MEALS: Breakfast & lunch in a local Trullo

INCLUSIONS: Tour leader & wine tasting



Covo Dei Saraceni - Polignano a Mare, Italy

39 080-424-1177

Via Conversano 1 1 a, Polignano a Mare, Italy 70044

Beachfront hotel set on the hills, along with the Mediterranean coast; 17 miles from the islands of Le Sirenuse.

Tuesday · May 20th



CATAMARAN TOUR POLIGNANO A MARE

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Embark on an unforgettable catamaran tour along the stunning coast of Polignano a Mare. This tour offers a perfect blend of relaxation, adventure, and breathtaking scenery, showcasing the unique charm of this coastal town from a whole new perspective.

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Your adventure begins at the marina in Polignano a Mare, where you'll board a luxurious catamaran. With a warm welcome from the crew, you'll be briefed on the day's itinerary and safety protocols. The catamaran, equipped with comfortable seating and ample deck space, ensures a smooth and enjoyable ride.

As the catamaran sets sail, you'll cruise along the dramatic coastline, known for its limestone cliffs, sea caves, and crystal-clear waters. Relax on the deck, soaking up the sun and enjoying the gentle sea breeze. The crew will share fascinating stories and facts about Polignano a Mare's history, culture, and natural beauty.

One of the highlights of the tour is the exploration of the famous sea caves, or "grotte," that dot the coastline. The catamaran will navigate close to these natural wonders, allowing you to marvel at their intricate formations and stunning colors. You may have the opportunity to enter some of the larger caves, experiencing their mysterious and enchanting atmosphere up close. Disembark at Polignano a Mare, feeling rejuvenated and inspired by the natural beauty and serene atmosphere of the Adriatic Sea. A catamaran tour in Polignano a Mare offers a unique and memorable way to experience this enchanting coastal town, creating lasting memories of your time in Puglia.

MEALS: Breakfast

INCLUSIONS: Tour leader, 3.5 hours private catamaran excursion & Spritz on board

Wednesday • May 21st



LOCOROTONDO, MARTINA FRANCA & CISTERNINO

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Embark on a delightful tour of three picturesque towns in the heart of Puglia: Locorotondo, Martina Franca, and Cisternino. This tour offers a rich blend of history, culture, and culinary delights, including a visit to a traditional olive oil mill, where you'll learn about and taste one of the region's most prized products.

Your journey begins in Locorotondo, a town renowned for its circular old town and whitewashed houses. Stroll through the narrow, winding streets lined with charming buildings adorned with colorful flowers. Visit the Church of San Giorgio, a beautiful example of neoclassical architecture, and enjoy panoramic views of the Valle d'Itria from the town's elevated position. As you explore, your guide will share stories and historical insights about this enchanting town.

Next, head to Martina Franca, a town known for its stunning baroque architecture and vibrant cultural scene. Wander through the historic center, admiring the ornate façades of the Palazzo Ducale and the Basilica di San Martino. The town's winding alleys and elegant piazzas offer a glimpse into its rich history and lively atmosphere. Take a moment to enjoy a coffee in one of the charming cafes, soaking in the ambiance of this delightful town.

Continue your tour with a visit to a local oil mill, where you'll discover the art of olive oil production, a cornerstone of Puglian agriculture and cuisine. The mill, often family-owned and operated for generations, offers a fascinating glimpse into traditional methods combined with modern techniques.

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Your visit will include a guided tour of the mill, starting with the olive groves where you'll learn about the different olive varieties and cultivation practices. Next, see the milling process in action, from the crushing of the olives to the extraction of the precious oil. The tour concludes with a tasting session, where you'll sample various types of olive oil, learning to appreciate their distinct flavors and aromas. Pair the tasting with local bread, cheeses, and perhaps a glass of local wine, making for a truly immersive experience.

The final stop on your tour is Cisternino, a town celebrated for its well-preserved old town and culinary delights. Wander through the maze-like streets, discovering hidden squares and ancient churches. Visit the Chiesa di San Nicola, a beautiful medieval church, and the Torre Civica, a historic clock tower.

Cisternino is also famous for its "fornelli" or traditional butcher shops that double as informal restaurants, where you can choose your meat and have it grilled on the spot. Enjoy a delicious lunch featuring local specialties such as bombette (stuffed meat rolls) and other regional dishes. Your guide will ensure you have the best recommendations for an authentic culinary experience.

After a day of exploring these charming towns and indulging in Puglia's culinary treasures, you'll return to Polignano with a deeper appreciation for the region's rich heritage and vibrant culture.

MEALS: Breakfast

INCLUSIONS: Tour leader & oil tasting

Thursday • May 22nd



Mercure President Lecce - Lecce, Italy

39 0832-456111

Via Salandra 6, Lecce, Italy 73100

Contemporary hotel located in fashionable district - Short walk to shopping, Basilica Santa Croce and transportation.

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Experience the allure of Puglia with a captivating day tour of the the "White City" of Ostuni and the baroque splendor of Lecce. Start your day with a pick-up from your hotel in Polignano a Mare. Your comfortable vehicle and knowledgeable guide will ensure a smooth and enjoyable journey as you head towards your first destination, Ostuni.

Arrive in Ostuni, famously known as the "White City" due to its stunning whitewashed buildings that gleam under the Mediterranean sun. Begin your exploration with a visit to the historic old town, perched on a hilltop offering panoramic views of the surrounding olive groves and Adriatic Sea.

Wander through the labyrinth of narrow streets, discovering charming alleys, quaint shops, and hidden courtyards. Visit the majestic Ostuni Cathedral, a remarkable example of Romanesque-Gothic architecture, featuring a beautiful rose window and intricate façade. Learn about the city's rich history, from its ancient origins to its significance in the Middle Ages.

Enjoy some leisure time to explore on your own or relax in a local café, savoring a coffee or a traditional gelato while taking in the vibrant atmosphere.

After lunch, continue your journey to Lecce, often referred to as the "Florence of the South" due to its stunning baroque architecture. Your guided tour of Lecce begins with a visit to the Piazza del Duomo, one of Italy's most beautiful squares, home to the impressive Lecce Cathedral and its towering bell tower.

Explore the intricate facades of baroque buildings adorned with elaborate sculptures and decorations. Visit the Basilica di Santa Croce, a masterpiece of Lecce's baroque style, featuring an ornate rose window and richly decorated interior.

Stroll through the historic center, discovering ancient Roman ruins, including the Roman amphitheater in Piazza Sant'Oronzo, and charming streets lined with artisanal shops and cafes. Your guide will share fascinating stories and historical insights, bringing the city's past to life.

As the tour concludes, you'll be dropped off at your hotel in Lecce where you will be spending the last 4 nights.

ACCOMMODATION: Mercure President lecce or similar, comfort rooms **MEALS:**

Breakfast & lunch at a local osteria in Ostuni

INCLUSIONS: Tour leader

Friday • May 23rd



BOAT & WALKING TOUR OF OTRANTO

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Discover the enchanting coastal town of Otranto and its stunning surroundings with a 4-hour boat tour, followed by a leisurely walking tour of its historic center. This tour offers a perfect blend of sea and land exploration, complete with an aperitif on board, and concludes with a return trip to Lecce.

Begin your adventure at the marina in Otranto, where you'll board a comfortable and well-equipped boat. Meet your friendly crew and set sail along the picturesque Adriatic coastline. The boat is designed for relaxation and enjoyment, with ample seating and shaded areas.

As you cruise along the stunning coastline, take in the breathtaking views of rocky cliffs, hidden coves, and crystal-clear waters. The crew will point out notable landmarks and share interesting facts about the region's natural and cultural history. Feel the refreshing sea breeze and bask in the Mediterranean sun as you glide over the gentle waves.

Anchor in a secluded bay with pristine waters, perfect for a refreshing swim or snorkeling, weather permitted. Dive into the inviting sea and explore the vibrant marine life beneath the surface. Snorkeling gear is provided, and the crew is available to assist and ensure a safe and enjoyable experience.

Back on the boat, enjoy a delightful aperitif featuring local delicacies and refreshing beverages. Savor a selection of Puglian snacks, including taralli (savory crackers), fresh fruits, and local cheeses. Sip on a chilled glass of Prosecco or a non-alcoholic drink as you relax and take in the stunning coastal scenery.

After the boat tour, return to Otranto Marina with a sense of relaxation and wonder. Disembark and prepare for the next part of your adventure: exploring the charming town of Otranto on foot.

Embark on a guided walking tour of Otranto's historic center. Stroll through the narrow, winding streets lined with whitewashed buildings and vibrant bougainvillea. Visit the impressive Otranto Cathedral, known for its stunning mosaic floor depicting the Tree of Life, created in the 12th century.

Explore the Aragonese Castle, a formidable fortress with a rich history, offering panoramic views of the town and the sea. Wander along the ancient city walls, taking in the scenic views of the coastline and the azure waters of the Adriatic.

Your guide will share fascinating stories and historical insights about Otranto, from its ancient Greek and Roman roots to its significance during the medieval and Renaissance periods. Discover hidden gems, charming piazzas, and local shops selling artisanal crafts and souvenirs.

After the walking tour, enjoy some free time to explore Otranto at your leisure or relax at a seaside café. When you're ready, a comfortable vehicle will be waiting to take you back to Lecce. Reflect on the day's experiences as you travel through the beautiful Puglian countryside, returning to Lecce with wonderful memories of your coastal adventure.

MEALS: Breakfast

INCLUSIONS: Tour leader & private boat excursion for 4 hours

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Your adventure begins in the morning with a comfortable pick-up from your hotel in Lecce. Travel through the picturesque Puglian countryside, enjoying the scenic views as you make your way to the first destination, Presicce. Arrive in Presicce, often called "the city of hypogea" for its ancient underground olive mills. Begin your exploration with a guided tour of these fascinating hypogea, where you'll learn about the town's historical importance in olive oil production. Discover the intricate process of traditional olive oil making, preserved through centuries. Stroll through the charming streets of the historic center, lined with elegant palazzi and Baroque churches. Visit the Church of Sant'Andrea Apostolo, known for its stunning façade and richly decorated interior. Your guide will share stories about Presicce's history, architecture, and local traditions. Take some time to explore the picturesque Piazza del Popolo, the heart of the town, where you can relax at a café and enjoy a coffee or a local pastry. Soak in the tranquil atmosphere and the beauty of this hidden gem in Puglia. After lunch, continue your journey to Santa Maria di Leuca, the southernmost tip of the Salento peninsula, where the Adriatic and Ionian Seas meet. Known for its stunning seascapes and historic significance, Santa Maria di Leuca is a must-visit destination. Begin your tour with a visit to the Basilica Santuario di Santa Maria de Finibus Terrae, an important pilgrimage site with a history dating back to ancient times. The basilica offers breathtaking views of the sea and the surrounding coastline. Explore the iconic lighthouse, one of the tallest in Italy, and enjoy panoramic views from its base. Walk along the beautiful promenade, taking in the elegant 19th-century villas built by the nobility as summer residences. Visit the spectacular caves and grottoes along the coast, either by land or with an optional boat tour. These natural wonders, carved by the sea over millennia, are a highlight of Santa Maria di Leuca's coastline. As the day comes to an end, meet back with your guide for the return trip to Lecce. Reflect on the day's experiences as you travel through the scenic landscapes of Puglia. Arrive back at your hotel in Lecce in the early evening, with wonderful memories of your journey through Presicce and Santa Maria di Leuca.

MEALS: Breakfast & lunch under the olive trees in Leuca **INCLUSIONS:**
Tour leader

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GALLIPOLI & NARDO

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Your day begins with a comfortable pick-up from your hotel in Lecce. Enjoy a scenic drive through the picturesque Salento countryside as you make your way to your first destination, Gallipoli.

Arrive in Gallipoli, a coastal gem known for its historic charm and beautiful beaches. Start your exploration in the old town, located on a limestone island connected to the mainland by a 17th-century bridge. Wander through the narrow, winding streets lined with whitewashed buildings, charming shops, and vibrant cafes.

Visit the Gallipoli Castle, an impressive fortress that has stood guard over the town for centuries. Explore its ancient walls, towers, and courtyards while learning about its storied past. Next, head to the Cathedral of Sant'Agata, a stunning example of Baroque architecture with a richly decorated interior.

Stroll along the picturesque waterfront promenade, where you can enjoy views of the fishing boats and the crystal-clear waters of the Ionian Sea. Take a moment to relax and soak in the coastal ambiance, perhaps stopping at a local café for a coffee or a refreshing gelato.

After lunch, continue your journey to Nardò, a town renowned for its stunning Baroque architecture and historical significance. Begin your tour in the heart of Nardò, Piazza Salandra, one of the most beautiful squares in Italy. Admire the ornate buildings, including the Palazzo della Pretura and the Sedile, which showcase the town's rich architectural heritage.

Visit the Nardò Cathedral, a striking example of Romanesque and Baroque styles, featuring beautiful frescoes and a majestic façade. Explore the Church of San Domenico, with its elaborate Baroque decorations and stunning altarpiece.

Stroll through the town's historic center, discovering hidden gems and charming alleys. Learn about Nardò's history, from its ancient origins to its role in the Renaissance and Baroque periods, with insights provided by your knowledgeable guide.

After the tour, back to Lecce to enjoy a farewell dinner.

MEALS: Breakfast & farewell dinner

INCLUSIONS: Tour leader

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ARRIVEDERCI PUGLIA

After an unforgettable two-week journey exploring the stunning landscapes, historic towns, and vibrant culture of Puglia, it's time to bid farewell to this enchanting region. Enjoy a comfortable and hassle-free transfer to Brindisi Airport, ensuring a smooth conclusion to your remarkable adventure.

As you travel to Brindisi Airport, take one last opportunity to soak in the scenic beauty of Puglia. Reflect on the highlights of your trip, from the whitewashed streets of Ostuni to the baroque splendor of Lecce, the historic olive groves, and the crystal-clear waters of the Adriatic Sea.

MEALS: Breakfast

INCLUSIONS: One group transfer to the airport

Costs based on a minimum of 12 Passengers travelling together:

\$9240 per person twin share

Single Supplement \$1250

A tourist tax of 32 euro per person will need to be paid locally.

Price includes

- Minibus
- 14 nights accommodation and breakfast
- Welcome dinner in Bari;
- Dinner at the restaurant in Matera
- Special dinner at the restaurant in Polignano a Mare
- English speaking guide for each visit site
- Shared Boat Tour in Vieste
- Lunch in restaurant Monte Sant'Angelo
- Lunch in restaurant Trani
- Bread Tasting in Altamura
- Wine and tasting in Cellar
- lunch at the Trulli in Alberobello
- Private Tour in Catamaran
- Aperitif on boat
- Oil Tasting

Important Information

To participate in this tour you must be able to get on and off the bus unassisted. Some walking is required. SmallGroup Travel is not responsible for visa and vaccination regulations.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

I look forward to experiencing Puglia with you!

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