

PUGLIA TOUR
3 Days

DAY 1

Morning

Castel del Monte

This castle, built by Emperor Frederick II Hohenstaufen of Swabia, is one of the most important example of medieval military architecture. In 1996 Castel del Monte was named a World Heritage Site by Unesco as “a successful blend of elements from classical antiquity, the Islamic Orient and north European Cistercian Gothic.”



Lunch in Bari

Afternoon

Bari

A guided tour to discover the old town, the most authentic side of the city. Its ancient Medieval plan contains fine examples of Romanesque architecture in Apulia and the impressive Norman-Swabian Castle.

Itinerary: Archeological Museum of Santa Scolastica, Basilica of Saint Nicholas and its crypt, Cathedral of Saint Sabino, Castle, via Arco Basso, Piazza del Ferrarese, Piazza Mercantile



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Polignano a Mare

Walking tour in the historical centre of this enchanting town perched atop a 20 metre-high limestone cliff. Crossing the ancient Roman bridge, we'll enter through the old town gate to visit this lovely town with its rich alleys and terraces overlooking the sea.

Accommodation at hotel. Dinner.

DAY 2

Morning

Egnazia Archaeological Park



The Egnazia Archaeological Park safeguards many artefacts from the ancient city of Gnathia. The first settlement known in the place dates from the Bronze Age (XV century BC). In the XII century BC it was invaded by the Iapyges, while the Messapic era of the town began in the VIII century BC, to end in the III century BC, with the Roman conquest.

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Alberobello

A walking tour in this small town, famous for its trullo buildings. Their unique architecture, the pinnacles and roofs decorated religious and mystical symbols characterize Alberobello, with its more than 1500 trulli.

Itinerary: Belvedere, Casa D'Amore, Trullo Sovrano, Basilica of St. Cosmas and Damian, Trullo Siamese, church of St. Anthony



Lunch in Alberobello

Afternoon

Ostuni, the white town

Known as “the white town” for the whitewashed houses of its historical centre, Ostuni it's labyrinthine maze of narrow streets. which sit beneath an imposing V century Romanesque-Gothic Cathedral.

Itinerary: Porta Nova, Aragonese walls, Museum of pre-classical civilization of Southern Murgia, Cathedral, Piazza Libertà, Guglia di Sant'Oronzo.



Accommodation at hotel. Dinner.

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DAY 3

Morning

Taranto, “the city of two seas”

Taranto was the only Greek colony in Puglia, founded by the Spartans in 706 BC. Its historical centre is on a small island, connected to the new part of the city by two bridges. The city's most valuable ancient artefacts are conserved in the National Archaeological Museum.

Itinerary: Aragonese Castle, Columns of the Doric Temple, Cathedral of Saint Cataldo, the Swing Bridge, “M.Ar.Ta” (National Archaeological Museum).



Lunch in Valle d'Itria

Afternoon

Valley of Itria

The Valley of Itria spreads over Province of Bari, Province of Brindisi and Province of Taranto. Here the whitewashed cylindrical buildings with conical grey roofs can be seen in large numbers. Some of the most beautiful towns in Italy overlook this valley.

Itinerary: Cisternino, with its typical historical centre (Church of Madre di San Nicola, Norman-Swabian Tower, Porta Piccola); Martina Franca, known for its gorgeous baroque architecture (Porta Santo Stefano, Palazzo Ducale, Collegiata di San Martino).



Departure

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