



**PUGLIA & BASILICATA  
DAILY ITINERARY  
OCTOBER 13-21, 2017**

**DAY 1 / 10/13 - BOSTON~ROME~BARI:** We depart Boston's Logan Airport for Bari on our overnight flight (via ROME).

**DAY 2/ 10/14 - BARI~MARTINA FRANCA:** "Benvenuti in Italia!" Upon arrival at the **Bari airport**, we will transfer via our private motorcoach and check into our hotel for the **entire time** in Martina Franca. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure to freshen up and familiarize ourselves with our surroundings before a **Welcome Drink and Dinner** this evening at our hotel. Overnight.

**PLEASE REFER TO THE ENCLOSED HOTEL SHEET FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE HOTEL.**

**DAY 3 / 10/15 - ALBEROBELLO~LOCOROTONDO:** After **breakfast**, we are off on a tour to the *trulli* of Alberobello- picturesque unique cone-shaped houses which take us back to a time of simpler country life. Next, we will visit the wonderful town of Locorotondo, including a tour of the town, **lunch**, and winery visit. We will return to our hotel for **dinner** and overnight.

**DAY 4/10/16 - MATERA~SASSI REGION~ALTAMURA:** After **breakfast**, we will depart for the province of Basilicata and visit Matera, once the capital of the region and a visually and historically fascinating city. Most notably, the historic center of Matera, Sassi, features the remnants of ancient settlements that had been carved in caves, and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Matera is one of the oldest continuously inhabited settlements in history dating back to the Paleolithic period. We'll also see their unique cave churches, which had been carved out of the stone. In the afternoon, we cross the border back into Puglia and visit Altamura, famous for its amazing bread, which we will sample. ( lunch is on your own ). The Romanesque cathedral, built in the 1200's, is an architectural highlight. **Dinner** and overnight at the hotel.

**DAY 5/10/17 - LECCE~OTRANTO:** After **breakfast**, we are off to Lecce, known as the "Florence of the South" for its beautiful baroque monuments. We will have **lunch and a wine tasting** at a local winery. Then, we are off to the beautiful harbor town of Otranto, whose most prominent feature is the Aragonese Castello, which juts out into the bay. We will return to our hotel for **dinner** and overnight.

**DAY 6 /10/18 - CASTEL DEL MONTE~TRANI:** After **breakfast**, we will be off for a visit to Castel del Monte in Andria. This relatively small castle is noteworthy for its unique octagonal shape. Due to its apparent lack of defensive features (no moat or drawbridge) it was thought to be more of a hunting lodge for nobility. After a visit, we'll enjoy a scrumptious **seafood lunch** before heading on to Trani, recently named a capital of the region. This port city has a significant number of Christian elements as well as a strong Jewish influence, as it was once one of the largest Jewish communities in southern Italy. We will return to our hotel for **dinner** and overnight.

**DAY 7 /10/19 -OSTUNI~CISTERNINO~FASANO:** After **breakfast**, we will visit Ostuni. Lying on three hills, Ostuni presents the visitor with a completely unique, fairy-tale vision of shining whitewashed buildings standing out against a clear blue sky. Next we visit Cisternino in the heart of the Itria Valley for **lunch**. Then it's off to Fasano to visit an establishment that produces olive oil. We will return to our hotel for **dinner** and overnight.

**DAY 8/10/20 - CASTELLANA GROTTA & POLIGNANO A MARE:** After **breakfast**, we'll take a morning excursion to the Castellana Grotto and Caverns, a fantastic underground world carved out of limestone, with strikingly transparent stalactites and stalagmites. This afternoon, ( lunch is on your own ),we'll visit the town of Polignano a Mare; a fishing town perched on cliffs overlooking the Adriatic Sea. The town is home to the Grotta Palazzese Hotel Restaurant, cut out of the cliffs and featuring some of the most amazing views in the world. We will return to Martina Franca for **dinner** and overnight.

**DAY 9 10/21 - BARI~ROME ~BOSTON:** After **breakfast**, please check out, paying any incidentals you may have incurred. We will transfer to the **Bari Airport** to board our return flight to Boston (via Rome)

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL SCHEDULING IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**