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8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

# EXPLORE PUGLIA & MATERA

## TASTING & SELF-DRIVE IDEA

**\$ 3,399**

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Price per person, Double Occupancy, Land package  
Daily departure: March 1 - July 24, 2026 / 4\*

Set out on an unforgettable 8-day self-drive journey through the heart of southern Italy. This itinerary combines freedom and comfort, taking you from the coastal beauty of Bari to the timeless landscapes of Matera and the charming hill towns of the Itria Valley.

Stay in 4-star hotels, enjoy authentic local cuisine with Slow Food experiences, and uncover the region's treasures through private guided tours, wine tastings, and exclusive cultural visits.

Highlights include Matera's ancient Sassi, the Trulli of Alberobello, a boat tour in Polignano a Mare, and the Baroque splendor of Lecce. Experience southern Italy's history, flavors, and landscapes — all at your own pace.



### DAY 1: BARI

Arrival in Bari Airport and pick up of your car rental or meet your driver for your private transfer. Transfer to your hotel in Bari, check in and relax with time for unpacking or aperitifs.

Welcome dinner with typical dishes of the area. Return to your hotel and overnight stay. (D)

**Night in Bari : Grand Hotel Oriente 4\* or similar**



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### DAY 2: BARI

Morning departure by your own car or meet your English-speaking driver who will accompany you on an excursion to Matera, known as the "City of Stones." Upon arrival, enjoy a half-day guided tour of this extraordinary city — one of the most well-preserved examples of a Troglodyte settlement in the Mediterranean region. The oldest Sassi (ancient homes carved into the rock) date back approximately 7,000 years. After the tour, enjoy free time for lunch or to roam. Return to your hotel in the afternoon. (BB)

**Night in Bari : Grand Hotel Oriente 4\* or similar**

### DAY 3: BARI - POLIGNANO A MARE - MARTINA FRANCA

After breakfast depart by car or private limousine/van service to Polignano al Mare, one of the most famous seaside resorts in Apulia region. Enjoy a group boat ride to admire the coast. Free lunch and afternoon at leisure. Continue to Martina Franca, in the heart of this region. Check-in to your hotel enjoying the comfortable setting. Relax or take a wander around this white marble town. (BB)

**Night in Martina Franca : Masseria San Michele 4\* or similar**

### DAY 4: MARTINA FRANCA

After breakfast, depart for Martina Franca. Walk or drive to the town center using your own car or a private limousine/van service. Enjoy a wine tasting experience featuring a selection of representative wines from the renowned I Pastini estate (or a similar winery). The tasting will be accompanied by typical local snacks such as taralli, friselline with tomato and basil, olives, and dried broad beans. In the evening, savor another welcome dinner at Ristorante La Tana (or equivalent) — a truly special venue dedicated to the Slow Food philosophy of Apulia. Return to your hotel for an overnight stay. (BB, T, D)

**Night in Martina Franca : Masseria San Michele 4\***





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### DAY 5: MARTINA FRANCA - GROTTE DI CASTELLANA - ALBEROBELLO

In the morning, depart by car or private limousine/van service. Meet your local guide at the Grotte di Castellana for a visit to the spectacular Castellana Caves, located 70 meters underground and stretching nearly 2 kilometers. After the tour, continue to the charming town of Alberobello for lunch. Enjoy traditional Murgia cuisine and local specialties, including delicious dishes and wines, at a local trattoria. Following lunch, take a guided walking tour of the town's iconic Trulli, and explore small shops, galleries, and artisan labs offering homemade cheeses and taralli, the region's famous savory crackers. Return to Martina Franca for a relaxing evening. We suggest a stroll through the beautiful historic center, stopping at Partenope pastry shop on Corso Italia to try their renowned cakes. (BB, L)

**Night in Martina Franca : Masseria San Michele 4\***

### DAY 6: MARTINA FRANCA CISTERNINO, OSTUNI

After breakfast, depart for Cisternino, one of Italy's most beautiful villages, by car or private limousine service. Stroll through the charming old town, stopping at local shops selling cured meats, including the famous Capocollo. End the visit with a delicious lunch at a typical restaurant, featuring local dishes, Capocollo, and wines. After lunch, continue to the white-washed town of Ostuni for a visit to its historic center. Enjoy a short stop at a local dairy to sample some of their exceptional cheeses. Return to your hotel. (BB, L, T)

**Night in Martina Franca : Masseria San Michele 4\***

### DAY 7: MARTINA FRANCA - LECCE

Morning departure for Lecce by car or private limousine service. Meet your private guide for a half-day tour of the city, exploring its stunning Baroque architecture, known as the "Baroque Pearls." After the tour, enjoy a tasting of the famous Pucce Leccesi, traditional bread filled with olives, tomatoes, and other local toppings. Return to your hotel for an overnight stay. (BB, T)

**Night in Martina Franca : Masseria San Michele 4\***

### DAY 8: DEPARTURE

End of services. Check out from the hotel. (BB)

#### Meal legend:

B=Continental buffet Breakfast, L=Lunch, LL= light lunch, D=Dinner, T=Tasting, C=Cooking class





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### THE PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 2 nights in Bari in a 4\* hotel
- 5 nights in Martina Franca in a charming hotel and/or historical residence (masseria).
- Daily breakfast
- Welcome dinner in a typical restaurant in Bari ( Day 1)
- 1 dinner and 2 lunches at typical slow food restaurants (Day 3, 5 & 6)
- Guided boat tour in Polignano a mare
- Guided tour of Grotte di Castellana
- Private guided tour of Matera and Alberobello, (2 hours each)
- Private wine tasting at I Pastini estate or similar (Day 4)
- Private guided tour with cheese tasting in Ostuni
- Private guided tour with typical food tasting in Lecce
- Entrance fees included: Grotte di Castellana's the Basilica of Santa Croce in Lecce

### THE PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Flights
- Car rental or private car/driver (contact your travel agent for rates)
- Any transfers to/from airport to hotel
- Any transportation to/from tastings, restaurants, visits
- Meals not mentioned, beverages during meals
- Optional tours, Personal expenses
- Gratuities to hotel staff, tour guides, drivers
- Hotel city tax to be paid at hotels, approx Euros 6/day

### LAND PACKAGE 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS, PRICE PER PERSON

DAILY DEPARTURE	DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
March 1 - July 24, 2026	\$ 3,399
August 1 - 31, 2026	\$ 3,899
September 1 - November 23, 2026	\$ 3,449
<i>Single room supplement</i>	<i>on request</i>

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