

Salento and Matera

6 days / 5 nights

The wonders of Salento peninsula: Messapia, the land between two seas that covers the majority of the current Salento, and Matera, the city of the "stones".



SCHEDULE:

Day 1 Milan/Bari/Lecce

Included meals: dinner

You are going to meet at Milan Central Station and leave for Bari, Apulia, with Freccia Bianca train. At the arrival, the driver is going to help you loading your luggage onto the private bus and you will have some free time for lunch. In the afternoon, you will have a guided visit of the city passing by San Sabino cathedral and the Basilica of San Nicola in the ancient part of Bari. These churches are among the most representative examples of apulian romanic art. Finally, you will leave for Lecce and check-in at the hotel, where accommodation in the rooms, dinner and overnight is planned.

Day 2 Lecce

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner

After a breakfast in the hotel, you are going to meet the guide and visit the city of Lecce, the baroque one par excellence. Its historic center is full of architectural beauties and monuments such as Sant'Oronzo church, Santa Croce church, the Amphitheatre and the Roman Theatre. Lunch at restaurant is planned during visits. Finally, you are going to return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 3 Galatina/Gallipoli/Lecce

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner

After a breakfast in the hotel, you are going to visit Galatina and Gallipoli. Galatina is an important site of Salento peninsula because is full of churches: among them is the beautiful Basilica of Santa Caterina d'Alessandria, which was declared national heritage site in 1870. Then you will visit Gallipoli, whose name had been forced by colonists and comes from the greek "Kalé pòlis" that in Italian means "beautiful city". At the end of the trip, you will return to the hotel, have dinner and overnight.

Day 4 Trip to Acaya Castle and Otranto

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner

After a breakfast in the hotel, you are going to leave for Acaya Castle. You will visit this sixteenth-century fortress built by the military architect Gian Giacomo from Acaya, son of Alfonso who planned the most ancient part of the Castle. Then you are going to proceed to Otranto, the so called "Door to the East" because of its position in the eastern part of Italy. There, you will visit the Cathedral with a priceless paving mosaic and the Aragona Castle with its towers, bastions and walls. Lunch at restaurant is planned during visits. Finally, you will return to the hotel, have dinner and overnight.

Day 5 Matera

Included meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner

After a breakfast in the hotel, you are going to leave for Matera, the "City of Culture" in 2019. You will meet with the guide and visit the most unique city center in the world: a belvedere on the Barisano stone, the Cathedral, the numerous places dug into the tuff that once were farmer houses and currently workshops for terracotta manufacturing. Lunch at restaurant is planned during visits. Finally, you will return to the hotel, have dinner and overnight.

Day 6 Lecce/Bari/Milan

Included meals: breakfast

After a breakfast in the hotel, the driver is going to help you loading your luggage onto the private bus and you will leave for Bari. Some free time is planned and then you are going to be transferred to the central station and depart to Milan.

Note: The itinerary could change due to organizational reasons. Visits will be respected or substituted with others with the same value, if necessary.

TOUR PRICE PER PERSON STARTING FROM:

€ 1.100 with minimum 30 persons
€ 220 single supplement (limited availability)

Tour price includes:

- Freccia Bianca train ticket a/r, standard class
- Sightseeing and transfers with private coach during the journey
- Accommodation in double occupancy at 4 stars hotels as indicated in itinerary with private bath or shower
- Meals: full board as indicated in itinerary with beverage (1/4 wine and 1/2 mineral water)
- Guide: professional English-speaking local guide
- Local accommodation charges
- Wireless head-phones
- Taxes: all taxes charged by local government on services which are part of the land program, parking and motorway toll are included
- Not refundable administration fee

Tour price DOES NOT include:

- Any meals and beverages not specified in the itinerary
- Personal expenses such as laundry, telephone calls, room service, excess baggage charges, travel insurance and travel documentation.
- Entrance tickets
- Tips to coach driver, guide and local guides will be collected by the tour escort from each participant
- Any other items not indicated as included on the itinerary

Documents:

Regular Passport valid for 6 months beyond the conclusion of the trip. You will be informed if there will be any change about it.
Visa: you will be given any information to obtain it, if necessary