



Cappuccino Tour Operator

DISCOVERING THE BAROQUE PUGLIA

DAY 1 - BARI - CASTEL DEL MONTE - MANFREDONIA

Arrival at Bari airport. Meeting with our guide and our coach. Transfer to Castel del Monte and visit. After the visit, continue and arrive in Manfredonia to visit the archaeological area of Santa Maria di Siponto, the new cathedral and the Swabian castle. Accommodation in Hotel, dinner and overnight.



DAY 2 – MONTE S. ANGELO - GARGANO – VIESTE

Breakfast at the hotel and departure for the visit to the medieval town of Monte S. Angelo: visit of the famous cave sanctuary of S. Michele Arcangelo and upon reservation of the



Lombard Gallery, the Romanesque church of S. Maria Maggiore and the medieval district called "Iunno". Continuation with crossing of the Umbra Forest, the green heart of the Gargano National Park. Arrival in Vieste and visit of the town. After the visit, return to Manfredonia and visit the city. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.



DAY 3 - BARLETTA - TRANI – LECCE

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure from Manfredonia. After crossing the Saline di Margherita di Savoia (an important wetland in southern Europe with one of the largest colonies of flamingos) we arrive in Barletta. Important port, agricultural and industrial centre of Puglia. There are numerous monuments to visit in particular the Cathedral of Santa Maria Maggiore built with an alternation of styles ranging from Romanesque to Gothic and the Swabian-Aragonese Castle. With a short walk in the historic center you can also visit the medieval church of the Holy Sepulcher near which stands the so-called "Colossus of Barletta", a late ancient bronze statue. Continue to Trani, a town with interesting architectural monuments. To visit the Romanesque cathedral of the end of the XI century and the recently renovated Swabian Castle. Of particular beauty and charm is the small harbour that creeps into the medieval village of the city. Continuation and arrival in Lecce (it takes more than 2 hours to move to Lecce), accommodation in hotel, dinner and overnight.



DAY 4 - NARDO' - LECCE

Breakfast at the Hotel. Full day excursion. In the morning arrival in Nardò, and visit of the late 11th century cathedral, rebuilt and enlarged in later periods and of the church of San Domenico. Walk in the historic center to admire Piazza Salandra with its Baroque buildings. Continue to Galatina and visit the church of Santa Caterina, built at the end of the fourteenth century by Ramondello and Gian Antonio Del Balzo Orsini and walk. Of particular interest are the frescoes that cover the internal walls of the church. Walk in the historic centre between the beautiful Baroque buildings up to the main square dominated by the Mother Church dedicated to the Apostles Peter and Paul. Typical lunch at the ancient village of the Botanical Garden "La Cutura". After lunch guided visit to the botanical garden which extends for 35 hectares and houses one of the richest collections of rare plants. In the afternoon we return to Lecce and visit the famous city of the "Baroque" also called the Florence of the South. Among the numerous monuments of the city we must mention the Roman Amphitheater, the Cathedral, the Bishop's Palace and the spectacular church of Santa Croce. Free dinner in Lecce. Overnight at Hotel.



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DAY 5 - GALLIPOLI - LEUCA – OTRANTO – LECCE

Breakfast and excursion to Gallipoli, visit of the town, called by the Greeks with the name of "beautiful city". The city is divided between an ancient part located on an island and the modern part developed on a promontory, joined by a bridge. To visit, in addition to the historic center, the fortress, the baroque cathedral of Sant'Agata from the seventeenth century and the Hellenistic Fountain. Transfer in the morning to Leuca



and visit to the Sanctuary of Santa Maria "De Finibus Terrae". Transfer to Otranto crossing the beautiful panoramic road Leuca and Otranto and arrival in Otranto, the easternmost city in Italy. Visit the historic centre: the valuable Romanesque Cathedral, where the remains of the Martyrs of 1480 are preserved and where one of the largest floor mosaics completed between 1163-1166 is to be admired; the Byzantine church of San Pietro; and the Castle of Alfonso of



Aragon king of Naples. Back to Lecce dinner and overnight .

DAY 6 - OSTUNI - MARTIN FRANCA - LOCOROTONDO – ALBEROBELLO

Breakfast at the hotel and departure from Lecce. In the morning to visit Ostuni. A real enchanted ring of white houses, shining in the warm Apulian sun, the "white city" offers suggestive panoramic views and a historic center flickering with narrow streets, churches and small shops. In a dominant position stands the cathedral dedicated to the Assumption, famous for its curvilinear fastige precursor of the Baroque style. Also visit Piazza Libertà where the Sant'Oronzo obelisk from the 18th century stands out.



Transfer and visit to Martina Franca, an important and active center of the Itria Valley. Its historic center is dominated by Baroque palaces, churches and monuments. Among the most important buildings are the Palazzo Ducale and the Collegiate Church of San Martino. Continue to Locorotondo, a fascinating center of the Itria Valley



known for its wine production and included among "The most beautiful villages in Italy". To visit is the small, but well preserved, historical center with a circular plan, dominated at its highest point by the late 18th century Matrix Church of San Giorgio with neo-classical facade and the interior enriched with marble altars of baroque mold. Arrival in Alberobello, hotel accommodation, dinner and overnight.

DAY 7 - MATERA – TARANTO- ALBEROBELLO

Breakfast at the hotel. Excursion to the famous Lucanian city of the "Sassi", cave dwellings partly obtained in natural cavities of the rock, witnesses of an ancient peasant culture. Matera has recently been declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Lunch in a restaurant. Afternoon transfer to visit



Taranto, the city of the two seas. The picturesque "old town" is located on the island that divides the "Big Sea" from the "Small Sea". The Aragonese Castle is connected to the mainland by a revolving bridge. Taranto was founded by the Greeks and became the most important and thriving city of Magna Grecia, of considerable importance is the archaeological museum rich in ancient finds, where the so-called "Ori di Taranto" are preserved. Back to the hotel in

Alberobello . Dinner and overnight.



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DAY 8 - BARI -

Breakfast at the hotel and departure from Alberobello and transfer to Bari, the regional capital and city known worldwide for the annual Fiera del Levante. In the old town, a real maze of alleys and alleys, stands the Basilica of San Nicola, a prototype of the Apulian Romanesque style, in whose crypt are kept the relics of San Nicola, the patron saint of sailors; to visit also the Romanesque cathedral dedicated to San Sabino and the Swabian Castle. Lunch in a restaurant with a seafood menu in Bari. After lunch transfer to the airport.



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