

# *Passeggiate in Puglia*

October 15-25, 2019

*Spend an unforgettable trip exploring this sun-drenched jewel  
in untouched southern Italy*

*Join us for an intimate tour of the charming towns, olive groves, and wineries of Puglia, and experience the authentic way of life of the Pugliese. Small group passeggiate allow for time to absorb the stress-free way of life, the farm to table cucina povera, and the awe-inspiring art and architecture.*

## *Inclusions*

Perhaps the most notable are the limited group size, the immense knowledge of our local tour guide and the hand picked drivers.

- 3 nights in Polignano B&B Il Covo
- 3 nights in Masseria Chicco Rizzo
- 4 nights in B&B in Lecce UP-Suite
- a cooking class with lunch included with *CookInPuglia*
- a bread cooking class at the Masseria
- an olive oil tasting
- a cheese tasting
- a winery experience with lunch
- 2 wine tasting experiences
- Tea in an Aristocratic Palace in Lecce
- 16 meals
- Airport Pick up in BARI and drop off at BRINDISI airports
- Ground transportation during the excursions
- Guided tours of Alberobello, Cisternino, Matera, Altamura, Brindisi, Soleto, Sternatia, Martano, Otranto, Castro, Nardo, Gallipoli, Galatina, Lecce.

*The tour is organic and so may take some  
interesting twists and turns!*

Cost per person in single room 3,490.00 Euros

Cost per person double room 3,190.00 Euros

## *Tour Itinerary*

**DAY 1 WELCOME TO PUGLIA!** Upon your arrival at the Bari airport, you will be met by our driver and escorted to the first of our tour accommodations in romantic Polignano a Mare. Following check in, there is time to relax and unwind before our welcome dinner at the stunning “borgo” of Polignano a Mare.

### **DAY 2 THE VALLE D'ITRIA**

Following a sumptuous buffet breakfast, we drive to magical Alberobello - a World Heritage site. Our guide will share the many stories about this unique town.

Lunch is an event in itself where we will savour local specialty foods and local wines.

Later we visit a local winery and return to our hotel to unwind and enjoy dinner on our own.

### **DAY 3 ASTONISHING MATERA**

Today we slip across the border into Basilicata where we explore the UNESCO World Heritage town of Matera. Its history and the stunning sassi will leave you speechless. It is the most outstanding intact example of a troglodyte settlement in the Mediterranean region.

We stop in the beautiful town of Altamura on our return to our hotel where we pay a visit to a 100 year old bakery.

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#### DAY 4 BRINDISI AND GRIKO SALENTO

Today we say goodbye to Polignano a Mare and travel south to discover Griko Salento. Here you are treated to another unique experience. We will stay at a traditional Masseria and meet and talk with locals and experience their way of life.

We stop in Brindisi for a passeggiata along the waterfront following visits to archeological sites and Mariana's favorite church. We enjoy an exquisite pranzo and taste a variety of wines before continuing our journey to the Griko village of Sternatia where we settle into our rooms at the Masseria. There is plenty of time to explore the property and to enjoy the pool and relax before dinner.

#### DAY 5 DISCOVERING TINY VILLAGES

Today we explore many small towns heavily influenced by the Greeks. Surprises of centuries old Frescoes, delicious local pastries, and chocolate tastings round out this day of discovery. We enjoy a relaxing evening with dinner on site.

#### DAY 6 OTRANTO AND CASTRO

Today we visit the beautiful southeastern part of the heel. First is the seaside jewel of Otranto. We explore the historic town and the Cathedral with its renown medieval mosaic floor, The Tree of Life. A drive along the coast for a seaside lunch in Castro begins with a stop at the easternmost point in Italy. We discover our bread baking skills back at the Masseria and enjoy a wonderful dinner with local wines and great conversation, and marvel at the loaves we have baked.

#### DAY 7 THE AUTHENTIC SOUTHWEST

Today we bid farewell to our Masseria. Our first passeggiata is in Galatina, home to Santa Caterina Basilica. Wine tasting and a lovely passeggiata in Gallipoli's old town, and an unforgettable lunch overlooking the Ionian Sea fills our afternoon. We stroll through the beautiful piazza in Nardo and visit the Jewish Museum in Santa Maria al Bagno. We arrive in Lecce, settle in and enjoy a typical Leccese cena.

#### DAY 7 SQUINZANO • PUGLIA COOKING & WINE SCHOOL

Today we begin our day in the village of Squinzano. We meet the locals and the mamas who will teach us the secrets of the local cuisine. We learn to prepare a variety of local dishes in the cooking class and enjoy a variety of wines that pair with our culinary creations. In late afternoon, we return to Lecce and take a tour of the Baroque capital of Puglia. Tonight we experience and join the evening passeggiata and enjoy an authentic pizza dinner.

#### DAY 8 LECCE

Our very special local guide takes us through more of the old town where we discover all that has inspired artists over the centuries. A passeggiata through Old Town Lecce is a journey into the Baroque with its churches and palazzos, and a surprising Roman amphitheater in the heart of the city. We tour the Castello Carlo V, Teatro Romano, and discover the art of cartapesta. After lunch we are invited for tea served at a privately owned Aristocratic Palace. There is time before dinner on our own for shopping.

#### DAY 9 LECCE & CHEESE tasting

We sample and learn all about the cheese produced from cows, sheep and goats. We also sample a variety of olive oils and will enjoy a tour of the property and a lovely lunch on site. The afternoon free for shopping and packing and visiting museums of interest. We will share our experiences and celebrate our time together at a farewell dinner in Lecce.

#### DAY 10 ARRIVEDERCI PUGLIA

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