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from Otranto to Matera

This private holiday will let walk Puglia & Basilicata from Otranto, the most eastern town of Italy, to Matera, the town of stones, with overnights in Lecce, and Ostuni or Monopoli, featuring a series of unique and scenic country & nature walks, across farm land and the amazing Amazon of olive trees, along beautiful coastal trails and through white washed hill top towns.

The perfect opportunity to enjoy active & culinary experiences, with the option to combine Puglia with the Amalfi coast for longer trips.

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7 to 13 nights SAMPLE PROGRAM AT GLANCE

Day 1 OTRANTO arrival & welcome dinner

Day 2 OTRANTO the pirates trails to Otranto

Day 3 OTRANTO shepard's walks & pecorino masters

Day 4 LECCE hike the adriatic coast to Lecce + Lecce food tour

Day 5 LECCE hands on cooking class + Lecce at leisure

Day 6 MONOPOLI the liquid gold routes to Ostuni

Day 7 MONOPOLI Aqueduct trails & mozzarella making

Day 8 MATERA ravines, caves and Saints

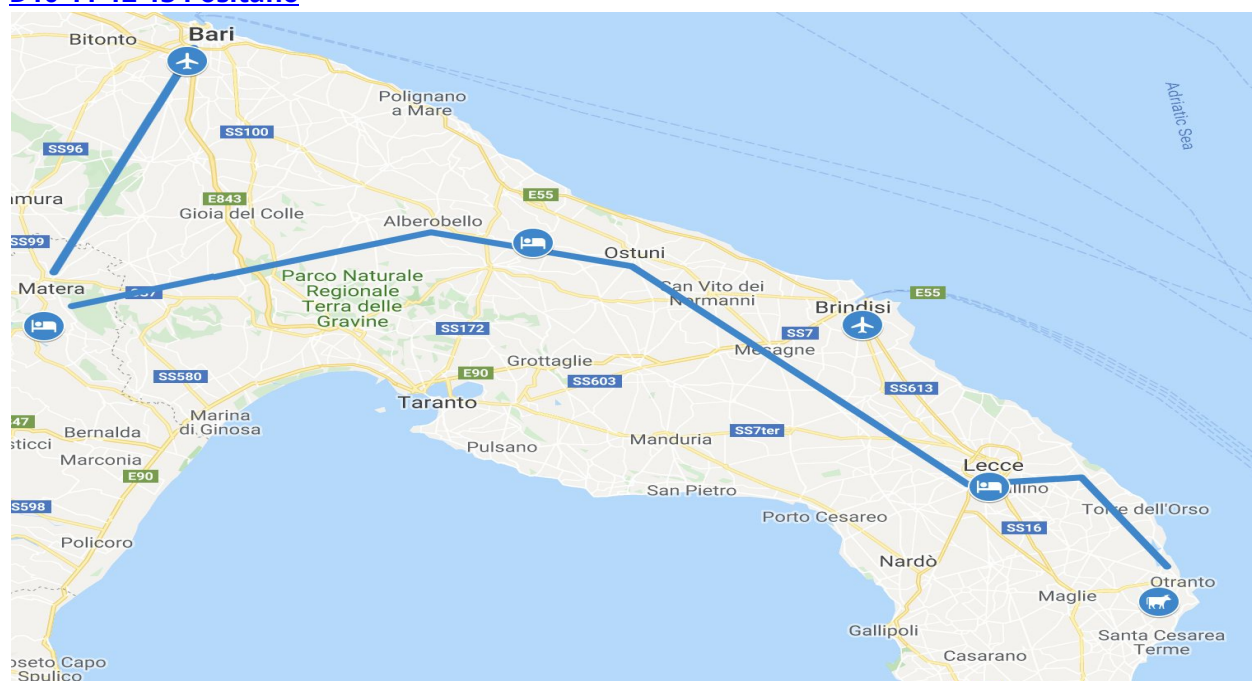
Bernalda segment

Day 9 BERNALDA Matera at leisure + Original sin crypt

Day 10 BERNALDA ghost town walk

Amalfi coast extension

D10-11-12-13 Positano



Day 1 OTRANTO - arrival

Based on your flight arrival time we will organize a driver to meet you and transfer to your hotel nearby Otranto. Enjoy settling in before meeting with your guide to learn about the week ahead.

Day 2 OTRANTO - Otranto & the Adriatic coast

Start exploring the countryside and coast line surrounding your hotel **walking** all the way to Otranto the most eastern town of Italy. Stroll the old town, visit the impressive cathedral and its mosaic floor, along with the crypts with the famed martyrs skulls before heading to fresh seafood lunch at our favourite sea front restaurant. In the afternoon walk more to return to your hotel or rest your legs and enjoy the hotel SPA and pool. In the evening dine at leisure at suggested restaurant.

Otranto is a historic seaside town and port on the Adriatic coast. It's a small place with a lovely holiday atmosphere, and makes a good destination for a day trips or a longer stay. The picture-perfect blue waters, white buildings and diving rocks make Otranto the frequent cover star of maps, books and articles about Puglia. Like much of Puglia, Otranto has a colourful and mixed past, important as a Greek and then Roman port, later ruled by the Byzantines, the Normans and the Aragonese, in the 1480 the town was invaded by Turks, and 800 locals were executed for refusing to convert to Islam.

Overnight: Otranto Walking distance: 10km easy Meals: B, L



Day 3 OTRANTO - Otranto, the Adriatic coast & the local pecorino cheese master

Hike more across fields and farmland to reach our friend farm featuring 1300 sheep. **Visit the farm, the production area, stables and cellars** and learn how the finest pecorino cheese is made, before enjoying a **delightful tasting** based on the many cheese produced. Continue walking all the way to the adriatic coast and charming harbour with the option to jump into crystal clear water and taste sea urchins with the locals, before walking back to your hotel.

overnight: Otranto highlights: farm tour & cheese tasting + Otranto Meals: lunch



Day 3 LECCE - nature walks, baroque extravaganza & local delights.

Continue exploring [walking more of the adriatic coast](#) enjoy a nature hike along the Alimini salty lakes, between vineyards and pristine sandy beaches. Enjoy lunch at sea front restaurant and swim into crystal clear water, before heading to Lecce.

In the afternoon enjoy a [food and wine tasting walk](#) through Lecce old town, a friendly walk designed to be informative & fun, combining an introduction to the town between local delights and baroque extravaganza, with plenty of tips for further exploration and independent dining.

overnight: [Lecce](#) Walking distance: [10/15km easy](#) Meals: B, L, D

Day 4 LECCE hands on cooking class

Rest your legs as you learn more of the local culture through its culinary tradition. Start harvesting from our organic vegetable garden with the peasant, shop from the local market and oven for the best bread, before putting your sleeves up for a complete preparation of a traditional meal in a private house on the outskirts of Lecce. Learn how to make the famous “orecchiette” the ear shaped pasta and maccheroni. In the afternoon further explore Lecce old town independently enjoy the local life and culture and dine at one of the many suggested restaurants.

overnight: [Lecce](#) highlights: [hands cooking class](#) Meals: Breakfast, [Lunch](#)



Day 5 Savelletri - Ostuni the white town & the olive oil trail

Continue exploring visiting one of the oldest farm of Puglia specialized in the production of the finest extra virgin olive oil . Visit the ancient underground olive mill and, and learn how to recognise the real one, through **tutored tastings**, how to buy it and use in the kitchen. Enjoy lunch at our favourite trattoria in the heart of Ostuni white town and stroll the maze of alleys before enjoying, en route to your hote, a digestive **country walk** across olive groves with trees more than 2000 years old.

Ostuni's charm lies in the characteristic white walls of the old town. In fact, all the houses in the historic centre are only painted using white lime paint, feature that led to the town being called "the white town", It is presented as collection of age-old buildings coated in white limestone and one on top of the other, crowned by Ostuni Cathedral.

overnight: Savelletri highlights: olive oil tasting tour + Ostuni Meals: lunch



Day 6 Savelletri - Alberobello Unesco town + mozzarella making

Hike more of the rolling Itria Valley dotted with vineyards and orchards along the old Aqueduct trail all the way to a family run dairy to learn how to make mozzarella and burrata cheese. Your effort will be rewarded with an hearty picnic lunch based on the freshest produced and cheese you have ever tasted. In the afternoon explore the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Alberobello, to check out the town centre, lined with whimsical trulli, idiosyncratic buildings that are undoubtedly the most distinctive feature of Puglia.

In the evening dine at leisure at the hotel or at nearby port town of Monopoli.

overnight: Savelletri walking distance: 9km easy

highlights: mozzarella making + Alberobello Meals: Breakfast + lunch



Day 7 MATERA & the local vigneron

Drive to the neighbour Basilicata region for a scenic *walk winding along the ravine* of Matera. the town of Stones, a place where great masters of cinema have set endless films for its penetrating and evocative atmosphere, a town which for its uniqueness became the first site in the world declared a "cultural landscape" by UNESCO.

In the evening explore the ancient **sassi district** with our local guide and enjoy dinner at our favourite cave restaurant.

overnight: MATERA walking distance: 7km easy Meals: Breakfast + lunch



Day 8 BERNALDA - Matera at leisure

This morning further explore Matera old town at leisure and enjoy the local life with the option to visit the modern art museum or check out the local oven to learn more about the bread of Matera, hunt for the best artisanal craft. In the afternoon, en route to Bernalda, where your next hotel is located, well away from the tourist crowd, admire the Original sin crypt and its cycle of fresco.

Day 9 BERNALDA - the ghost town walk

continue your discovery of Basilicata and the countryside surrounding Bernalda with a unique & surreal guided **walk across a ghost town** evacuated in 1963 when after a series of landslides, the inhabitants moved to the valley and enjoy lunch at our favorite agriturismo to taste more of the local specialities. In the afternoon stroll Bernalda old town, enjoy the hotel facilities, cook a pizza in the house kitchen or relax by the pool.

**Day 10 Departure**

enjoy breakfast and transfer to the Bari airport or stay for more.... combining this trip with the Amalfi coast extension

Fly into BRINDISI airport (you can fly to Brindisi from Rome & Milan main airport or take a train all the way Lecce)

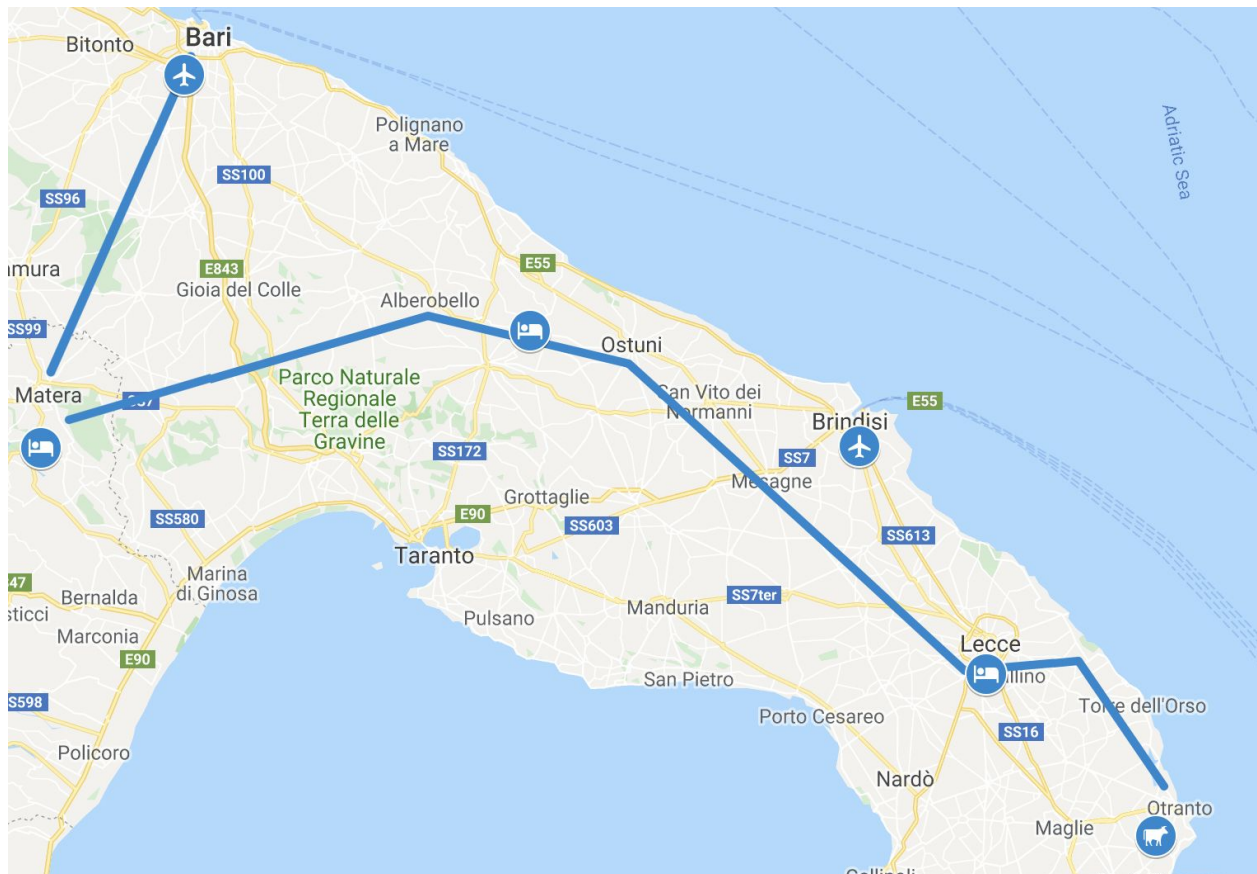
Fly out from BARI airport to reach Rome or Milan

PATH

WALKS, TALKS & BEYOND

Trip includes:

- accommodation & breakfast
- day time guiding service
- all transfer as per itinerary
- personalized travelogue
- all events as per itinerary
- all lunch



SAMPLE HOTELS LINE UP

On this trip, based on client travel style and budget, we can include or combine a wide choice of pre vetted 4* hotels, from townhouse palace to charming converted farmhouses, typical Trulli houses and luxury 5* hotels

5* LUXURY HOTELS

OTRANTO [Palazzo ducale Venturi](#)

LECCE [La Fiermontina](#) or [Bozzi Corso](#)

SAVELLETRI [Roccoforte Torre Maizza](#)

MATERA [Sextantio](#)

BERNALDA [Palazzo Margherita](#)

4*

D1-2 OTRANTO [Masseria Munti Bianchi](#)

D3-4 LECCE [Palazzo de Noha](#)

D5-6 OSTUNI [Masseria Cervarolo](#)

D7 MATERA [Palazzo Viceconte](#)

AMALFI COAST EXTENSION

our Puglia and Basilicata itinerary can be easily combined with a few days on the Amalfi coast only approx 3hours drive away from Bernalda.

Day 11 POSITANO transfer day

Say goodbye to Bernalda and enjoy one of the most scenic drive along the Amalfi coast as you transfer to Positano. In the afternoon enjoy the hotel facilities and the local life.

Day 12 POSITANO - Capri full day

Embark on a private boat trip all the way to Capri and explore this iconic island with our local guide, with the option to shop and enjoy the glamour of the Piazzetta or hike away from the crowd.

as an alternative to Capri explore **Napoli** old town & pint of interest with the locals

Day 13 POSITANO - Pompei archaeological area & Sorrento

explore Pompei archaeological area with a local expert & stroll Sorrento, maze of alleys with its numerous churches, historic palaces and marinas.

As an alternative to Pompei consider **hiking** some of the less know trails on the hills above Positano, or visit the **local wineries** on the Vesuvio slope

Day 14 POSITANO - Ravello & Amalfi & the watermill valley hike

visit Ravello hilltop village, and its lush historical amazing gardens and walk across the watermill valley all the way to Amalfi. Make your own paper sheet at local museum, hike hidden lemon groves, stroll the maze of alleys and indulge tasting the local delights in front of the Duomo.

In the evening enjoy a tutored wine tasting to sharp your knowledge about the local wines with a local expert.

Amalfi coast extension includes:

- 4 nights accommodation & breakfast
- all transfer as per itinerary
- day time guiding service
- Pompei tour
- boat trip to Capri