

PUGLIA

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WHAT'S INCLUDED

7 days / 6 nights' duration

Wednesday 15th—Tuesday 21st April 2026

Return flights Gatwick to Bari

6 nights B&B at a 4* hotel in Monopoli / Polignano

+ 6 x dinners at hotel or local restaurants

This tour is escorted throughout Italy

Included excursion package as overleaf + 2 x lunches

PRICES & SUPPLEMENTS

Minimum 25 persons **£1999pp** two share

Single supplement **£159** (6 nights) - max. 14 rooms

Deposit **£300pp** (non-refundable/ non-transferable)

Balance due in full by the **02.02.26**

Optional Travel Insurance **policies issued by 31.12.25*

***£68pp** (under 79 yrs) ***£102pp** (80-89yrs)

+ £5pp admin fee (email) or £10pp (posted)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Lecce Basilica Santa Croce + Piazza del Duomo
- Otranto -Cathedral of Santa Maria Annunziata
- Itria Valley -Locorotondo
- Martina Franca Guided Walking Tour
- Dairy Farm Tasting -Mozzarella + other cheeses
- UNESCO World Heritage Matera and Guided Walking Tour + Cave House visit
- UNESCO World Heritage Alberobello + Trulli
- Local Winery –Wine Tasting + Light Lunch
- Polignano a Mare
- Ostuni Guided Walking Tour
- Grottaglie Ceramics District
- National Archaeological Museum Taranto
- Bari Walking Tour, Orecchiette Ladies + Lunch

HOW TO BOOK

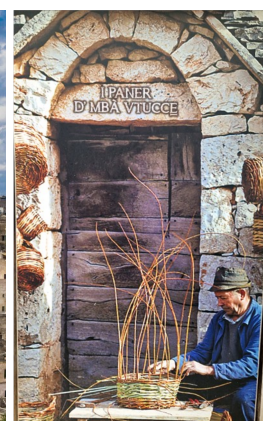
Complete the attached booking form and return with your non-refundable deposit & Insurance premium + handling fee if required to: **Simply Groups,**

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Sample Itinerary

Day 1 - Checking in at LGW 10am for your direct flight to Bari where on arrival, you will be met by your local Tour Leader for the transfer to the coastal area of **Monopoli or Polignano a Mare**. Having checked-in at the hotel, there will be time to relax or take a stroll in your surroundings on this enchanting stretch of the Apulian coast. Dinner tonight is at a **typical local trattoria**, a perfect introduction to the rich and genuine flavours of this region.

Day 2 – Lecce and Otranto – The elegance of Baroque and the enchantment of the Eastern Sea

After breakfast at the hotel, we travel south for a full-day along the Salento Adriatic coast, where artistic masterpieces meet postcard-worthy landscapes. The first stop is **Lecce**, often called the '*Florence of the South*'. With a **local guide**, you will explore the city's main monuments on foot: the stunning **Basilica of Santa Croce** and the evocative **Piazza del Duomo**, the spiritual and architectural heart of the city. There will be free time afterwards to purchase lunch and to enjoy the lively streets filled with artisan workshops, historic cafés and golden limestone palaces. This afternoon the journey continues to **Otranto**, the eastern-most town in Italy, which overlooks crystal-clear waters. Visit the extraordinary **Cathedral of Santa Maria Annunziata**, famous for its medieval mosaic floor, a truly unique symbolic artwork. We take a short walk along the city walls and seafront promenade before returning to the hotel where dinner is included. **Medium level walking, with some steps*

Day 3 - Harmonious villages and genuine flavours – Locorotondo, Martina Franca and the art of Mozzarella

After breakfast, today is dedicated to discovering the authentic **Itria Valley**, with its white-washed villages, flower-filled lanes and rural traditions which tell the true story of Puglia. The morning begins in **Locorotondo**, one of the most beautiful villages in Italy known for its circular layout and flower-adorned balconies. There will be free time to stroll along its alleyways enjoying panoramic views which overlook trulli houses and countryside. Continuing onto **Martina Franca**, an elegant baroque town with aristocratic charm. Included is a **guided walking tour** of the old town, including the **Basilica of San Martino**, noble palaces and quiet squares which still depict the refined atmosphere of the 18th-century. Afterwards, a visit to a traditional **local dairy farm** is included for a demonstration of artisanal production and a **tasting of fresh mozzarella** and other **typical cheeses**, a sensory experience combining flavour and tradition. Dinner included. **Medium level walking, + steps, inclines & cobbles*

Day 4 - Matera – A journey through time among stone and silence

After breakfast we depart for **Matera**, one of Italy's most evocative cities and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, known for its spectacular **Sassi**. These are ancient districts carved into limestone rock that tell over 9,000 years of uninterrupted human history. Included is a **guided walking tour** through the winding alleys and panoramic paths of the **Civita**, passing **rock-hewn churches**, cave dwellings, courtyards and terraces overlooking the Gravina ravine. Included is a visit to a typical **Casa Grotta**, furnished as it once was, depicting everyday life in Matera up until the 1950's (*Steep sections today + cobbles & steps*). There will be **free time** afterwards to further explore and take in the surreal atmosphere that fills every corner of this hill top town. Hotel dinner included.

Day 5 – Alberobello & Trulli, Wine flavours and coastal views

After breakfast, it is just a short transfer to one of Puglia's most iconic sites: **Alberobello**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site famous worldwide for its **trulli** — traditional stone dwellings with conical roofs. Included is a **guided walking tour** through the Monti and Aia Piccola districts where every corner tells a story of unique architecture and centuries-old traditions. (Walk approx. ½ mile from coach park to town centre). We next visit a nearby **winery** for a full **food and wine experience**: tour of the vineyards and cellar, followed by a **guided tasting of local wines** paired with a **light lunch** featuring regional specialties. This afternoon there will be **free time** in **Polignano a Mare** to explore the many whitewashed alleys and poetic corners, which have inspired artists and songwriters. There is also the possibility of taking a boat trip whilst here (payable locally). Enjoy some retail therapy or relax and take in the atmosphere of this historic town. Dinner included. **Medium level walking, + steps & cobbles*

Day 6 – Ostuni, Grottaglie and Taranto – White stone, colour, and ancient history

After breakfast, today is dedicated to historic towns, artisanal crafts and ancient culture. (*Steep sections today + cobbles & steps*). We begin in **Ostuni**, the famed 'White City' perched on three hills overlooking the Adriatic. A guided walk is included through the old town's whitewashed streets, stone arches and panoramic terraces, ending at the beautiful **Cathedral** with its Romanesque-Gothic façade. Continuing on to **Grottaglie**, renowned for its traditional ceramics, we visit the **Ceramics District** where you can see ancient techniques still in use today. Afternoon arrival in **Taranto**, a former Greek colony rich in history. Guided visit to the **National Archaeological Museum (MarTA)**, home to extraordinary Greek artifacts, gold treasures, and testimonies of the ancient city of Taras. Returning to the hotel a **farewell dinner** of authentic flavours of Puglia is included at a **traditional trattoria**

Day 7 – Bari – Final glimpses and farewell to Puglia - **Medium level walking, + steps & cobbles*

After breakfast and check-out, we depart for **Bari** for a final **half-day** dedicated to discovering the regional capital. Included is a guided walk through the **historic old town**. Narrow streets filled with history, blooming balconies, and the scent of fresh pasta. External visit of the **Basilica of Saint Nicholas**, an important pilgrimage site, and time to meet the famous "**orecchiette ladies**", who prepare handmade pasta in the streets of the old quarter. A **typical lunch** is included at a central restaurant, before transferring to **Bari Airport** for your return flight to the UK.

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