



A journey between nature and culture in Puglia & Basilicata, from Castel del Monte to Matera, Southeast Italy

Itinerary

Joining two of the 53 UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Italy and two of the "Borghi Più Belli d'Italia" (Most beautiful villages in Italy), the journey will pass through different types of biocultural landscapes, where archeological sites, castles and old villages stand within protected areas of great conservation value. Expert guides will illustrate this fascinating link between biodiversity history and people, in an astonishing and contrasted interweaving of natural and cultural heritage. Delicious regional cuisine will enrich the experience. After the extent of olive groves outside Bari, participants will go across the high conservation value pseudosteppes of the Alta Murgia National Park, brimming with a remarkable diversity of plants and animals, and landmarked by the traces of Frederik II, Castel del Monte and the remains of Garagnone Castle. Travelling close to the Via Appia, within the large fields of wheat of the Bradanic Through, which conceal the amazing archaeological Roman and later ground of Venosa, homeland city to Orazio and Carlo Gesualdo, they will reach the cool area of Mount Vulture with its forests and lakes, while admiring remarkable Norman and Swabian castles of Melfi and Lagopesole. The route traversing the Regional Park of Gallipoli Cognato will reveal the outstanding beauty of the Small Lucania's Dolomites, the charming Pietrapertosa, an ancient village of VIII century B.C. perched at the foot of a cliff, the fascinating remains of Campomaggiore vecchio, the XVII century "City of utopia". The journey will end in Matera, the unique town of "Sassi", where the participants will dive in the atmospheres of its ravines, and into the numerous surprising events of the European Capital of Culture 2019.

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Duration: This excursion leaves from Bari on July 6th 2019 and ends in Bari on July 11th 2019.

Format: Itinerant excursion with daily bus trips and short to long walks on the different stops in southeastern Italy (Puglia and Basilicata). Independent airplane transfer to the excursion area is required (see practical info).

Hotel accommodation, picnic/buffet lunches and restaurant dinners will be provided.

Participants: Min 15 Max 25

Practical info:

- The quote for the excursion is from 850 to 950 euro (depending on the number of participants).
- The excursion will be activated upon reaching the minimum number of 15 participants. Therefore, a non-binding expression of interest in the excursion is required by February 28th 2019. Please send an email to Paola Mairota (paola.mairota@uniba.it) indicating the number of people, single/double room preference and dietary requirements.
- Deadline for registering for the excursion is March 31st 2019.
- The excursion will leave from Bari on July 6th and end in Bari on July 11th.



- Advice and assistance will be provided for independent arrangements for airplane transfer to reach Bari from Milano after the official closure of the Congress, and to participants wishing to either return to Milano or continue their trip elsewhere. Participants are however encouraged to arrive in Bari on July 5th (in this case airport pick up and hotel accommodation will be provided). A number of direct flights connect Milano to Bari:
 - From Linate airport at 16.55, 19.20, or 20.55 (duration of the flight 1 hour and 30 minutes in approx.) Next morning flights from this airport are not direct;
 - From Orio al Serio (Bergamo) airport at 22.20 (duration of the flight 1 hour and 30 minutes in approx.) Next morning direct flight from this airport is at 6.55;
 - From Malpensa airport at 19.40 (duration of the flight 1 hour and 30 minutes in approx.). Next morning direct flight from this airport is at 7.10.
- Double/twin bedroom accommodation during the trip will be provided at 3-4 stars hotels. Single bedroom, upon request but contingent on availability, may be arranged with a 270 euro additional charge.
- Luggage insurance is included in the quotation.
- Cancellation insurance is not included in the quotation, but it is highly recommended and can be required individually at an additional charge of approximately 2-4% of the quotation.
- "Matera2019 passport" is not included in the cost, but participants wishing to access special events and exhibitions featuring in Matera can purchase it at the cost of 19 euro at: <https://www.matera-basilicata2019.it/en/ticket/terms-and-conditions-for-matera-2019-passport.html>
- The weather in July is usually warm in southeastern Italy, with day temperatures ranging between 15°-19° and 25°-37° depending on altitude. Although rain is infrequent on average, short and intense thunderstorms may occur. Provide proper walking gear and prepare both for sun and rain. More details about timing, group gathering and other practicalities will be provided upon confirmation of the excursion.

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