

NEW!

APULIA, the HEEL of ITALY

TOUR 6270—8 days from Naples to Naples

Priced From \$ 1,199^{US}



ALBEROBELLO

YOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES

Individual headsets 

SIGHTSEEING: Visits to Castel del Monte, Bari, Castellana caves, Alberobello, Lecce, Santa Maria di Leuca, Gallipoli, Manduria wine cellar, Grottaglie, Ostuni

■ Inside visits and special features are shown in UPPERCASE in the tour description including admission charges where applicable

GUIDES: Local Guides for city sightseeing in Naples; professional Tour Director while touring

SCENIC HIGHLIGHTS: Gargano peninsula

TRANSPORTATION: Touring by private, first-class, air-conditioned motorcoach

HOTELS: Listed below or equivalent. Rooms with private bath or shower, hotel taxes, portorage, tips and service charges

NAPLES Ramada (F) or NH Ambassador (F), **BARI** The Nicolaus (F), **LECCE** Grand Hotel Tiziano e dei Congressi (F), **FASANO** Sierra Silvana (ST)

MEALS: Buffet breakfasts (B) daily; 4 dinners (D)

MyACCOUNT: Personalise your tour ahead of time with additional excursions. Visit our website for details and conditions.

Day 1, Sun. ARRIVE IN NAPLES, ITALY.

Check into your hotel. The rest of the day is free to start exploring Naples, one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world. Tonight, meet your Tour Director and fellow travellers. (D)

Day 2, Mon. NAPLES-CASTEL DEL MONTE-BARI.

Guided sightseeing this

morning gives you a proper introduction to the eventful history of this city and its traditions. Later, depart Naples and travel into Apulia, the legendary “boot” of Italy. Stop at CASTEL DEL MONTE, built in the 13th century by Holy Roman Emperor Frederick II and renowned for its unique octagonal towers, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue to the Adriatic



CASTEL DEL MONTE



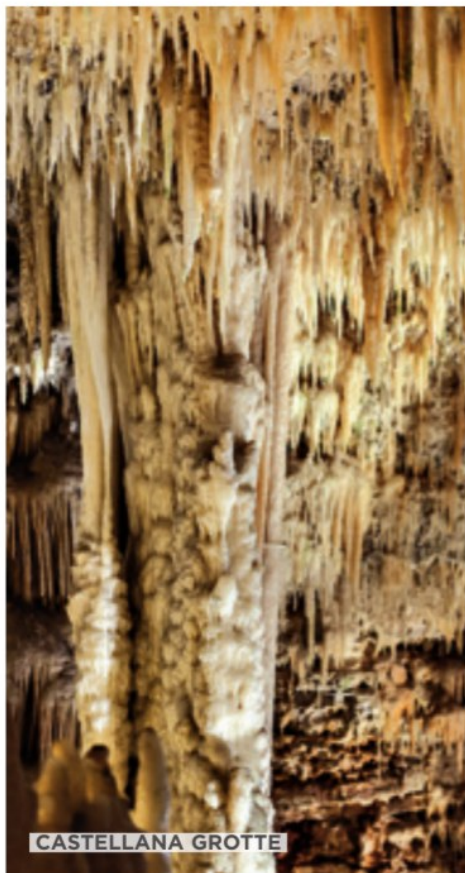
GALLIPOLI



1 = Overnights
 ● = Start City
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coastline for an orientation of the beautiful port city of Bari. (B)

Day 3, Tue. BARI-CASTELLANA GROTTA-ALBEROBELLO-LECCE. Head to Castellana Grotte to visit the area's famous limestone CAVES. This impressive system is a wonderland of captivating stalactites, stalagmites, and crystallised



CASTELLANA GROTTA

mineral deposits. Next stop is Alberobello, renowned for its distinct conical-roofed TRULLI houses. Follow the coastline to lovely Lecce, the "Florence of the South," and marvel at its opulent baroque buildings from the 1600s. (B)

Day 4, Wed. LECCE. EXCURSION TO SANTA MARIA DI LEUCA & GALLIPOLI. Spend some time on your own this morning to explore Lecce's baroque city centre. Then, travel to Santa Maria di Leuca, the southernmost tip of Apulia, where you'll discover oriental art nouveau villas and beach huts from the early 20th century. On to Gallipoli, an ancient Greek city built on an island in the Ionian Sea. Enjoy the Old Town with its quaint ambiance, winding streets, and inviting squares, and discover FRANTOIO IPOGEO, an underground olive press buried in the tufa rock. Between the 16th and 19th centuries, workers pressed Gallipoli's olive oil, which was stored in cisterns beneath the Old Town and used to light the city's oil lamps. Return to Lecce in the late afternoon. (B,D)

Day 5, Thu. LECCE-MANDURIA-GROTTAGLIE-OSTUNI-FASANO. Start the day in Manduria, situated in the wine-

growing region, where you'll visit a WINE CELLAR and get to taste some of the typical *Primitivo*. Continue to the pottery village of Grottaglie to discover how its renowned terracotta has been produced since the Middle Ages. Overnight in Fasano, a peaceful town surrounded by olive groves and vineyards, not far from the Adriatic Sea. (B,D)

Day 6, Fri. FASANO. Today is free to do as you like. Maybe join the optional excursion to Matera and Altamura. The impressive "rock city" of Matera is home to the prehistoric *sassi* cave dwellings, while a guided tour reveals the amazing stone-clad city of Altamura, with free time afterward to stroll through the Old Town on your own. (B,D)

Day 7, Sat. FASANO-NAPLES. Puglia is famous for its olive trees and this morning you'll visit a traditional OLIVE MILL to taste some genuine olive oil and stroll around the groves. Later, travel back to Naples for a chance to treat yourself to a real *espresso* coffee shot or the most authentic *pizza*. (B)

Day 8, Sun. NAPLES. Your holiday ends with breakfast this morning. (B)

TOUR 6270 DATES & PRICES

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Departure Number	Start Naples	End Naples	Land Only	Departure Number	Start Naples	End Naples	Land Only	Departure Number	Start Naples	End Naples	Land Only	
0422	Sun 22 Apr	Sun 29 Apr	1199	0603	Sun 03 Jun	Sun 10 Jun	1279	0909	Sun 09 Sep	Sun 16 Sep	1279	
0429	Sun 29 Apr	Sun 06 May	1199	0617	Sun 17 Jun	Sun 24 Jun	1279	0923	Sun 23 Sep	Sun 30 Sep	1199	
0506	Sun 06 May	Sun 13 May	1279	0701	Sun 01 Jul	Sun 08 Jul	1199	1007	Sun 07 Oct	Sun 14 Oct	1199	
0520	Sun 20 May	Sun 27 May	1279	0826	Sun 26 Aug	Sun 02 Sep	1199					

Prices are per person, based on double room occupancy. Single room supplement: \$350; guaranteed shares: see page 5; no triple room reduction.

Extra nights per person in Naples in single room \$118, in twin /in triple \$73