

Hiking Puglia and Matera

HILLTOP VILLAGES, SHEPHERDS' PATHS, AND TURQUOISE SEAS



TRIP DATES

2024

April 23-May 2, 2024
May 30-June 8, 2024
September 24-October 3, 2024
October 15-24, 2024

2025

April 22-May 1, 2025
May 6-15, 2025 Added Departure
May 20-29, 2025 *
September 23-October 2, 2025
October 14-23, 2025

*Please note: date change since catalog publication



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The deep blue hues of the Adriatic and Ionian seas, heirloom olive orchards stretching to the horizon, whitewashed coastal towns gleaming in the sun—this is the “heel” of Italy, a world apart from the north and a magical place for a WT's style of adventure. We'll make an arc across Puglia, savoring hikes across traditional tratturi (shepherds' trails), through the ancient olive orchards, and along spectacular coastal paths where the sea and the sky seem to meet. This southernmost part of Italy has surprising layers of Greek, Roman, and Norman cultures, as we'll see in the stunning hill town of Ostuni, once a Greco-Roman city, and Otranto, with its Aragonese city walls. We'll also enjoy the Baroque exuberance of Lecce and visit two unforgettable World Heritage Sites, Alberobello and Matera. As always, we'll eat locally and well—we'll go olive-tasting in the Itria Valley, where the orchards are hundreds of years old, sample the deep red Primitivo wines at a cellar in Manduria, taste the bounty of the sea (fresh-caught octopus, swordfish, anchovies, sardines, and more), and sample Puglia's signature handmade pasta, orecchiette ("little ears"). Join us to experience the mystique of the Italian south!

Itinerary

DAY 1

BARI, ITALY / LOCOROTONDO / ALBEROBELLO

We meet this morning in Bari, a port city set on the Adriatic and Puglia's capital. After a short trip briefing, we head out into the gorgeous Valle d'Itria, which holds some of Puglia's most iconic landscapes. The olive orchards stretch as far as the eye can see here, dotted with trulli, the whitewashed, conical-roofed houses Puglia is famous for. We'll make a visit to the hill town of Locorotondo, officially one of the borghi più belli d'Italia (most beautiful villages in Italy), then stretch our legs with a walk on the Apulian Acqueduct path to famed Alberobello, a stunning World Heritage Site with a maze of trulli-lined lanes. Lunch will be at a trattoria where we can try some local specialties, perhaps pasta with cicerchie beans or cardoncelli, the delicate local wild mushrooms, accompanied by a carafe of Primitivo, Puglia's robust red wine. Afterwards, we explore the town of Alberobello, visiting the 17th century Trullo Sovrano, the largest of the trulli houses, and the fascinating Chiesa di Sant'Antonio, a trullo church built in 1927 using the same technique as for the original trullo, with some inspiration from Puglia's Romanesque architecture. Our overnight is at the Borgo Canonica, a historic hotel in the heart of the Valle d'Istria....LD

Hiking Details: 3.5 miles, 2.5 hours, relatively flat

Driving Time: 1.5 hours

Note: We recommend you arrive in Bari the night before the trip begins.

DAY 2

CISTERNINO / OSTUNI

A panoramic morning hike brings us from the Sanctuary of Sant'Oronzo across Le Murge (now part of Parco Nazionale dell'Alta Murgia), a limestone plateau rising gently from the Adriatic. Our views stretch out over vast olive groves as we follow pathways called tratturi, trails used for centuries by herders moving animals between summer and winter pastures. We stop at the archaeological site of Santa Maria di Agnano with remains and artifacts dating back over 26,000 years. From there we walk among millennial olive trees to a masseria where we sample locally produced olive oil. We'll have a trattoria lunch in the stunning hill town of Ostuni, with its jumble of ancient alabaster buildings gleaming in the sun and striking views across to the blue Adriatic. Set on three hills, Ostuni, called "the white city," was an important Greco-Roman city in the first century AD. Lunch is another chance to taste Puglia specialties, perhaps panzerotto (a small version of calzone pizza), and afterwards we'll walk through Ostuni's maze of winding and well-preserved cobbled streets. We return to our tranquil hotel in Cisternino for dinner...BLD

Hiking Details: 5 miles, 2.5 hours, 700 feet ascent/descent

Driving Time: 1 hour



TRIP DETAILS AT-A-GLANCE

Length:	10 days
Arrive:	Bari, Italy
Depart:	Bari, Italy
Lodging:	9 nights hotels and inns
Meals:	All meals included except 3 dinners (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
Activity:	Cultural Adventures, Hiking / Trekking
Trip Level:	1 2 ③ 4 5 6 Moderate hikes of 2-4 hours over rolling countryside, rocky coastal trails, and steep canyons

HIGHLIGHTS

- Hike through ancient olive orchards and across shepherds' paths
- Visit the World Heritage trulli houses of Alberobello and the breathtaking ancient world of Matera
- Explore Lecce's Baroque palazzi and the striking "white city" of Ostuni
- Enjoy Puglia's unique local dishes and the best Primitivo wines

DAY 3

LECCE / OTRANTO

Our walk this morning brings us through the rolling olive groves that encircle many of the local masseries (fortified farmhouses). We'll walk through small canyons and natural caves where flocks of sheep are kept, as we continue on trails used by shepherds. Most masseries here produce olive oil, and we'll visit one for a tasting, followed by a picnic lunch on the beach. A southward arc brings us to the city of Lecce on the Salento peninsula, the "heel" of Italy's boot. The fine Baroque architecture in Lecce's Old Town is due to the arrival in the 16th century of Jesuit and Franciscan orders, who brought with them an influx of wealth that paid for the creation of opulent churches and palazzi. We head to the historic seaside town of Otranto. Overnight at the Hotel Corte di Nettuno...BLD

Hiking Details: 5 miles, 3 hours, relatively flat

Driving Time: 2.5 hours



DAY 4

OTRANTO / PORTO BADISCO

Like much of Puglia, Otranto, the easternmost city in Italy, has a storied past. It was a Greek port, then a Roman one, and was later ruled by the Byzantines, Normans, and Aragonese. In 1480, Turks invaded the town, and we'll see the city walls the Aragonese built for the town's protection. For today's hike, we follow spectacular coastal paths along sea cliffs and rocky headlands fragrant with the scent of Mediterranean maquis (aromatic shrublands), enjoying a picnic lunch en route. Our trail brings us past the whitewashed Punta Palascia lighthouse and onward to Porto Badisco, with its rocky, sheltered beach that Virgil claimed to be the site of Aeneas's first landing in Italy after his escape from Troy. We return to Otranto, with dinner on your own. Your Trip Leader will be happy to make recommendations, depending on how fancy or casual you wish to go...BL

Hiking Details: 8 miles, 3.5 hours, 450 feet ascent/descent

Driving Time: 45 minutes

DAY 5

CASTRIGNANO DEL CAPO / SANTA MARIA DI LEUCA

We head to the town of Corsano on the slopes of the Salentine Murge for a hike along the path of salt traders. Our trail winds along a high, rocky coastline down to the brilliant blues of the sea where the salt was produced, and then back up the plateau. Our local guide, whose ancestors were salt traders for centuries, will offer historical insights along this scenic rocky trail. Later we'll drive to Santa Maria di Leuca, where the Adriatic and Ionian seas swirl together. Above the town's harbor is an important religious sanctuary, the Basilica de Finibus Terrae ("at the end of the earth" is how the Romans termed this point). It is reached by a 284-step staircase, and we'll ascend for a visit to this fascinating shrine. The hilltop site has long been a place of pilgrimage and once held a Roman temple of Minerva. Dinner and overnight in Santa Maria

di Leuca at the Hotel Terminal...BLD

Hiking Details: 4 miles, 2 hours, 600 feet ascent/descent

Driving Time: 1.5 hours

DAY 6

CIOLO / BAY CRUISE

Today we set out for another scenic coastal hike. Starting at sea level we hike up to the "Ciolo", a deep gorge flanked by steep limestone cliffs. Its name comes from the Ciole people, in Salento dialect, who first inhabited the area. The high rocky ridge is covered by native evergreens, shrubs, and a variety of wildflowers and orchids. The ridges are hollowed out by numerous caves, where fossils and ceramics dating back to the Neolithic and the Paleolithic periods have been found. The Grotta delle Prazziche, 42 meters long and about 6 meters wide, is one example where centuries-old artifacts and remains, including those of rhinoceros, have been discovered. Our walk continues along the meandering coast to the Cipolliane, an area rich with caverns and native plants. We return to Leuca for lunch. In the afternoon, we'll explore the Adriatic seaside and the Ionian seaside by boat. Dinner is on your own this evening. Overnight in Santa Maria di Leuca...BL

Hiking Details: 3.5 miles, 3 hours, 600 feet ascent/descent

Driving Time: 45 minutes

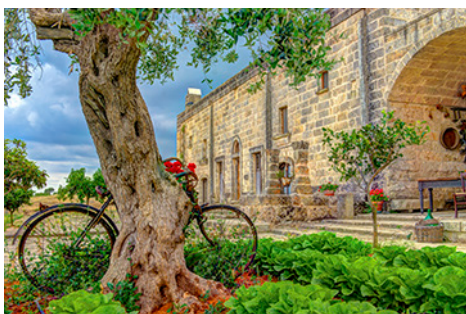
DAY 7

UGENTO / MANDURIA WINE-TASTING / MATERA

A morning walk brings us through the Parco Naturale Regionale Porto Selvaggio Torre Alto, a woodland composed of carubbo, Aleppo pine, and fragno trees that extends along the rocky coastline. For lunch, we head to the wine town of Manduria, where we'll taste some Primitivo di Manduria wines,



Itinerary (cont'd)



Puglia's deep red vintage. The vines in this area grow in a limestone and clay soil, often next to dunes along the Ionian Sea, and the Primitivo grape matures early, usually in August, hence its primitivo ("early") name. We'll visit a cellar here for a tasting of the wine, a cousin to Zinfandel as both types descend from the same varietal. We continue to the World Heritage Site of Matera for overnight at our hotel...BLD

Hiking Details: 5 miles, 2.5 hours, 400 feet ascent/descent

Driving Time: 3 hours

DAY 8

MATERA / MURGIA HIKE

Situated at the edge of a canyon in the eastern area of Basilicata province, Matera dates to the early Middle Ages, when Benedictine monks carved churches and monasteries into the walls of a ravine. Over the next few centuries, local people created homes and shops out of these terraced caves and grottos, making Matera one of the longest continuously inhabited human settlements in the world. This morning, we'll explore this remarkable World Heritage Site with a local guide. From the Sasso Caveoso district to the Sasso Barisano area, the picturesque alleys and warren of "sassi" dwellings are fascinating. The most spectacular cave-church here is the Madonna di Idris, with its 14th century frescoes, and nearby, the Santa Lucia alle Malve church. Benedictine nuns lived in this church between the 8th and 10th centuries, and there are murals dating to the 13th century. Local people resided in many of these caves until the 1950s, and in the Casta Grotta, we can see what a residential cave-home once looked like, complete with original furnishings. In the afternoon, we'll take in the scenic views on a hike in Murgia National Park. Dinner is on your



own this evening so you can choose from among Matera's many restaurants and trattorias; your Trip Leader will be happy to make recommendations. Overnight in Matera...BL

Hiking Details: 2 miles, 1 hour, 500 feet ascent/descent

Driving Time: 20 minutes

DAY 9

MATERA

Today we return to the Murgia area outside of Matera where we'll hike amid the limestone cliffs, gorges, and caves of this region. We'll continue to explore the prehistoric dwellings, as well as the natural beauty of the area that has intertwined with these ancient structures for centuries. We enjoy lunch at Masseria Dragona where we can try their locally produced wine. We return to Matera, with the remainder of the afternoon free to explore on your own. In the evening, we gather for a festive Farewell Dinner. Overnight at hotel...BLD

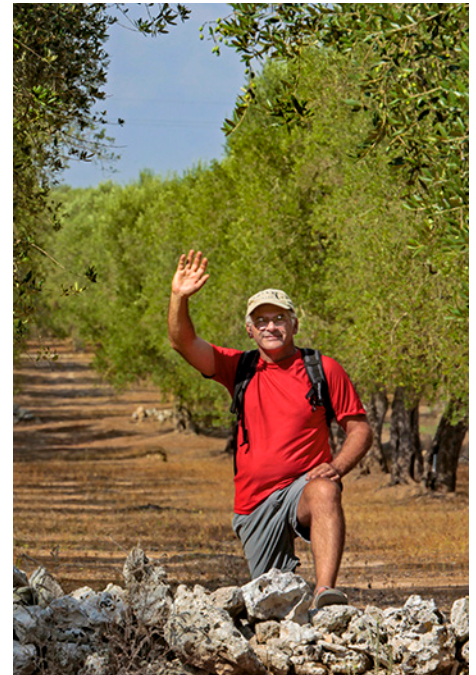
Hiking Details: 5.5 miles, 2.5 hours, 500 feet ascent/descent

Driving Time: 1 hour

DAY 10

DEPART

Morning transfer to the airport in Bari for departure on homeward-bound flights. You can also be dropped off at the train station in Bari...B



Trip Cost, Payment & Insurance

TRIP COST

Prices are per person, valid through 2024

\$5995 (11-15 members)

\$6495 (5-10 members)

Single supplement: \$890

2025 Trip Costs: Please call for details

To offer the lowest possible cost, our trips are priced according to the number of participants on the trip. All costs are per person, based on double occupancy. If you wish to have a single room, you must pay the single supplement fee. Please note that Wilderness Travel staff, or guests of Wilderness Travel such as travel writers, photographers, or leaders-in-training, are not included in the tier pricing count.

CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE

Because the prices published for our program are set so far in advance of the trip dates, we are occasionally faced with exceptional cost increases and/or currency fluctuations that affect the actual cost of running the trip. In most years, no price changes are necessary. However, we do reserve the right to raise or lower the trip price if there is a significant change in costs or exchange rates. If this is the case, your final invoice will reflect the difference in trip cost.

TRIP COST INCLUDES

- Expert leadership of a Wilderness Travel Trip Leader and local guides
- Accommodations in hotels and inns
- All meals included except 3 dinners as indicated in the Detailed Itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- A glass of wine or beer with dinner
- Land transportation, airport transfers as noted

TRIP COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

International airfare, any meals not specified after each itinerary day, airport departure taxes, individual arrival or departure transfers, optional tipping or gratuities to leaders or staff, additional hotel nights that may be necessary due to airline schedule changes or other factors; pre-trip expense of medical immunizations (if any), travel insurance or passports; and other expenses of a personal nature (alcoholic beverages, laundry, etc.).

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

At time of reservation: \$600

90 days prior to departure: Balance

CANCELLATION AND TRANSFER FEE SCHEDULE

Up to 91 days prior to departure: No charge!

61-90 days prior to departure: 25% of trip cost

46-60 days prior to departure: 50% of trip cost

45 days or less: 100% of trip cost

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We highly recommend you purchase travel insurance. You can take advantage of a comprehensive Travel Protection Plan designed for Wilderness Travel by Travelex, or purchase other insurance on your own. See our website for details: www.wildernesstravel.com/insurance

Arrival & Departure

Upon confirming your trip reservation, we will send you a Welcome Packet that includes a list of documents (passport, visas, etc.) required for your trip. Please feel free to call if you would like this information before making your air arrangements.

ARRIVAL & MEETING PLACE

Bari, Italy

Suggested Airport: Bari Karol Wojtyła Airport (BRI)

Suggested Date & Time: Anytime prior to Day 1

Meeting Place: You will meet your Trip Leader in the lobby of the Hotel Bari Oriente at 8:30 am on Day 1 for a quick briefing before heading to Locorotondo. If you choose to overnight at the Bari Oriente, you can book directly at www.ih-hotels.com.

DEPARTURE

Bari, Italy

Suggested Airport: Bari Karol Wojtyła Airport (BRI)

Suggested Date & Time: Day 10, 12:00 pm or later

On Day 10 at 9:00 am, a group transfer will be provided from our hotel in Matera to the Bari airport (approximately a 1.25-hour drive). After the 10:15 am dropoff at the Bari airport, the group transfer will continue to the Bari train station for those traveling by train. Please do not plan for a train departure prior to 11:00 am.

INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAVEL

You are responsible for making your own arrangements for flights to and from Italy. There are many online consolidators for booking travel, but for more personal help arranging air transport, you can contact Exito Travel at 1-800-655-4053 in the US or 1-800-670-2605 in Canada. They are very adept at putting flight itineraries together, to even the most far-flung places. More information can be found on Exito's website at www.exitotravel.com.

Depending on your routing, it is necessary to depart from the US one day prior to Day 1 of the trip itinerary. The name on your airline ticket must match the name on your passport exactly, and your passport must be valid for at least six months after your date of return to the U.S.

Please do not purchase your tickets until you are confirmed on the trip. Once tickets are purchased, please forward a copy of your email flight confirmation from the airline. It is your responsibility to ensure your flight times coordinate with the arrival and departure logistics for this trip.

Accommodations



BORGO CANONICA

Cisternino, Italy

Days 1 to 2 (2 nights)

You'll feel like you've stepped back into the past at this charming hotel, a renovated borgo (village) dating back to the 1800s. The trulli-style guest rooms with their dry-stone walls have been elegantly restored and offer style and comfort. Set in the beautiful Valle d'Istria, with its vineyards and olive trees, the property features an inviting outdoor swimming pool—be sure to take a dip at day's end!



HOTEL CORTE DI NETTUNO

Otranto, Italy

Days 3 to 4 (2 nights)

Just a short walk from Otranto's historic center, this hotel has modern guest rooms and a rooftop terrace with harbor views. The hotel's interior is decorated with museum-quality maritime artifacts collected by the owner.



HOTEL TERMINAL

Castrignano del Capo, Italy

Days 5 to 6 (2 nights)

The Hotel Terminal is set on a private beach just steps from Santa Maria di Leuca's harbor and offers a rooftop terrace and spacious guest rooms with ocean views.

HOTELS IN MATERA

Matera, Italy, Days 7 to 9 (3 nights)

In Matera, we stay at one of the following properties:



PALAZZO VICECONTE

Tucked away just steps from the Piazza del Duomo is Palazzo Viceconte, a splendid historic palace turned hotel. Fourteen guest rooms are uniquely decorated and have views of the courtyard or Sassi of Matera. Relax on the terrace, wander through the halls (the hotel has beautiful collection of art displayed throughout the palace), or simply enjoy the peace and serenity of Matera.



AQUATIO CAVE LUXURY HOTEL AND SPA

Set in the center of the sassi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, this charming 35-room “cave” hotel is an excellent place to stay while experiencing one of the oldest cities in the world. Some of the guestrooms have been dug into the tufa stone, while others are masonry-built with wooden roofs, but all are bright with modern furnishings. There is also a spa (in a cave, of course), with a swimming pool carved right into the rock.

These are our signature accommodations for this trip. Although it is highly unlikely, we may make substitutions when necessary. To see more photos and descriptions, please visit our *Hiking Puglia and Matera* webpage and click on the “Accommodations” tab.

Trip Leaders

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GIANLUCA CANALICCHIO

Gianluca Canalicchio was born and raised in Rome, where his parents moved in 1960 from Umbria, when they left their life of hard work on their farm in search of new opportunities. He has a degree in accounting, speaks four languages (Italian, Spanish, French, and English), and loves dancing, singing opera, and cooking. Gianluca is a devoted follower of the Italian food channel, Gambero Rosso, and friend to many noted chefs. "My cooking teacher is my mother, whose love for cooking always amazed me. She's from Umbria, the region of truffles, pigs, game, and roasted meat. I opened a pizza restaurant in Rome and a restaurant in San Francisco, but the problem is I prefer to be a client, not a chef!" Besides enjoying trip leading as a profession, he loves taking people to his favorite off-the-beaten-path places and introducing them to the local people.



IRENE DE BENEDICTIS

Originally from Rome, Irene began traveling at the age of 17, and has lived in various countries including the UK, Germany, Belgium, Brazil and Finland. Her love of different cultures and languages (she knows seven!), paired with her love for pilgrimages (she walked the Camino de Santiago...twice) makes her a wonderful travel companion on the pilgrim's trail. Irene's father is a member of the Italian congregation of St. James, which is responsible for the upkeep of the pilgrim's trails from Italy into Spain and Jerusalem, and she has also worked as a "hospitalera" (pilgrims' albergue host) for the pilgrim's trail in Italy.



JOANN LANTZ

Originally from Long Island and holding a degree in education from New York University, JoAnn Lantz has lived in Italy since 1988, slowly restoring an old farm house outside of Lucca, learning about the wines of Italy, and continually exploring her adopted home country. Whether she's leading a hike up to the Rifugio Lagazuoi in the Dolomites or to the top of Monte Solaro on the isle of Capri, she has a gift for bringing out the local charm of each place our journeys visit. "I became a Trip Leader to share the wonders of Italy with others," she says. "The slowness to change and the depth of history that exists here gives people a chance to reflect on their own lives and see what is truly important." When not guiding, JoAnn nurtures her small olive grove near Orvieto, pruning the trees, picking the olives, and making olive oil for her own use and as a gift for friends.



LEILA THOMPSON

With a solid repertoire of outdoor skills including rock climbing, river guiding, and mountaineering, Leila Thompson surely lives the life of an adventurer. Since the early 1990s, she has led trips for us in Nepal, India, Tibet, Republic of Georgia, Canada, and Europe, and shows no sign of stopping. “One of the most wonderful things about guiding for me is starting a trip with a group of strangers and finishing with a group of friends,” she says. Through travel, she has fulfilled some of her passions such as environmental stewardship and engaging in the local culture of each place. Leila is also conversant in German, Nepali, and French, and is attempting to learn Italian! When she is not guiding, Leila works as a nurse at the local hospital in Bend, Oregon, where she lives with her husband (and fellow WT guide!) Sean Morrissey, and enjoys cycling, hiking, climbing, skiing, and her latest sports addiction—pickleball.



DANIEL WINDHAM

Daniel Windham, born in Georgia’s foothills, discovered his passion for the mountains at an early age while backpacking on the Appalachian Trail. After moving to northern Italy, becoming a mountain guide, and running a mountain hut with his Italian wife, he returned (via a couple of years in Costa Rica) to his roots, enjoying the outdoor life with his family. Having climbed and guided on some of the highest peaks in the Himalayas and the Americas (notably Mt. Rainier), Dan continues to guide on Aconcagua (Argentina) and for Wilderness Travel in the Alps. He is also an Appalachian Trail Ambassador, which involves regularly running an 89-mile stretch of the trail, as well as community involvement. His goal is to “give back to the wilderness a little of what it has given me.” Dan speaks English, Spanish, and Italian, and continues his interests in wilderness medicine and cooking.

Trip Details

WHAT THE TRIP IS LIKE

The hiking on this trip is Level 3. We enjoy day walks and hikes of 2-4 hours over variable terrain, including gently rolling countryside, rocky coastal trails, and steep canyons. Sturdy, well broken-in hiking boots are best for some of the rural trails, though walking shoes may be suitable for some days. The trip is designed for those who have at least some hiking experience. Please note that the hiking can feel more demanding at times because the weather can occasionally be hot, even in fall when we make our journey. We will carry just a daypack with water bottle, sunscreen, camera, and anything else you want with you while on the trail. Luggage is transported for us by van, so it is always possible to ride in the van if you wish to opt out of a day's hiking.

For maximum enjoyment of the trip (and the wonderful scenery, food, and wine that are a part of it), we recommend you make a special effort to be in good physical condition. Daily brisk walking and/or regular hiking (or using a stair-climbing machine at your gym) are excellent preparatory exercises.

Please note that in Europe, the dinner hour is considerably later than what it is in the US. We do our best to secure early reservations for our groups, but most often the evening meal will be at 7:30 pm. Our hotels are chosen for

their local history and central location. Although rooms in European hotels are not always of uniform or international size, our leaders try their best to assign rooms in a fair way so that all participants experience an equal advantage throughout the trip as a whole.

WEATHER

Puglia has a warm, sunny Mediterranean climate. Temperatures are likely to be the 70s and 80s during the day and the 60s at night. Cooling breezes and showers can occur at any time, especially in fall. The weather can range from blue skies to cloudy, mist-shrouded days on which we need to keep rain gear handy in our daypacks. The sea regulates the climate in coastal southern Italy.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT TRIP

Adventure travel often involves exotic destinations, unusual levels of physical exertion, or activities you may not have participated in previously. We work hard to help you choose the right trip for you, paying attention to your individual interests, abilities, and needs. If you have questions about the level of comfort or any of the activities described in this itinerary, please call Wilderness Travel at 1-800-368-2794 and ask for the Europe Manager or email us at europe@wildernesstravel.com.

HIKING DETAILS BY DAY				DRIVING DETAILS
DAY	HOURS	MILES	ELEV. GAIN/LOSS	HOURS
1	2.5 hours	3.5 miles	relatively flat	1.5 hours
2	2.5 hours	4 miles	-700'	1 hour
3	2 hours	3 miles	relatively flat	2.5 hours
4	3.5 hours	6 miles	+450'/-450'	45 minutes
5	2 hours	2.5 miles	+500'/-500'	1.5 hours
6	2.5 hours	3.5 miles	+500'/-500'	45 minutes
7	2 hours	3 miles	+400'/-400'	3 hours
8	2 hours	3 miles	+500'/-500'	20 minutes
9	2.5 hours	3.5 miles	+500'/-500'	1 hour

AVERAGE DAILY MAX/MIN °F												
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Otranto	53/44	53/44	55/46	60/50	68/55	75/62	80/68	80/68	75/64	68/57	60/51	55/46
Matera	44/34	44/33	50/37	56/41	64/49	71/55	79/60	79/61	71/55	61/49	51/41	48/38
RAINFALL - INCHES												
Otranto	4.0	2.6	3.0	1.7	1.0	0.9	0.3	1.2	2.5	3.8	4.5	3.2
Matera	2.2	2.6	1.9	2.7	1.7	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.8	2.5	2.9	2.6

REFERENCES

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Best Wildlife, Hiking & Walking Trips: *AFAR Magazine*, 3 years in a row

Best Adventure Travel Companies: *USA Today*

Trip of the Year: *Outside Magazine*, 9-time winner

50 Tours of a Lifetime: *National Geographic Traveler*, 9 years in a row

Best Adventure Travel Companies: *National Geographic Adventure*, 3-time winner

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