

Hiking Puglia and Matera

HILLTOP VILLAGES, SHEPHERDS' PATHS, AND TURQUOISE SEAS



Wilderness Travel

Overview



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
Activity: Cultural, 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

QUESTIONS?

Our Area Specialists are your single point of contact and would be happy to answer any questions about your trip!

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the breathtaking World Heritage Sites of Matera and Alberobello
- Explore Lecce's Baroque palazzi and the striking "white city" of Ostuni
- Hike through ancient olive orchards and across shepherds' paths
- Enjoy Puglia's tasty seafood and the best Primitivo wines

Introduction



Swirling Adriatic and Ionian seas in hues of deep blue, 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. Our hikes bring us across traditional shepherds’ trails and along spectacular coastal paths where the sea and the sky seem to meet. Along the way, we’ll visit charming hill towns and ancient ports. Our final treat is a three-night stay in a historic hotel in the unforgettable World Heritage Site of Matera. As always, we’ll eat locally and well—olive-tasting in the Itria Valley, sampling the deep red Primitivo wines in Manduria, and tasting the bounty of the sea.

TRIP DATES

September 24–October 3, 2024

October 15–24, 2024

April 22–May 1, 2025

May 6–15, 2025

May 20–29, 2025

September 23–October 2, 2025

October 14–23, 2025

Itinerary



Overnight: Borgo Canonica

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!

Meals: L, D

Hiking Details: 3.5 miles, 2.5 hours, relatively flat

Driving Time: 1.5 hours

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'Istri.

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

Itinerary



Overnight: Borgo Canonica

Meals: B, L, D

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

Driving Time: 1 hour

"This trip far exceeded our expectations. The itinerary was superb and the guides were terrific. The balance among hiking, city tours, and wonderful meals was perfect. The two days in Matera were magical."

-Philip S., Arlington, VA

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.

Itinerary



Overnight: Hotel Corte di Nettuno

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.

Meals: B, L, D

Hiking Details: 5 miles, 3 hours, relatively flat

Driving Time: 2.5 hours

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.

Itinerary



Overnight: Hotel Corte di Nettuno

Meals: B, L

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

Driving Time: 45 minutes

"Fantastic trip in a interesting area. We loved the food and wine. Our Trip Leader made us all feel extremely welcome. We immediately felt comfortable with them."

-Nathaniel B. Bedford, MA

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.

Itinerary



Overnight: Hotel Terminal

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.

Meals: B, L, D

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

Driving Time: 1.5 hours

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.

Itinerary



Overnight: Hotel Terminal

Meals: B, L

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

Driving Time: 45 minutes

"Great fun. They don't call it Eatily for nothing! Lovely hikes."

-Pamela R., Davis, CA

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.

Itinerary



Overnight: Palazzo Viceconte (or Aquatio Cave Luxury Hotel and Spa)

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.

Meals: B, L, D

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

Driving Time: 3 hours

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, 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.

Itinerary



Overnight: Palazzo Viceconte
(or Aquatio Cave Luxury Hotel and Spa)

Meals: B, L

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

Driving Time: 20 minutes

"The trip was amazing. We loved every minute of it: lots of culture, hiking (of course,) and wine and food."

-Candy H., Sacramento, CA

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.

Itinerary



Overnight: Palazzo Viceconte
(or Aquatio Cave Luxury Hotel and Spa)

Meals: B, L, D

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

Driving Time: 1 hour

“Your Puglia trip is just wonderful. We loved the itinerary, the culture, and all that entails, and the local guides were fabulous.”

–Gail S., Fairfax, CA

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.

Meals: B

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.

Pricing

TRIP COST

Prices are per person, based on double occupancy

2024

\$5,995 (11-15 members)

\$6,495 (5-10 members)

Single supplement: \$890

2025

\$6,695 (11-15 members)

\$7,295 (5-10 members)

Single supplement: \$980

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PAYMENT TERMS

At time of reservation: \$600

90 days prior to departure: Balance

CANCELLATION & 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

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 Detailed Itinerary
- A glass of wine or beer with dinner
- All ground transportation and baggage handling from meeting until departure
- All activities as indicated in Detailed Itinerary

TRIP DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Travel to and from the arrival and departure location as indicated in Detailed Itinerary
- Additional hotel nights outside the trip's scheduled dates
- Optional gratuities to Trip Leaders or staff
- Optional travel insurance
- Other expenses of a personal nature (some alcoholic beverages, laundry, etc.)

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.

Arrival & Departure

ARRIVAL & MEETING PLACE

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

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). If you miss the group transfer you will need to arrange a transfer at your own expense. 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 or possibly two days 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 US.

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

Trip Leaders

Wilderness Travel Trip Leaders have a passion and a joy for creating an unforgettable journey. We are extremely proud of them and the incredible travel experiences they make possible. For more information, including client comments about them and which specific trips they will be leading, please visit wildernesstravel.com/leaders.



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, 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. 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!" Gianluca also loves sports and has competed in triathlon races for many years. Another passion of his is history, which he says "is essential for our times: not understanding the past makes us see the present in a distorted way." When guiding, Gianluca loves taking people to his favorite off-the-beaten-path places and introducing them to local people.



IRENE DE BENEDICTIS

Originally from Rome, Irene is a physical therapist specializing in Ayurvedic medicine and also a seasoned WT Trip Leader. Her love of different cultures and languages (she knows seven!), paired with her love for hikes and pilgrimages (she walked the Camino de Santiago...twice) makes her a wonderful traveling companion. Irene's father is a member of the Italian congregation of St. James, which is responsible for the upkeep of pilgrim trails from Italy into Spain and Jerusalem, and she has also worked as a "hospitalera" (pilgrims' albergue host) in Italy. Fun fact: Irene wrote a book called Spaghetti and Sauna about the cultural differences between Italy, her home country, and Finland, where she lived for four years.



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.



DANIEL WINDHAM

Dan Windham, while born in the Appalachian foothills of Georgia, has spent more than two thirds of his life in northern Italy, and 20 of those years leading European hiking trips for WT. His youthful passion for nature and mountains led him to choose a career as a guide, and he moved to Italy to run a mountain hut in the Alps with his wife, who is Italian. In the Europe off-season, Dan guides climbs of Aconcagua in Argentina and has also climbed some of the highest peaks in the Himalayas. He is fluent in Italian as well as Spanish.

What to Expect

WHAT THE TRIP IS LIKE

The hiking on this trip is **Level 3, Moderate**, according to our trip grading system. We enjoy day walks and hikes of 2-4 hours over variable terrain, including gently rolling countryside, rocky coastal trails, and steep canyons.

TERRAIN

You need to be able to hike on uneven surfaces, occasionally downhill over loose rocks, so good balance is important. The hikes explore a mix of terrain, from dirt roads to paths across rolling hills to ancient stone staircases, which can be quite steep. 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. Sturdy, well broken-in hiking boots are best for some of the rural trails, though walking shoes may be suitable for some days.

GETTING IN SHAPE

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.

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.

ACCOMMODATIONS

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.

CUISINE

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.

TRANSPORTATION

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. We will carry just a daypack with water bottle, sunscreen, camera, and anything else you want with you while on the trail.

What to Expect

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

Additional Information

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 or email us at info@wildernesstravel.com.

REFERENCES

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