

# Puglia and Matera Private Journey

TRULLI HOUSES, OLIVE ORCHARDS, AND THE BLUE ADRIATIC



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### WHEN TO GO

April to October

### ABOUT PRIVATE JOURNEYS

Wilderness Travel Private Journeys are designed for people who want to travel with their own small private group, but who still want to experience the same superb itinerary design, great accommodations, and signature quality of Wilderness Travel's escorted group trips. These Private Journeys allow you to choose your own dates and your traveling companions, yet still enjoy a guided adventure.

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Trace an arc across Puglia, the “heel of the boot” of sunny southern Italy, with your own private guide! You'll enjoy optional hikes of your choice and visits to stunning hill towns, ancient farmsteads, and two World Heritage Sites. The deep south of Italy has surprising layers of history, as you'll see in the whitewashed hill town of Ostuni, once a Greco-Roman city, and in charming Lecce, a Baroque gem known as the “Florence of the South.” At the breathtaking World Heritage Site of Matera, you'll walk a labyrinth of hand-carved rock stairways that connect tiny piazzas and gardens to form a magical world with roots in prehistory. Your countryside accommodations will be beautiful and as unique as Puglia itself, and as always in Italy, you'll eat locally and well—with olive tasting (Puglia's orchards are hundreds of years old), cheese tasting, wine tasting, and meals that celebrate the deeply rooted cucina povera tradition of simple and delicious dishes with fresh local ingredients. A fun add-on option is a cooking class at one of the palaces in Matera. Your private guide is the key to all this, introducing you to people and places you wouldn't find on your own as you explore. Andiamo!





## Itinerary



### TRIP DETAILS AT-A-GLANCE

- Length:** 7 days
- Arrive:** Bari, Italy
- Depart:** Bari, Italy
- Lodging:** 6 nights hotels
- Meals:** All meals included except 5 dinners (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Activity:** Cultural Adventures, Hiking / Trekking, Walking
- Trip Level:** 1 2 3 4 5 6  
Cultural explorations and walking tours, optional easy to moderate hikes of 2-5 hours

### DAY 1 BARI, ITALY / VALLE D'ITRIA / CISTERNINO / ALBEROBELLO

Meet with the Trip Leader at 9:00 am at your hotel in Bari, a port city set on the Adriatic and Puglia's capital. You'll head out this morning into the gorgeous Valle d'Itria (Itria Valley), 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. The trulli (plural, trullo is singular) were constructed in local limestone using a dry stone technique, without mortar. The curious shape of a trullo may have arrived in Puglia with the Greeks, who colonized this area of Italy as early as the 8th century BC.

Your first stop this morning is charming Cisternino, a white-washed hill town whose historic center has remained virtually intact for centuries. The town has a 13th century church, a warren of ancient lanes, and an elegant central plaza that opens onto panoramic viewpoints of the surrounding countryside. Cisternino has been designated as one of Italy's *borgh più belli* (most beautiful towns).

For lunch, head to famed Alberobello, a stunning World Heritage Site with a maze of trulli-lined streets. Lunch here will be at a trattoria where you 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 local red wine. Afterwards, stretch your legs on a walk around town, visiting sites such as 17th century Trullo Sovrano, the largest of the trulli houses, and the Chiesa di Sant'Antonio, a trulli-style church built in 1927 using the same technique that were used to build the original ones, with some additional inspiration from Puglia's Romanesque architecture.



In the late afternoon, check into your hotel, then join your Trip Leader for a Welcome Dinner and a trip briefing to discuss details of the upcoming options for your days in Puglia and Matera. Overnight at hotel...LD

Note: Because of the 9:00 am start today, you will need to arrive in Bari the day before the trip starts (an “on your own” expense).

### DAYS 2-3 HIKING AND CULTURAL OPTIONS IN AND AROUND PUGLIA

Your program on these two days includes your choice of two of the following private guided options, one each day. The minimum participation in any option is two persons. Dinners are on your own, and your Trip Leader is happy to make recommendations or reservations for you, if needed. Overnights at hotel...BL each day

#### **Cultural: Discover Lecce, the “Florence of the South.”**

Lecce is an exuberant city of Baroque architecture and truly opulent churches. The unique architectural style of Lecce is a result of the presence of Jesuit and Franciscan religious orders who arrived here in the late 16th century, bringing with them the considerable wealth of the church, which paid for the magnificent churches and mansions that bejewel the city today. Because the local sandstone around Lecce was unusually

soft, it could be intricately carved, as you’ll see in the elaborate ornamental details on the buildings, a unique style known as “Leccese Baroque.” Lecce has its roots in a very distant past, as evidenced in the intact Roman amphitheater stands in the Piazza Sant’Oronzo. In this city, you might want to taste a Lecce specialty called *caffè in ghiaccio con latte di mandorla* (espresso with ice and almond milk) and enjoy a lunch of *ciceri e tria*, Lecce’s traditional pasta with chick peas. Driving Time: About 1.5 hours each way from the hotel.

#### **Cultural: Monopoli / Polignano a Mare / Locorotondo**

**Winery.** You’ll visit three beautiful towns in the Itria Valley today, starting with Monopoli, a port on the Adriatic known for its 15th century Castello di Carlo V. The castle was built on a promontory reaching into the sea and was one of the coastal fortifications built by Charles V of Spain. The historic center of Monopoli itself is charming, with leafy squares and white-washed buildings under Puglia’s bright skies. Heading to the small coastal village of Polignano a Mare, you’ll enjoy lunch in a fairytale setting: the Grotta Palazzese. This magical place is a vast natural seaside cave that has been converted into a restaurant. One side of the restaurant overlooks the sea, with a splendid view along the coast, and the other faces the cave’s large interior, with the blue of the sea and sky reflecting light into the cave’s natural cavities. This unique setting has been





used for parties and banquets since at least 1700, as depicted in a watercolor of 1783 by Jean Louis Desprez. After lunch, head to Locorotondo, another of the official *borghi più belli d'Italia* (most beautiful villages in Italy), this one set on a hilltop on the Murge Plateau. You're in the heart of Puglia's wine country here, and you'll have a delightful wine-tasting excursion.

Puglia has a relatively hot and dry climate tempered by cool breezes from the surrounding seas, resulting in expressive and delicious wines.

Driving Time: 1.5 hours

**Hiking: Country Hike, Olive Oil Tasting, and Visit to Ostuni.** Starting at the sanctuary of Sant'Oronzo, hike a downhill path to the archaeological park of Santa Maria di Agnano, site of the world's only example of a late Stone Age pregnant female. Found buried in the Ostunese hills of Agnano, her skeleton dates back about 28,000 years. Olive oil production has powered the economy of the Puglia region since time immemorial, and you'll continue your hike through ancient olive groves to a local *masseria* (fortified farmhouse) for a delicious olive-oil tasting. After the hike, explore the whitewashed hill town of Ostuni, with its jumble of 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 a chance to taste Puglia specialties, perhaps *panzerotto* (a small version of calzone pizza), and afterwards you'll walk through Ostuni's maze of winding and well-preserved cobbled streets.

Driving Time: 45 minutes

Hiking: 4 miles, approximately 500-foot elevation loss

**Hiking: Aqueduct Hike / Canyon Hike / Visit a Farm.**

Today's hike is divided into two parts. In the morning, enjoy a walk of extraordinary beauty along the century-old Acquedotto Pugliese. A massive civic project begun in 1906, the aqueduct taps water from the Sele River in the mountains of Campania and brings it to the fields of the Puglia region. Enjoy a traditional Apulian lunch at a farmhouse known for its wine production, then continue with a hike through the lower part of the Apulian plateau, near the Adriatic Coast. This area contains ancient paths that shepherds traditionally walked with their sheep, bringing them between seasonal grazing grounds for winter and summer. The canyons and caves in the area were used as shelters for the flocks. At the end of the walk, visit a small *masseria* where sheep cheese is produced and enjoy a tasting of the wares.

Driving Time: 45 minutes

Hiking: 6 miles, minimal elevation gain/loss







#### DAY 4 MATERA / BASILICATA

A beautiful drive brings you into Basilicata, a mountainous province steeped in prehistory, where you'll explore the spectacular city of Matera, a World Heritage Site set on a rocky outcrop. Matera dates to the early Middle Ages, when Benedictine monks carved churches and monasteries into the walls of a ravine of tufa stone. The monks eventually abandoned the caves, and over the following centuries, local people created homes out of these abandoned caves, or *sassi* (rock dwellings), making Matera one of the longest continuously inhabited human settlements in the world. It is also a breathtaking visual treat, with its hand-carved rock stairways, tiny piazzas, balconies, and gardens, all connected to each other to form a magical world.

The two main sections of the city are the Sassi Barisano and the Sassi Caveoso. By far the best way to see them is on foot, following labyrinth-like alleyways, discovering tiny courtyards bursting with bright green cacti, and climbing up old stone staircases for spectacular views. Sassi Barisano has undergone significant development, with old caves beautifully refurbished to create stunning art spaces and boutique hotels, while Sassi Caveoso offers a glimpse of the lives that were lived here not that long ago. Atop Civitas hill, on the highest point between the two Sassi, is the 13th century Apulian-Romanesque

Cathedral, recently reopened after a 10-year restoration. It offers a fantastic view from its privileged position overlooking the Sassi Barisano. Overnight at hotel...BL  
Driving Time: 1.5-2 hours

#### DAYS 5-6 HIKING AND CULTURAL OPTIONS IN AND AROUND MATERA

Your program on these two days includes your choice of two of the following private guided options, one each day. The minimum participation in any option is two persons. Dinners are on your own. Overnights at hotel...BL each day

**Hiking: Hike in the Parco delle Chiese Rupestri and Murgia National Park.** For a half-day hike, you'll explore most outstanding example of a troglodyte settlement in the entire Mediterranean region. More than 150 rock churches (*chiese rupestri*) are preserved in this park, carved deeply into the soft tufa rock, and the views back to Matera are sweeping. The churches were created in the early Middle Ages, a time that witnessed the intersection of Greek Byzantine culture and the Latin world. The rugged landscape of the park is home to abundant wildlife, from foxes and wild boars to breeding colonies of the lesser kestrel, a protect species of falcon. Your hike starts at the Neolithic village that is now the park's visitor center, continues to the rock sanctuary of the Madonna delle





Tre Porte and the rock churches of San Vito and San Falcione, then ends at Murgia Timone, an overlook with a stunning view of Matera (Mel Gibson used this striking panorama as a location in his film *The Passion of the Christ*). Lunch will be picnic-style at the park's visitor center. The afternoon is free to explore Matera on your own.

Hiking: 4 miles, approximately 300 feet of elevation gain/loss

**Hiking: Rolling Hills of Matera, Lago San Giuliano, and the Crypt of the Original Sin.** This hike starts right in Matera and brings you through rolling hills to Lago San Giuliano, a peaceful wetland oasis with a variety of habitats and diverse fauna. The lake is a stopping place for many migratory birds from Africa, including storks and cranes. From here, your hike continues to a place known as the Crypt of the Original Sin, a true jewel among the ancient rock caves and known as “the Sistine Chapel of rock art,” with its fascinating frescoes created between the 8th and 9th centuries by master artists. Lunch will be at an outstanding masseria that produces its own wine.

Hiking: 8 miles, approximately 600 feet elevation gain/loss

**Culinary: A Taste of Puglia and Basilicata.** This is a day to celebrate regional cuisine and wines. You'll visit a dairy to see

how fresh mozzarella is made as well as *scamorza*, a delicious local cheese that is often served baked and wrapped in pancetta. Continue to a bakery with a wood-burning oven to watch how Matera's famous bread is made. With a loaf shape evocative of stones and caves, the dough is created from “hard wheat” and a special yeast process. You'll taste the results in fresh-baked crusty bread, focaccia, and other products. Lunch will be at a small shop that specializes in the typical local food products and serves Puglia-style lunches paired with locally produced beer and wine. In the afternoon, visit a complex of rock churches and a monastery with a cellar-cave dug into the rock. The local wines of Basilicata were aged in caves like this until the end of the 19th century, and here you'll enjoy a tasting of “Lucanian” varieties (from the word Lucania, the still-preferred local name for the province of Basilicata).

**Cultural: The Pallazi of Matera.** Matera is not known just for simple cave dwellings—it's also a place of grand Baroque palaces replete with opulent ballrooms and panoramic terraces. Today, some of Matera's fanciful palaces have been transformed into luxury hotels and galleries that hold spectacular contemporary art exhibitions. You'll explore the following ornate palaces:



Palazzo Gattini, located in Piazza Duomo, is a stately palace where the Counts of the noble Gattini family lived in past centuries. Currently the building is home to a beautiful 5-star hotel that offers cooking classes on request.

Viceconte Palace, behind the Duomo, has an 18th century courtyard and a terrace with one of the most beautiful views of the Sassi and the Murgia Materana Park. Today it is a 4-star hotel with elegant halls furnished with antiques and a collection of paintings from the 17th to the 20th centuries. It offers cooking classes on request.

Palazzo Bernardini, in Piazza Sedile, retains a significant part of its original furnishings and decorative elements. It dates from the end of the 18th century and the beginning of the

19th century. Its construction, however, dates back to around 1448 and includes a private house consisting of 17 rooms, most of which are frescoed. One of the rooms, the “Ballroom or Gallery” stands out and is complete with the original furnishings. Cooking classes are available.

### Optional Add-On

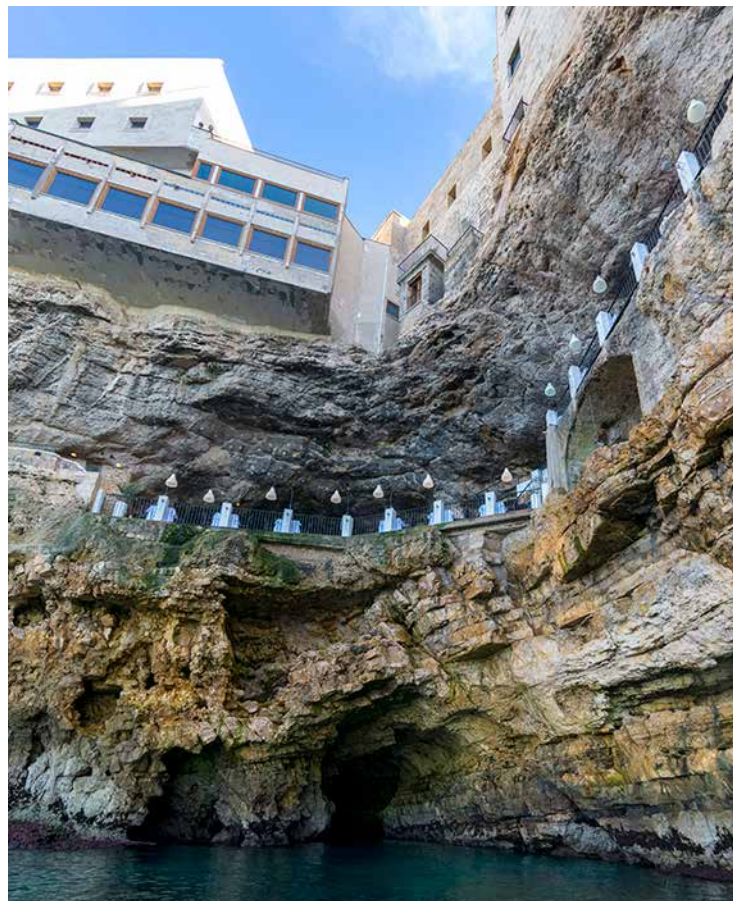
Cooking Class at one of the palaces.

*See “Trip Cost” section for additional costs (minimum 4 people)*

### DAY 7 BARI / DEPART

After breakfast, you will transfer to Bari for departing flights...B

Driving: 1 hour





# Trip Details

## DATE AND PRICING INFORMATION

### TRIP COST

**Prices are per person, valid through 2024**

\$5295 (9-14 members)

\$5995 (4-8 members)

\$6,395 (2-3 members)

Single supplement: \$590

Optional Cooking Class: \$150

*Prices are based on double occupancy and not guaranteed until services are confirmed.*

### Make it Your Trip!

The prices above are for the ready-to-book adventure outlined in this Detailed Itinerary, a popular option that has been handcrafted by our Area Specialists to include the best of every destination. While many travelers choose to book this tour as is, our Area Specialists are also happy to work with you to customize this Private Journey to suit your specific interests and style of travel. We can arrange for longer or shorter stays, offer hotel upgrades (see below for sample costs), or add an extension to additional places of interest. We can even add special activities or customize excursions depending on your interests. We invite you to contact us to discuss your options!

### Optional Hotel Upgrades

Savelletri: Borgo Egnazia, from \$240

Matera: Le Grotte Della Civita, from \$90

### TRIP COST INCLUDES

- Expert leadership of a Wilderness Travel Trip Leader and local guides
- Hotel accommodations as noted
- All meals included except 5 dinners as indicated in the Detailed Itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Land transportation and activities as noted

### TRIP COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

International airfare, airport transfers, any meals not specified after each itinerary day in the Detailed Itinerary, airport departure taxes, optional tipping or gratuities to leaders or staff, additional hotel nights that may be necessitated by airline schedule changes or other factors, expenses such as

medical immunizations (if any), travel insurance, or passports and visas, and other expenses of a personal nature (alcoholic beverages, soft drinks, laundry, etc.)

### SIGNING UP FOR A TRIP

Early reservations are recommended since accommodations often sell out far in advance. Please call 1-800-368-2794 and ask for our Europe Manager or email us at [europa@wildernesstravel.com](mailto:europa@wildernesstravel.com) with any questions that you may have about this trip. To reserve your Private Journey, we will need to know your preferred dates of travel. We will then check availability and send you a proposed itinerary with exact pricing for your adventure. We can typically hold a provisional booking for one week. At that time, we must collect your initial deposit or accommodations will be released. We accept Visa, Mastercard, or American Express card. Upon receipt of your deposit, we will send you a Welcome Packet that includes a letter of confirmation, Detailed Itinerary, Trip Application, Medical Form, and Pre-Departure Information Booklet with information to help you prepare for your adventure. Please see our Cancellations and Transfer Fee Schedule for specific payment information.

### PAYMENT SCHEDULE

At time of reservation: 25%

90 days prior to departure: Balance

### CANCELLATION AND TRANSFER FEE SCHEDULE\*

Minimum fee: 25% of trip cost

90 days or less: 100% of trip cost

\*Please note that this differs from our regular catalog departures.

### TRAVEL INSURANCE

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



# Lodging

## DAYS 1 TO 3 (3 NIGHTS): VALLE D'ITRIA, ITALY

In the Valle d'Itria, we stay at one of the following properties:



### BORGO CANONICA

*Cisternino, Italy*

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!



### BORGO EGNAZIA

*Savelletri, Italy*

Borgo Egnazia is a lavish 40-acre resort created to resemble a "borgo," or traditional fortified village, complete with paved alleys, a central piazza, stone cottages and villas, and a bell-towered church, all built of the beautiful white tufa stone of the region. Egnazia has a film-set quality that has lured many Hollywood celebrities (Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel rented the entire resort for their wedding). There are 144 guest rooms, 11 suites, and 28 villas, which each sleep up to eight, as well as six on-site restaurants, including Michelin-starred Due Camini. The main building has kids' and teens' clubs and a kitchen for cooking classes. You'll also find an 18-hole golf course, tennis courts, spa, gym, and two private beaches.



## DAYS 4 TO 6 (3 NIGHTS): MATERA, ITALY

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

### PALAZZO VICECONTE

*Matera, Italy*

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.



### LE GROTTIE DELLA CIVITA (OPTIONAL UPGRADE)

*Matera, Italy*

This unique hotel has 18 luxurious rock-hewn “cave” rooms of comfort and character, with all the amenities. With a prime spot in Matera's citadel, it offers guests stunning views into the canyon, especially at sunset. An ancient church called the Cripta della Civita is now the common area for the hotel.



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 *Puglia and Matera Private Journey* webpage and click on the “Lodging” tab.



# 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.

If you have booked extra services before or after the trip, an Extra Services Confirmation will be sent with your Final Documents.

## ARRIVAL & MEETING PLACE

Bari, Italy

**Suggested Airport:** Bari Karol Wojtyła International Airport (BRI)

**Suggested Date & Time:** Arrive in Bari anytime on the day before the trip starts

**Meeting Place:** On Day 1, meet your Trip Leader at your hotel at 9:00 am.

## DEPARTURE

Bari, Italy

**Suggested Airport:** Bari Karol Wojtyła International Airport (BRI)

**Suggested Date & Time:** Day 7, anytime

## 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 at [www.exitotravel.com](http://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 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.





# What the Trip is Like

## TRIP LEVEL

This trip is rated a Level 2-3 (Easy to Moderate) according to our trip grading system, and offers a choice of in-depth walking and cultural tours and easy to moderate optional hikes.

### How Tough is This Trip?

This trip has a good blend of hiking and cultural exploration. The cultural walking tours will keep you on your feet for 4 to 6 hours over a mix of streets and stairs. If you choose the hiking options, you must feel comfortable hiking 3 to 5 hours, with recent experience hiking five miles in a day. 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.

## GETTING IN SHAPE

For maximum enjoyment of the trip (and the wonderful scenery, food, wine, art and history 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

The weather in Puglia and Basilicata in late spring and early fall is usually very pleasant, with temperatures between 70°F and 80°F during the day and 50°F and 60°F at night. Cooling breezes and showers can occur at any time.

## 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](mailto:europe@wildernesstravel.com).

## REFERENCES

We'd be happy to put you in touch with a past client that has traveled with us on this or a similar trip.

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## TOUCAN CLUB / TRAVEL AGENTS

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At [www.wildernesstravel.com](http://www.wildernesstravel.com), you can find out about added departures, last-minute deals, and special WT Expeditions that aren't listed in our catalog. You can also access a complete library of our detailed itineraries and browse the customized reading guides for each of our adventures.

## HELPFUL LINKS

Wilderness Travel has compiled a list of useful websites for travelers. Find the Client Forms & Helpful Links page of our website: [www.wildernesstravel.com/toucan/links](http://www.wildernesstravel.com/toucan/links).

Average Daily Max/Min °F												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Bari	55/40	55/40	60/43	66/48	74/56	82/63	86/68	86/68	79/62	71/55	63/48	56/42
Matera	53/41	54/41	59/44	65/48	73/55	83/65	90/70	90/72	81/65	71/58	63/51	55/43
Rainfall - Inches												
Bari	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.8	0.9	1.0
Matera	1.4	1.3	2.1	2.2	1.8	1.3	0.7	0.5	0.9	1.8	1.8	1.9



# Travel Notes







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