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## CYCLING HOLIDAYS APULIA

Cycling: Apulia

### Through olive groves and along an idyllic coast

Discover the southeast end of Italy. On this bicycle-tour you will not only experience the unique countryside between the Adriatic and the Ionic Sea, but also the friendliness and hospitality of the southern Italians. The countryside is rich in culture. The Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, Normans, Habsburger and the Bourbons have all left their marks in the region.



8 Days / 7 Nights



Self-guided tour

To the online version



# ITINERARY

DAY  
1




## Arrival at Alberobello

Individual arrival at the hotel in Alberobello. This small town in the province of Bari is famous for Trulli stone constructions. The Trulli of Alberobello are part of the UNESCO World Heritage sites list since 1996.

DAY  
2

## Alberobello – Ostuni

Bicycle tour through the valley Valle d'Itria, which belongs to one of the most beautiful cultured landscapes of the south. The next destination stage is Ostuni, the "white town" with beautiful view to the Sea.

 approx. 35 – 45 km       180 – 240 m       185 – 405 m

DAY  
3

## Ostuni – Avetrana/Surroundings

From Ostuni you continue through olive groves, vineyards and fruit crops to Avetrana, a historic small town on the Via Appia. This ancient Roman road led once from Rome via Taranto and Oria to Brindisi. Today only some parts of the ancient cobbled paths still exist and are called the "Via Appia Antica".

 approx. 60 km       110 m       290 m

DAY  
4

## Avetrana/Surroundings – Gallipoli

You leave Avetrana and after a short while you reach the sea. After a detour to the "Torre Colimena" you continue along the coastal road with its numerous defence towers to Porto Cesareo. Your tour brings you along the Ionian coast to Gallipoli.

This "Kale Polis" (beautiful town) of Greek origin is a real urban surprise on the Ionian Sea. Discover a maze of small streets and thoroughfares in this town, where also a number of churches and an ancient museum wait for your visit. Very interesting to see also the omnipresent fishermen, thus completing the scenery of a town, that belonged to Europe's most important exporter of lamp-oil in the 17th and 18th century.

 approx. 60 km       155 m       215 m

DAY  
5**Gallipoli – Santa Maria di Leuca/Surroundings**

Today we reach the southernmost point of the Salento and the watershed to the Ionian Sea at Santa Maria di Leuca. Being a well-known place of pilgrimage the church is quite famous. Around the centennial a number of villas were built, which form an interesting architectonic highlight because of their absurd and fantastic stiles. Here eccentric “fin-de-siècle” lovers settled, to enjoy the remoteness of this area.

 approx. 50 km       85 m       75 m

DAY  
6**Santa Maria de Leuca/Surroundings – Otranto**

The next part of our tour follows the southern coast of the Adriatic Sea unto the Messapian town Otranto. This place has a reputation of being an art-historical jewel in between a lovely landscape. The old town is surrounded by a mighty wall, remarkable here the castle Habsburg. On the way to Otranto you can visit the famous Grotta Zinzulusa – the only one of a number of coastal grottos, which is open to public. Also an interesting stop-over forms the thermal resort Santa Cesarea, known for hydro-therapeutics and radioactive moor therapeutics.

 approx. 50 km       410 m       485 m

DAY  
7**Otranto – Lecce**

Further on you follow the Adriatic coast; through uncountable olive-groves you reach Lecce. Lecce, the capital of the Salento, is a picturesque town, overwhelming with the beauty of buildings and churches. Next to Naples, Lecce is a baroque metropolis of the South, even creating the own terminus of “Lecce-Baroque”. Here about 30 churches and an uncountable number of palaces are waiting to be discovered. Not to forget the amphitheatre and the roman theatre, both constructed under Caesar Augustus, and worth a visit.

 approx. 50 km       140 m       105 m

DAY  
8**Departure or extension**

# TOUR CHARACTER

Easy touring, apart from a few slight ascents and descents along the route, most of this tour is along flat, tarred roads. As you are travelling out of the main season, most of the roads are mainly free of traffic. The tour is suitable for children over 14 years.



# PRICES & DATES

## PLACE OF ARRIVAL: ALBEROBELLO

	<b>Season 1</b> 30.03.2024   Arrival Saturday and Sunday	<b>Season 2</b> 31.03.2024 - 24.05.2024   09.09.2024 - 13.10.2024   Arrival Saturday and Sunday	<b>Season 3</b> 25.05.2024 - 23.06.2024   24.08.2024 - 08.09.2024   Arrival Saturday and Sunday
Apulia, 8 days, IT-APRAL-08X			
Base price	739.-	939.-	1'079.-
Surcharge single room	269.-	269.-	269.-

Category: 3\* and 4\* hotels or agriturismo

# ADDITIONAL NIGHTS

## PLACE OF ARRIVAL: ALBEROBELLO

	<b>Season 1</b> Mar 30, 2024   Arrival Saturday and Sunday	<b>Season 2</b> Mar 31, 2024 - May 24, 2024   Sep 9, 2024 - Oct 13, 2024   Arrival Saturday and Sunday	<b>Season 3</b> May 25, 2024 - Jun 23, 2024   Aug 24, 2024 - Sep 8, 2024   Arrival Saturday and Sunday
Alberobello			
Double room p. P.	99.-	99.-	99.-
Surcharge single room	29.-	29.-	29.-
Lecce			
Double room p. P.	95.-	95.-	95.-
Surcharge single room	29.-	29.-	29.-

# Our rental bikes

	Price
Bicycle 21-gear unisex	125.-
Rental Bicycle PLUS	199.-
Electric bicycle	299.-

Prices per person in CHF

# SERVICES AND INFORMATION

## Service

### Included:

- Accommodation as mentioned incl. breakfast
- Video Briefing
- Daily luggage transfer
- Perfectly elaborated route
- Detailed documents (maps, route description, places to visit, important telephone numbers)
- Service hotline
- Navigation app, GPS data

### Please note:

- Reservation fee of CHF 15 per adult (incl. legally required customer money protection)
- Tourist tax, if due, is not included in the price

### Optional:

- Transfers by minibus daily: reservation is necessary, payable in advance, min. 2 persons:
  - Monopoli train station – Alberobello, CHF 35.- per person
  - Bari/Brindisi airport/train station – Alberobello, CHF 49.- per person
  - Lecce – Bari airport, CHF 115.- per person; booking from 4 persons costs CHF 65.- per person
  - Lecce – Brindisi airport, CHF 49.- per person
  - Lecce – Alberobello, CHF 69.- per person

## Information

### Arrival/Parking/Departure:


- Lecce, Monopoli or Alberobello train station
- Bari or Brindisi airport
- Parking at the starting hotel in Alberobello; cannot be booked at the moment of reservation of the tour; to be paid directly on the spot


### Other important information:

- The distance travelled is approximate and may differ from the actual distance.
- Travel cancellation insurance, including travel interruption insurance is recommended.

# CONTACT & BOOKING

Do you still have questions about the tour? We are happy to help and look forward to your inquiry.

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**Book now**