



# Walking in Puglia, Italy

8 nights

Self-guided holiday

## Day 1 | Lecce

Arrival in Lecce for sightseeing in Salento's Baroque style regional capital. Your accommodation is within walking distance of the train station. Your home for the next 2 nights is a charming B&B located in the historical centre of the city. This afternoon you are free to discover the main monuments of the capital of the Salento region, which are Baroque style.

## Day 2 | Otranto & Adriatic Coast

The focus today is Otranto, a little seaside village facing the Adriatic sea. Take the bus or train this morning. Make sure you visit the Norman Cathedral to see the unique 'Tree of Life' mosaic floor. Hike along the coastline, discovering flowers and Mediterranean vegetation and the Saracen watchtowers. Bus or train back to Lecce to your B&B.

Distance: 11km, ascent +100m, descent -100m

*Note: there are no public transport connections between Lecce and Otranto on Sundays and public holidays so private transfers are required. Additionally, if you prefer not to take the train/bus on other days, optional return transfers are available - please ask for our rates.*

## Day 3 | Ostuni

Private transfer to the station, then take a train to Ostuni. This striking hilltop village, a short distance from the seashore, is known as the "white city" due to its fortress of whitewashed buildings clustered together on the hillside. Private transfer from the station into town, with free time to discover the enchanting maze of Greek-style narrow streets and fine Mediterranean architecture. Dinner is included in a typical restaurant and overnight in hotel in Ostuni.

#### **Day 4 | Ostuni & Alberobello**

Hike to discover the unique countryside of Ostuni - walk through millenary olive groves on red clay-like soil with wonderful views of the Adriatic. At 4pm, a private transfer takes you to UNESCO World Heritage listed Alberobello, with its intriguing dry-stone dwellings known as trulli, in the beautifully exotic Itria valley. Your accommodation is in the historical centre. Wine and typical product tasting, overnight in Alberobello in a trullo (subject to availability).

Distance 9km, ascent +100m, descent -100m

#### **Day 5 | Itria Valley & Locorotondo**

Morning transfer to Coreggia to discover the Itria Valley, walking along an old aqueduct to Locorotondo. Pass between olive trees, vineyards and trulli through this enchanting landscape. Return by train to Alberobello.

Distance 13km, ascent +120m, descent -90m

#### **Day 6 | Matera**

After breakfast, transfer to World Heritage listed Matera. Its fascinating 'Sassi' (ancient cave dwellings) that have been inhabited since Paleolithic times, have been excavated in the rocks facing a deep canyon. After you check into your accommodation, enjoy a guided visit of the 'Sassi' area (approx. 2 hours). Overnight in Matera.

#### **Day 7 | Murgia plateau**

Enjoy a wonderful hike to discover the Murgia plateau facing Matera, with its rock churches painted with Byzantine frescoes. The landscape here is of pastures and stone farmhouses, and there is the chance to watch the flight of different types of falcons. Dinner in a typical trattoria to experience the flavour of the region and overnight in Matera.

Distance 7km, ascent +150m, descent -150m

#### **Day 8 | Trip ends Matera**

The trip concludes after breakfast with your transfer to the bus or train station. We can arrange a private transfer from Matera to Bari, please ask for our rates.

#### **Date**

Flexible dates Mar-Jun & Sep-Nov

#### **Priced from**

NZ\$2900 per person twin share ( NZ \$3250 pp Sep departures)

NZ\$1300 single supplement

Price is subject to change until confirmed and paid in full.



## Includes

- 7 breakfasts, 2 dinners
- 5 nights in charming B&Bs or 3 star hotels and 2 nights in a typical Trullo (subject to availability) on a twin share basis with ensuite facilities (hotel taxes extra, payable locally - allow €10-15)
- Information pack including smartphone app with maps. GPS Tracks are available on request
- Luggage transfer (max 20 kg pp) except on Day 3 from Lecce to Ostuni, when you take your luggage with you on the train
- Private transfers as noted (public transportation is not included)
- Wine and product tasting at Alberobello
- Sassi Matera entry and guided visit, tasting of typical products
- Emergency hotline

## Excluded

- Travel to Lecce and from Matera
- Meals not listed as included
- Travel insurance - mandatory
- Guide - this is a self guided walking holiday
- A supplement will apply if you are travelling solo or book a single room
- Entrance fees not listed as included
- Transfers not listed as included, Public transportation (train and bus) allow €40
- Hotel taxes (allow EUR10-15)
- Optional arrival transfer Brindisi airport to Lecce, optional return transfers between Lecce and Otranto
- Excess luggage
- Items of a personal nature
- Printed documents - supplement applies

