

A la carte itinerary APULIA AND MATERA

6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS



Experience a multitude of emotions in a region of overwhelming beauty, blessed by nature and full of history. Enjoy the pleasant countryside and imposing castles, including noble palaces and ancient cathedrals, olive groves, old stone "Trulli" and white baroque buildings, stunning caves and historic Masserie farmhouses. Apulia is also a land of flavours and fragrances where bakers, dairymen and farmers turn fruits into products that owe their rich flavours and fragrances to their simplicity, and a place with a world-famous winemaking tradition as well. Finally, yet importantly, there is the stunning Matera, which is considered a WORLD HERITAGE SITE by UNESCO since 1993 for the particular conformation of its buildings. Note - **We suggest to add a car rental to this itinerary**

ITINERARY

DAY 1 MARTINA FRANCA

Arrival to the hotel near Martina Franca. Time to settle in, and then transfer to Martina Franca to enjoy a welcome dinner at Ristorante La Tana, which will be dedicated to the Slow Food Presidia of Apulia. Return to your hotel and overnight stay. (D)

Accommodation: Martina Franca (Taranto) for 5 nights

DAY 2 MARTINA FRANCA - GROTTE DI CASTELLANA – ALBEROBELLO - MARTINA FRANCA

We suggest a visit to the wonderful Grotte di Castellana situated at a depth of 70 meters, along more than 1 mile of road. Lunch in Alberobello. Here will be dedicated to the Murgia cuisine and the local produce and wines in a local “Trattoria”. After lunch, we suggest a walk around the Trulli to visit the little shops and laboratories selling homemade cheeses and Taralli, a visit to Martina Franca and an evening to stroll around its beautiful historical town centre, stopping at the Partenope pastry shop in the Corso Italia to try their renowned delights. Return to your hotel and overnight stay. (B/L)



DAY 3 MARTINA FRANCA – CISTERNINO – OSTUNI - MARTINA FRANCA

We suggest a departure for Cisternino, one of the most beautiful villages in Italy. Here visit the old town centre and stop at the little shops selling Capocollo before having lunch at typical restaurant where the delights of Capocollo and some other dishes and wines from the Puglia region will be served. We suggest a visit to the white village of Ostuni and its old centre. Make a stop in a Dairy to try some of their cheeses. Back to your hotel and overnight stay. (B/L)

DAY 4 MARTINA FRANCA – LECCE – MANDURA – MARTINA FRANCA



Morning departure to Lecce. Stroll around to discover the ancient town, called the Baroque Pearl. We suggest to try the breads, pizzas and the famous Puccia Leccese (a traditional bread with olives, tomatoes and other vegetables). In the afternoon proceed to Manduria to visit the Wine Museum and taste the local wine (tasting included) called Primitivo accompanied with typical product. Return to your hotel and overnight stay. (B)

DAY 5 MARTINA FRANCA – MATERA – MARTINA FRANCA

Morning departure for Matera, known as the “City of Stones”, for a guided visit. This city is the most extraordinary and intact example of troglodyte settlement in the Mediterranean region. The oldest “Sassi” (ancient homes carved right into the rock) are about 7000 years old. Free time for lunch. After lunch, visit of a farmhouse and taste their extraordinary wines . Return to your hotel and overnight. (B)

DAY 6 MARTINA FRANCA

Breakfast and end of our services. (B)



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Suggested Hotels or of equivalent category:



Hotel Masseria Chiancone 4 *, Martina Franca (Taranto)

Built in 1600 as a fortified farmhouse, Masseria Chiancone Torricella is immersed in an oasis of natural beauty, typically Mediterranean, spangled with white rural buildings, typical of the country tradition, the Trulli, and of the feudal tradition, the Masserie. In the accurate renovation, the property has dedicated much attention to the respect of the environment and architecture, using the "certosina" handiwork for cleaning and restoring, by the hands of the local skilled stone workers. When you arrive, both your body and mind find an unexpected appeasement and are immersed in an outrageous atmosphere, where all is in harmony with nature and with the environment. Among woods of oak and holm oak, you can walk along pleasant paths and enjoy the spontaneous hug of the nature every hour of the day.

Masseria Chiancone Torricella has 49 elegant and comfortable rooms made respecting the architecture of the antique building. The rooms all have a telephone, satellite TV and terrestrial antenna, minibar, air conditioning and heating, safe, and bathroom with shower and hairdryer. In some rooms, it is possible to have a WI-FI internet connection, or to have rooms with a small balcony



Relais Villa San Martino 5 *, Martina Franca (Taranto)

Surrounded by the tranquility of a forest of trees and scents of the Apulia countryside, Villa San Martino is a charming residence, a mansion house completely renovated and equipped with every comfort. The Relais was built on the historic stones of an old nineteenth-century Masseria, and now it is a wonderful place where you can spend your holidays

INCLUSIONS

- 5 night accommodation at Masseria Chiancone Hotel 4* or Villa San Martino 5* (or similar)
- 8 meals: 5 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 dinner
- 3 guided tastings of foods and/or wines from the Apulia region
- 1 private guided 2 hour tour of Matera

Not included · Flights · Car rental · city tax · beverages · gratuities · entrance fees to monuments and museums
 · travel insurance

Possible to book the following options (on request \$)

- Additional lunches/dinners
- Car rental
- Private car with driver
- Pre/post tour

Hotel Options or similar		
City	4*hotel	5* hotel
Martina Franca	Masseria Chiancone	Villa San Martino

Price in CAD\$, per person starting from, double occupancy	Land only	Land only
	4*	5*
April 1 st to October 31 st 2020	1295 *	1695 *
Single room supplement	+290	+750

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