



## RALLY THROUGH THE TREASURES OF PUGLIA

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Following the amazing event in Greece this year we will be starting our engines again at the end of May 2025 for our next International Event

With a combination of history, sea and local flavors, PUGLIA, now the most popular tourist region in Italy is our chosen destination.

We will spend 8 nights in the beautiful hotel "Torre Cintola". <https://www.torrecintola.it/> a modern structure on the sea with four star facilities. Two large swimming pools, one of which with sea water, umbrellas, deck chairs, SPA, and much more.

The hotel has a gated entrance with a day and night guard, shaded parking for our MG babies and space to leave cars and trailers.

**Saturday the 31st** will be the day of arrival. In the evening there will be a short briefing in the theater, followed by dinner at the hotel.

On **Sunday** we will drive to Ostuni also known as the "White City". It is a fascinating tangle of narrow, winding streets, a succession of courtyards, small squares and alleys that once led to five gates that opened into the city walls, guarded by towers.



After the visit, we will move for lunch to a typical masseria "La Macina" <https://www.masserialamacina.com> which has hosted important events such as the last G7 held in Puglia this year.

A very suggestive lunch with local products and for those who want to enjoy the afternoon in this beautiful structure, the swimming pool surrounded by greenery will be at our disposal.

**Monday** will be a day of complete relaxation in the hotel but those who want can go and visit the archaeological park of Egnazia, the ancient Messapian and Roman city which is only 6 kilometers from the hotel.

<https://museipuglia.cultura.gov.it/musei-puglia/museo-archeologico-nazionale-e-parco-archeologico-di-egnazia/>



Monday evening, the Gala Dinner! We will return, by bus, to the Masseria La Macina for a great night out.

**Tuesday** we drive to Castellana Grotte to visit a complex of underground caves, among the most beautiful and spectacular in Italy.



After visiting the caves we drive to **Monopoli**, known as the city of a hundred districts that recall the names of the farmhouses that have now disappeared. The town preserves the early medieval layout of its fortified historic center overlooking the sea. We will have lunch in a characteristic restaurant in the center, Da Pierino l'Inglese.

**Wednesday** we will move to Polignano whose historic center is built on a cliff that plunges into the sea, it is a place of extraordinary beauty.

The natural caves dug by the erosion of water along the coast are one of the points of greatest interest and have made this



a world-famous village. In addition to its perched position and natural caves, Polignano a Mare is also known for being the birthplace of Domenico Modugno, the singer who achieved success with the song "Volare". The historic center of Polignano is also characterized by rhymes and verses painted on the walls, which make it even more fascinating and poetic.

For lunch, after a few kilometers, we will reach the restaurant "I Benedettini" located inside the 10th century Abbey of San Vito. A very suggestive place. In front of the restaurant there are a series of natural pools and a small port from which small boats leave to visit the numerous natural caves. Those who want can take an optional boat trip.

**Thursday** will be dedicated to the visit of Matera. There are really no words to describe this unique city. Designated European capital of culture in 2019. It has been a fantastic location for many films such as "No Time To Die", "Ben-Hur" "The Passion of the Christ" and many others, thanks to its particular beauty. There is nothing else to add, for those who have never been there it will be an indelible memory. We will have lunch in the characteristic restaurant "San Giovanni"



**Friday** another village famous in the world for the characteristic of its houses, "Alberobello" The capital of the trulli, extraordinary examples of dry stone construction with conical or pyramidal roofs, will enchant you with an expanse of over 1,500 trulli that since 1996 have rightfully entered the UNESCO World Heritage List. We will have lunch in a garden restaurant among these characteristic houses.



**Saturday**, our last day in this beautiful region, we will visit two other very characteristic centers. Firstly, Locorotondo, a town that enchants visitors with its historic center surrounded by winding streets and splendid white buildings. Its typical houses, with characteristic sloping roofs and roofs made of limestone slabs, rise following the circular shape from which the town takes its name, giving Locorotondo a unique and suggestive atmosphere.



Secondly, **Cisternino**. Once you enter the historic center you will feel like you have been catapulted into another world. Narrow alleys, small squares, very white houses leaning against each other, interspersed with stately buildings. The entire village is made even more enchanting by the colorful flowers in the windows, aphorisms printed here and there on stairways and walls, original decorations.



Leaving these two centers it is possible to appreciate a splendid panorama of the Itria Valley with the famous Canale di Pirro, an imposing karst basin that extends for about 12 km reaching a depth of up to 100 meters below the tops of the hills above. We will have lunch at Casale Cardone, a structure dating back to 1400 with a beautiful Trullo that we will have the opportunity to visit.

Judging by the numerous centers that we will visit it seems that we will travel many kilometers but in reality except for Matera all the other centers are just a few kilometers from the hotel, therefore, in a few minutes, we will return to the hotel immediately after lunch to enjoy the sea, the pools and the SPA. Except on Mondays, all dinners are buffet style in the hotel restaurant.

**The first 50 crews that register will be admitted. Please reserve your place by paying a deposit of 1,000 euros. The cost of the event for 2 people is 2,300 euros and for one person 1,700 all inclusive. Details for payment are attached.**