

MASSIMO BRUNO & FRIENDS



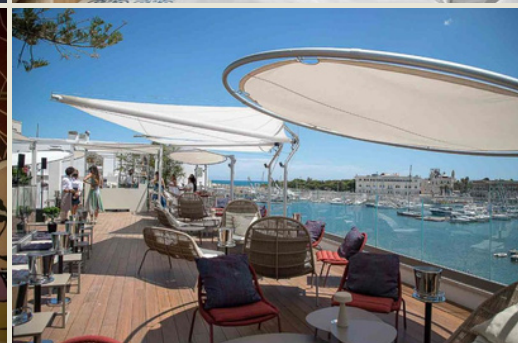
2024 PUGLIA TOUR
MAY 15, 2024 - MAY 22, 2024

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LODGINGS:

1 night, Hotel Ognissanti, Trani
<https://ognissanti.eu/hotel/>



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LODGINGS:

6 nights, Masseria Aprile, Locorotondo
<https://masseriaaprile.it/it>



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ITINERARY:

Day 1: Wednesday, May 15, 2024: Arrival & Transfer to Trani

Arrival at Bari airport and/or pick-up from your hotel in Bari and transfer to your tour hotel, on the banks of the Adriatic coastal town of Trani. Check in after 3pm, relax and meet in the afternoon for a drink on the terrace. In the evening, you'll enjoy a guided visit of Trani and pizza and appetizers and briefing of the itinerary for your amazing week.

D, Overnight at Hotel Ognissanti - Trani



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Day 2: Thursday, May 16, 2024: Traditions in Bari Vecchia

This morning we will take you on a walking tour of Bari, Puglia's prosperous seaside capital, where the tangled streets and the charming old town reveal Romanesque churches, the riotous market, elegant medieval piazzas, the beautiful St. Nicola's Basilica, home of Saint Nicolas, one of the most beloved saints in the whole world and father of the legend of Santa Claus. We will have a guided walk to historical attractions, seaside promenade and busy pedestrian shopping area. We'll experience a tasting of raw seafood at the fish market and a whole range of the local street food – sgaliozze and Massimo's favorite, focaccia Barese!

With bellies full, we will drive to the stunning Masseria Aprile, nestled in the countryside at the foot of Locorotondo. This family farm dates back to the 1700 and is still in the hands of the original family, generations on. Explore the grounds, and settle for a small rest before we head out for dinner at a local braceria in Cisternino. This pretty town is famous for its barbecuing butchers! All you have to do is choose your meat - maybe you'll try the local specialty, bombette, little meat parcels filled with mince, ham and cheese - and take a seat outside with a carafe of local wine. The butcher will then barbecue your chosen goodies and bring them out to you when ready.

B, L, D. Transfer to Masseria Aprile.



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Day 3: Friday, May 17, 2024: Amazing Matera

We will first stop at a DOP bread producer for an inside look at how the traditional breads of the region are made: here you will be welcomed into the bakery and the techniques and secrets for making these unique breads will be revealed. Next, we carry on for a visit of Matera, an astonishing UNESCO World Heritage Site. This city gained its international fame for its ancient town “Sassi de Matera” meaning ‘stones’ of Matera. The Sassi originate from a prehistoric (troglodyte) settlement and are suspected to be some of the first human settlements in Italy. The location for such famous films as “Ben Hur” and “The Passion”, this site truly does take you back to an ancient time. Our guide will lead you through an in-depth visit of this truly unique and ancient city perched high on a hillside. Enjoy a bountiful lunch of local fare at a Masseria. Transfer back to Masseria Aprile to rest and relax. In the early evening, you will enjoy a gorgeous dinner in the vineyards.

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Day 4: Saturday, May 18, 2024: Alberobello & Polignano al Mare

With a nice drive through the gentle hills of Puglia's Itria Valley, we will reach Alberobello, the World Heritage Site of fairy-tale trulli, traditional dry stone huts with conical roof, constructions specific to this area of the region. Next, we'll drive to Polignano a Mare for a guided walk to admire the impressive panoramas from the seaside terraces overhanging the magnificent limestone rocks, with an unparalleled view over the blue-green Adriatic. And, since we're walking so much why not, indulge yourself with a tasty gelato or caffè' special, pride of the locals. Lunch at a seafood restaurant. After this beautiful day outside exploring, we will transfer back to Masseria Aprile to rest and restore before heading into the stunning Baroque town of Martina Franca for dinner at a typical restaurant and an evening stroll to take in this jewel of a town and it's stunning palazzi.

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Day 5: Sunday, May 19, 2024: Cooking Class in Monopoli

Take your time getting up and enjoy the grounds of the Masseria or wander up to one of the churches in Locorotondo and enjoy a lunch in town (not provided). Relax and take in the southern Italian pace of Sunday life. We will have a late afternoon departure for Monopoli where you will explore the beautiful old town and port and then stop in to visit with my family for cocktails on our terrace with views of the Adriatic. Sunday is a special day in Italy and everywhere you walk you can smell the preparations for the Sunday meal -- and this means you too! Next we will head out to a Masseria in the countryside for a cooking class where you explore traditional Cucina Pugliese, make homemade pasta served, of course, with a traditional Sunday Ragu. Dinner today will be based on your efforts!

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Day 6: Monday, May 20, 2024: Wine, Cheese & Olives

Today is off the beaten path! We will visit undiscovered towns of Puglia.
Lunch in a winery and dinner in a local home.

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Day 7: Tuesday, May 21, 202: Gems of Salento & Panzerotto Party

The final day of our tour together begins with a visit of the oldest Puglia olive groves at Masseria Brancati. Next, this day takes you to the stunning white hilltop citadel town of Ostuni where you take in the breathtaking sea views. Enjoy a walk in the old town, some shopping and lunch in a local osteria. Next, we keep moving south, and enjoy a guided visit of Lecce, commonly nicknamed “The Florence of the South” because of its countless Baroque beauties, with its lovely historical center and Roman ruins. You won’t want to miss a taste of the local glory, “pasticciotto”, a sweet cake filled with lemon custard. Next back to the beautiful Masseria Aprile for our farewell meal: panzerottata!

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Day 8: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 Departure

Private transfer to Bari airport.

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TOUR COSTS INCLUDES:

This is an 8 days/7 nights tour and includes

- Transfers in bus or minibus from/to Bari
- Private bus or minibus available throughout the tour
- 1 night stay at Hotel Ognissanti, Trani, double room accommodation
- 6 nights stay at Masseria Aprile, double room accommodation
- Private cooking class with dinner including beverages
- Cheesemaker visit and tasting
- Unique dinner in the vineyard
- Street food tasting in Bari
- Dinner at a local's home
- Guided visit of the UNESCO sites of Matera and Alberobello
- All meals and admissions as per the program
- All luggage transfers
- 7 days of professional, local guides with knowledge of the secrets and stories of the region

NOT INCLUDED:

- Cost to reach Puglia
- Travel insurance
- Alcoholic drinks, personal expenses, and tips
 - NOTE re.: Tips: To simplify things, Massimo will cover all tips during the trip and then divide the total tips paid by number of guests. Each guest will pay the same amount in tips.

EXTRAS:

- Everything not clearly included in the paragraph "The rate includes"

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BOOKING & CANCELATION POLICY

The total for the tour package is \$5,500 Canadian Dollars per person with accommodation in a double room. Single supplement in Double Room Single Use is \$1000 (Canadian Dollars) per person.

Reservation Deposit: the non-refundable deposit required at the time of booking is 30% of the total cost of your trip.

Balance Payment: the balance will be due 60 days prior to arrival.

CANCELLATION POLICY Up to 60 days prior to arrival: the 30% deposit is non-refundable. From 59 days prior to arrival, or no show/cancellations: the full trip amount will be charged.

CANCELLATION POLICY RELATED TO PANDEMIC

RESTRICTIONS: In case of unforeseen events caused by Covid or other pandemic diseases, we offer you a voucher or “credit note” which corresponds to the amount that you have already paid. It gives you the chance to re-book your tour for a later date.

We strongly advise purchasing Travel Insurance to protect your Travel Investment in case you need to change plans. Our booking agent, Luigia Zilli of Zilli Travel, can provide you with a quote if you wish.

NOTES:

Itinerary may change at the full discretion of Massimo Bruno. If necessary, a comparable activity or lodgings will be substituted.

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OUR TRAVEL DESIGNER:

All Massimo Bruno trips are booked through our partner, Luigia Zilli, owner of Zilli Travel. Once confirmed, you will work with our travel partner directly to book your trip. Luigia will care for your Puglia trip and can also help you to extend your stay or plan your trip prior to arriving. Reach out to her to explore options:

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