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Press tour

***Puglia Coast to Coast. Nature Reserves, Beaches, Art & History Wonders
From May 10 to May 14, 2025***



A tour across the natural riches of Puglia, through parks, nature reserves, and ancient olive trees.

Day 1

Arrival in Bari/Brindisi. Check-in at the hotel.

Transfer to **Ceglie Messapica/Cisternino**. The journey begins in Ceglie Messapica/Cisternino, in the heart of the Itria Valley. Hop on the e-bikes and ride along the Aqueduct Cycle Path, surrounded by trulli, dry stone walls, and fields of olive trees. A walk along the mule track with donkeys.

Briefing and greetings from Pugliapromozione.

Welcome dinner.

Day 2

Tour of **Alberobello, Torre Guaceto, Carovigno**.

The journey starts with Alberobello, the expanse of white trulli, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The heart of the town is characterized by ancient stone buildings, dry-stone dwellings coated in lime and topped with conical roofs. In the narrow streets of the old quarter, we will meet the master trullaro (trulli builder) and the master basket maker, two traditional crafts that have shaped the local artisan history.

From Alberobello, we head towards the sea to reach the Torre Guaceto State Nature Reserve.

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Surrounded by ancient olive groves, dunes, and wetlands, we explore the reserve by bike, until we reach the sea, where we'll find masks, fins, and snorkels waiting for us, for a dive into the pristine underwater world of the Marine Protected Area.

A brief stop in Carovigno for a tasting of Slow Food products.

Dinner and overnight.

Day 3

Tour of the **Bauxite Quarry** near **Otranto, Santa Maria di Leuca, Gallipoli**.

In the morning, we visit the Bauxite Quarry, with its striking lagoon, a magical and enchanting place perfect for admiration and photography. Continuing along the Adriatic coast, we explore hidden coves and scenic landscapes, surrounded by Mediterranean vegetation and crystal-clear blue waters.

Arriving in Santa Maria di Leuca, where the two seas meet, we embark on a delightful boat tour to discover the marine caves. We also visit the fascinating Basilica of Santa Maria de Finibus Terrae, the Lighthouse, and the tourist harbor.

In the afternoon, we transfer to Gallipoli and enjoy some relaxation at the Baia Verde beach.

Dinner and overnight.

Day 4

Tour of **Gallipoli, Punta Prosciutto, Torre Colimena, San Pietro in Bevagna, Taranto**.

The day begins with a coffee break in the historic center of Gallipoli, including a visit to the charming Purità Beach. Along the Ionian coast we'll admire the Punta Prosciutto beach and the bay of Torre Colimena, home to the ancient Salina dei Monaci, where we can watch the pink flamingos.

Next, we reach the Nature Reserve at the mouth of the Chidro River in San Pietro in Bevagna, where the clear, cold river waters meet the warm waters of the Ionian Sea. A light lunch is served along the way.

Along the Ionian coast, we head to Taranto for a dolphin-watching excursion.

Dinner and overnight.

Day 5

Departure.

Please note that breakfast will always be served at the hotels. For lunch, an aperitif in scenic locations is offered according to the various stops on the tour. Dinner will always take place at a restaurant in the overnight location.

*The itinerary may undergo changes depending on flight schedules, weather conditions, and time availability. The tour may be reversed in the order of visits for logistical reasons.

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