TOUR ITINERARY

Europe / Italy / Puglia

Puglia Bike Tour

The Breadbasket of Italy: the Beginning of Something Delicious
TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Cycle along Italy’s most stunning coastal road to the lighthouse of Leuca at the tip of the Italian peninsula
- In the UNESCO-listed town of Alberobello, visit our friend Mimmo for lunch at his family’s *trullo*—the conical stone dwelling unique to Puglia
- Taste fresh mozzarella at a family-run farm
- Take a cooking class with a local chef and learn to make orecchiette pasta
**ARRIVAL + DEPARTURE**

**Arrival Details**

- **Airport City:** Rome or Brindisi, Italy
- **Pick-Up Location:** Brindisi Airport
- **Pick-Up Time:** 11:00 am

**Departure Details**

- **Airport City:** Rome or Brindisi, Italy
- **Drop-Off Location:** Brindisi Airport or Lecce Train Station
- **Drop-Off Time:** 11:00 am (Lecce Train Station), 11:45 am (Brindisi Airport)

**NOTE:** DuVine provides group transfers to and from the tour from the pick-up and drop-off locations stated on the itinerary. In the event your train, flight, or other travel falls outside the arrival or departure times or locations, you may be responsible for extra costs incurred in arranging a separate transfer.

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**Emergency Assistance**

For urgent assistance on your way to tour or while on tour, please always contact your guides first. You may also contact the Boston office during business hours at +1 617 776 4441 or emergency@duvine.com.
Tour By Day

**DAY 1** Welcome to Puglia

Meet at the Brindisi airport for a transfer to the start of our Puglia tour at our stunning country resort. Enjoy lunch and get fitted on your bikes and set off into the fairytale landscape of the Val d'Itria. Winding lanes lined with dry stone walls lead us past curious conical trulli, orchards and gardens to the towns of Locorotondo and Cisternino, two of the “most beautiful villages in Italy”. This evening return to Locorotondo to dine in the midst of a labyrinth of whitewashed streets with our friend Davide at his tiny trattoria. You’re in for a true Pugliese welcome with a selection of small plates that celebrate the Mediterranean diet.

**Meals:** Lunch / Dinner  
**Destinations:** Locorotondo, Cisternino  
**Accomplished:** 18 miles / 28 km, elevation gain: 1,105 feet / 337 meters  
**Accommodations:** Ottolire Resort

**DAY 2** Alberobello, Mimmo, and Masserie

Ride across the Itria Valley through pastures and vineyards, past Puglia’s trulli houses on our way to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Alberobello. Here, our friend Mimmo will show us around his town before inviting us to a home-cooked lunch in his family’s trullo. After lunch, transfer or cycle back to our hotel. This evening we’ll meet the chef for a chance to get our hands in the pasta, cooking traditional local dishes for our dinner.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner  
**Destinations:** Locorotondo, Alberobello  
**Accomplished:** 25 miles / 39 km, elevation gain: 1,492 feet / 455 meters  
**Shorter Option:** 12 miles / 20 km, elevation gain: 922 feet / 281 meters  
**Accommodations:** Ottolire Resort
DAY 3

Mozzarella and the White City

Set out on another ride from our hotel to a small farm that produces mozzarella: we’ll taste some life-changing cheese and other farm-fresh products. Then pedal to the incredible perched city of Ostuni. Marvel at the views of the coast and explore the maze of whitewashed streets that have given this town its nickname, “the white city”. Enjoy lunch here before cycling or transferring back to the hotel. Tonight we’ll visit our absolutely favorite restaurant, filled with locals and the best Pugliese cooking.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner
Destinations: Pascarosa, Ostuni
Accomplished: 24 miles / 38 km, elevation gain: 991 feet / 302 meters
Longer Option: 38 miles / 61 km, elevation gain: 2,398 feet / 731 meters
Accommodations: Ottolire Resort

DAY 4

Otranto and the Coast

Transfer this morning to the far south of Puglia near the enchanting seaport of Otranto. We’ll arrive at our final 5-star hotel and set off on our bikes through a sea of olive trees. You’ll soon realize why Puglia is the biggest olive-producing region in Italy as you cycle through this stunning landscape. Stop at a local cantina for a wine tasting and lunch and take in the coastal scenery as we ride high above the craggy Adriatic coastline into Otranto. This evening, explore historic Otranto; your guides are happy to recommend their favorite local restaurants for dinner.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch
Destinations: Otranto, Minervino, Uggiano la Chiesa
Accomplished: 22 miles / 36 km, elevation gain: 974 feet / 297 meters
Accommodations: Masseria Muzza
Seacoast, Sanctuaries, and Seafood

We’ve saved the best for last. Today we’ll ride one of the most stunning coastal roads in Europe with breathtaking views of cliffs, bays, and the endless sea. Pass through fishing villages like Porto Badisco and Santa Cesarea Terme. Our destination is Leuca, a lighthouse and sanctuary that has drawn pilgrims for centuries. Here the land ends as we reach the heel of the Italian boot. This afternoon, take a swim, challenge yourself with some extra miles and stop for a seafood lunch at our friend’s restaurant overlooking a small fishing port. This evening, we’ll say farewell with a final Pugliese dinner.

**Meals:** Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner  
**Destinations:** Porto Badisco, Santa Cesarea Terme, Castro, Tricase Porto, Santa Maria di Leuca  
**Accomplished:** 29 miles / 47 km, elevation gain: 2,059 feet / 628 meters  
**Longer Option:** 40 miles / 65 km, elevation gain: 2,915 feet / 889 meters  
**Accommodations:** Masseria Muzza

Goodbye to Puglia

After breakfast on the terrace, enjoy a stroll around the town before we transfer you to Lecce or back to the Brindisi airport as you head on to your next destination.

**Meals:** Breakfast