





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 at our friends' masseria and learn to make orecchiette pasta
- Stay at a boutique hotel in the heart of Valle d'Itria that conveys a sense of place through its design and construction









ARRIVAL + DEPARTURE

Arrival Details

Airport City:

Bari or Brindisi, Italy

Pick-Up Location:

Patria Palace in Lecce or Lecce Train Station

Pick-Up Time:

3 10:45 am (Patria Palace), 11:00 am (Lecce train station)

Departure Details

- Airport City:
 Bari, Italy
- Drop-Off Location: Bari Airport
- © Drop-Off Time: 9:30 am

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.

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.





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Tour By Day



Welcome to Puglia

Our guides meet you in Lecce for a transfer to an incredible family-run restaurant set amidst the olive trees. After a bike fitting and safety talk and memorable lunch we'll 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. Pedal along the coast through Torre dell'Orso before winding back inland to our first luxury hotel. Tonight, head to a small winery to experience the legendary hospitality of Southern Italy during our first Pugliese dinner.

Meals: Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Lecce, Torre dell'Orso, Vanze

Accomplished: 25 miles / 39 km, elevation gain: 600 feet / 183 meters

Accommodations: Masseria Muzza



Seacoast, Sanctuaries, and Seafood

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, explore historic Otranto; your guides are happy to recommend their favorite local restaurants for dinner.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch

Destinations: Porto Badisco, Santa Cesarea Terme, Castro, Tricase Porto, Santa Maria di Leuca

Accomplished: 29 miles / 47 km, elevation gain: 2,020 feet / 616 meters **Longer Option:** 60 miles / 96 km, elevation gain: 4,165 feet / 1,270 meters

Accommodations: Masseria Muzza



Locorotondo and the Valle d'Itria

This morning we'll transfer north to the stunning Itria Valley. Our first destination is a small farm that produces mozzarella: before we begin biking, we'll taste some life-changing cheese and other farm-fresh products. Today's ride takes us to the picturesque village of Locorotondo, known for its maze of white-washed streets and considered one of the most beautiful villages in Italy. Stop for lunch at our friend Davide's local trattoria, then ride through the rolling hills and stunning green farmland of the Valle d'Itria to our trulli hotel, created from the restoration of an abandoned rural hamlet or borgo. Spend the afternoon relaxing by the pool before we regroup for dinner.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Locorotondo, Itria Valley, Cisternino

Accomplished: 26 miles / 42 km, elevation gain: 1,430 feet / 436 meters **Longer Option:** 17 miles / 27 km, elevation gain: 991 feet / 302 meters

Accommodations: Borgo Canonica



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 with spectacular views of the coast to our final hotel, one of Italy's top luxury resorts. Explore the grounds, relax by the spa or beach club. Tonight, we dine alongside locals at an unforgettable traditional restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Cisternino, Locorotondo, Alberobello, Savelletri

Accomplished: 16 miles / 26 km, elevation gain: 1,430 feet / 436 meters **Longer Option:** 32 miles / 52 km, elevation gain: 1,663 feet / 507 meters

Accommodations: Borgo Egnazia

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Cooking and the Canali

Cycle along the coast through the quaint fishing village of Savelletri, past the Roman ruins of Egnazia, and down tiny roads that wind through endless, centuries-old olive groves. We'll visit the beautiful *masseria* of our friends Chiara and Filippo where we'll taste their olive oil and prepare our own lunch at a cooking class. After lunch opt to go directly back to the hotel, or bike up the ridge for a stunning view of this colorful canvas: the bright blue Adriatic set against the rich brown and vibrant olive green hues. This evening we'll celebrate this amazing region with a farewell dinner at our hotel.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Savelletri, Torre Canne, ruins of Egnazia, Pezze di Greco **Accomplished:** 26 miles / 42 km, elevation gain: 1,233 feet / 376 meters **Shorter Option:** 18 miles / 29 km, elevation gain: 1,062 feet / 324 meters

Accommodations: Borgo Egnazia



Goodbye to Puglia

After breakfast on the terrace, enjoy a stroll on the grounds of the *masseria* or take a morning dip in the pool, relax at the spa, or visit the beach. We will then transfer you to the Bari Airport as you head on to your next destination.

Meals: Breakfast

