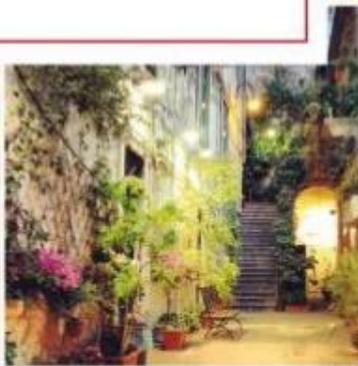
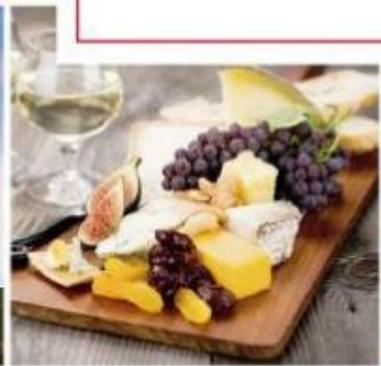


APULIA - A JOURNEY AMONG THE BLUE AND GOLD



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Apulia
Gargano & Val D'Itria



Apulia: A journey among the blue and the gold

8 days – 7 nights

Vieste, Manfredonia, Rodi Garganico, Isole Tremiti, Vico del Gargano,
Peschici, Manfredonia, Cisternino, Lecce, Alberobello, Locorotondo

Day 1

Arrival at Bari/Naples/Brindisi airport and transfer to Vieste

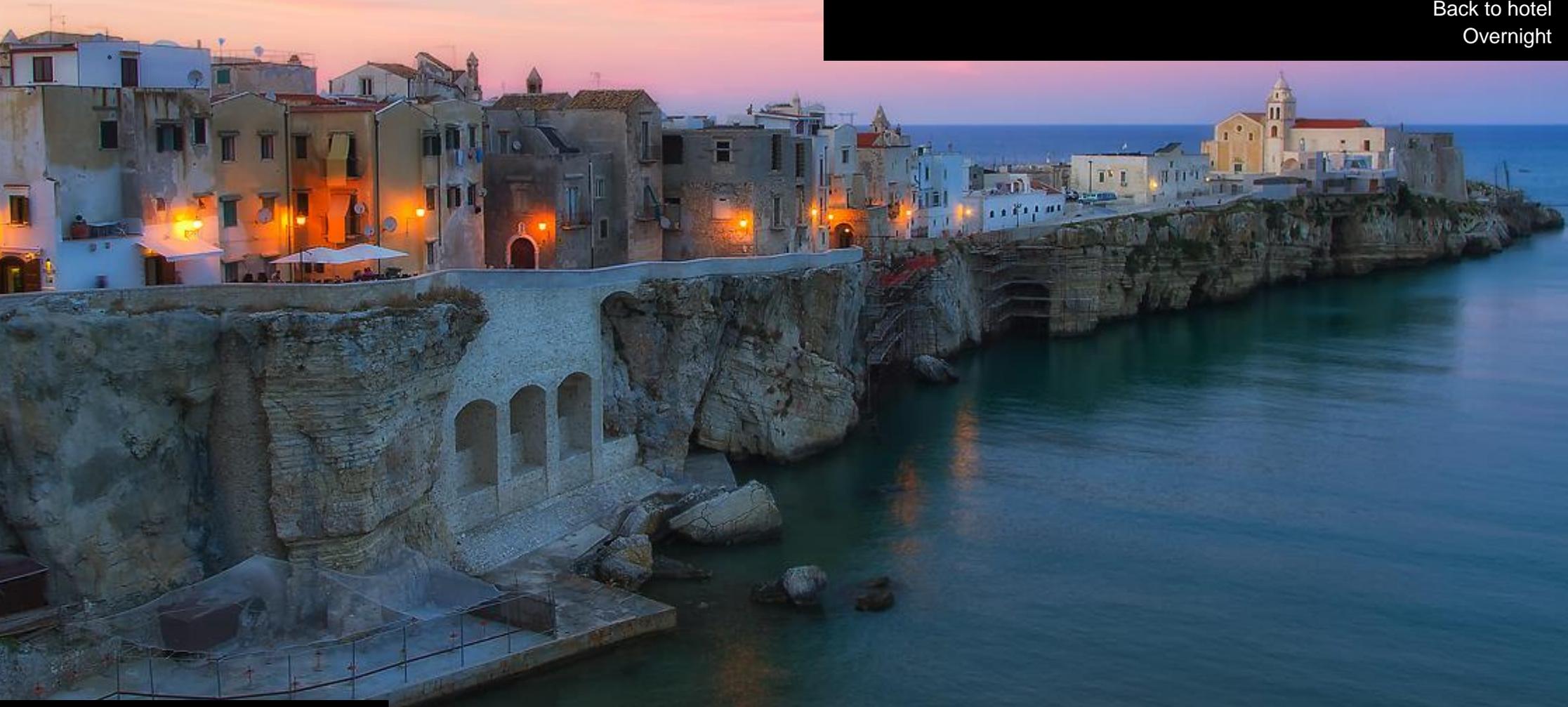
Accommodation in 5* hotel in Vieste

Free time at Leisure

Welcome dinner in a typical restaurant

Back to hotel

Overnight



Distances:

Bari BRL airport – Vieste 179 km / 2h25

Napoli NAP airport – Vieste 268 / km 3h20

Brindisi BDS airport – Vieste 297 / km 3h30



Distances
Vieste – Peschici 24 km / 0h30
Peschici – Vico del Gargano 13 km / 0h21
Vico del Gargano – Vieste 32 km / 0h50



Day 2

Breakfast in hotel
Departure to Vieste historical center
Lunch in hotel
Departure to Peschici
Visit of the sea borgo
Departure to Vico del Gargano
Dinner in a typical restaurant
Back to hotel
Overnight

Day 3

Breakfast in hotel
Departure to Rodi Garganico/Vieste port
Boat boarding to Tremiti islands
Visit of the wonderful islands
Back to Rodi Garganico
Back to hotel
Dinner
Overnight



Distances

Vieste – Rodi Garganico 38 km / 0h55

Day 4

Breakfast in hotel
Departure to Manfredonia
Visit of the historical center
Lunch at leisure
Transfer to Cisternino area
Accommodation in hotel 4* or 5*
Free time at leisure
Welcome dinner
Overnight



Distances:

Vieste – Manfredonia 55 km / 1h10

Manfredonia – Cisternino area about 180 km / 2h10

Distances:
Cisternino area - Cisternino about 30 km / 0h40



Day 5
Breakfast in hotel
Relaxing time at leisure
Lunch at leisure
Visit the borgo of Cisternino
Dinner
Overnight



Day 6
Breakfast in hotel
Departure for a full day guided tour of Lecce: Santa Croce Basilica, Adorno Palace, Sant'Oronzo Square, St. Irene Church, Lecce Cathedral and Square, Bishop's Palace, Roman Amphitheatre, Castle of Charles V. Lunch in a beautiful Castle, one of the most important Medieval and Renaissance symbols of Lecce city.
Back to accommodation
Dinner overnight



Distances:
Cisternino area – Lecce about 100 km / 1h10



Distances:

Cisternino area – Alberobello about 27 km / 30 min

Alberobello – Locorotondo 9 km / 10 min

Locorotondo – Cisternino area about 30 km / 30 min



Day 7

Breakfast in hotel

Departure to Alberobello, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

Wander the town with the quaint Trulli limestone houses.

Lunch in a typical "trullo"

Transfer to Locorotondo, one of "I Borghi più belli d'Italia" (the most beautiful village of Italy).

Walk the circular street with stunning panoramic views across the Val d'Itria.

Back to accommodation

Dinner

overnight

Day 8

Breakfast in hotel

Departure to Bari/Naples/Brindisi airport

End of services



Distances:

Cisternino area – Bari BRI airport about 70 km / 1h00

Cisternino area – Napoli NAP airport about 306 / km 3h50

Cisternino area – Brindisi BDS airport about 70 / km 0h55



5* hotel, Vieste





charming 4 resort,*



Cisternino area





charming 5 resort,
Cisternino area*





charming historical house,



Cisternino area





Charming 4 hotel,
Cisternino area*



8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS

Package includes:

- 3 Night in 5* hotel in Vieste area
- 4 Night in 4* hotel in Cisternino area
- Half board treatment
- Guided tour of Vieste HD
- 1 tasting dinner in Vico del Gargano area
- 1 Tremiti Islands daily excursion
- Guided tour of Cisternino HD
- Guided tour of Manfredonia HD
- Guided tour of Lecce FD
- Guided tour of Alberobello HD
- 1 lunch in Alberobello
- 1 lunch in an exclusive location in Lecce

Doesn't include:

- Car rental service available on request
- Entrance tickets to all Museums and Churches
- Tips
- City taxes (to be paid on the spot)

**The price could change on the base of the season the category of the accommodation.
It will be reconfirmed at the time of booking.*

Day 1 – Arrival and accommodation in hotel

Day 2

Vieste, the pearl of Gargano promontory



Vieste is the easternmost town on the Gargano promontory. Vieste has a historic medieval centre, a charming maze of ancient houses and narrow alleyways studded with typical souvenir shops and craft shops. After you've explored this ancient district, visit the Castle and the Cathedral, and then stroll down to Piazzetta Petrone, a small square with a remarkable coastal view.

The Pearl of Gargano charms with its silvery pink sand, limpid, crystal clear waters, long beaches, cliffs and 26 sea caves. The sea also stars at the Malacological Museum, which has more than 15 thousand shells from all over the world.

Peschici, the fishermen's village

The beautiful town of Peschici perches on a cliff overlooking the sea and guarding one of Italy's most enchanting bays in the Gargano National Park.



Forming the heart of Peschici is the majestic Norman Castle and Torre del Ponte (Bridge Tower). This tower is the gateway to a magical stone maze of alleyways and stairways carved into the hillside, an area of pebble paved streets and houses that slope down to the sea with their distinctive white façades.

Vico del Gargano, the borgo of the oranges and olives



The town centre is dominated by a castle and by the massive dome of the Collegiata dell'Assunta. This ancient district, known as the Rione Civita, is a triumph of stone with its chimneys, archways, capitals, stairways, and underground chambers carved out of the rock. Wander through the narrow twisting alleys, explore the medieval quarters of Terra and Casale, and let the Palazzo della Bella enchant you with its refined silhouette. If you're with the one you love, make sure to visit the Vicolo del Bacio (Kiss Alley).

Day 3

The wonderful archipelago of Tremiti Islands

The Tremiti Islands are in the Adriatic Sea, twelve nautical miles off the Gargano's northern coast. A Marine Nature Reserve since 1989, the region's only archipelago is made up of San Domino, the most populated and tourist of the islands; the small isle of San Nicola; the uninhabited Capraia; the islets of Cretaccio and La Vecchia; and, further out, the island of Pianosa.



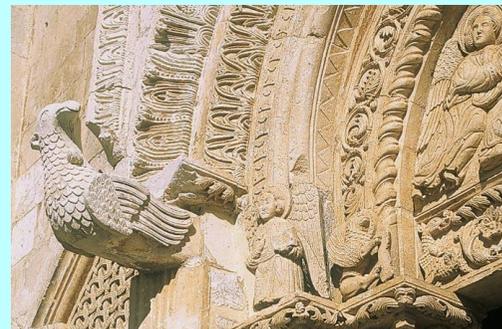
The island of San Nicola is the historical heart of the Tremiti Islands. It's dominated by the fortified towers of San Nicola and the Abbey of Santa Maria a Mare, with its mosaic floor and imposing walls. From the abbey's elegant cloister, a panoramic trail circles the island leading to several Greek tombs.

San Domino's lighthouse is the symbol of the archipelago's largest island, which is covered by forests of Aleppo pines. Along the coast, rocks crumble inside sea caves accessible only by boat. Must-sees include the Grotta del Bue Marino and Punta di Ponente, where you can see the remains of a Roman ship.

Capraia is just a short distance from San Domino. Uninhabited and wild, it is a paradise for scuba divers, who can enjoy breathtaking dives at Punta Secca and Cala dei Turchi.

Day 4

Manfredonia, the castle of King Manfred



Manfredonia is located on Gargano slopes, on the shore of the gulf. Manfred, king of Sicily, abandoned the port of the old Siponto to found this town.

The beautiful Cathedral and the Swabian-Angevine fortress, dropping sheer into the sea, the seat of the National Archaeological Museum, were also designed by Manfred. Here it is possible to

admire the ruins of the ancient Sipontum, together with the archaeological finds of Coppa Nevigata and Saraceno Mountain, and the fascinating Basilica Santa Maria di Siponto. Not far away from here, there is the Abbey of San Leonardo, built by Knights Templar and an important stop-off along the pilgrims' route Via Francigena of the South.

The historic centre is characterised by noble palaces and small houses made of stone or tufa. In piazza del Popolo stand out the Palazzo Comunale (Town Hall) and the Church of San Domenico, while the Church of San Francesco is a small gothic gem.

Day 5

Cisternino, the dazzling kasba of Itria Valley



Facing onto the Itria Valley in an area known as the Murgia dei Trulli, Cisternino is 46 kilometres from Brindisi, near the Adriatic coast.

The Porta Grande (or Norman-Swabian) Tower, topped by a statue of San Nicola, is the main entrance to this, one of Italy's Most Beautiful Towns.

Visit the old town centre and admire its many historical residences: the Governor's Palace, a beautiful example of baroque architecture; the 16th century Bishop's Palace; Palazzo Amati; Palazzo Lagravinese; and Palazzo Ricci-Capece with its Wind Tower.

Day 6

Lecce, the Florence of the south

Called "the Florence of the South," Lecce is the provincial capital of the Salento area, only 12 km (7.5 miles) away from the Adriatic Sea. The city, which has strong Messapian roots, was known to its Roman rulers as Lupiae. Today, it welcomes visitors with its magnificent baroque architecture, which blazes on the portals of its palaces and on the facades of the many churches that line the streets inside the city's three ancient gates: Porta Rudiae, Porta San Biagio and Porta Napoli.



The common factor in the city's characteristic baroque exuberance is the local "Lecce stone", so soft and malleable, that master stonemasons were able to create highly sophisticated stone embroidery. The best example of this style is represented by the facade of the Basilica of Santa Croce and by the spectacular Piazza Duomo, home to a soaring bell tower, bishop's palace, and the lovely Palazzo del Seminario.

Strength and majesty, however, characterize the castle built by Charles V and designed by Gian Giacomo dell'Acaya. The Roman Amphitheatre, adjacent to the central Piazza Sant'Oronzo, offers an intriguing insight into the city's history.

Day 7

Alberobello, the capital of "Trulli"

The trulli, the characteristic cone-roofed houses of Alberobello, make up one of the 50 UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Italy. The name derives from the late Greek word for dome (τροῦλος; in Italian, cupola), and refers to the ancient stone houses with conical roofs, constructed with the abundant limestone from the plateau of Apulia's Murge zone. These impressive and unique structures are a genius example of architecture that is spontaneous, yet imperishable; to this day they are still used as homes. The historic center is integrally constituted by these rather particular white, pyramidal structures that make it so famous and identifiable.



Locorotondo, one of the most beautiful villages of Italy



Locorotondo, one of the most beautiful villages of Italy, dominates the Valle dei Trulli from a natural balcony. From the surrounding countryside it appears as a brilliant mass of white houses that form concentric circles from which derives its name, which means "Round place". It is located in south-east Murgia, deep in the Itria Valley, dotted with white prehistoric round-houses called trulli.

Day 8 – End of services



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