

## 2-6 JUNE 2019 – LECCE

**LECCE WALKING TOUR:** meet your guide and have a walking tour of the historical centre of the town also



known as "The Florence of the South" You will visit Roman Amphitheatre, Basilica Santa Croce, Cathedral and tower bell, and admire the wonderful façades of the ancient aristocratic Palazzos. Free time is given during the tour.

*Lecce, city of historical and architectural treasures, aptly calls itself the "the Florence of South Italy." It is like an open-air museum with an abundance of churches and noble palaces, made more elegant and refined by the unique and sumptuous decorations carved out of Leccese stone. This particular stone is known for its sun-kissed color,*

*evocative of clover honey. Lecce is set in the very heart of the Salento region—the heel of Italy's boot. Lecce was founded by a pre-roman population, the Messapii, in the 5th century BC, and grew in importance after the Roman conquest in the 3rd century BC. At **Piazza St Oronzo** you'll see the Roman amphitheatre built in the 2nd century AD. It once held up to 20,000 spectators. Close by is the Roman column that marked the end of the Appian Way. **Walk** through the city center with your guide to discover a remarkable architectural style known as Leccese Baroque. From the 16th to the 18th century, Lecce flourished under a period of great splendor and was duly embellished with Rococo and Baroque monuments. The local fine-grained limestone was particularly easy to work, making the creation of decorative relief and delicate detail relatively easy. You will visit the **Santa Croce Basilica**, which is sumptuously decorated and represents the triumph of Baroque art in Lecce. Nearby, admire the impressive façade of the Governor's Palace (the former monastery of the Celestine monks). Visit one of the finest and most impressive squares in southern Italy—**Piazza Duomo**. Explore the elegant streets of Lecce adjacent to the square and you will discover that the typical local crafts of the town, such as papier-mâché or Leccese stone items, are traditional art forms here. The objects created in the artisans' workshops are crafted according to ancient traditions handed down from generation to generation*

Min 10 people euro 10,00 p.p.

## ALBEROBELLO WALKING TOUR



Visit the capital of Trulli a UNESCO site with its wonderful cone-roofed house.

Leave from Lecce and after 1 hour and ½ transfer by coach you will get to Alberobello. Have a walking tour and a typical lunch in a trullo restaurant.

Min 20 pax euro 70 p.p.

The cost includes: coach from Lecce, ESG in Alberobello, lunch in a trullo restaurant (1/2 water + ¼ wine included)

Alberobello—nothing less than a fairytale village—will bewitch you with its intriguing charm. This community is famous all over the world for its unique cone-shaped buildings with whitewashed walls and stone roofs, all built without mortar. The village of **Alberobello** was founded in the 16th century. The feudal landlords at that time belonged to the Acquaviva family—the Earls of Conversano. The local peasants built circular houses on the land without using mortar (this kind of building is called a *trullo*), simply by using the stones that they found on the soil or in caves. An early form of tax evasion was invented by the landlords here—a response to the high

taxation imposed by the king. When inspection time rolled around, the peasants simply knocked down their houses. In 1797 the peasants asked King Ferdinand IV (a Bourbon) to declare Alberobello a free village, so their remarkable buildings remained intact. Alberobello is now a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** and is known all over the world as the *trulli* capital. Your guided tour starts at **Terrazzino Belvedere** situated in Aia Piccola, which boasts more than 400 *trullis*. Visit the **Old Town** (called Rione Monti), which is comprised of 1,030 *trullis*. The majority of these are still used as private houses. End your walking tour at the Church of Saint Anthony—a *trullo* church with a façade of three wings adorned with a rose window and two round windows. The roof of the church is cone-shaped and measures 64 feet tall. In the narrow streets of Alberobello you can admire **workshops with artisans at work.**

**APULIAN COOKING CLASS:** Learn how to prepare local dishes and typical homemade pasta, during a hands-on cooking class in an historical building.



*Once reached the cooking school, which is situated in an ancient building in the old centre of Lecce, chef Gianna will welcome guests and they will enjoy a welcome drink. Cooking lesson includes the preparation of 4 typical specialities from Salento, lunch and final wine tasting based on 3 top wines. You will be given an apron and a booklet with recipes. At the end final dinner with the chef tasting what you prepared during the lesson*

Min 6 max 20 people euro 140 p.p.

**BOAT TOUR FROM OTRANTO:** Get on board on a local cruise from Otranto to have a HD cruise along the Adriatic coast and visiting the astonishing marine caves. There will also be time for a swim and you will finally enjoy an aperitif on board.



Min 20 max 35 pax euro 68,00 p.p. (included a/r transfer by coach from Lecce)

*Upon arrival at this jewel of Adriatic coast you will reach your boat at the port of Otranto and leave for your boat tour.*

*The duration of the tour is 3 hours and includes some stops for a swim and the visit to some of the most astonishing marine caves.*

*During the cruise you will also be offered a typical aperitif made of our local products and including drinks.*



### **MATERA WALKING TOUR:**

Visit a unique town, the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Matera, where churches and dwellings were completely carved out of the rock. A tasting of typical local products of Basilicata region is included.

The city of Matera, also called "town of Sassi", hosts very ancient quarters with rock-hewn homes and was declared by UNESCO a World Heritage Site in 1993: this is a unique opportunity to discover the real places where "The Passion of Christ" by Mel Gibson was shot. The first time Mel Gibson saw Matera, he just went crazy because it was simply perfect to shoot his movie: in fact, this city of the 21st century looks like an ancient town thanks to its deep canyon with numerous grottoes where streets, dwellings and churches were amazingly carved into the rock. You will visit Rione Sassi and its typical houses carved in the stone having the possibility of visiting a real "Casa Grotta" where people used to live up to second part of last century

*Tasting of typical local products and free time are included. Some free time will be given and lunch is not included.*

*COST MIN 20 PAX EURO 70 P.P.*

*The cost includes: coach at disposal from Lecce, Fd English speaking guide, tasting in Matera, entrance fee of "Casa Grotta"*

*Note: the duration of the tour is 8 hours and it takes 2hrs30 to get from Lecce to matera*

**A BEACH DAY IN SALENTO:** You will be taken on a wonderful local beach in Gallipoli or Otranto to enjoy an half day at leisure. Don't forget your towel, sun cream and swimsuit!

Min 2 max 8 euro 60,00 p.p. (included transportation from/to lecce, sun umbrella and sunbeds)

### **TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITIES:**

**THE SECRETS OF LECCE:** Secret Puglia

The teams, following an unusual itinerary of the city that will touch the places of mysterious or strange anecdotes of the city's history, they will have to overcome some tests that will bring the winning team to solve an intriguing enigma.

Type of tests:

- Clue: collection of small signals scattered around the city

- Logic: solution of an intricate question
- Mystery: resolution of an old unresolved case
- Practice: passing a manual trial
- Candid Camera: participants must get involved and make hilarious

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### **PHOTOGRAPHIC HUNT**

Thanks to a digital camera (or a camera phone) for each team (supplied to hire or ownership of the participants), the teams will have to present yourself at the end of the activity with the shots of the assigned objectives.

Objectives type:

- Tourist: a glimpse, a particular or the simple proof of the transition from the goal
- Object: a number, a plaque, a building or a typical souvenirs of the city
- Subject: characteristic / famous characters of the city
- Vintage: photo trying to imitate the style of the postcards from the last century
- Team: photos of all the team members

Puglia greedy: the teams will have to find and taste some local specialties, in the most typical places and frequented by local people.

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**Team Building activities are on request and must be quoted ad hoc.**