## FAIRYTALES OF APULIA AND MATERA



# MONTEGROSSO – MATERA – VALLE D'ITRIA

An itinerary that combines the territory of the **Murgia**, in the fertile heart of **Apulia**, with **Matera**, the fairytale city par excellence that the whole world envies us, where you will love getting lost in the alleys of the **Sassi**, full of always different and surprising views. A journey along wooded slopes and endless olive groves dotted with the iconic roofs of the *trulli* and granite millstones, walking through ancient stone villages, enigmatic castles and welcoming *masserias*, where you can savor the **Apulian** gastronomic excellence.

A special treatment is reserved for honeymooners, with welcome cocktails and gifts upon arrival at each hotel.

Our specialists are available to create a personalized and unforgettable honeymoon upon request and according to the preferences of the newly-weds.

## Self Drive Tour 7 overnights with optional seaside Honeymoon extension Accommodation in de Charme Hotel

#### **DAY 1: Arrival-Montegrosso Overnight: Montegrosso** Independent arrival at your hotel. Depending on your arrival time, you can collect your rental car at Bari airport. Transfer to Montegrosso. Check-in, afternoon and evening at leisure Car drive: 85 km/53 miles DAY 2: Alta Murgia **Overnight: Montegrosso** Breakfast at the hotel. Day at disposal to discover the Alta Murgia area. Evening at leisure and overnight. We suggest: Visit to a farm and light lunch with typical products DAY 3: Matera **Overnight: Matera** Breakfast at the hotel and departure to Matera. We suggest: Romantic dinner in Matera Car drive: 85 km/53 miles DAY 4: Matera **Overnight: Matera** Breakfast at the hotel and day at disposal to visit Matera. We suggest: Guided visit of the Sassi of Matera DAY 5: Matera-Valle d'Itria **Overnight: Valle d'Itria** Breakfast at the hotel, check out and transfer to Valle d'Itria. Car drive: 130 km/80 miles DAY 6: Valle d'Itria **Overnight: Valle d'Itria** Breakfast at the hotel and day at disposal to visit the Valle d'Itria. We suggest: Guided visit of Alberobello DAY 7: Valle d'Itria **Overnight: Valle d'Itria** Breakfast at the hotel and day at disposal to visit the Valle d'Itria. We suggest: Guided bike tour among the centuries-old olive groves or guided kayaking in Monopoli DAY 8: Departure-Bari

Breakfast at the hotel, drop off your car at Bari airport or continue with the optional seaside extension.

#### EXPERIENCES PACKAGE

#### • Romantic dinner in Matera

In the incredibly romantic setting of the Sassi of Matera, a candlelit dinner to enjoy culinary delights in an intimate and fairy-tale atmosphere.

#### • Guided bike tour among the centuries-old olive groves or guided kayaking in Monopoli

A simple bike ride between the paths of the sea and those of the wonderful sculptures of secular olive trees, immersed in an oasis of scents and Mediterranean scrub.

During the summer, we alternatively suggest a kayak excursion, accompanied by marine biologists and snorkeling instructors, to share the emotions of the sea from a new point of view.

#### • Visit to a farm and light lunch with typical products

Visit to a traditional farm that produces organic mozzarella and other typical Apulian cheeses with demonstration and explanation of the transformation of "pasta filata" into mozzarella and burrata. The visit ends with a light lunch based on local specialties.

### **GUIDED VISITS PACKAGE**

#### • Guided visit in the Sassi of Matera

Meet your guide and start the visit in Piazza Vittorio Veneto, the 19th-century square from which you can enjoy a panoramic view of the Civita and the Sasso Barisano. Entering the Sasso Caveoso, arranged as an amphitheater, with particularly suggestive views of the Gravina stream, you will find the Church dedicated to St. Peter and, passing through a characteristic arch, the Casa Grotta di Vico Solitario, a typical peasant dwelling. The tour continues through the alleys and streets of the Sassi, the natural scenery of several films such as "The Passion of Christ" by Mel Gibson and "The Gospel according to Matthew" by Pier Paolo Pasolini, admiring works of artistic and architectural importance

#### Guided visit of Alberobello

Visit to the historic center of the "Capital of the trulli", declared a World Heritage Site by Unesco. The heart of the town is entirely made up of trulli, the original dry stone houses, whitewashed with quicklime and with a cone-shaped roof. Used in ancient times as a refuge and warehouse, they are divided between the Rione Monti and the Rione Aia Piccola. It is precisely in the latter that the Trullo Sovrano stands, built in the first half of the 1700s and transformed today into a house-museum that displays authentic furnishings and objects inside, testifying to a history that spanned centuries.

## "CHARM" ACCOMMODATION

Montegrosso (2 nights): <u>BioMasseria Lama di Luna 4\* (or similar)</u> –<u>Coloni Room</u> Matera (2 notte): <u>La Casa di Lucio 4\* (or similar)</u> – <u>Deluxe Room</u> Valle d'Itria (3 nights): <u>Masseria Montenapoleone 4\* (or similar)</u> – <u>Rustic Room</u>

## "CHARM SUITE" ACCOMMODATION

Montegrosso (2 nights): <u>BioMasseria Lama di Luna 4\* (or similar) – Benessere Suite</u> Matera (2 notte): <u>La Casa di Lucio 4\* (or similar) – Junior Suite</u> Valle d'Itria (3 nights): <u>Masseria Montenapoleone 4\* (or similar) – Junior Suite</u>

#### **"EXCLUSIVE" ACCOMMODATION**

Montegrosso (2 nights): <u>BioMasseria Lama di Luna 4\*</u> (or similar) – <u>Benessere Suite</u> Matera (2 notte): <u>Sant'Angelo Resort 5\*</u> (or similar) – <u>Junior Suite</u> Valle d'Itria (3 nights): <u>Masseria Torre Maizza 5\*</u> (or similar) – <u>Superior Room</u>

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## **TOUR PRICE**

Price per person in double room ("charm" accommodation): from € 1100 Supplement for Suite accommodation in Charm category: from € 240 per person

Price per person in double room ("exclusive" accommodation): from € 1940 Supplement for Suite accommodation in Exclusive category: from € 510 per person

## Trip includes:

- 7 nights' accommodation in the indicated hotels (or similar) with breakfast
- Car rental of an Alfa Romeo Lancia Y or similar (C category): unlimited mileage, civil liability and theft insurance, no franchise for damage excluding roof, underbody, windows and tires, with pick-up and drop off at Bari airport, rental duration for the whole trip
- 24/7 emergency line

### Trip does not include:

- City tax, if applicable, to be paid on site
- Transfers and parking during the trip (private transfers upon request)
- All meals and drinks not mentioned
- Personal expenses, tips and extras
- Everything not mentioned in "trip includes"

Experiences package: € 510 per person <u>Guided visits package</u>: € 285 per person **NOTE: Feasibility of all visits mentioned in the program will have to be reconfirmed** 

## **Optional Beach stay:**

- "Charm" Accommodation: **Torre Canne** <u>Canne Bianche Lifestyle Hotel 4\*</u> Price per person in double room with breakfast (city taxes excluded): from € 120,00
- "Exclusive" Accommodation: Monopoli La Peschiera 5\*

Price per person in double room with breakfast (city taxes excluded): from € 230,00

#### Cancellation policy:

- no cancellation fee until 35 days before departure