

NEXT STOP-ITALY

Your Tailor-Made Itinerary


Designed for Kate and Oliver JONES

Travel dates: 17th - 20th of September 2020

Itinerary: Matera-Alberobello-Polignano A Mare

This itinerary is a sample of our
Premium travel-made itinerary.

Designed by Roberta



*“Italy is a dream
that keeps returning
for the rest of your life”*

Anna Akhmatova

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Please find your unique itinerary in Italy,
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Day 1: Thursday 17th of September 2020



Your Flights:

17/09 LONDON GATWICK- BARI 09.20-13.10

20/09 BARI-LONDON GATWICK 12.45-14.45

€ 116,77 for adult

only Cabin bag -Max 56x45x25cm -1 per passenger

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Pick-up Location :Bari Airport - 17.09.2020 at 13:30 hrs

Return Location: Bari Airport -20.09.2020 at 12:00 hrs

Vehicle: Fiat Tipo or similar (Saloons | CDMR)

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YOUR ROAD TRIP



Welcome to Matera!

*One of the oldest city in the world, where history, culture, nature, meet and mingle creating charming landscapes.
Things didn't change with the passing of the time: Matera, incredible city dug into the calcareous rock
continues to leave visitors speechless.*

Choose your hotel:

1° Option: BASILIANI HOTEL ***

Rione Casalnuovo 115 (Piazza San Pietro Caveoso), 75100 Matera

CHECK IN from 02.00 p.m.- CHECK OUT until 11.00 a.m.



The rooms overlook the prehistoric caves of the Murgia plateau and the Canyon of the Gravina Torrent, included in the list of UNESCO heritage sites.

Each room has a modern design and an independent entrance.

A buffet breakfast with a wide variety of local products is available daily at the property.

PARKING:

The hotel is located in a limited traffic area. Free on-street parking is possible near the entrance to Sasso Caveoso. It is also available a covered park in via Lucana – via Vena (500 metres from the hotel, the hourly rate is €0,50). It is included in rate a transfer service to the hotel from any arrival point in town (available at check-in and check-out).



From €200 per room per night /breakfast included

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2° Option: CORTE SAN PIETRO ****

Via B. Buozzi 97 B, 75100 Matera

CHECK IN from 02.30 p.m.- CHECK OUT until 11.00 a.m.

Featuring an elegant yet primitive style, each room is unique and furnished with hand-carved wood and stone items. All rooms have a view on the internal courtyard, where breakfast is served in summer.

Guests at the San Pietro can request to visit an underground system of cisterns probably interconnected during the Second World War.



PARKING:

You can enjoy discounted rates at a nearby partner car park. A shuttle service, bike rental and tour desk are also available.

From €160 per room per night /breakfast included

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Afternoon: Best things to do

Visit Casa Grotta of Vico Solitario – “the cave house”

Visit a typical dwelling with furniture and tools of the times in the “Sasso Caveoso”.

The entrance fee is € 3.00

You can visit the Cave Dwelling all year round, including Sundays and holidays, opening time: 9:30 a.m. till night.

The site is equipped with a multilingual-recorded description (Italian, English, French, German, Spanish, Japanese, Chinese, Russian).

[Website](#)



Be Amazed by Palombaro Lungo

Known as “The Water Cathedral,” this giant cistern is one of Matera's great sights. Lying under the city's main square with arches carved out of the existing rock, it is mind-boggling in its scale and ingenuity.

Hours: 10.00a.m.-01.00 p.m. / 03.00 p.m.-06.00p.m.

Ticket € 3 per person- Phone: +39 339 3638332

Book ahead for a 25-minute tour with the multilingual guides, who explain its conception and history (English-language tours generally leave at 10.30am, 12.30pm, 3.30pm and 5.30pm).



Visit Matera's Cathedral

Set high up on a spur between the two natural bowls of the sassi, the wan, graceful exterior of the 13th-century Pugliese-Romanesque cathedral makes the neobaroque excess within all the more of a surprise.

It's totally worth a visit, not only for its majesty, but also because it offers an amazing view of the Sasso Barisano, one of the most stunning areas of Matera.

Free Entrance. Hours: 9am-7pm

[Website](#)



Take Pictures of the Sassi and get lost in the streets

In the maze of Matera's streets the pleasure is walking at random and getting lost, especially at night, when the old town is a magical stage-set of shadows, medieval alleys and sudden vistas. Choose one of the several panoramic viewpoints and get ready to take a lot of pictures. For your best picture, we suggest an hidden panoramic viewpoint that few tourists know. Walking from Via San Biagio to Via Santa Caesarea, on the right some steps will lead you on a small roof. You will be just behind the bell tower of San Pietro Barisano church and in front of a stunning view of the Sassi.



City tour: Matera at the sunset

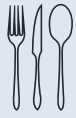
Emotional guided tour at sunset with a tour guide who will lead you to the most suggestive places of Matera. Visit Matera in the most fascinating hour, when the lights of the city light up making Matera a living nativity scene. After meeting up the tour guide in Piazza Vittorio Veneto you will start walking in the Sasso Barisano and in the Sasso Caveoso. You will arrive at one of the highest points of the beautiful city where the cathedral is located and from where you can admire the view of the Sassi and the park of the Matera Murgia.

Departure Time 06:00 PM/ Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes /Prices from € 25 per person

[**Book here**](#)



Evening



A table reserved in your name will await you at 09.00 p.m.

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Ristorante Francesca

Via Bruno Buozzi, 9, 75100 Matera MT

A place where you can taste the typical menu of Matera, carved into the rock, very romantic and intimate, the venue where to enjoy dishes like cavatelli with broccoli, fava beans and chicory purée and “cruschi” peppers, meaning dried at the sun, a peculiarity of Lucania that you’ll remember for the crunchiness and the slightly bitter aftertaste.



“I vizi degli Angeli”,

Via Domenico Ridola, 36 Matera

Website -Hours: 11.45 am-11.00 pm

For the best ice cream in Matera , taste the one of “I vizi degli Angeli”, this place situated on the main shopping street, it has unique and delicious flavors.

A couple of tall tables outside allow for a few minutes to enjoy your selections. If occupied, get a cone and some napkins and walk down the main “passeggiata” watching tourists and locals enjoy this lovely walking street.

Day 2: Friday 18th of September 2020

Morning

Admire the Rupestrian Churches: Sassi and Murgia walk by electric bike

Departure Time 10:00 AM (It takes 2 hours)

Departure point: Matera Bike Tour, Via Casalnuovo, 23, 75100 Matera

The 2-hour tour gives you the opportunity to stroll in contact with nature with an assisted pedal bike. Crossing, in a fun and carefree way, the ancient "Sassi" districts (Barisano and Caveoso), you will reach the Murgia Materana National Park. You will be accompanied on the nature walk by a leader who, at the head of the group, will indicate the right way to go. Within the tour, included in the ticket, stop and visit of the suggestive Madonna della Palomba Sanctuary, stop in an ancient tuff quarry still active, arrival on the panoramic point of Murgia Timone and free stop of 15 minutes.

Price from €25.00



[Book here](#)



What to buy in... Matera

Sassi in Miniatura

Pick up a unique souvenir at this workshop, where craftsman Eustachio Rizzi has spent decades recreating the unique architecture of Matera in miniature. You'll marvel at the attention to detail in Rizzi's Lilliputian sassi, even if you're not tempted to buy a tufa (limestone) lamp.

Geppetto

This craft shop stands out among the tawdrier outlets selling tufa lamps and tiles. Its speciality is the cuccù, a brightly painted ceramic whistle in the shape of a cockerel, which was once prized by Matera's children. The whistles were traditionally considered a symbol of good luck and fertility.

BG Arte

Locally crafted ceramics, sculptures chiselled from the Materan tufa (limestone), lamps, animal figurines and other objets d'art can all be found at this little shop on Matera's main square.

Il Buongustaio

With walls and deli cabinets bursting with preserves, pasta, cheeses, sweetmeats and smallgoods, this is the place to stock up on Matera's prodotti tipici (typical products).



-When packing, be sure to bring **comfortable flat shoes** featuring, possibly, rubber soles.

-Buzz around town in an **Ape Calessino**.

These are the iconic little Italian vehicles that look like someone enclosed a motorbike inside the body of a tiny car. You can flag them down at the church piazza, just like a taxi. A must-do in Matera!



Afternoon: Welcome to Alberobello



Unesco site since 1996, Alberobello is called the Capital of Trulli

for its monumental historical center that counts more than 1400 trulli, famous whitewashed cone-roofed houses made completely out of limestone. This town is well known for the presence of small souvenir stores and craftsmen boutiques that create a sense of cosiness, where you can experience the human touch with the local people having a sense of what it feels like to be Apulian.

Choose your hotel:

1° Option: PALAZZO SCOTTO ***

C.so Trieste e Trento 30, 70011 Alberobello

CHECK IN from 03.00 p.m. - CHECK OUT until 11.00 a.m.

Set in a historical building, Palazzo Scotto is located in the centre of Alberobello. It features a rooftop terrace with hot tub and sun loungers.

All 4 individually furnished rooms provide free WiFi and minibars. For entertainment, flat-screen TVs come with satellite channels, and guests can also appreciate comforts such as Frette Italian sheets and down comforters.

Breakfast in your room or served in the garden.

PARKING

Free public parking is available 200 metres from the hotel, in district Ten (O Gigante or via Monte Grappa). It is possible to avail of paid public parking on the same street as Palazzo Scotto (Corso Trieste e Trento, Via C. Battisti e Piazza Curri), at a rate of €2/h, from 9am to 8pm. We recommend avoiding parking on Corso Vittorio Emanuele on Thursday mornings, Sundays, or on public holidays, as parking is forbidden (compulsory towing is enforced).

From €160 per room per night /breakfast included

Book Here



2° Option: TRULLI RESORT ****

Via Monte Olimpo 7/a, 70011 Alberobello

CHECK IN from 02.00 p.m. - CHECK OUT until 11.00 a.m.



Elegantly set in an extensive garden covering one hectare, Trulli Resort dominates the hills of Alberobello. These were fully restored at the end of 2016 to preserve the architectural style of the period. This is the only Luxury Resort in the Trulli of Alberobello that offers you: a breathtaking view of Valle d'Itria, lush gardens to visit any time of the day, an infinity pool overlooking the town and a wellness area.

Fitted with a patio, the units offer air conditioning and feature a flat-screen TV and a private bathroom with shower and a hairdryer. A balcony with pool views is offered in each unit. An Italian breakfast is available daily at the bed and breakfast.

PARKING

Guests arriving by vehicle have access to free parking (reservation is not needed). Nearby landmarks such as Centro Storico (0.4 mi) and Fontana del Belvedere (0.4 mi) make Trulli Resort a great place to stay when visiting Alberobello.

From € 240 per room per night /breakfast included

Book Here



Afternoon: Best things to do

Visit Trullo Sovrano

Trullo Sovrano dates in parts to the early 17th century, and is Alberobello's only two-floor trullo. Built by a wealthy priest's family, it's now a small 'living' museum recreating trullo life, with sweet, rounded rooms that include a recreated bakery, bedroom and kitchen. The souvenir shop here has a wealth of literature on the town and surrounding area, plus Alberobello recipe books.

Hours: 10am-1.30pm & 3.30-7pm Apr-Oct, to 6pm Nov-Mar

Price: adult/reduced €1.50/1

[Website](#)



Take a stroll in Rione Monti

The most popular Trulli districts of Alberobello are Rione Monti and Rione Aia Piccola. Within the old town quarter of Rione Monti more than 1000 trulli cascade down the hillside, many of which are now souvenir shops. One point of interest is **Sant'Antonio Church** stands on the extreme appendage of Rione Monti. The building itself is simple, but the peculiarity lies in its Trullo shape! Another point of interest is the **Casa D'Amore**, one of the first buildings in the town. Its peculiarity is a balcony framed by an arch. The house is named after the owner Francesco D'Amore who built the house in the 18th century to celebrate the victorious rebellion of the inhabitants against feudal tyranny. The last destination not to be missed is the **Belvedere terrace**, next to the church of Santa Lucia: from this elevated position it is possible to admire the entire Rione Monti, a unique panorama that will remain etched forever in your mind.



Alberobello tour in segway

Departure Point: Via Indipendenza, 39, 70011 Alberobello
1 hour (Approx.)/Price from €38.00

Visit of Alberobello, accompanied by a licensed tourist guide, to discover and know everything about the city of trulli. You can decide at the moment which vehicle to use: segway, e-bike, rickshaw or mini golf cart. Experience includes: - Guided visit to the two districts with historical and construction techniques - Views - Visit to the trullo church - Visit inside a trullo For segways there is a maximum weight per traveler of 100 kilos.

[Book here](#)



Visit "Museo del Territorio"- Casa Pezzolla

It is a complex of 15 contiguous and communicating Trulli of different sizes and styles. The museum was born precisely to preserve and pass on the history of Trulli. Inside the museum, a multi-lingual guided tour will take you to the discovery of artistic testimonies, historical-educational documents, artifacts and memorabilia.

Autonomous tour with audio guide or paper guide: 4,00 euro per person

Guided tours in English to the Museums: 9,00 euro per persons

Hours: 10.00a.m.-01.00 p.m. / 03.30 p.m.-07.00p.m. - [Website](#)



Evening



A table reserved in your name will await you at 09.00 p.m.

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Ristorante La Nicchia

SS172, 70011 Alberobello BA

A Typical of Alberobello's traditional trullis, Ristorante La Nicchia features a gorgeously cozy dining room and a covered, converted barnyard space which is ideal for a semi-al fresco meal. Seasonal fare based around classic Puglia cuisine is the order of the day, and Ristorante La Nicchia's locally produced cheeses – among them burrata, mozzarella and stracciatella – make for a perfect introduction to local fare. There are also plenty of local meats, fresh pasta dishes, succulent seafood recipes and a range of deliciously traditional desserts too good not to stay for.



“Gelateria Caffetteria Arte Fredda”

Largo Martellotta 47, Alberobello

Website

Hours: 09.00 am-01.00 pm/ 03.00 pm-11 pm

This is the place to get your fix of delicious Italian gelato. The ice cream parlor has been one of the town's most popular destinations for over 20 years and is the perfect antidote during Alberobello's long, hot summers.

Opt for seasonally inspired gelato: during summer you'll find flavors like grapefruit, sycamore fig and watermelon.



What to buy in... Alberobello

Enoteca Tholos - [Website](#)

This is the place to stock up on Alberobello's prodotti tipici (typical products): local wines, liqueurs, Olive oils and olive jamm. Don't miss to taste fresh ricotta with sweet olives or fava beans with pancetta.

Trullo Antichi Sapori - [Website](#)

This quintessential, coned shaped, 17th century trullo, is filled with an array of candy coloured pasta in various shapes and sizes, brightly coloured preserves, wines and homemade liquors, plus a selection of local meats and cheeses.

La bottega dei fischietti

A great place where you can find hand made high quality ceramic whistles that come in a huge variety of different designs and sizes.

Forme e colori - [Website](#)

Walking through the inner city, right in the center of Rione Monti, you will find "Forme e colori". In her workshop the artist Vita De Marco, for twenty years now, brings life to original hand-painted terracotta creations.

Step inside the Trullo and you will be overwhelmed by all the different colors and shapes of Vita de Marco's terracotta creations. Every creation is unique, and you will find it only inside "Forme e colori" in Alberobello.



-For a quiet spot to **watch the sunset** over Alberobello, we recommend **Casedda a Cummersa**. Walk through the family-run shop (housed in a trullo), then order a glass of wine, beer or Aperol Spritz. You'll be on the roof looking over the village with only a few tables and chairs decorated with fairylights and flowers, but if you want a tourist-free place to enjoy a cold glass of wine while the sun goes down, this is it. [Website](#)

-Taste Pasticciotto

These custard filled Italian pastries are known only in this region of Italy and are a popular breakfast option. Visit Martinucci Pasticceria for the ultimate experience and great coffee too!



...Just for you!

ALBEROBELLO MAP



Day 3: Saturday 19th of September 2020



YOUR ROAD TRIP



Welcome to Polignano A Mare

A shining gem on the Puglia coast, perched atop a 20 metre-high limestone cliff above the crystal clear waters of the Adriatic, Polignano a Mare truly lives up to its name and literally could not be any more 'at sea'!

Once arrived, leave your luggages at the hotel and start to explore Polignano!

The tiny old town combines charming, white-washed streets with beautiful old churches such as the Chiesa Matrice. You may find yourself getting lost in the winding streets, but you won't mind at all. Before you know it, you will have reached one of three panoramic terraces offering breathtaking views of the beautiful Adriatic Sea and coastline.

Choose your hotel:

1° Option: MUSAE RELAIS & SPA ****

Via Giacomo Matteotti 26, 70044 Polignano a Mare

CHECK IN from 02.00 p.m. - CHECK OUT until 10.00 a.m.

Musae Relais & SPA is centrally located in Polignano a Mare.

It offers 4 forms of air-conditioned accommodation with a safe and complimentary bottles of water. Bathrooms include slippers, designer toiletries, bidets and complimentary toiletries. You can indulge in a pampering treatment at the bed & breakfast's full-service spa, musae. The spa is equipped with a spa tub and a steam room. The spa is open daily. Facilities: free bikes and free WiFi.

PARKING

Private parking is possible at a location nearby for free.

From € 190 per room per night /breakfast included

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2° Option: DIMORA TALENTI ****

Vico Chiangella 3, 70044 Polignano a Mare

CHECK IN from 02.00 p.m. - CHECK OUT until 11.00 a.m.

Set in Polignano a Mare, within 150 m of Lama Monachile Beach and 600 m of Lido Cala Paura, Dimora Talenti offers accommodation with a bar and free WiFi throughout the property. At the guest house, the rooms are equipped with a desk, a flat-screen TV and a private bathroom. All guest rooms at Dimora Talenti feature air conditioning and a wardrobe. The area is popular for cycling, and bike hire is available at the guest house.

PARKING

Private parking is possible at a location nearby for free.

From € 230 per room per night /breakfast included

[Book Here](#)

Afternoon: Best things to do

Get lost in the streets

The village, the many views of the sea, the white corners full of plants are all utterly charming. Get “lost” making your way through the small paths and walkways.

In the main piazza of Polignano a Mare, you will see the town’s most important church, **the Chiesa Matrice**. Located on the site of an old Pagan temple, this church elegantly combines Gothic and Baroque features. Another unique feature are the **poems written on steps** and walls by “Guido, il Flaneur”. It’s a lovely, peculiar thing and you will make wonderful photos! Continue your visit and stop at the **Borbonic Bridge** where you will see the famous and beloved **Domenico Modugno Statue**. This statue is popular in Polignano for the iconic Italian singer-songwriter, known for singing the song, Volare. Pose by this iconic landmark and post it on your Instagram feed to remember your trip to Polignano a Mare.



Polignano Beaches

Polignano a Mare is famous for its scenic, white, cove-like beaches bordering crystal clear waters.

Don't miss:

Lama Monachile Beach

Also known as Cala Porto, it is the main beach in Polignano a Mare and offers a scintillating sea view the Bari coast is famous for. A narrow meandering road passing underneath a Roman bridge leads to the beach surrounded by high, jagged cliffs. The beach is a wonderful sight and with its crystal clear, azure blue water, one cannot help but simply dive right into the blue and cool off, amidst the beautiful cliffs.

Cala Paura Beach

The white pebbled beach with a dock for boats and scenic coves is one of the most beautiful tourist hotspots in Polignano a Mare. Select from wide-ranging options that include paddle boats, canoes, sea-side bars, private beaches, private baths, and beach chairs alongside open public places to enjoy the breathtaking seascape and your beach day.



Polignano a Mare Caves Boat Trip

Departure Point: Viale Trieste, 70044 Polignano a Mare

Duration: 2 hours (Approx.)/ Departure time: 03.00 PM /Price from €38.00

Set out on a boat to explore the sea caves of Polignano a Mare during this tour. Cruise out to sea and admire the coastline views as your guide takes care of the navigating. See unique rock formations and colorful light displays in Grotta delle Rondinelle, Grotta of Episcopina, and Grotta Palazzese.

[Book Here](#)



Wine tasting and tour at Terre di San Vito

contrada Rascinuso 70044 Polignano a Mare

Are you dreaming about a trip where you want to let yourself be caught by panoramic scenery and sipping delicious wines altogether? Then, Terra di San Vito can be the right pick for you. Giovanni, the owner, will accompany you throughout the wine tasting experience. The staff will serve you the wines of the estate from the portfolio, paired with Apulian products like focaccia, tomatoes, olive oil, jams, etc. The owners offer also a guided tour of vineyards where you can learn about the philosophy behind vine cultivation.

Wine tasting reserved at 05.30 p.m.



...Just for you!

Evening



A table reserved in your name will await you at 08.30 p.m.

...Just for you!



Ristorante Grotta Palazzese

Via Narciso, 59, 70044 Polignano a Mare

Just imagine a restaurant with no walls, located on a limestone cliff, with mesmerizing views of the sea... this is Grotta Palazzese Restaurant.

In a romantic setting, with dimly-lit tables surrounded only by organic wonders of nature, enjoying stunning views of the Adriatic Sea, you will have the most unique dining experience. You will feel like having dinner in a postcard, simply amazing! The food is sophisticated and you can taste typical Mediterranean dishes, fresh lobsters, fishes and shellfishes and many Italian specialities.



Gelateria Caruso

Via Martiri di Dogali ,3 Polignano a Mare

Website - Hours: 10.00 AM-02 AM

This ice cream house offers a fantastic ice cream made using high quality ingredients and new flavours drawing on the territory typical products such as olive oil, ricotta cheese and so on. So enter this modern ice-cream parlour and have an unforgettable taste experience!



What to buy in... Polignano a Mare

Oro Della Terra - Website

This is the place to stock up on Polignano's typical products: local wines, pasta, olive oils and taralli.
Don't miss to taste artisan pasta!

Microcosmi

A great place where you can find hand made high quality terracotta creations with different colors and shapes .

Salumeria del Ponte di L'Abbate Concetta

Letizia - Website

A great shop where you can find cold cuts, local cheese like burrata and the famous focaccia bread.

Ceramiche Pugliesi Design

Website

Don't miss to bring home the famous Pumi. Symbolizing prosperity and fertility, Pumi are very popular in Apulia, decorating magnificent palaces as well as simple balconies.



-Take in the view from **Balconata sul Mare**.
Don't leave Polignano a Mare without checking it out.

-Discover the **Vicolo della Poesia**.

One of Guido Flaneur's most famous works is his 'poetry steps', a photogenic stairway tucked down a small street not far from Balconata Sul Mare. They shouldn't be too difficult to find, and any local you ask will know exactly where to point you

-For a **quick lunch: Pescaria**

The street food restaurant has locals lined up around the block daily. Order fresh seafood sandwiches and salads to take away and enjoy on a sidewalk bench or at the beach.



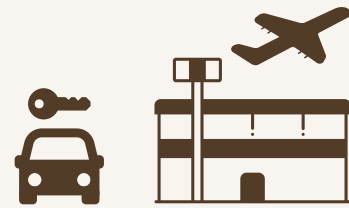
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POLIGNANO MAP



Day 4: Sunday 20th of September 2020



We recommend you arrive at the airport at least 1.30 hour before your scheduled departure to give yourself plenty of time to drop the car off and check in.



Your flight:

20/09 BARI-LONDON GATWICK 12.45-14.45

Arrivederci!

MINIMUM SPENDING PER PERSON	MAXIMUM SPENDING PER PERSON
Trasportation € 160	Trasportation € 160
Accommodation € 255	Accommodation € 335
Food € 190	Food € 190
Other € 15	Other € 150
Total € 620	Total € 835

Have a nice trip !

Kate & Oliver, I was delighted to prepare this trip for you !

If there is a problem in the country, here is the emergency number : 112

I wish you an unforgettable travel ! Buon viaggio!

Roberta