# Bike tour in Puglia

# 6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS, APPROX. 200 KM BOOKING CODE: IT-LL5

DAILY ROUTE LENGTH ••••• TOPOGRAPHY ••••

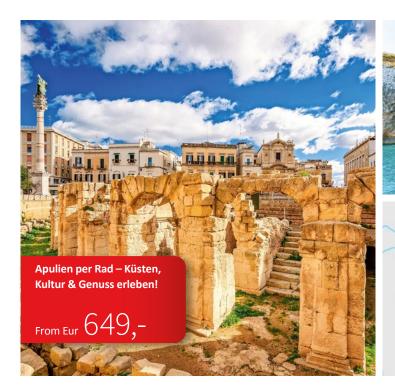
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Lecce

Gallipoli

Santa Maria di Leu

Otranto





Experience an unforgettable cycling holiday in Apulia, one of the most charming regions in Italy. Discover impressive coastal landscapes, picturesque towns and cultural treasures on this tour. The route takes you from the baroque city of Lecce to the beautiful west coast of Salento, along the Ionian coast to Gallipoli and to the southernmost point of Apulia in Santa Maria di Leuca. You continue along the spectacular Adriatic coast to Otranto before cycling back to Lecce. On mostly flat routes with a few gentle hills, you can enjoy the idyllic landscape with olive groves, white sandy beaches and turquoise blue sea. Let yourself be spoilt by the Apulian cuisine and experience authentic Italy away from the crowds.

# Itinerary

Individual arrival in Lecce
Lecce – Gallipoli, approx. 50 km
Gallipoli – Santa Maria di Leuca region, approx. 50 km
Santa Maria di Leuca – Otranto, approx. 50 km
Otranto – Lecce, approx. 50 km
Individual departure

#### **Travel time**

Season A	17.03 31.03.	27.10.	03.11.
Season B	07.04.	14.04.	13.10.
	20.10.		
Season C	21.04 23.06.	15.09 06.10.	
Season D	30.06 14.07.	01.09.	08.09.

Arrival Monday 17.03. – 21.07.2025 Arrival Monday 01.09. – 03.11.2025 The season is dictated by the arrival date.

#### Services

- → 5 nights with breakfast, national 3\* / 4\*-level
- $\rightarrow$  Digital travel documents and route navigation via app
- → Luggage transport from hotel to hotel, max. 1 piece of luggage per person, max. 20 kg / piece
- → Service-Hotline (7 days, 08.00 a.m. 08.00 p.m.)

#### Not included services

Basento

→ Citys or visitors tax, if payable

#### Basic price per person

Doubleroom, Season A	649,-
Doubleroom, Season B	759,-
Doubleroom, Season C	829,-
Doubleroom, Season D	899,-
Additional fee single room	269,-

#### Additional night prices per person

Lecce DBL / BB	75,-
Lecce SGL / BB	125,-

#### Additional services per person

E-bike / Pedelec*	219,-
Rental bike (27-gear)*	89,-
*including rental hike insurance	

# **Exemplary hotel list**

Lecce	Hotel Delle Palme Lecce	www.hoteldellepalmelecce.it
	Eos Hotel Lecce	https://www.eoshotel.it/
	Grand Hotel di Lecce	https://www.grandhoteldilecce.it/
Lecce	Hotel Delle Palme Lecce	www.hoteldellepalmelecce.it
	Eos Hotel Lecce	https://www.eoshotel.it/
	Grand Hotel di Lecce	https://www.grandhoteldilecce.it/

#### Child reduction on basic price

No child discount is offered on this trip. Due to the length of the cycling holiday, we only recommend this trip for young people with good stamina.

#### Languages Travel documents

→ German, English, French

# Additional note

→ All bookings are on request.

→ Twin / double rooms / separate beds are only occasionally available. We treat requests as non-binding customer requests, if above mentioned room types are a booking condition, it must be mentioned as a condition at the time of booking.

# Equipment of our rental bikes

- → Comfortable saddle
- → Bike lock
- → Luggage rack
- → Odometer
- → Air pump
- → Hub dynamo
- → Breakdown kit (1 x per booking)
- → Unflat Schwalbe Marathon Plus tyres or comparable
- → Waterproof pannier
- → Waterproof handlebar bag with map holder

# **Stages description**

#### Day 1: Individual arrival in Lecce

Individual journey and overnight stay. Thanks to its many baroque buildings, the town has the nickname "Florence of the South". You will be impressed by the artistic ornamentation.

# Day 2: Lecce – Gallipoli, approx. 50 km

A few kilometres after Lecce, you enter the typical rural area of Salento and reach the Ionian coast and Gallipoli at the end of the stage.

# Day 3: Gallipoli – Santa Maria di Leuca region, approx. 50 km

The towns on today's stage are all Marina or Torre and aptly mark the route along the sea and the fortress remains of the Greeks, Romans and Normans. Bathing is almost obligatory and many a culinary delicacy awaits you. With your overnight stop, you have reached the southernmost point of your cycle tour, which is an important place of pilgrimage.

# Journey to Lecce

- → Nearest airports: Bari, Brindisi
- → Train station: Lecce

#### Parking in Lecce

→ Chargeable hotel car park, approx. 15 € / day or public car park "Metropark" (Via di Ussano), approx. 10 € / night; no reservation possible through Radweg-Reisen.

# Day 4: Santa Maria di Leuca – Otranto, approx. 50 km

The sea has a different name, but remains the same blue. From now on, you cycle along the coast of the Adriatic Sea, which presents itself here as a rocky coast with sandy bays. In Andrano and Zinzulusa you will find impressive caves and stalactite caverns, while Santa Cesarea Terme has become a spa centre thanks to its sulphur springs. Your destination, Otranto, has a Byzantine old town and is nicknamed the City of Martyrs.

# Day 5: Otranto – Lecce, approx. 50 km

Shortly after the start, you will pass the Alimini lakes, one sweet, the other salty. In Roca Vecchia you will find the Poetry Cave, a cult site from Messapic times with thousands of inscriptions in various languages. Through nature reserves and pine forests you reach Lecce. Enjoy your last evening in Apulia and on the Salento peninsula with a good glass of wine in the Florence of the South.

#### Day 6: Individual departure

After breakfast you start your individual return journey home or extend your stay.