



VBT Bicycling & Walking Vacations
Welcomes the Pentagon Ski Club Group #291882

Puglia: Italy's Undiscovered Coast

Ostuni • Savelletri • Monopoli • Alberobello • Itria Valley
Salento • Otranto • Lecce

E-bikes Available



VBT Highlights

Discover the *trulli* dwellings (traditional Puglian stone huts) of Alberobello on a guided walking tour—and stay in a beautifully restored *trullo* yourself!

Share a farm-fresh lunch and taste delicious olive oils with your *masseria* (fortified farmhouse) hosts.

Take a refreshing swim, if you like, in Otranto's crystalline waters.

Air Package: September 18-27, 2019

\$5,395 per-person (double-occupancy) from Washington-Dulles. Most major airports available.

Tour Only: September 20-26, 2019

Price \$3,995 per-person (double-occupancy)

**The Air Package includes airfare, airport transfers, one night in Alberobello upon arrival and one night in Lecce after the bicycle tour concludes.*

Custom Air: With the Air Package, you may customize your dates of travel and extend your vacation, or fly into, or home from, a non-tour airport – ask your Tour Consultant!

Bikes: Hybrid or Road-style bikes are included and electronic-assisted E-bikes are available on a first-come/limited basis. Ask your Tour Consultant for more information.

Singles (Private rooms) – Two Single rooms are available per tour date. Single Supplements are \$595 in addition to the Air Package tour cost and are based on availability. The Pre and Post tour also have single supplements. **Single guests will also have the option to share a room with a friend or request for VBT to find a roommate for them.** If requesting for VBT to find a roommate, we would try to match you with a single traveler of the same gender. We will charge you only 50% of the single supplement; if a match is available, we will refund the single supplement after your return. **If sharing with a friend, your roommate's name must be given at time of booking and booked within 24 hours of your reservation in order to hold their space on tour.**

Call one of our wonderful Tour Consultants to reserve your space at 800-245-3868 Option 1.

Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. and mention Group #291882. Group space held through December 15!

<https://www.vbt.com/tours/puglia-italys-undiscovered-coast/>

Daily Discoveries (Itinerary subject to change)

Puglia: Italy's Undiscovered Coast

Begin your journey with an optional pre-trip extension in Matera.

Days 1-2 :: Fly to Bari

A VBT representative will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your *trullo* lodging in Alberobello.

Day 3 :: Bike tour begins/Egnatia

Explore the surroundings of your *masseria* (fortified farmhouse-turned-resort) on a self-guided walk, then cycle quiet country roads past 800-year-old olive groves on a ride to Egnatia. An archaeological museum reveals the storied past of this ancient coastal town.

Day 4 :: Ostuni

All your senses will be engaged at today's lunch at an award-winning country hotel. Enjoy farm-fresh cuisine and an olive-oil tasting, breathe in the fragrance of citrus trees and admire the "secret garden."

Day 5 :: Monopoli

Coastal views and ancient olive trees sweep by as you cycle to Monopoli. Feel the intimate ambiance of its ancient city center as you wander its maze of pedestrian streets and view its soaring cathedral and the colorful fishing harbor.

Day 6 :: Acaya/Salento

Cycle from the ancient archway of the walled city of Acaya onto traffic-free country roads.

From the rugged coast, view the village of Torre dell'Orso rising spectacularly from the sea. More country roads and easy lakeside hills await on this afternoon's ride.

Day 7 :: Otranto

Head toward the sea through sleepy villages and beneath oak and olive trees. The friendly owners of an organic *masseria* near the sea open their garden for a delicious private lunch. In Otranto this afternoon, gaze up at the old city's massive ramparts and walls. You'll also be immersed in the lively spirit of its crafts studios laden with clay whistles, baskets, hand-dyed fabric, and ceramics.

Day 8 :: Eastern Tip of Italy

Panoramic coastal views abound on one of the best bike rides in all of Italy! Follow rural pathways through little villages to Santa Cesarea, a quiet town set on the edge of the Adriatic Sea. Then, follow the cliffs to the town of Porto Badisco, famous for its azure waters and prehistoric grottoes.

Day 9 :: Lecce/Bike tour ends

Transfer to Lecce, where everyday life buzzes along Piazza Sant'Oronzo and Piazza Duomo.

Day 10 :: Fly home or continue your journey with an optional post-trip extension in Rome

Find detailed itineraries at vbt.com.

Activity
Rating
Easy

Average Daily
Mileage
13-35 miles

Average Daily
Cycling Time
2-4 hours



Featured Accommodation

Trulli e Puglia

This exquisite accommodation is built into a series of beautifully restored 500-year-old *trulli* structures that are true to their roots with an elegant simplicity. Each classic *trullo* has the singular, centered cone-shaped ceiling and traditional Pugliese interior design. This is truly a unique and charming blend of classic regional design and all of the modern amenities.

Trip Leader Spotlight

"I am passionate about the outdoors and committed to activities that involve sustainable travel, healthy lifestyle, and exploring landscapes with respect for the environment."

—Andrea G., Trip Leader



Extend Your Stay and Your Value (available with the Air Package)

Matera :: Pre-trip Extension (2 nights plus hotel and airport transfers)

\$395 per-person (double occupancy)
Single Supplement is \$195



Rome :: Post-trip Extension (3 nights plus hotel and airport transfers)

\$645 per-person (double occupancy)
Single Supplement is \$395

