

Italy: Puglia's Undiscovered Coast

Pre-Trip-Extension - Matera

2 Nights from \$445 per person, double occupancy

- 2 nights at Relais La Casa di Lucio/Hotel Sant'Angelo
- Airport car service for arrival
- Transportation from Matera to Alberobello
- Hospitality desk
- Daily breakfast
- City information

Only available with the Air Inclusive Package.

FLIGHT DAY: Depart from the United States or Canada

Your vacation is about to begin! Spend your first night aloft and arrive ready for an unforgettable trip.

ARRIVAL DAY: Arrive in Bari / Travel to Matera / Begin your Pre-Trip Extension

A VBT representative will greet you at the Bari airport to start your adventure off right. A complimentary car service will whisk you to your centrally located hotel in Matera. From here, you are perfectly positioned to explore this charming city at your leisure.

DAY 1: Continue your Pre-Trip Extension

After a delicious included breakfast at your hotel, you are free to explore on your own, using our included city information packet to guide your discoveries.

DAY 2: Independent exploration of Matera / Travel to Alberobello

After a morning of exploring Matera on your own—and perhaps following an optional self-guided walk of Sasso Barisano with route notes provided by your local representative—travel to your next night's lodging in Alberobello. Your transportation is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. from the Matera hotel reception area.

Upon arrival in Alberobello, meet your hosts and settle into the trullo dwelling (a traditional Puglian stone

hut) that VBT has selected for your stay. Your accommodations are simple but comfortable. They are really unique and part of a group of 500-year-old dwellings that have been completely remodeled. A trullo is a whitewashed, round house topped by a large cone of local stones—all assembled without mortar. It is believed that trulli originated as storage sheds for agricultural implements. Much later, they became dwellings, with adjoining buildings added as families grew. Like your room, most trulli have been refurbished and are used as cozy homes today. Some of the roofs show mysterious chalk marks, possibly either to protect the inhabitants from evil or to bless the dwelling.

Please note: You have the option of attending a cooking class the following morning before check-in to your *masseria*. You must tell your Alberobello host this evening if you would like to attend.

Dinner is on your own tonight in Alberobello.