



Trip description

Cycling Puglia : 5-day tour in Salento

Selfguided cycling holidays with GPS around Lecce. A discovery of Southern Italy, in the province Salento from Otranto to Gallipoli.



Destination	Europe
Location	Pouilles
Duration	5 days
Difficulty Level	Moderate
Validity	From mid-february to end nove..
Minimum age	14 years old
Reference	IP0501

Type of stay
itinerant trip



Itinerary



This cycle tour have you explore in the heel of Italy, the province of Salento. This area has retained over the centuries the traces of different

influences: Roman amphitheatre, Greek villages, medieval castles and baroque churches. Starting in the baroque city of Lecce, also known as the Florence of the South, leisurely bike through the olive groves on small country roads. Then cycle along the coast, which offers a beautiful coastline, a sometimes azure sometimes sapphire blue sea and old fortified ports.

DAY 1

Arrival in Lecce

After transfer from the airport, ride through the baroque city of Lecce, capital of the province of Salento. Discover the cathedral, the Duomo di Lecce, and the Bishop's Palace, both of which form one of the most beautiful baroque ensembles of Italy. Then admire the Basilica of Santa Croce, which impresses with its profusion of carved decorations. We advise you to take an ice cream in the evening on the piazza S. Oronzo for its bustling atmosphere.

DAY 2

Lecce – Gallipoli

Bike
60km

You ride on quiet country roads in the middle of olive groves. You cross the city of Galatina, labeled "city of art" for its rich baroque architecture. Discover the historical center surrounded by ramparts and do not miss the Santa Maria Alessandra basilica, which boasts magnificent frescoes from the late 14th century. You continue through the countryside to Galatone, discover the church of Santuario della Pietà Crucifix and the remnants of its castle. You keep on riding to the coast of the Ionian Sea and reach Gallipoli. Old fishing port surrounded by a fortress, the city spans tradition and modernity, between its remarkably preserved historic center and its lively party spots.

DAY 3

Gallipoli - Otranto

Bike
68km

From one coast to another, you cycle today across the Salento peninsula. You ride on paths and small roads in the midst of olive groves. You go through small towns off the tourist tracks, such as Corigliano di Otranto and its medieval castle and Melpignano, which stands out for its abbey and its beautiful square. You reach the coast in Otranto, a pretty town built around its ancient trading port.

DAY 4

Otranto - Lecce

Bike
55km

Start your day visiting Otranto. Explore the Aragonese castle before you stroll in the cathedral, which stands out for its magnificent rose window and the beautiful mosaic adorning its floor. You ride to Lecce sometimes along the coast, sometimes on back country roads lined with stone walls and olive trees. You go through villages built around their medieval castles before reaching Lecce.

DAY 5

Departure from Lecce

Transfer from your departure airport, Bari or Brindisi.

Accommodation

Category A

You stay in bed & breakfasts selected for their quality and authenticity. Your hosts welcome you warmly after your daily ride. Breakfast is included.



** Example of the type of accommodation*

Category B

You are staying in *** or **** hotels selected for their comfort and the service quality. Breakfast is included.



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Practical information

To get to Lecce:

From Beauvais airport, take a flight to Brindisi (2h30 of flight) or Bari (2h20 of flight).

We inform you that the price of the bike tour includes the airport transfer to/from Brindisi to the departure and the arrival point of the itinerary. We can also pick you up/drop you of at Bari airport, but with an extra.

Price description

Category A

Double room fare

739 €/pers

4 nights in bed&breakfasts

4 breakfasts

3-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (saddle bags, locks, toolkit)

the luggage transport from one lodging to the other

the transfer back and forth from the airport Brindisi to your accommodation

the return of the bikes

a GPS app with the routes (one for 2 persons)
the touristic information
24h/24 hotline

Middle season extra (*) 120 €/pers

High season extra (*) 260 €/pers

Extra for a single room (**) 75 €/night

Extra for a single room - high season 88 €/night

Category B

999 €/pers

Double room fare

4 nights in *** or ****hotels

4 breakfasts

4-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (saddle bags, locks, toolkit)

the luggage transport from one lodging to the other

the transfer back and forth from the airport Brindisi to your accommodation

the return of the bike

a GPS app with the routes (one for 2 persons)

the touristic information

24h/24 hotline

Middle season extra (*) 2190 €/pers

High season extra (*) 420 €/pers

Extra for a single room (**) 95 €/night

Extra for a single room - high season 115 €/night

Option

E-bike 110 €/pers

Extra cost return transfer Bari-Lecce 168 €/pers

(*) Middle season :

from 01.06 to 14.07 and from 24.08 to 22.09.2024

(*) High season :

from 06.04 to 10.04.2024

from 15.07 to 23.08.2024 (we strongly advise against july/august)

(**) These prices are guaranteed for 2 participants minimum.

The package doesn't include:

the journey to the tour location

the drinks

the meals which are not included

the entrance fee to sites

insurances (optional)

local visitor taxes

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