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**Durgan Travel Service** *presents...*

**11-Days/9-Nights**

**THE ITALIAN PROVINCE OF**

**PUGLIA**

*featuring:* **Bari, Trani, Alberobello, Lecce,  
Otranto, Matera, Polignano a Mare, Ostuni,  
Martina Franca & Castellana Grotte**

**October 10-20, 2023**

**\$4089**

**Credit Card rate** if group size is 25-29 passengers

**\$3989**

**Cash/Check rate** if group size is 25-29 passengers

All rates are per person, twin occupancy, and **INCLUDE \$500** in departure taxes and fees and fuel surcharge (*subject to change*).



Join us on an amazing journey to a part of Italy that is less-known and less-publicized, but in every way just as magnificent as the rest of this fine country!

**OUR 11-DAY/9-NIGHT PUGLIA ITINERARY:**

**DAY 1 – BOSTON/ROME:** Depart Boston's Logan Airport on a transatlantic Alitalia flight to Rome. Food and beverage service is offered while aloft, as well as stereo headsets for our enjoyment.

**DAY 2 – BARI-MARTINA FRANCA:** Upon arriving in Bari airport, we will transfer via our private motorcoach to Martina Franca, for check-in at the 4-star Park Hotel St. Michele (or similar). The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure to freshen-up and familiarize ourselves with our surroundings. Dinner this evening will be at our hotel. Overnight. (D) Hotel website: <http://www.parkhotelsanmichele.it/en/>

**DAY 3 - CASTELLANA GROTTA/CAVERNS-ALBEROBELLO:** After breakfast, we will depart on an excursion to Castellana Grotte, a fantastic, underground world, sort of a natural temple, carved out of the limestone in strikingly transparent stalactites and stalagmites. Return to our hotel for lunch (on our own). In the afternoon, we are off on a visit to the Trulli of Alberobello, picturesque cone-shaped houses which take us back to a time of simpler country life. Alberobello a member UNESCO World Heritage Organization (WHO) site. Return to our hotel for the rest of the day and night at leisure. Overnight at in Martina Franca. (B)

**DAY 4 – BARI/POLIGNANO A MARE:** Following breakfast at our hotel, we will take the short trip to Bari for a guided tour of the historical center and the Cathedral of St. Nicola. Bari is a compact, city, divided into a gridded "new city" and a labyrinthine "old city", each with their own charms. This afternoon, we'll visit the town of Polignano a Mare; a fishing town perched on cliffs overlooking the Adriatic Sea. The town is home to the Grotta Palazzese Hotel Restaurant, breathtakingly cut out of the waterside cliffs. Lunch will be at the Grotta Palazzese. We will return to Martina Franca for a relaxing afternoon at leisure. Overnight at our hotel. (B, L)

**DAY 5 - TRANI-CASTEL DEL MONTE:** Today, after breakfast at our hotel, we will



head east along the Adriatic coastline to the prosperous and elegant city of Trani, which was an important Medieval Italian seaport and Jewish cultural center. We will then pause for lunch (on our own). This afternoon, we will visit the Medieval village of Castel del Monte, heavily fortified and crowned with the ruins of a castle and monastery. Return Martina Franca for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**DAY 6 – DAY AT LEISURE:** Following breakfast at the hotel, today is free to relax, explore, or shop as you wish. Return to the hotel for overnight. (B)

**DAY 7 – MATERA:** After breakfast we will drive to Matera, one of southern Italy's most unusual towns. We will meet our local guide and walk to Piazzetta Pascoli with a breathtaking view over the Sasso Caveoso and highland plateau of the Murgia and Palazzo Lanfranchi, home to the Museum of Modern and Medieval Art of Basilicata, with the nearby Church of the Carmine. The tour continues through the heart of the ancient dwellings and noble homes in the Sassi towards the church of Saint Peter Caveoso. Visit a typical 'cave-dwelling', partly carved out of the rock and partly built, and furnished as it used to be during the peasant civilization. Lunch at Osteria La Pignata with drinks included. Back to our hotel for overnight. (B, L)

**DAY 8 – LECCE-OTRANTO:** After breakfast this morning join our included full-day excursion to Lecce and Otranto which includes a walking tour with a Local Guide. Lecce is a magnificent town known for its rich baroque architecture and the Roman ruins of the grand Amphitheatre, which dates back to 200AD. The town is often referred to as the Florence of the south, why not take a seat in one of Lecce's beautiful piazzas and watch the world go by. We will continue to **Cantine Menhir** for a lunch and wine tasting. In the afternoon we will visit Otranto you'll hear tales of Crusaders, pilgrims and traders as this was once a thriving port and the last of the Byzantine towns to fall to the Normans. Explore the cathedral and climb the turrets of the 15th century castle. Back to our Hotel, for dinner and overnight. (B,L,D)

**DAY 9 – LOCOROTONDO-OSTUNI:** Today, we will visit the wonderful town of Locorotondo, including wine tasting at a local winery estate. Following a stop for lunch (on our own), we will continue-on to Ostuni. Lying on three hills, Ostuni presents the visitor with a completely unique, fairy-tale vision of shining whitewashed buildings standing out against the clear blue sky. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**DAY 10 – TARANTO-GROTTAGLIE:** After breakfast, we are off to Táranto, an ancient town originally founded by the Greeks. The Old Town is perched on an island between the Grande Sea and the Piccolo Sea and connected the mainland by a narrow causeway. A major attraction of Táranto is the famous Museo Nazionale with a fantastic collection dedicated to the local Greek heritage. We will have lunch (not included) at a local restaurant, before going on to Grottaglie, honeycombed with caves and famous for being covered with earthenware. After returning to the hotel, we'll have a special farewell dinner with folkloric entertainment. (B, D)

**DAY 11 - BARI-ROME-BOSTON:** This morning, after breakfast and hotel checkout, we return to the airport in Bari to board our return Alitalia flight to Boston (via Rome) with food and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, while aloft. (B)

### **OUR 11-DAY/9-NIGHT PUGLIA TOUR INCLUDES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:**

- ✎ Special meeting-and-greet service and assistance at Logan Airport by a Durgan Travel Representative.
- ✎ Round trip Alitalia flights Boston-Rome-Bari and return with meal/beverage service, as well as stereo headsets and movies en route.
- ✎ All transfers and sightseeing aboard a deluxe, private, temperature-controlled motorcoach.
- ✎ Porterage of luggage at the hotel.
- ✎ 9-nights' accommodations at the 4-star *Park Hotel St. Michele* (or similar), based on twin occupancy. All rooms with private bath facilities. The single supplement is an additional \$625 per single. *ONLY 4 singles per tour.* Triples are available at the twin rate.
- ✎ Breakfast (B), 3 lunches (L), and 5 dinners (D). Wine and mineral water included with the included dinners and with lunch in Matera.
- ✎ A comprehensive sightseeing program as described in the itinerary, including entrance fees where applicable.
- ✎ All room and meal taxes, and gratuities to bellmen.
- ✎ Full services of a professional Tour Guide who will accompany our group throughout the tour.
- ✎ Complimentary Durgan Travel Service gift and complete packet of travel documentation.

**A \$600 DEPOSIT DUE UPON RECEIPT OF FLYER. THE BALANCE IS DUE 75 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.**



**RESPONSIBILITY:** Durgan Travel and their agents, in accepting bookings for this tour, clearly stipulate that they are not liable for faults or defaults of other companies and persons that may be used in the carrying-out of the tour services, also for accidents, baggage losses, delays, or cancellations, strikes, political unrest, riots, and acts of God and war, and changes in schedules. In the event it becomes necessary or advisable, for the comfort or well-being of the passengers, or for any reason whatsoever, to alter the itinerary or arrangements, such alterations may be made without penalty to the operator. Additional expenses, if any, shall be borne by the passengers. The right is reserved to withdraw the tour due to insufficient participation or for any reason whatsoever; also to decline to accept or to retain any person as members of the tour. The airlines and bus lines concerned are not to be held responsible for any acts, omissions, or events during the time the passengers are not onboard. The pass contract in use by the airlines or bus companies concerned constitutes the sole contract between the company and purchase of this tour and/or passengers. The issuance and acceptance of receipt tickets and/or tour membership coupons, along with making the initial deposit, shall be deemed to be consent to and acceptance of the foregoing terms and conditions.

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**TRAVEL PROTECTION INSURANCE:** We encourage the purchase of the travel protection plan. Trip insurance protects against the unexpected! No one signs up for a trip thinking they are going to have to cancel or have an accident or illness and have to return home early. Do you have children or elderly parents? Trip Mate will get you home if something life threatening happens to an immediate family member, or, will refund you for canceling in advance of departure and or for missed portions of your trip for the same reason or for illness or accident. Trip Mate's travel protection plan covers all of these possibilities. Optional trip insurance is a small price to pay for the peace of mind knowing you and your tour arrangements are insured against the unexpected. We will pay your insurance premium out of your initial deposit and add the cost of your insurance plan to your final bill so that you do not have to pay this additional expense now!

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**DTS/PUGLIA/11-DAY/1010-20/AK/AK**

\$4089 (credit card)/\$3989 (cash/check) if group size is 25-29 passengers

Rates are per person, twin and include \$500 in air and departure taxes and fuel surcharge (subject to change).

Single, add \$625 *ONLY 4 singles per tour.*     Twin     Triple, same rate as twin

We offer **Trip Mate Travel Protection** to insure your trip (see policy inclusions on previous page). Please choose YES or NO below:

**YES**, insure my trip with Trip Mate Travel Protection which will be added to the package at \$409 premium per person twin/\$459 single and will be prepaid from my deposit. (See policy inclusions on previous page.) The insurance premium is paid out of your initial deposit and is non-refundable.

**NO**, I do not wish to include the premium for Trip Mate Travel Protection Insurance. I realize that I am NOT covered by Travel Protection Insurance.

Please find enclosed a deposit of \$600 per person for \_\_\_ person(s) due as soon as possible, as space is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Make your check payable to **DURGAN TRAVEL SERVICE**. I/we understand that the balance is due 75 days prior to tour departure and that full refunds, minus a \$25.00 service fee and the cost of insurance, will be returned to passengers if cancellation is given up to 90 days prior to tour departure date. Between 89 – 76 days prior to departure, the full deposit is non-refundable. Between 75 – 60 days prior to departure, 25% of the total tour price is forfeited. Between 59 – 45 days prior to departure, 50% of the total tour price is forfeited. Between 44 – 36 days prior to departure, 75% of the total tour price is forfeited. 35 days or less prior to departure, no refund.

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY & COMPLETELY!**

*Please remit a photocopy of the photo page of your passport with your reservation form, if possible, for purposes of clarity*

Name (as it appears on passport): \_\_\_\_\_  M  F

Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Issue: \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home): \_\_\_\_\_ (business): \_\_\_\_\_ (cell): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate #1: Name (as it appears on passport): \_\_\_\_\_  M  F

Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Issue: \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home): \_\_\_\_\_ (business): \_\_\_\_\_ (cell): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate #2: Name (as it appears on passport): \_\_\_\_\_  M  F

Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Issue: \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home): \_\_\_\_\_ (business): \_\_\_\_\_ (cell): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*\*Please Note: Payment by cash or check is discounted.\*\***

I have read and understand the policies listed on this flyer. Prices on this flyer were effective on the date listed below. At the time you purchase your tour, prices may be higher because of an increase in carrier charges. Any rate changes would be advised at time of final billing. I understand that the airline tickets or air tours I am purchasing are subject to supplemental price increases after the date of purchase due to additional charges imposed by a supplier or government. I acknowledge that I may be charged additional sums by Durgan Travel to offset increased fees, fuel surcharges, taxes, fluctuations in foreign exchange markets or any combination thereof. Prices on this flyer were effective on the date listed below. At the time you purchase your tour, prices may be higher because of an increase in carrier charges. Any rate changes would be advised at time of final billing. I hereby consent to any post-purchase price increases and authorize Durgan Travel to charge my credit card for such additional amounts. Additionally, I have provided all information as accurately as possible and with the understanding that I may be subject to a cancellation or change penalties of at least \$125 if they are incorrect.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_