

THE SASSI OF MATERA AND MUCH OTHER IN SOUTH OF ITALY



OUR SPECIAL FOCUS:

- Guided tour of Matera and its magical “Sassi”
- Visit to Venosa, Roman city where the poet Horace was born
- Visit to Ginosa, medieval norman city, and sightseeing along south karst phenomena
- Visit to the Sanctuary where the Saint Father Pio rests



SCHEDULE



Day 1:

Meeting at the gate 1 of Termini Station in Rome or at Fiumicino Airport, as needed.

Departure to Matera with private transfer and arrival in the afternoon. Accommodations in the hotel. City tour starting from the "Plan", the old town area placed higher than the famous "Sassi" and characterized by a striking architectural stratification.

After admiring the splendid cathedral, passengers will plunge into the timeless tranquility of the Sasso Barisano and Sasso Caveoso, declared UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1993.

Walking along the streets where directors Pasolini and Mel Gibson have respectively setted "The Gospel of Matthew" and "Passion" you will have the opportunity to touch the history of this unique place and taste its intimate nature; right in the heart of Sasso Caveoso you will have the chance to visit a typical cave dwelling furnished according to the ancient customs and be enchanted by the beautiful Byzantine and Benedictine frescoes and by one of the most interesting rock churches of the territory.

Then you can stand in the most beautiful sights and discover the hidden corners of the old districts of Matera. Return to the hotel. Dinner.



Day 2:

Breakfast. Guided tour of the natural park "Murgia of Matera", ideal complement to the visit of the "Sassi" and of Matera historic center.

Visiting the Park, also a World Heritage Site since 1993, you can admire numerous archaeological sites and wonderful rock churches, as well as enjoy a breathtaking view over the "Sassi", which will be observed by an exceptional perspective.

Our guide will also provide much information on the flora and fauna that can be observed in this protected area and on the geology and the karst phenomena that characterize this plateau crossed by deep canyons.

During the visit it will stop even in places where Pasolini and Mel Gibson have filmed the scene of the Crucifixion, respectively, in the film "Passion" and "The Matthew Gospel".

Lunch not included in the city. In the afternoon visit to the town of Ginosa, another set of Pasolini's films, with a visit to its historical center. Return to the hotel. Dinner.



Day 3:

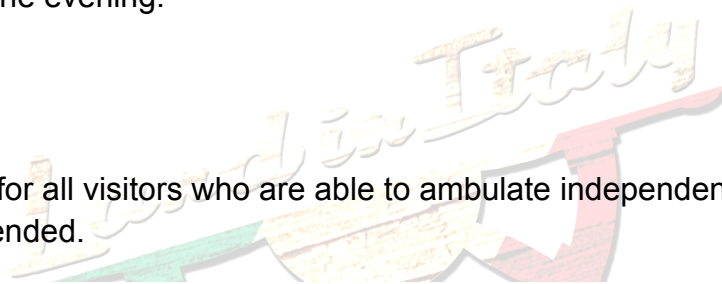
Breakfast. Departure for Venosa, Roman town where the famous poet Horace was born. Guided tour of the Holy Trinity church, the archaeological park with an unfinished church and the Jewish Catacombs. Lunch. Transfer to San Giovanni Rotondo, the country where the Holy Padre Pio of Pietralcina lived for a long time and where his remains are preserved. Accommodations in the hotel. Dinner.



Day 4:

Visit to the Sanctuary of San Giovanni Rotondo "Padre Pio Pilgrimage Church", where you can visit and pray in front of the body of the saint.

Return to Rome in the evening.



This trip is suitable for all visitors who are able to ambulate independently. Comfortable shoes are recommended.

SUMMARY: WHAT IS INCLUDED:

- All the transfers
- entrance to sites
- guided tours where specified
- Overnights in the specified facilities with half board

NOT INCLUDED:

- lunches
- entrance to the stone-churches during the visit of the "Sassi" (almost 4 euro)
- anything not specifically mentioned in the previous item.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Advances and Payments, Cancellation Policy and Health Insurance

For all programs there is a minimum of 8 participants and a maximum of 16 required. If the total number of bookings is less than 8 total participants, LandinItaly reserves the option to cancel the program; therefore we invite you to proceed with the purchase of airline tickets and hotel rooms with reimbursable programs.

At the booking a 30% of the total has to be paid. The total balance has to be paid 60 days prior to commencement of the travel date.

You can cancel your reservation up to 61 days before the trip, losing 50% of the advance payment. After this date will be able to, at most, transfer your booking to someone else, losing 33% of the advance payment. The final decision about the possible return of the amount already paid is still assigned to the staff of LandinItaly.

We reserve the right, however, to recommend subscribing to health and cancellation insurance.

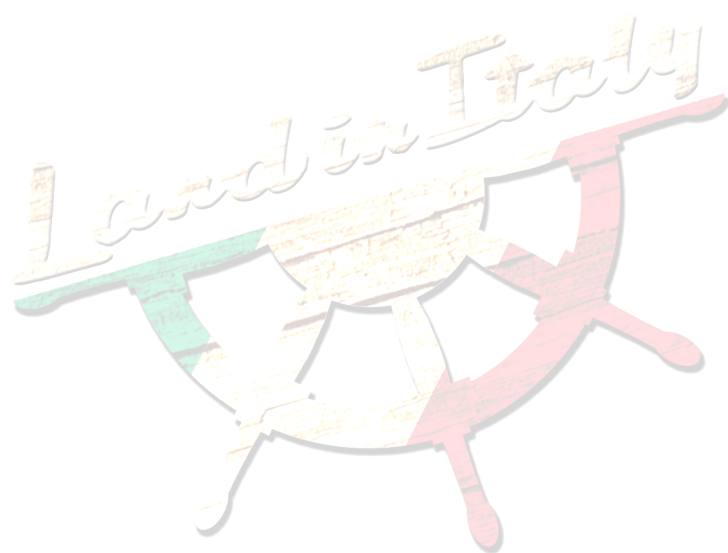


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