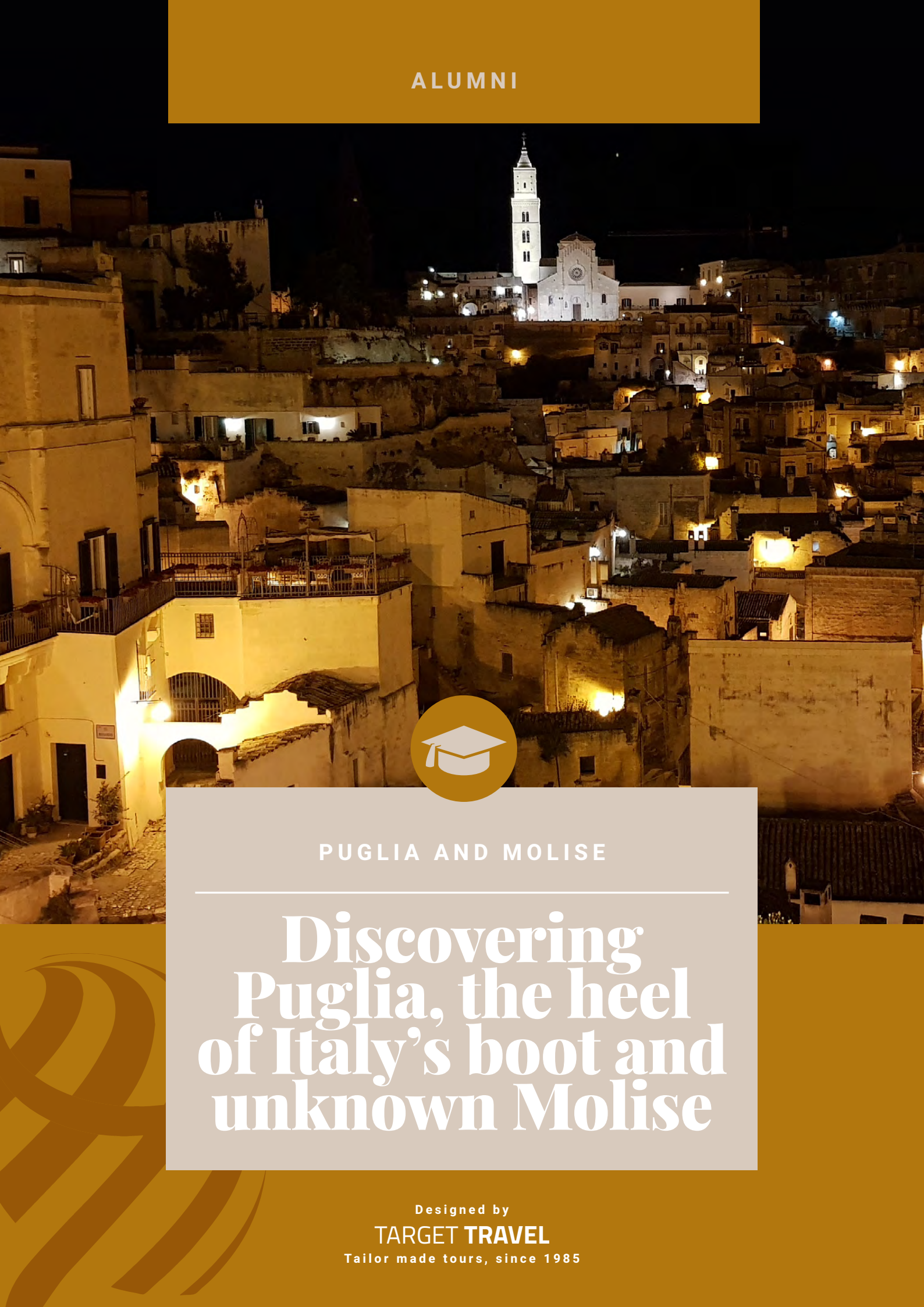


ALUMNI



PUGLIA AND MOLISE

Discovering Puglia, the heel of Italy's boot and unknown Molise

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A fascinating route to discover sea caves, crystalline sea and protected oases. Travel from north to south along Salento's coastline, where the Ionian and the Adriatic meet against a backdrop of breathtaking landscapes. Let the blue of the sea and the sunlight be your guides: you'll be dazzled by the beauty of this land and of its reach history and culture

Wow moments

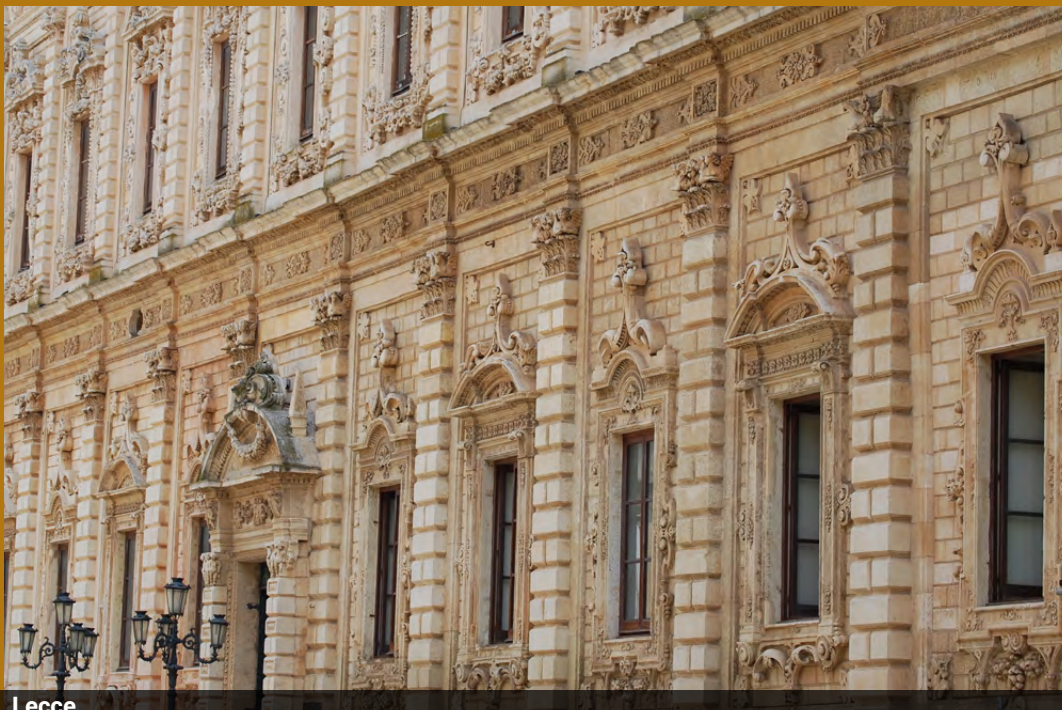
A very special cooking lesson in Bari, with local women teaching how to make "orecchiette"

Enjoy a delicious pasticciotto in Galatina

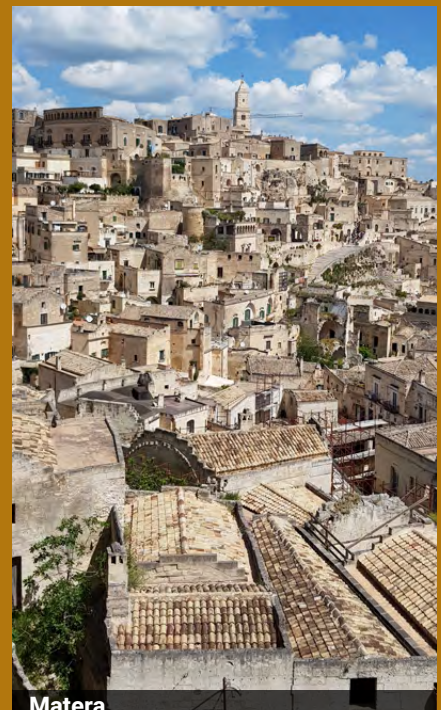
Grasping some fresh seafood from the market in Gallipoli

Matera and its famous "Sassi"

The underground in Gravina



Lecce



Matera

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Overview

Enjoy a unique experience of knowing the most beautiful country in the world with the eyes of who have always lived there.

DAY 1	Arrival · Lecce
DAY 2	Lecce
DAY 3	Lecce · Gallipoli · Otranto · Lecce
DAY 4	Lecce · Ostuni · Alberobello · Polignano
DAY 5	Polignano · Matera · Gravina · Polignano
DAY 6	Polignano · Bari · Vieste
DAY 7	Vieste · Agnone · Campobasso
DAY 8	Campobasso · Cassino · Rome
DAY 9	Rome · Departure

Highlights

- Lecce, the Florence of South Italy
- Medieval castles
- Porto Badisco in Otranto
- Ostuni the white city
- Alberobello and the trulli
- Polignano a Mare, the village on the spur of rock
- Gravina, the canyon village
- Bari Vecchia
- Agnone, the city of papal bells
- Campobasso, Samnite city



Bari, "orecchiette" hand-made by local women

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Itinerary

DAY 1 | ARRIVAL · LECCE

Arrival in Bari, the capital city of Puglia region, "the heel of Italy" for its shape, then with your private driver, you will reach the wonderful Baroque city of Lecce.

This evening we gather at the hotel for a briefing on the journey with your personal concierge.

DAY 2 | LECCE

Today, a walking guided tour to discover the amazing city of Lecce, an open-air museum showcasing palaces and churches. Set in the heart of the Salento region, in the heel of Italy's boot, Lecce was rebuilt from local limestone in Renaissance, Baroque and Rococo styles.

Afternoon at leisure.

DAY 3 | LECCE · GALLIPOLI · OTRANTO · LECCE

Enjoy a relaxing full day in one of the most beautiful regions of Italy, Salento, where white sand beaches and clear sea water meet the millenarian history, culture and gastronomy of Puglia.

Our tour takes us first to the fishing village of Gallipoli, called "la città bella", with its beautiful old town perched on the island facing the coast. You will discover this fantastic town with unique views and its picturesque narrow streets that suddenly appear on the ramparts and the sea.

Lunch at leisure (not included).

We proceed to Otranto, where we visit the small historic center, surrounded by imposing defensive walls, dominated by the Cathedral of the Annunciation, the Aragonese Castle and the Church of San Pietro.

Return to Lecce in the late afternoon.

DAY 4 | LECCE · OSTUNI · ALBEROBELLO · POLIGNANO

Today, on the way to Polignano, we stop in Ostuni, called "la città Bianca", the white city. Imagine a sea of bright white buildings clinging to a hillside, surrounded by thick green countryside. The area has been inhabited since the Paleolithic Age, but the "White City" flourished in the 12th century when Ostuni was under the control of the Normans.

We will visit a local winery with wine tasting.

Proceed to Alberobello, a fairytale village.

Lunch on your own (not included).

Nowhere else in the world will you find such a unique town of charming, narrow streets where the inhabitants live in the "trulli," small

conical-roofed houses initially built without the use of mortar and with only dry stones piled one on top of the other and crowned with limestone roofs, which artfully supply pinnacles of magical significance.

Our journey continues, we reach Polignano a Mare.



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DAY 5 | POLIGNANO · MATERA · GRAVINA · POLIGNANO

We travel across the border of Basilicata to reach Matera, “la Città dei Sassi” Matera is one of the world’s oldest towns dating back to the Paleolithic Age. The best way to visit Matera and learn more about its history, especially for all first-time visitors, is a walking tour. Experience Matera, explore this complex and beautiful network of caves, churches carved entirely out of the rock and narrow streets.

Lunch at leisure (not included).

Proceed to Gravina in Puglia, “the City of Water and Stone.” You’ll soon be headed down the stairs to see what’s under a typical building in Gravina. The tours lead you beneath various houses and churches, where you’ll discover that they were carved directly from the rock, primarily calcarenite. The voids left by the excavation of blocks for walls and floors were repurposed as cellars, ideal for storing wine, preserved foods, and cheeses—or even for producing wine.

DAY 6 | POLIGNANO · BARI · VIESTE

We travel across the north of Puglia to reach the Gargano; we stop in Bari to visit the old city center. Do not miss the Basilica of San Nicola, an important example of Apulian Romanesque architecture. This church is included amongst the most important places of worship in the world, where Catholic and Orthodox worship merge together.

Bari Vecchia is also really characteristic, where time stands still: ladies seated outside their houses, preparing the orecchiette, kids playing in the street, laundry hanging in the sun, that’s real Italy. We will take you to a house in the historical center, where local women will teach you the art of making “orecchiette”, one of the most famous types of pasta in Italy.

Lunch on your own (not included).

Then we proceed on our journey to Gargano.

DAY 7 | VIESTE · AGNONE · CAMPOBASSO

Finally, we leave Puglia and drive to Molise. Molise, located in the central-southern part of Italy, is a small region between Abruzzo and Puglia, and it extends from the peaks of the Apennines to the Adriatic Sea. It preserves a high amount of cultural and architectural treasures.

We will stop in Agnone (with only five thousand inhabitants) a beautiful art city located at the border of the “National Park of Abruzzo Lazio and Molise”. We will visit the Marinelli Foundry, one of the oldest in the world for the production of bells, with a special guide and at the end you will also experience a bell concert.

Lunch at leisure (not included).

Proceed to Campobasso.

Once a military stronghold of the Samnite period, Campobasso has strong medieval roots. As the regional capital of Molise, Campobasso has a lovely historic center with typical medieval characteristics dating back to the period of the powerful Monforte family.

DAY 8 | CAMPOBASSO · CASSINO · ROME

Departure to Rome and on the way stop in Cassino, where we will visit the famous Abbey with the three cloisters, and the Basilica with the crypt.

Lunch at leisure (not included) on the way.

Arrival in Rome

In the late afternoon amazing pizza class in a local pizzeria. Enjoy your Pizza party!

DAY 9 | DEPARTURE

Transfer to Rome Fiumicino Airport with your private driver.

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Accommodations

LECCE

- Hotel 5* Risorgimento Resort
- Hotel 5* La Fiermontina Luxury Home
- Palazzo Lecce Luxury Palace

POLIGNANO A MARE

- Hotel 5* Grotta Palazzese
- Hotel 5* Borgobianco Resort & Spa

VIESTE

- Hotel 5* Pizzomunno Vieste Palace Hotel

CAMPOBASSO

- Hotel 5* Fonte del Benessere Resort & Spa

ROME

- Hotel 5*L Hassler
- Hotel 5* Hotel Indigo Rome - St. George, an IHG Hotel
- 5* InterContinental Rome Ambasciatori Palace

Included features

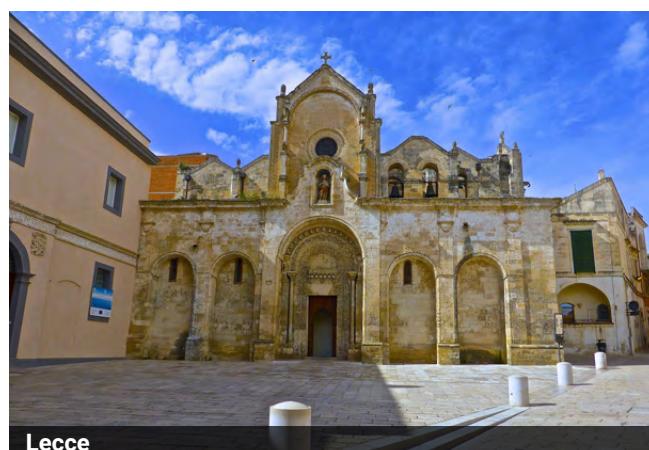
- 8 Nights in charming 5 Star hotels with complimentary breakfast included
- Extensive private visits as mentioned, including entrance fees
- Many sites are part of UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Activities and tastings as mentioned
- Private driver at disposal, for selected excursions

Not included

- Flights
- Meals and beverages (except where specified)
- Tips



Bari Vecchia



Lecce



Gallipoli, seafood market