

ROME AND PUGLIA TOUR 7 NIGHTS 8 DAYS

TIERNO TOURS WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO...

Join us on a once in a lifetime journey. Get an insider's view of Puglia from a local. Pasquale Tierno was born and raised in Roccadaspide, a small mountain town looking over the beautiful National park of Cilento. Pasquale works together with other locals like him that are as passionate about their heritage as he is, to give you the most authentic experience possible.



This Tour Includes:

- 7- Breakfasts, continental style
- 7- Lunches, including wine, soft drinks, 1 Cooking lesson
- 2- Dinners, including wine, soft drinks, two tastings: wine and liqueurs
- 2 nights in four-star cave dwelling of Matera, 4 nights in a unique Puglia villa, 1 night in Rome
- Transfer to and from airport – Rome (FCO)
- All admission to sites
- English-speaking guide throughout your stay
- 1st class motor coach
- Tips for baggage handling, taxes and hotel gratuity, except Tour Director



HIGHLIGHTS

- PRIVATE VILLA/MASSERIA
- PRIVATE VISIT TO CASTEL DEL MONTE
- WINE TASTING WITH LOCAL PRIMATIVO WINES
- VISIT TO TRULLI HUNTS
- VISIT TO "I SASSI" CAVE DWELLING OF MATERA
- BOAT RIDE ON THE ADRIATIC SEA
- ROME AND TIVOLI GARDENS

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This tour is filled with wonders, from the unique Trulli buildings of Puglia to the mysterious I Sassi cave dwellings in Matera. Throw in a boat ride on the beautiful Adriatic, a visit to a UNESCO World Heritage site, the Castel del Monte, tasting local liqueurs in beautiful Castelmezzano, and more, and you'll marvel at how this action-packed week can be so resting and rejuvenating at the same time!



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SEAFOOD



WINE

HISTORY



CHEESE



Itinerary

Day 1 - (Saturday) Transfer day from Rome to Matera
Today will be a transfer day into the beautiful region of Puglia but we will make two stops, first in Battipaglia, the home of Buffalo Mozzarella. A great stop to stretch our legs and have our welcome meal. Next is Castelmezzano, a breathtaking village with spectacular views, where we'll have a tasting of local liqueurs before heading into Matera. Check-in to our hotel in "I Sassi," the cave dwellings of Matera. Free night to explore. (B, L and liqueur tasting)

Day 2 - (Sunday) Matera

Free morning in Matera, to settle in and explore. We will all meet for a relaxing southern Sunday lunch. After our meal, Luca, our guide, will walk us through "I Sassi," the historic center of Matera, the oldest living city in the world. (B, L)

Day 3 - (Monday) Castel del Monte and Trani

Today we are exploring a UNESCO site the Castel del Monte. We will have a guided tour then, we are off to a "biomasseria," an organic plantation of Puglia. Large plantations, "masseria" are scattered all over Puglia, most of them converted into hotels. We are going to taste all the traditional dishes of the area. After our lunch we are going to the fishing village of Trani, with free time to shop and explore the port and its Cathedral. Check -in to our new hotel (B, L)

Day 4 - (Tuesday) Alberobello, Locorotondo and Martina Franca

Today we are going to explore Trulli huts, "another treasure of Puglia," in three villages. At Alberobello, where the majority of the trulli are, we will tour and learn a little history before heading to our next stop, Locorotondo, for more trulli and the home of the burrata. Here we are stopping for lunch and cheese tasting. Last stop is Martina Franca, known for its Pugliese wines. This is the perfect ending to our day, with a wine tasting before returning to our hotel. (B,L,D)

Day 5 - (Wednesday) Lecce and Ceglie Messapica
The Florence of the south is what they call Lecce, a beautiful Barocco city. We are going to have a cooking lesson by local Mammass, but first we will walk the market street to buy our supplies. Then we are guests at the historical residence to prepare our lunch. Say good bye to Lecce; we are heading north to Ceglie Messapica, off the beaten track, a great stop to see the real Puglia. Free time before heading back to our hotel. (B, L)

Day 6 - (Thursday) Coversano and Polignano a Mare

This morning our first stop is Polignano a Mare and a boat ride on the Andriatic, the best way to get a real feel of this beautiful coastline. With our feet on dry land, we will tour the historic center and stop for lunch. To walk off lunch, we will go to Coversano where we will be joined by locals to give us the fascinating history of this town. (B, L, D) stop for lunch. To walk off lunch we will go to Coversano where we will be joining by locals to give us the fascinating history of this town. (B,L,D)

Day 7 - (Friday) Padre Pio and Rome

Let's check -out and say goodbye to Puglia. Heading north, our first stop is San Giovanni Rotondo, where Padre Pio served and died. You can walk the footsteps of this saint before we leave for Rome. Our next stop is Pietrolcina, one of our favorites, a small village in Benevento where Padre Pio was born. We can walk this village, an open air museum, to see how life was in the late 1800's in southern Italy. Stop for a quick lunch and continue our trip to Rome, where check-in our hotel. Free night in the eternal city.

Day 8 - Saturday Transfer to Airport FCO
(about 30 min.)

OR –

Choose from one of the other Tours:

- Rome & Abruzzo
- Sicily
- Amalfi & the Cilento Coast
- Adventure in Amalfi

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