

“Puglia with Rossella” Culinary Tour

Sept. 10 - 17, 2016

\$3,499 per person (Double Occupancy)

Arriving at Masseria Marzalossa

On Saturday, transfers have been planned for you to be picked up from either the Bari airport or train station and have you on your way to Masseria Marzalossa by 3:30 PM. All travel arrangements need to be made accordingly, otherwise alternative methods will have to be arranged.

Upon reaching Masseria Marzalossa, there will be some time for you to unpack, relax and explore the Masseria. There is also a beautiful swimming pool available. On your first night at Masseria Marzalossa you will be greeted with a welcome dinner designed especially for you by your host Rossella and prepared by the incredible chefs at the Masseria.

“Celebration Time”

Sunday - On this day you will visit the hometown of Rossella, Mola di Bari, and enjoy all the morning celebrations of the patron Saint of Mola: La Madonna Addolorata (Our Lady of Sorrow). Spend the morning in Piazza with the rest of the population of the town, view the procession and enjoy an aperitivo at one of the open bars in Piazza. Then, enjoy an authentic Molese lunch at Tenuta Pinto, a magnificent Masseria just outside of Mola. In the afternoon, relax in your room at Masseria Marzalossa and in the evening back to Mola to enjoy the festivities, the incredible light display and taste the local delicacies seating at a table in Piazza.

“Catch of the Day”

Monday - Visit the narrow streets of Bari Vecchia including the Basilica di San Nicola and meet the Nonne that every day sit in the narrow streets to make the traditional Pugliese Pasta: Orecchiette, Cavatelli, Maccheroni, etc. Then relax to a tasty lunch at a local trattoria and enjoy the local foods and products. In the afternoon, we will travel to a local beach where local sailors will demonstrate the art of Arricciare i Polpi (tenderize the octopus). You will have the opportunity to taste the octopus as the Pugliesi eat it... raw!

“Wine Not”

Tuesday - Today we travel north and make a quick stop at the most famous and unique castle of Puglia: Castel del Monte. Then we travel to a tiny village, Montegrosso, to visit one of the top chefs of Puglia: Chef Pietro Zito. Chef Zito

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has created a very original concept. His restaurant, Antichi Sapori, is situated right next to a large farm where he and his family grow all the products that each season he uses in his restaurant. We will cook and dine with Chef Zito outdoors in his farm and eat some of the best foods ever. The afternoon we will travel to the Tormaresca winery where some of the best wines in Puglia are produced and have a relaxing afternoon visiting the immense vineyards, their Cantina and then at night we will all have dinner in their Masseria.

“Olive Another Day”

Wednesday - Puglia is for sure one of the top quality producers of Olive Oil in Italy and the world. On this day we will visit the Galantino oil Mill and their olive groves in Bisceglie. Here you will have an opportunity to pick olives from the ancient trees and then go to the mill and process them. Ok, OK... you will not be making olive oil as at this time of the year it is too early. But you will be picking Olive Nolche (sweet olives), which we will take to the olive mill and cook for lunch. Of course lunch will be much more than the olives you picked. There will be many other local specialties to enjoy.

“A Walk Through Time”

Thursday - Today we venture to the ancient city of Matera to explore "I Sassi", a very old and unique housing architecture that brings you back to the days of Christ. No wonder it was used as the background to film many movies dating back to those days. Then we travel to nearby Altamura to experience how the world renowned Altamura bread is made and of course we will have lunch in Altamura to taste all the local specialties. In the afternoon we go back to our Masseria, relax and get ready for a cooking class and dinner with Rossella and a local Nonna.

“Seize the Day”

Friday - Spend the morning in lovely Alberobello to visit this very unique town and do some shopping. Lunch is on your own today. Spend the late afternoon visiting the enchanting old town of Polignano a Mare and culminate the evening with a Grand Dinner at the picturesque Grotta Palazzese situated in a cave by the sea... truly enchanting.

“Come as Guests, Leave as Friends”

Saturday - There will be one final breakfast at Masseria Marzalossa and then we depart for Bari Airport or train station for your return home. If you need assistance making different travel arrangements, we are here to help you.

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What's Included:

- 7 Night - Double Occupancy in a room at Masseria Marzalossa
- Welcome Dinner
- Professional Transfers to and from Bari Airport/Train Station
- Daily Breakfast
- 5 Lunches
- 2 Cooking Lessons followed by Dinner
- 4 Dinners at Authentic Local Restaurants
- Cultural Excursions and Gastronomic Visits with Transportation provided by Professional Drivers
- Meals Include: Wine, Soft Drinks, and Coffee
- Planned Entrance Fees, Guides, and Gratuities

What is Not Included:

- Airfare to and from Italy, including to and from Bari
- Travel insurance
- Shopping and personal expenses
- Meals and drinks that are not part of the itinerary

Terms of Payment

A deposit of 30 percent of the total amount of the vacation is required for reservation. Once the deposit is received, Divine Amalfi, LLC will confirm the reservation by transmitting to you an itinerary for your vacation. Although Divine Amalfi, LLC will make every effort to abide by the schedule in the itinerary that sets forth the agreed-upon events for the vacation, Divine Amalfi, LLC reserves the right to alter the order and schedule of these events in order to accommodate for availability, unforeseen circumstances and/or other force majeure. Final deposit is due 60 days prior to departure. Personal checks, bank transfers, Visa, MasterCard, and AMEX are accepted forms of payment to Divine Amalfi, LLC.

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- If cancellation notice is received by Divine Amalfi, LLC more than 90 days before the first day of vacation, you will receive a refund of all amounts paid less 25 percent.
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