

APULIA & THE JEWISH HERITAGE

***With Moshe Ben-Simon our beloved
guide***

Preliminary Program 2022

Join us on a trip to Italy. We travel in time to the historic Italy to the present and experience how the Jewish population lived and worked in the country during the times. The history of the Jews in Puglia can be traced back over two thousand years in time. Puglia is a region in the "heel of the boot" on the Italian peninsula bordering the Adriatic Sea. We visit Bari, Venosa with its Jewish catacombs, Matera and end in Lecce. The city that had one of the most prominent Jewish settlements in the Neapolitan kingdom before the expulsion of the Jews.



Day 1 - NEAPEL - BARI

Arrival to Naples. Transfer by bus to Hotel Excelsior in Bari. Check-in. Common dinner at the hotel.

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Day 2 - BARI

Day trip in Bari together with the tour guide who is an authorized specialist guide. We see Castello Normanni and Castello Svevo Duomon San Nicola and walk along the sea to the Cathedral of San Sabino. Lunch together.

Continuation to Trani for a visit to Giudecca with the synagogue Scolanova, and Scolagrande with the Jewish Museum.

Dinner on your own.

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Day 3 - BARI - VENOSA - MATERA

Check-out and departure. Stop for a visit to Castel del Monte where we have lunch together. Continuation to the archeological park in Venosa with its Jewish catacombs and an archeological museum where, among other things. there are ancient tombstones with inscriptions in Hebrew. We then continue to the town of Matera where we check in at Hotel Nazionale.

Common dinner at the hotel.

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Day 4 - MATERA

Today we visit Murgia and Gravina di Matera, walk on foot in the Giudecca area and among I Sassi. We also visit the ruined church San Giovanni di Monterrone where there are frescoes with Kufi inscriptions and Palazzo Lanfranchi with a collection of paintings by Carlo Levi (who wrote the novel "Christ Stopped in Eboli").

Common lunch during the day.

Dinner on your own

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Day 5 - LECCE

Check out. Today excursion to Alberobello and Santa Maria del Casale. In Alberobello we visit Rione Monti and Aia Piccola. On the way to Lecce we make a small stop at Santa Maria del Casale to visit the frescoes of the Last Judgment and the pictures of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Lunch on your own.

Continue to Lecce and check in at Hotel Delle Palme.

Common Shabbat dinner.

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Day 6 - LECCE

Today we visit the Jewish Quarter, the Cathedral, the Church of Santa Croce and Piazza Sant'Oronzo in Lecce. Then we visit the Jewish museum and we meet with Professor Lelli. We have a tasting of kosher products (wine etc. products). We visit during the day also Santa Maria di Cerrata with frescoes on the Sleeping Madonna in which the archangel Michael punishes a Jew.

Common lunch during the day.

Common dinner at the hotel.

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Day 7 - NARDO

Today the trip continues to Santa Maria al Bagno, part of Nardò, to visit the Museo della Memoria e dell'Accoglienza, the photographic exhibition and Miller's original murals. City walk in Nardò's historic city center and common lunch. In the afternoon we visit Gallipoli's historic city center.

Joint farewell dinner.

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Day 8 – Journey home.

Breakfast and check-out. Transfer to Bari airport.

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