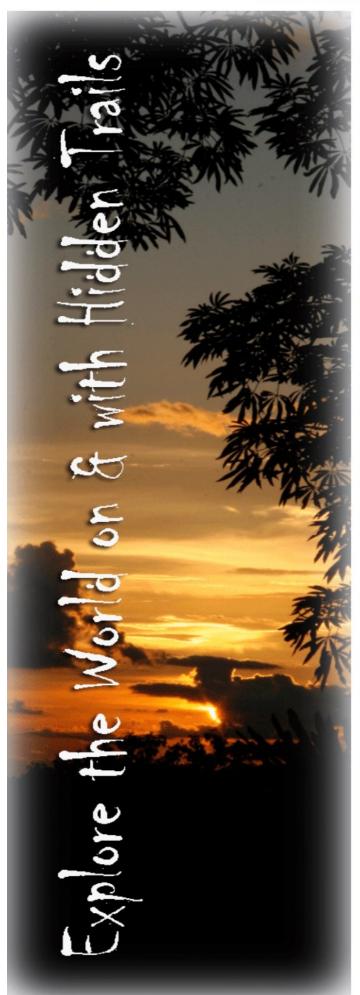


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## **About Hidden Trails**



Hidden Trails is owned and operated by nature enthusiasts who love the outdoors and adventure activities. We have been involved with outdoor vacations for over 20 years. We have collected the best outdoor vacation destinations all over the world in some hidden places we would like to share with you.

These vacations are about forging rivers, biking along canals and through forests, hiking along age-old trails, gazing at beautiful vistas and encountering foreign cultures. But most of all, these trips are about getting away from the cycle of too much work and never enough free time.

Escape from the rituals, which long ago froze our nights and days into little more than routine and away from the worries of our new tense times. It is so satisfying when we take the plunge of adventure - it's unfortunate that we invent so many reasons to put aside living our dreams of adventure. It is sometimes a tangled web that we weave through life. Some of the threads reveal a work-a-day world of commitments, duties and obligations. Other threads are of a quiet fabric of hope, responsibility and refreshment.

On our adventures you see the real country, its back country and meet the locals. The love for the outdoors has no boundaries but possesses a common language we all speak and understand.

You will experience new countries and their customs and make new friends.

These trips have been tested by our staff or associates and received our stamp of approval. If you are considering a special outdoor vacation anywhere in the world, call us first and let our experienced consultants match the perfect trip with your dream. We will listen to you and give you objective advice to help you choose the best

Your vacation is the most precious time of the year and we are committed to making it the most memorable time of your life. Wherever you go, have a great time and bring back some peace of mind.

Thank you for your continued support. Ryan Schmidt Hidden Trails

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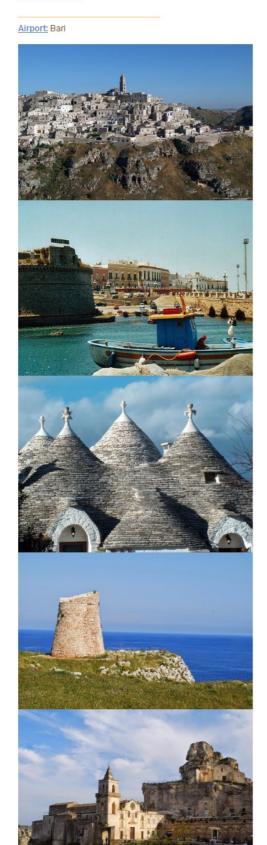
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## Cycling across Puglia - Italy, Europe

Tour Code: ZZ-BK-GL03 8 days / 7 nights ~\$1,190.00 Dates: Apr to Oct (exc. Aug)

Trip Rating: ••••
Difficulty: •••
Lodging: •••

Tack: – Horses: – Pace: Mostly in the lowlands, sometimes hill...





### Introduction

Puglia, Italy

Discover Southeastern Italy on a self guided cycling tour!

Apulia is a region in south-eastern Italy that includes the heel part of Italy's boot, suspended between the Ionian and Adriatic Sea. The region is characterized by endless olive groves, long fields of grain and vineyards. You will start cycling in Alberobello, UNESCO world heritage site with its "trullil", and arrive in Lecce, also known as "Florence of the South" because of its magnificent baroque architecture. This bike tour will lead you into a region of scenic beauty, which is, by today's standards, still unspoiled by the unattractive aspects of tourism and still retains testimony of its great and ancient culture.

### Accomodation

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We choose all the hotels mindful of your comfort as well as the proximity to cycling paths and any relevant local sites.

### Hotel categories:

- Mainly 3\* hotels (standard)
- Mainly 4\* hotels, with some 3\* hotels (upgrade)

All rooms have en suite facilities.

In Alberobello accommodation can be in a typical "widespread hotel", the so called "trulli", for both categories. In the trulli accommodation there is no air conditioning, as their thermal isolation is ensured by the construction method of the trullo itself.

When you book the tour please specify the type of room requested:

- double room is a room with one double bed
- twin room is a room with two single beds
- triple room is usually a room with one double bed and a single bed or a sofa bed
- a family room could be converted into two double/twin rooms next to each other, according to availability

### Local tax

Some cities charge a tourist tax. These taxes are not included in the sale price of the tour and must be paid directly by you at check-in or check-out at the hotels.

This fee varies depending on the hotel category, on the season and the number of days of stay. It is usually between 1 and 5 € per person per night.



### Meals

A breakfast buffet is included each day. Hotels usually serve an a continental breakfast with a varied buffet. However, in some 2/3\* hotels you may find the typical Italian breakfast, consisting of a hot drink, such as cappuccino or coffee, with fresh pastries, such as cake, croissants or toast and jam.

\* Half board can be arranged: 6 dinners (3-course meals), beverages not included and to be paid on the spot. The restaurants are mostly in the city centres and very rarely in the hotels.

### Diets and allergies

If you are vegetarian, gluten-intolerant, allergic to some specific ingredients/substances or if you suffer from any other kind of allergies please indicate it at the moment of booking. We will pass the information on to the hotels, but we cannot guarantee that all dietary requests will be met. Sometimes it is difficult to find particular food, for example gluten-free food, so we suggest that you to bring your own snacks just in case.

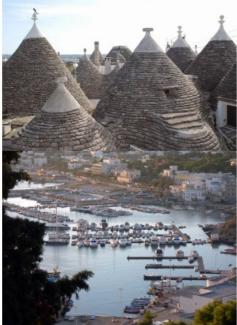
### Riding

### Activity level

Easy to Moderate: some days flat. others with some hills. Suitable for everyone with some cycling experience and









### a few physical condition

We have carefully chosen our bicycles and accessories in order to be able to satisfy the requests and wishes of our customers. In this page we illustrate some of the available types of bicycles.

Our City bikes are available in various sizes in unisex/women's or men's models. At the moment of booking, you can choose from the following bikes:

- City bike 27-gear Shimano Deore
- E-bike 9-gear Shimano

If you want to do the tour with your own bike, before you depart we suggest to check that all parts of the bike are functioning properly. A cycle computer is necessary to follow the road book. We also highly recommend you to bring a repair kit because the emergency number in case of breakdown cannot be used if you are using your own bike. Don't forget to bring a padlock and always lock your bike.

### Features:

- aluminum frame
- mudguard
- rear rack
- comfort gel saddle
- anti-puncture Schwalbe tyres
- ergonomic bicycle grips
- Speed Lifter system (only for City bikes)

### Accessories

All rented adult bikes are equipped with:

- 1 cycle computer
- 1 Ortlieb one-sided saddlebag
- 1 front bar bag or 1 map holder
- 1 repair kit per room: 1 spare inner tube, glue, patch, a pump, 2 allen keys and tyre levers

At the moment of booking you can also rent helmets suitable for head circumferences from 54 to 61. All our helmets have a certification mark according to the DIN EN 1078 (CE) European norm.

### Mechanical problems

During the tour, if the bicycles should have any type of technical problem that prevents you from continuing, please contact us at the emergency numbers and try to describe the occurred issue. We'll try to solve as soon as possible the problem. As you are riding unaccompanied, it is wise to know at least how to repair or change an inner tube before setting off on your bike. We remind you that we offer no assistance in case of flat tire. You can use the repair kit provided with rental bikes (1 kit per room) to repair or replace the inner tube.

- In case of mechanical problems please:
- 1. Call the emergency phone number
- 2. Communicate your name and which tour you are on
- 3. Let us know your position (total distance of the stage) based on the description of the roadbook
- 4. Give us your mobile phone number

In relation to your location and to the damage of the bike we can:

- ask you to wait there in order to provide a change of the bike
- Send you to a mechanical shop nearby. We will estimate the damage with the mechanic. The charge will be refunded only after our authorization and on presentation of the receipt. In case of puncture no intervention or assistance is foreseen. Customers will be given a proper puncture reparation kit, which will enable them to intervene directly and solve the problem.

### Bicycle delivery and return

Bikes will be delivered during the bike delivery. The exact time of the bike delivery will be specified later in the Final Tour Details. At the end of the last cycling day you have to leave the bikes locked with all accessories inside the rear pannier at the last hotel of the tour. Please ask the hotel staff where to leave the bikes. We remind you that bike rental is not included in case of extra nights.

We remind you that you are responsible for the rental bikes and its accessories for the length of the whole tour. Bicycles must be always locked and possibly secured to a pole, even for short stops. When you reach your daily destination we suggest you to leave the bikes at the hotel and to visit the town centre on foot/by public transportation.

### In case of theft/damage to the rental bike

An insurance against theft and irreparable damage is included in the rental bike price. In case of careless or improper behaviour the insurance will not cover the costs. The insurance covers only the rented bikes, while it is not valid for any bike accessories (lock, helmet, panniers, handlebar bag, child seat, child devices etc...) nor personal belongings left on the bike or in the panniers/handlebar bags. Furthermore, the insurance is not valid for e-bikes used by customers under the age of 18.

In case of theft the insurance may be activated only if the client presents:

- a police report made at the local police office
- the lock key in case of e-bike, or the damaged lock in case of standard bike (muscle bike).

### Local law on cycling

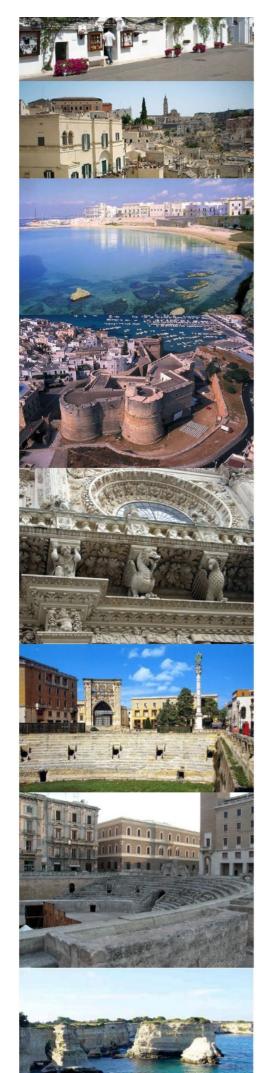
- it is recommended to wear helmets, which is not compulsory but advisable for your own safety.
- always proceed on a single line, especially when you are outside city centres
- have free use of arms and a clear view to promptly perform manoeuvres - walk the bicycle in case there might be danger to pedestrians
- cycle on the lanes reserved to cyclists
- wear a reflective vest outside city centres from half an hour after sunset to half an hour before sunrise and in
- make sure your BAC (blood alcohol concentration) is below 0.5 g / l.

### Accompanying material

Before your arrival, you will receive an email from us with the digital information material. It contains:

- 1. Link to download the App including maps, roadbook, points of interest and GPS tracks (you can use the App offline too)
- 2. Link to download the tour information material in Pdf:
- Tour notes
- Final tour details
- 3. Digital travel documents
- Final hotel list (due to overbooking or organizational needs your hotel list may change just before your arrival)
- Hotel vouchers to show to the hotel reception upon arrival

1) Travel guide with valuable information about the history, artistic heritage, landscapes and natural treasures of



the areas visited on the tour. Plus: local events, some great anecdotes, suggestions on how to make the best of an extended break along the route, and tips on local wining and dining.

2) Detailed Maps of the itinerary: in colour and scaled 1:75.000/50.000, an altitude profile chart and maps of any historic city centres you would visit.

3) Roadbook describing the cycling route, stage by stage. Great on its own or in conjunction with the maps.

### **Itinerary**



Sample Itinerary - subject to changes

Total length: 330 km

Terrain: 95% tarmac, 5% unpaved

Route mostly in the lowlands, sometimes hilly. Traffic is almost non existent in Apulia except during the high holiday season. The route includes very beautiful stretches on the coast.

Note: Due to organizational reasons, weather conditions or provisions issued by local authorities, the itinerary may be subject to some changes before and/or during the holiday.

Along the way you may find temporary deviations (for example road works) which cannot be foreseen; in this case each rider can decide autonomously how to deal with these stretches.

### Day 1: Arrival

Individual arrival. Alberobello is a unique and inimitable city as it is the only urban settlement of the so-called trulli (cone buildings) in the whole world. It has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1996.

Meals included: none

Overnight in Alberobello

### Day 2: Alberobello to Ostuni

You cycle through the countryside to Ostuni, which is reputed an architectural jewel, and is commonly referred to as "the White Town" for its white walls and its typically white-painted architecture. You leave Alberobello and the Trulli city crossing the last part of Murge and going through the towns of Martina Franca, Locorotondo and Cisternino before arriving to the white city of Ostuni. The most challenging part is between Locorotondo and Cisternino.

Biking approx. 55 km (elevation gain: 460 m) Meals included: Breakfast Overnight in Ostuni

### Day 3: Ostuni to Manduria

Today you will leave Ostuni and the Murge hills behind you and will start cycling on the Salento plain, characterized by green and red colours, given by its olive trees and its red soil. Along the way you will have the chance to visit Oria, with its beautiful historical centre and the castle built by emperor Federico II. Today's destination is the Manduria area, the capital of the Primitivo grapes.

The route follows tarmac country roads. There are two climbs to overcome, to reach the city centres of Carovigno and Oria.

Biking approx. 60 km (elevation gain: 270 m)

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight in Manduria

### Day 4: Manduria to Gallipoli

From now on you will head towards the seaside, which will accompany your bike tour between ancient coastal towers and fine sand. You will now reach Porto Cesareo, where we suggest to enjoy a good fish-based lunch. Rolling south, our destination will be the Greek Kale Polis, today's Gallipoli, with one of the most beautiful historic centres of Salento. Enjoy a stroll in its streets and the views of the sea that surrounds it.

It is a long but easy stage; the only climb is the one towards Porto Selvaggio. You will find an unpaved path while crossing the nature reserve Salina dei Monaci and along the lagoon of Porto Cesareo.

Biking approx. 70 km (elevation gain: 360 m)

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight in Gallipoli

### Day 5: Gallipoli to Santa Maria di Leuca

Cycling further along the coast you will reach Santa Maria di Leuca. Its name was given by the ancient Greek sailors who came from the East. They saw this place lightened by the sun and therefore called it "leukos", meaning white. The town is today a famous seaside resort.

It is the easiest stage, all on asphalted road, flat with some short ups and downs in the final part.

Biking approx. 50 km (elevation gain: 50 m)

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight in Santa Maria di Leuca

### Day 6: Santa Maria di Leuca to Otranto

Today you will cycle northwards along the Adriatic coast to Otranto, the most eastern point of Italy where you can visit the beautiful Cathedral and the great Aragonese Castle. The most challenging stretches are 1km climb out from S.M. di Leuca and 3km of continuous but regular slope after Santa Cesaria Terme. Today you will cycle along the coast road 358: one of the most scenic roads in the world.

Biking approx. 50 km (elevation gain: 460 m)

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight in Otranto

Day 7: Otranto to Lecce



Riding along the Alimini Lakes and their unique Mediterranean bush you'll enter into Lecce. Thanks to its Baroque style, it has deserved the nickname of Florence of the South. You'll come to appreciate the rich sculpted motives done in the 17th-century with the tender stone from Lecce. The old town enclosed by what is left of the ancient walls, bears the impression of that exuberant period. This is an easy stage. We leave the lovely town of Otranto behind us to discover the Alimini Lakes nature reserve, the old hunting ground of the Swabians and the Aragonese.

Biking approx. 55 km (elevation gain: 100 m)

Meals included: Breakfast Overnight in Lecce

Day 8: Departure Departure after breakfast. Meals included: Breakfast



### How to shorten the stages

In Italy there is a good train service offering bicycle transport. This low-cost option will allow you to reach the next city in case of rain or bad weather, or if you prefer to visit a city at your own pace instead of cycling. Trains with bicycle compartments are usually regional trains and are indicated with a bicycle symbol on the carriage and also on the timetables displayed at the railway station.

The cost of the ticket for a passenger varies according to the distance covered, whereas for the bike it is always 3.50 € (valid for 24 hours on the entire Italian network). Tickets can be bought directly at the railway station. We remind you that in Italy it is compulsory to validate the ticket before getting on the train.

For further information on timetables and prices you can consult <a href="https://www.trenitalia.com">www.trenitalia.com</a>, <a href="https://www.fal-srl.it">www.fal-srl.it</a>.

If you want to shorten the itinerary by taking the train, you can do it only on day 3. You can shorten the stage from Alberobello to Locorotondo or to Martina Franca by taking a local train.

### Other Info

Meeting: Matera Airport: Bari

Transfer: from Bari by train (not included)

Distance: 90 min

This is a self-guided tour, there is not an official meeting. The trip starts on Day 1 when you check in to your 1st hotel in Alberobello. Most people take the train from Bari, but how you

arrive is up to you!

Tack: ---

Pace: Mostly in the lowlands, sometimes hilly, the itinerary is almost always on asphalt roads

320km total

Level: (3 to 3 out of 5) Medium

Riders: Min 6 riders Max 15 riders

## Rates and Dates 2024 - ZZ-BK-GL03

Rates include: Accommodations, All breakfasts, Luggage transportation, Route descriptions and maps & Hotline service.

**Packages and Options** 

Season	Description	EUR	~US\$
A 2024	8 days self-guided (Peak)	€1080	\$1190
	Upgrade to 4* hotels (mostly) Single supplement (standard) Single supplement in 4* hotels Discount for 3rd person staying in room, pp (standard) Discount for 3rd person staying in room, pp ( in 4* hotels)	€100 €330 €430 (€160) (€90)	\$110 \$365 \$475 (\$175) (\$100)
B 2024	8 days self-guided (High)	€980	\$1080
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C 2024	8 days self-guided (Mid)	€880	\$970
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D 2024	8 days self-guided (Low)	€780	\$860
	Upgrade to 4* hotels (mostly) Single supplement (standard) Single supplement in 4* hotels Discount for 3rd person staying in room, pp (standard) Discount for 3rd person staying in room, pp ( in 4* hotels)	€100 €330 €430 (€160) (€90)	\$110 \$365 \$475 (\$175) (\$100)

The US Dollar Rate is based on a EUR Exchange Rate of 1.1 and subject to currency fluctuation

## **Transfer Option**

### Description

2024	Bike rental	€110	\$120
2024	E bike rental	€270	\$300
2024	Helmet (head circumference 58-61 cm)	€15	\$15
2024	Transfer between Brindisis airport and Alberobello, per car (1-3 pax), one way	€170	\$190
2024	Transfer between Lecce and Bari airport, per car (1-3 pax), one way	€300	\$330
2024	Transfer between Lecce and Brindisi airport, per car (1-3 pax), one way	€140	\$155
2024	Extra nights - please inquire for rates		

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D	2024	03/23/2024 - 03/30/2024	8d/7n	8 days self-guided (Low)
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Α	2024	07/20/2024 - 07/27/2024	8d/7n	8 days self-guided (Peak)
A	2024	08/31/2024 - 09/07/2024	8d/7n	8 days self-guided (Peak)
A	2024	09/01/2024 - 09/08/2024	8d/7n	8 days self-guided (Peak)
A	2024	09/07/2024 - 09/14/2024	8d/7n	8 days self-guided (Peak)
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В	2024	10/05/2024 - 10/12/2024	8d/7n	8 days self-guided (High)
C	2024	10/12/2024 - 10/19/2024	8d/7n	8 days self-guided (Mid)
C	2024	10/19/2024 - 10/26/2024	8d / 7n	8 days self-guided (Mid)
D	2024	10/26/2024 - 11/02/2024	8d / 7n	8 days self-guided (Low)
D	2024	11/02/2024 - 11/09/2024	8d / 7n	8 days self-guided (Low)

Min/Max: 6/15

Rates do not include:Local taxes (approx. 10-15 €), Lunches and dinners, Drinks, Bike/Helmet rental & Transfers before and after the tour

## **Reservation Form**

# **Hidden Trails Outdoor Reservation Form**

Tour :		Code #:		_ from:	to :
The Travelers (Last Name, First Name)	Male Female	Single Birth room/ Date or tent MMORRY	Height Wei	ght* spend dass des	Fitness Level
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Special Diets:					
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Have you been on other riding tours?	No 💭 Yes 💭	last trip when	?	Trip:	
If Hidden Trails offers a transfer from th	e local airport/	station: I wou	ld like the	transfer to be inc	oluded: YES 🔘 NO 🔘
In an emergency, name and phone num	ber of contact:	<u></u>			
Attention: Please, if there is more than	one participan	t, all have to sig	gn the rese	ervation form - m	ake copies if needed
with the Hidden Trails Booking Condition brochure or as listed on the Internet. I (we) will sign and forward the Recreation Last Name and First Name (The Trail	onal Activity Re	elease and Inde	nnity Agre	ement at least 8 v	weeks before trip starting date.
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