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Food Focus: Puglia

Saturday, May 2 – Monday, May 11, 2020

Join tour host Lori Chisholm on this foodie and cultural adventure to the “heel of the boot” where orecchiette pasta and primitivo wine rule the food menu and trulli houses and expansive olive groves rule the landscape. The enchanting port town of Trani will be our first home base and from there we’ll move to “the white city”, Ostuni. Matera, Locorotondo, Lecce, Martina Franca and Alberobello – all are on our agenda for their beauty, their architecture or their special cuisines. Walking and food tours, market visits, winery and farm visits, and a cooking class are all part of the package in this as yet under-touristed region of Italia.

Tour Cost - LAND ONLY \$3,520 CAD per person sharing twin accommodation

(\$3,385 if paying by cheque) Single supplement \$445

B = breakfast, L = lunch, T = tastings, D = dinner

PROPOSED ITINERARY (subject to change)

Day 1 – Saturday, May 2 – Trani

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Check in to Trani’s beautiful, 4 star Palazzo Filisio (<https://www.palazzofilisio.it/it/>) in time to freshen up before welcome cocktails followed by our first group dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight Trani.

Day 2 – Sunday, May 3 - Trani & Bisceglie

B, T, L

This morning after breakfast, we’ll meet our local guide for a walking tour of Trani. Then, we’ll transfer by private bus up the coast to Bisceglie for a tour, tasting, and lunch in the garden at a lovely, family-owned olive oil facility. Puglia is, by far, Italy’s greatest producer of extra virgin olive oil and we’ll enjoy some of the best today at Frantoio Galantino whose chef prepares every dish with one of their oils. Back in Trani, your evening will be free. Overnight Trani.

Day 3 – Monday, May 4 – Castel del Monte

B, T, T & L

After breakfast, wine will be the first focus of today's excursion. Our local guide will start us off at a winery renowned for its range of wines. We'll enjoy a light lunch at a second winery dating from the 1600s and work that off with a visit and walkabout at Castel del Monte, a 13th century citadel and UNESCO World Heritage Site which stands high above the olive groves with views to the sea. Upon return to Trani, your evening is free but you'll need to pack tonight. Overnight Trani.

Day 4 – Tuesday, May 5 – Matera & Ostuni

B, L

After breakfast and checkout, we are headed to Matera in the province of Basilicata. Matera has been named a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is the 2019 European Capital of Culture. We'll have a historical walking tour of the fascinating *sassi*, ancient cave dwellings still inhabited today. I've arranged for a special pasta for lunch today, one of the best I have ever had. Stroll the streets during free time here before we move on to Ostuni, our home for the next six nights. Your evening is free once we have checked in to Hotel La Terra (<https://www.laterrahotel.it/en/home-en/>), our perfectly-situated, 4 star hotel.

Day 5 – Wednesday, May 6 – Ostuni and Locorotondo

B, T

After breakfast, we'll start our day's activities with a historical walking tour of the white city lead by a local guide. Then, we will transfer to I Pastini, a family-run winery near Locorotondo, where we will tour some original trulli houses and taste some of the finest wines Puglia has to offer. Back in Ostuni, you'll have lunch and dinner on your own. Overnight Ostuni.

Day 6 – Thursday, May 7 – Martina Franca & countryside

B, L

Today it's all about the cheese! After breakfast, we'll make our way to Martina Franca with my friend Marco Punzi to visit the self-contained Masseria Cappella. We'll meet the cheese makers, the cows, the bakers, and the chefs who will help us prepare our own lunch from their own and local products. The property is stunning and the hosts most welcoming. Back in Ostuni, you'll have the rest of the afternoon and evening free. Overnight Ostuni.

Day 7 – Friday, May 8 – Lecce

B, L

After breakfast, we'll head south along the coast to Lecce. Like so many cities in Italy, Lecce has its own particular food specialties. We'll sample a number of these today during a city walking tour with our local guide, Antonella. This is a lovely city so we'll take some extra time to explore, shop or relax before returning to Ostuni. The evening will be free. Overnight Ostuni.

Day 8 – Saturday, May 9 – Ostuni - free day

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As always, we have a free day in my itinerary. Ostuni is on the train line: Monopoli and Polignano are 20 and 30 minutes up the coast, Brindisi is 20 minutes down the coast. There are lots of options... Overnight Ostuni.

Day 9 – Sunday, May 10 - Alberobello and Martina Franca

B, L, D

The iconic trulli houses are not to be missed so after breakfast this morning, we'll make our way to Alberobello where we'll have a private tour of these fascinating buildings with a local guide. When we've finished here, we'll stop at a family-run salumeria for a tour and lunch featuring Puglia's most famous cured meat, capocollo. Back in Ostuni, the rest of the afternoon is free but we'll gather later for cocktails and our farewell dinner.

Day 10 – Monday, May 11 – Ostuni

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Our Puglia tour is officially over after breakfast. Safe home or happy trails!

Tour cost includes:

9 nights' accommodation in 4 star, centrally-located hotels

9 breakfasts

Local city taxes

Welcome cocktail, farewell cocktail

Welcome dinner and farewell dinner, both with wine, water and coffee

4 lunches

3 winery visits with tours and tastings

3 farm/production visits with tours and tastings

Cooking experience with lunch

4 city walking tours with local guides

1 food/city tour with local guide

All entrance fees for castle and churches during tours

All ground transportation by private coach/minivan from start to end of tour

Guide and driver gratuities

Dedicated tour leader throughout

(2 hour Toronto airport lounge pass if you book your flights through Pauwels Travel)

Tour cost does not include:

Items of a personal nature

Air transportation and taxes

Ground transportation to and from airports

Beverages with meals unless stated in the itinerary

Insurance – please call the Pauwels Travel office for information

TERMS & CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS:

Reservations should be made as early as possible to ensure the departure of your choice. A deposit of \$750.00 required at the time of registration. Your reservation is confirmed upon receipt of your deposit and registration form. No reservations will be accepted without a signed application form.

REFUND OF UNUSED ARRANGEMENTS:

Because the rates of Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. are based on group participation, no refund can be made for any tour accommodation or tour service or tour feature not taken. If cancellation occurs while the tour is in progress, no refund can be made for the tour portion not taken. We strongly suggest that to allow for any unexpected contingencies, you purchase the all-inclusive insurance.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Refund of deposit is made if cancellation is received in writing by Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. more than 90 days prior of the departure date of the tour less a \$500.00 non-refundable administrative fee per person. For cancellation received in writing 90 days prior or less the following cancellation charges apply:

90 days to 61 days before departure: 25% of tour cost

60 to 31 days before departure: 50% of tour cost

Within 30 days prior to departure: 100% of tour cost

RESPONSIBILITY:

The acceptance of the initial service to be provided under the tour shall be considered an acceptance by the tour member of those conditions. We also reserve the right to decline, to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour. We reserve the right without notice, to withdraw any part or all of the tour. Factors such as airline schedule changes, hotel overbookings, inclement weather, travel warnings by the Canadian Government etc. may necessitate changes in the itinerary. There may also be other circumstances in which changes become necessary or advisable. By commencing the tour, I agree to the release and agreement as included below.

RELEASE & AGREEMENT:

By placing my deposit and commencing the tour I understand and agree to the following:

1. That all tours are delivered in conjunction with other service providers, including but not limited to travel agent and booking services, airlines, hotel and accommodation providers, transportation providers including but not limited to coach, train and ferry services, restaurant providers, and local guides. We shall not be held responsible for the failure by any person or company to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. All hotels, transportation and other travel services are provided subject to all the terms and conditions under which they are offered to the public generally.
2. I know that tour programs include walking, and may including hiking and fitness programs that have potential hazardous activities associated with them. I should not participate prior to approval by my physician. I assume any and all other risks associated with these events included but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather including high heat and/or humidity.
3. To release, indemnify and hold harmless Pauwels Travel Bureau and their affiliates (which term shall include parents, subsidiaries, officers, directors, shareholders, agents and employees of Pauwels Travel Bureau as well as Pauwels Travel themselves) (the "Released Parties") from, and agree not to sue the Released Parties for, any claims that I may have arising from, or in connection with, any personal injury, bodily injury, mental anguish, emotional distress,

physical, property or other damage that I may suffer from any cause whatsoever related in any way to my participation in this tour. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, I release, indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from, and agree not to sue them for any personal injury, bodily injury, mental anguish, emotional distress, physical, property or other damage that I may suffer from the Released Parties' negligence other than from intentional or reckless acts by such parties. I further agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from any and all acts of God, war (whether declared or undeclared), terrorist activities, incidents of politically motivated violence, illness or quarantine, strikes or government restrictions or

the acts or omissions of any other agents over which the Released Parties have no direct or indirect control, including, without limitation, airlines, railways, bus companies, hotels, shipping companies, guides and subcontracted agents or tour operators. This release also includes activities not offered that may be considered risky. I further release any Tour Directors, bus drivers or other individuals involved in my tour.

4. That the air carrier's liability for loss of or damage to baggage or property, or for death or injury to person, is limited by their tariffs, or the Warsaw Convention, or both.

5. That Pauwels Travel Bureau shall have no liability or responsibility for me when I am absent from activities, such as visits to friends or relatives or during stay-ahead/stay-behind option periods if the stay-ahead/stay-behind period does not include the services of a Tour Director.

6. To abide by directions of my Tour Director or other leadership personnel during my tour. Failure to do so may result in my termination from tour immediately. I understand that to disobey such rules or directions are to waive the right to any refund, and that I may be sent home at my own expense. The participant and family undertake full financial responsibility for any damage caused by the participant and agree to pay his/her return home on the first available flight, should his/her behavior be deemed detrimental to the welfare of the group.

7. To abide by all local laws when in Canada and abroad, including those concerning drugs and alcohol. (Minors must have parents' permission to use alcohol even if the local law would otherwise permit them to.) I understand that if I abuse or disobey such laws, even unintentionally, I waive my right to a refund, and Pauwels Travel may send me home at my own expense. I also understand that should local authorities be involved, I will be subject to the laws of the country I am visiting.

8. That if I become ill or incapacitated, Pauwels Travel and its employees, or a designated chaperone may take any action they deem necessary for my safety and well-being, including securing medical treatment (at my own expense) and transporting me home. Pauwels Travel retains the right, in its sole discretion, to contact the traveller's parent(s) and/or guardian or emergency contact with regard to health issues or any matters whatsoever that relates to the traveller's tour. These rights transcend any and all privacy regulations that may apply. In the event of a medical emergency, Pauwels Travel will attempt to cause appropriate treatment to be administered, and the traveller authorizes Pauwels Travel to do so. Pauwels Travel, however, makes no warranty that it will be able to cause effective (or any) emergency treatment to be administered.

9. That Pauwels Travel may use any film likenesses taken of me and any of my comments while on a tour for future publication and also use my contact information for future Pauwels Travel communications.

APPLICATION FORM

Please book _____ seat(s) on the "Food Focus: Puglia" tour of May 2 – May 11, 2020

Enclosed is my/our deposit of _____ (\$750 per person, plus insurance premium if taken.)

Deposit and insurance premium, if taken, are due with registration. You will be invoiced for an interim payment of \$1000.00 90 days prior to departure (January 31, 2020) and the balance will be due 45 days prior to departure (March 16, 2020).

WE REQUIRE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (INFORMATION PAGES ONLY) VALID 3 MONTHS AFTER TOUR TO BE SENT IN WITH YOUR APPLICATION.

PASSPORT NAME(S): Please indicate the appropriate title (Mr., Mrs., Miss, Dr., Ms.)

Surname _____ First _____ Middle(s) _____

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If applicable, give your commonly used first name as you would like it to appear on your name tag: (e.g. "Liz" for "Mary Elizabeth") _____

Address _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

If traveling alone, is a SINGLE ROOM REQUIRED? YES _____ NO _____

If sharing, what is your bed preference: twin _____ double _____?

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: We find the earlier a request is made, the more success we have in filling it, so please list any dietary requests, allergies, any special physical needs or frequent flyer numbers, etc. here. We cannot ensure requests made 30 days or less prior to departure will be possible.

Insurance: Please call the office for premiums, then record them below and add premiums to your deposit.

I /we would like to purchase (please check and record your rate):

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

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All-inclusive Package _____ Non-medical Package _____

Other _____ OR Decline Insurance _____

PAYMENT: Cheque payable to Pauwels Travel Visa Mastercard American Express

Amount Paid: _____ Card Number: _____

Expiry: _____ Security Code: _____ Signature: _____

"I/we agree to the terms and conditions attached to the program, have indicated our insurance choice, indicated any special requests and included payment".

Date _____ Signature(s) _____

Please forward this completed and signed form, copy of passport and payment to:

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