

# PUGLIA



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# PRESENTATION

This catalog presents a series of proposals where the culture meets the imagination and the charm of the experience. Routes full of activities that excite, involve, immerse in the rediscovery of the ancient "laws of doing".

Museums, parks, castles and craft shops, the poles of a rich system of points of view and suggestions; visitors find themselves involved in "stories of other times", in sensory, emotional and cognitive experiences.

Various thematic itineraries unwind between sounds and colors, marked by the incessant work of man and the passing of the seasons; atriums, farms, mills and castles offer themselves as tables set up for themed meetings and tastings.

Observe landscapes, goods, works and keep them in memory, listen to the voice of the territory, breath in the scents, taste the flavors... in a unique experience to take away.

This catalog is structured in six three day trip ideas, and they divide Apulia into areas of obvious cultural uniformity and cross the entire region, capturing its main peculiarities, rich in experiential activities.

These tour may be combined to create longer thematic routes. Possibility to request customized quotes.

## SPARC

Creativity Hubs for sustainable development through  
the valorization of cultural heritage assets

This catalog was created within the SPARC project.

The SPARC Project, funded by the Interreg VA Greece-Italy 2014-2020 Program, focuses on the creative and cultural industries as a driving force for the sustainable development of Puglia and Western Greece, offering services aimed at developing the skills and capabilities of the whole sector of the ICC.

Particular attention is addressed to the Carnival, a true aggregator of tradition, craftsmanship and creativity, around which to create new opportunities for the sustainable development of the territories involved in the project. The set-up works of the first Creativity Hub in Putignano (coworking space) are in the pipeline and the accompanying phase has now started for some start-ups created by numerous Apulian Creative and Cultural Industries that will be guided in the development of as many business plans. In addition to the Apulian Public Theater, the Puglia Region - Department of Tourism, Economy of Culture and Enhancement of the Territory, the Municipality of Patras, the Region of Western Greece and the Chamber of Commerce of Achaia are partners.



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**Teatro  
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Since its foundation in 1979, the Teatro Pubblico Pugliese (TPP) has carried out intense work, with the aim of widely spreading the culture of theater, dance, children's theater, contemporary circus and music among the citizens of the Puglia. In Italy the TPP is one of the major Multidisciplinary Regional Circuits, financed by the Italian Ministry for Cultural Heritage and Activities and by the Puglia Region, for the activity of spreading the live show. Over the years, TPP has also confirmed that it is a multifaceted structure, capable of renewing itself with every new challenge, being part of a constantly evolving national theater system. In addition to the Puglia Region, 53 Apulian Municipalities have joined the TPP, making an average of over 600 shows every year.

## IMPLEMENTED BY:



Iris Società Cooperativa Sociale was born in August 2005 and carries out its activities in the areas of the enhancement of cultural and environmental heritage, historical-artistic and landscape resources, environmental and historical-cultural education, professional training, communication and tourism. Iris acts throughout the supply chain, from design to management of various activities to best meet the demand for high quality cultural and environmental services. Iris offers a wide range of tourist-educational services aimed in particular at schools, welcoming over 50 thousand students a year. It also participates in public tenders, through the drafting of projects for the enhancement of the territory, also carried out in collaboration with other public and private partners.

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# ALTA MURGIA: CHARM AND MYSTERY OF THE ROCKY HABITAT



Tour Stop:  
**GRAVINA IN PUGLIA**  
**ALTAMURA**  
**GIOIA DEL COLLE**

**3 DAYS AND 2 NIGHTS**

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**COST TO PAX AS PROVIDED IN  
PROGRAMME:  
STARTING FROM € 95,00**

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**Price includes:**  
cultural services (guided tours, theatre  
performances and experiential  
activities) and tastings.

**Possibility to request hotels and  
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**Participants:**  
Min. 10

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DAY 1

## SHAPES AND COLORS OF THE KARSTIC LANDSCAPE IN GRAVINA IN PUGLIA

### "PATH OF WATER AND STONE" IN CAPOTENDA: BIRDWATCHING AND PERFORMED GUIDED TOUR

The "Path of water and stone", in the naturalistic oasis of Capotenda in Gravina in Puglia, will take you from birdwatching, along rocks and ravines, over the viaduct-aqueduct bridge, and through the archaeological area of the Padre Eterno, until most suggestive canyon in southern Italy, where nature, history and legends intertwine. You can explore the secrets of the Mediterranean scrub, meet a medieval specialist in his workshop among spices, oils and ointments, and listen to curious anecdotes and hidden secrets.



### GRAVINA IN PUGLIA: GUIDED TOUR AND "TETTE DELLE MONACHE" TASTING

A guided tour in the heart of Gravina in Puglia will allow you to admire the vast system of caves along the ravine that still preserves important evidence related to the complex phenomenon of rock civilization: witness the history in the numerous cave-houses articulated on overlapping levels and the numerous frescoed churches. It will be possible to taste the "tette delle monache", a traditional Apulian dessert, made of a light sponge cake filled with a soft and delicious diplomat cream and sprinkled with powdered sugar.

## ALTAMURA: “UOMO DI ALTAMURA” NETWORK AND THE PDO BREAD

### FARM EXPERIENCE WITH CHEESE AND HONEY TASTING

A journey through the rural lands of Alta Murgia visiting the farms of Altamura to discover some production chains. Participants will experience the production of cheese or the work of the industrious bees, tasting the products, to see the environment and the daily work in farms, the crops and farmyard animals.



### GUIDED TOUR AND TASTINGS OF BAKERY PRODUCTS AND WINES

The visit to Palazzo Baldassarre, seat of “Uomo di Altamura” Museum, allows you to discover an interesting journey on the evolution of the earth and the reconstruction of the cave of Lamalunga where the skeleton was found. The bread of Altamura PDO it is a product of excellence and is a symbol of all the naturally leavened Apulian breads, made with re-milled durum wheat flour, salt and water. Visit to historic Di Gesù bakery to taste the products and listen to anecdotes and stories of raw materials and popular traditions. The path will lead into the historic center to admire the Romanesque cathedral between palaces and clausturs, small squares surrounded by narrow streets, which offers the opportunity to reread the entire history of the city through the architectural evidence stratified over the centuries. Finally, it will be possible to have a guided tasting at the Frud Winery, a historic 16th century cellar that has preserved the testimonies of the wine tradition.

PERFORMED GUIDED TOUR, VISIT TO AN OLI  
MILL, OIL AND DAIRY PRODUCTS TASTING

Welcomed by Bianca Lancia, the only woman loved by the "Stupor Mundi" Federico II of Swabia, we will visit, in Gioia del Colle, the Norman-Swabian Castle and the national archaeological museum, keeper of artifacts from the Archaeological Park of Monte Sannace, ancient city peuceta. It will be possible at a mill to retrace the phases of extra virgin olive oil production, from the selection of olives to sensory analysis, and taste local specialties such as "fior di latte" mozzarella (fresh Italian cheese), dairy products.



# LANDS OF FREDERICK II: NATURE, ART AND HISTORY



Tour Stop:  
**MARGHERITA DI SAVOIA**  
**MANFREDONIA**  
**CASTEL DEL MONTE**  
**MOLFETTA**  
**TRANI**

**3 DAYS AND 2 NIGHTS**

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## Participants:

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## MARGHERITA DI SAVOIA AND MANFREDONIA

### THE SALTPANS OF MARGHERITA DI SAVOIA: GUIDED TOUR, EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY ON SALT

The landscape of saltpans is a unique scenery, a lunar landscape, with a dreamlike atmosphere; here you can see pools of water, whose reflections blend with the sky and whose shades vary from intense blue to pink. The cognitive path on the ancient and modern techniques of collection and processing of salt takes the visitors from the Historical Museum of the Salina to the production plant's evaporating and salting area, chemical laboratory and packaging plant. The microscopic observation of the salt crystals and the simulation on its formation process will directly involve the participants, who will be lost in the observation of samples, test tubes and strange crystal formations. Surrounded by white mountains and red water of the nature reserve, it will be possible to observe a rich avifauna among which the largest European colony of pink flamingos.



### MANFREDONIA: ENTRANCE OF GARGANO, BETWEEN MUSIC AND THEATER

The guided tour of the ancient settlement of Siponto will lead between the splendid medieval Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore, the archaeological area and the wire mesh installation by the artist Tresoldi. The church of Santa Maria Maggiore is an example of Romanesque-Pugliese architecture, with Islamic influences. To the left of the church are the archaeological remains of an early Christian Basilica, on which the artist Tresoldi created a spectacular installation in a fourteen-meter-high wire mesh that reconstructs the ancient basilica in 3D.

The day will end with a theatrical and musical performance that will involve tourists in collective exercises, tactile and sound activities or with a show in the splendid theater of Manfredonia.

## DAY 2

# CASTEL DEL MONTE AND MOLFETTA



### CASTEL DEL MONTE: PERFORMED GUIDED TOUR AND MEETING WITH A FALCONER

A unique masterpiece of medieval architecture, an enigmatic octagonal castle built by the Puer Apuliae, a work that reflects the culture and greatness of its founder: Frederick II of Swabia. Castel del Monte is a UNESCO site, certainly one of the most important castles built by the sovereign, but also one of the most mysterious places in the world, where echoes, myths and events of Middle Ages will never be forgotten. Both inside and outside, the sunlight and the shadows enhance and define the shapes and richen the colors. Seemingly isolated and peripheral, but in reality you can enjoy a unique panorama from the castle. Participants will have the opportunity to meet a falconer and closely observe the birds of prey. After a brief on the falconry of yesterday and today, birds of prey, flight and hunting habits, tools and training techniques, free flight performances can be observed.

### MOLFETTA: TALES AND LEGENDS BETWEEN SEASIDE VILLAGES AND ANCIENT MANORS

A spectacular visit to the city of Molfetta will allow you to immerse yourself in a fictional atmosphere, where the places will come alive with fairy-tale figures, stories about fishermen and historical icons of the city. Through the use of 360 ° virtual reality glasses, you can rediscover Molfetta as it was in the past.



### GUIDED TOUR AND FISH AND MEAT DISHES TASTING

In Trani, elegant and refined city, will continue the journey of discovery of the Apulian Romanesque style. Overlooking a picturesque port full of unique fishing boats, the city imposes itself with its architectural lines built by Frederick II of Swabia. Among the particular alleys of the ancient village there are beautiful buildings, such as the Swabian Castle, built by the Emperor of Swabia for the wedding of his son Manfredi, and the Cathedral with an elegant stone profile. Overlooking the sea you can enjoy sea and land specialties with Mediterranean flavors accompanied by a tasting of local wines.



# TRAVEL INTO THE HEART OF APULIA: TRULLI, CAVES AND SEA



Tour Stop:  
**FASANO**  
**OSTUNI**  
**SAN VITO DEI NORMANNI**  
**ALBEROBELLO**  
**POLIGNANO A MARE**

**3 DAYS AND 2 NIGHTS**

**COST TO PAX AS PROVIDED IN  
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**Participants:**

Min. 10

## THE ANCIENT CITY OF EGNAZIA: GUIDED TOUR OF THE PARK AND THE MUSEUM, FOCUS ON THE ORIENTAL CULTS AND APERITIF WITH SEA VIEW

*"Built on troubled waters",* as it was described by the Latin poet Horace, today the ancient city of Gnathia has been brought back to life at the National Museum and Archaeological Park, where it will be possible, accompanied by an archaeologist, to admire the evidence and findings found in the necropolis and in the ancient city. An in-depth focus on oriental cults will be inspired by the splendid head of Attis, sculpture in precious white marble, kept in the museum. A delicious aperitif overlooking the sea, to be consumed on the coast of Savelletri, will conclude the route.



## LAMA D'ANTICO ROCK PARK: PERFORMED GUIDED TOUR AND SHOWS MEDIEVAL MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

The Lama D'Antico Rock Park is immersed in a rare and extraordinary natural scenery, among olive trees unique in shape and size, ancient carob trees, lentisk bushes and waterfalls of capers. The park includes the rock churches of San Giovanni and San Lorenzo and the village of Lama d'Antico, composed of caves in which man lived. The cavities and ravines will be enlivened by medieval musicians for an original journey through refined music and fascinating medieval civilization.



## DAY 2

# OSTUNI AND SAN VITO DEI NORMANNI

### OSTUNI: GUIDED TOUR OF THE WHITE TOWN

Ostuni, known as the White Town, stands on top of a hill overlooking the sea. The ancient village is made up of a series of delicious white buildings and charming alleys; the stone houses, once completely painted with white lime, are built on one another. The guided tour will lead among the white houses, the village squares and the steep steps, towards unexpected glimpses to reach the cathedral. A walk along the narrow streets of the old town will lead you through small shops, with white walls, green or blue doors, panoramic points overlooking the sea.



### SAN VITO DEI NORMANNI: SOUNDS AND RHYTHMS OF SALENTO

Participants will be introduced to the world of Apulian Pizzica with a dance show to discover traditional gestures, rites and techniques. Participants will learn the basic techniques of *pizzica*, traditional Apulian dance, and compose short and simple choreographies. The public will be involved and made protagonist in the production of a show, which will become a unique experience in each of its replicas.

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DAY 3

## ALBEROBELLO AND POLIGNANO A MARE



### ALBEROBELLO: GUIDED TOUR, EXPERIENCE ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TRULLO AND INFO-DEGUSTATION

The visit of Alberobello, a UNESCO site, starts at "Aia Piccola", a district in the heart of the city and winds its way through the characteristic streets, reaching the "Monti" district and the Trullo di Sant'Antonio church. Alberobello has a fairytale charm and the gray cone roofs are an example of rural architecture that lasts over time. A focus on the rural architecture of Puglia, will allow participants to engage in an experiential activity to create their own miniature trullo to take away in memory of the experience. An info-tasting will allow you to taste typical products such as extra virgin olive oil with cold pressing, cheeses, sweets... and much more, discovering the raw materials, the processing techniques and the organic properties. The day will end with a visit to the many local craft shops, ideal for shopping and relaxing.

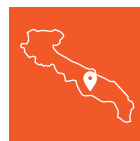
### POLIGNANO A MARE: EXCURSION BY BIKE, GUIDED TOUR OF THE ANCIENT VILLAGE AND TASTING OF SPECIAL COFFEE OR HOMEMADE ICE CREAM

A guided naturalistic tour by bicycle along the coast of Polignano a Mare to enjoy the coast, the high cliffs, hidden bays and sandy coves, by examining all the aspects related to the landscape and the sea, a precious resource to be appreciated and preserved. The guided tour in the evocative ancient village, rich in Arabian, Byzantine, Spanish and Norman traces, will allow you to enjoy the breath-taking landscape from panoramic rest areas. A stop is also a must to taste artisan gelato, one of the most consumed products in the world, and special coffee, prepared with sweet almond macaroons, espresso coffee, cream and lemon peel.





# GENIUS LOCI FROM BARI TO TARANTO



**Tour Stop:**  
**BARI**  
**SAMMICHELE DI BARI**  
**MASSAFRA**  
**TARANTO**

**3 DAYS AND 2 NIGHTS**

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## PERFORMED GUIDED TOUR TO THE OLD CITY AND STREET FOOD BASED ON FOCACCIA OF BARI AND "SGAGLIOZZE"

The guided tour of the old city of Bari provides an unusual itinerary through the architectural beauties of the Apulian capital, between the Cathedral, the Pontifical Basilica of San Nicola and the Norman-Swabian Castle. The meeting with a pilgrim and the story of some Barese legends will allow you to deepen your knowledge of the pilgrimages and the theme of the journey in the Middle Ages. On the way it will be possible to meet barese ladies who prepare handmade "orecchiette" and there will also be time, between the alleys of the old city, for a break with street food based on focaccia of Bari and "sgagliozze" (fried polenta).



## GUIDED TOUR AND SHOPPING WALK

The afternoon tour will continue with a panoramic visit to the neighborhood wanted by Murat in the Napoleonic period, a district full of palaces, and it will be possible to admire the most important theaters including the famous Petruzzelli Theater; alternatively, with a technical visit, you can admire the works of Corrado Giaquinto, kept in the Pinacoteca. Finally, in the commercial area of the city, between Via Sparano and Corso Cavour, you can take a walk dedicated to shopping.

## SAMMICHELE DI BARI AND MASSAFRA

### SAMMICHELE DI BARI: GUIDED TOUR, EXPERIENCES ON LOCAL GASTRONOMY AND TASTINGS OF "ZAMPINA" AND "FOCACCIA A LIVRE"

A journey of discovery to Sammichele di Bari will take place in the ancient village, among the apotropaic masks sculpted by expert stonemasons to ward off evil influences and characteristic stone houses, whitewashed and adorned with a vine on the door, called "vignali". We will visit the mother church, the Caracciolo Castle and its Museum of Peasant Civilization. You can visit artisan workshops dedicated to the production of zampina, tasty sausage of mixed meat cooked on the grill, or focaccia "a livre", a roll of pasta wrapped in a spiral and seasoned with oil, salt and oregano. The visit will be accompanied by tastings of local gastronomic specialties at Al Borgo Antico steakhouse.



### MASSAFRA: LIFE IN THE MIDDLE AGES AND ROCK HABITATS

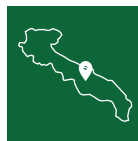
A guided tour with itinerant theatrical performance to make known the history, traditions and legends related to the Sanctuary of the Madonna della Scala of Massafra and the gravina. Tourists will be involved in a sensorial artistic journey capable of restoring the beauty of the place, its essences, the breaths and the voices that inhabit it.

### MERMAIDS AND FISHERMEN'S EVENTS

An itinerary to discover unusual aspects of the city of Taranto through religious and popular traditions of ancient origin. Tourists will be accompanied on a guided tour, enriched by theatrical narratives, to discover popular stories and tales. They will admire the large and small religious structures of the city, such as the splendid cathedral of San Cataldo, the episcopal palace, the Madonna della Salute, the admirable church of San Domenico, or in the most popular part of the old city, among the alleys, the open spaces, the squares will know rites, customs, games, proverbs and idioms to discover the popular roots of a Taranto that is disappearing.



# ANCIENT VILLAGES AND SECRET CAVES



Tour Stop:  
**PUTIGNANO**  
**ALBEROBELLO**  
**CASTELLANA GROTTA**  
**CONVERSANO**  
**RUTIGLIANO**

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**PUTIGNANO: PERFORMED TOUR AND  
PAPIER-MÂCHÉ EXPERIENCE AND  
TASTING OF TYPICAL APULIAN SWEETS**

The small town of Putignano is the ideal setting of the papier-mâché manufacturing and the old carnival tradition of allegorical floats. The Carnival of Putignano, the oldest and the longest in Europe, is a party of masks, masked groups and wagons called "Giant of Cartapesta", works of art that the papier-mâché masters make in the historic warehouses. They will listen to the history and the anecdotes about this ancient art, with a performed visit and will follow all the steps of the cartapestaio's working. In the historical center the experience will end with the tasting of sweets typical of the Apulian confectionery tradition based on almonds, sugar, eggs and lemon.



## DAY 2

# ALBEROBELLO AND CASTELLANA GROTTA

### ALBEROBELLO: THE LIVING MUSEUM OF THE TRULLO AND ANCIENT CRAFTS

The guided tour of Alberobello will include a route in the Aia Piccola district, which will be divided into and out of the houses and trulli, set up according to a faithful reconstruction of the domestic environments of the past. It will be an evocative "open-air" museum in which the inhabitants will wear nineteenth-century cloths to stage typical crafts and fragments of everyday life.



### CASTELLANA GROTTA: SPELEOLOGICAL TOUR AND SHOW "HELL IN THE CAVE"

Tour to the Caves of Castellana, a karstic system of thousand sparkling concretions, the most striking example of typical Apulian karst. The interesting guided tour is along a path of 3 km, at a depth of 70 meters, in a spectacular setting. It is an adventurous exploration in the belly of Puglia, where the visitor's imagination can recognize zoomorphic and anthropomorphic figures in stalactite and stalagmitic concretions, or be enchanted by tunnels, chasms and caverns. It will be possible, upon reservation, to attend an underground air show based on Dante Alighieri's hell, exclusively in the Castellana Caves.



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DAY 3

## CONVERSANO AND RUTIGLIANO

### CONVERSANO: PERFORMED GUIDED TOUR

The small town of Conversano, ancient Norba, just 10 km from the sea, is a city of art, surrounded by cultivated fields and karstic plateaus. The performed guided tour in the old town will lead you to discover the elegant Cathedral and the regal castle where the most brutal one-eyed man in Apulia lived, the San Benedetto Monastery and the Art Gallery with Paolo Finoglio's works of art.



### RUTIGLIANO: TOUR AND EXPERIENCE ABOUT "FIGULA" ART

Rutigliano, honoured with the title "City of Art", is a small town famous for the production of fine varieties of table grapes and typical terracotta "whistles". The whistles are the result of a union between the sacred and the profane: January 17, with the feast of Sant Antonio Abate, begins the Carnival and for the occasion the local artisans honor the holy hermit with colorful clay artifacts. The itinerary will allow to recall the long history of the terracotta manufacturing since the Neolithic age to current "figula" art. You can visit the workshop of a ceramist in order to admire the ancient using of the lathe and one of the oldest kilns of the city and decorate a whistle to take away in memory of the day.

# AUTHENTIC SALENTO BETWEEN SEA, ART AND TASTE



Tour Stop:  
**SANTA MARIA DI LEUCA**  
**GALLIPOLI**  
**OTRANTO**  
**VERNOLE - ACAYA**  
**LECCE**

**3 DAYS AND 2 NIGHTS**

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## DAY 1 SANTA MARIA DI LEUCA AND GALLIPOLI

### SANTA MARIA DI LEUCA: GUIDED TOUR AND BOAT EXCURSION ON THE LEUCANO PROMONTORY

Discovery route to Santa Maria di Leuca, a town with a particular geographical position, a backdrop of different cultures, as evidenced by the marvelous and numerous Moorish villas scattered throughout the promontory. In correspondence of Punta Meliso, in the popular tradition the border point between the Ionian Sea and the Adriatic Sea, stands the splendid fortified structure of the Basilica of Santa Maria de *Finibus Terrae*. You can admire with the boat trip the cliff with numerous panoramic views, dotted with caves.



### GALLIPOLI: PERFORMED GUIDED TOUR AND APERITIF WITH SEAFOOD SPECIALTIES IN THE FISH MARKET

Gallipoli is a seaside village set on a small island, the oldest nucleus, and on a peninsula, stretching out into the Ionian to the port, in a happy marriage between old and new, tradition and modernity. The theatrical and musical path will lead you to discover, through the lively voice of the historical characters, the events of the city and the most significant monuments such as the churches of the Confraternities, the cathedral dedicated to Sant'Agata, the ancient fountain, the Castle. At sunset, when the fishing boats return, the port is crowded with travelers and citizens and, in the ferment of the fish market, between fishermen and sellers, you can taste an aperitif with seafood specialties accompanied by a glass of cold white wine.

## DAY 2

# OTRANTO AND CASTLE OF ACAYA

### OTRANTO: PERFORMED GUIDED TOUR AND APERITIF WITH TYPICAL PRODUCTS OF SALENTO

In Otranto, one of the most beautiful destinations of Salento, a guided tour will let you discover the historic center protected by ancient walls, the cathedral with the wide mosaic decoration and the castle, where thanks to stories and suggestions you can relive moments of history ancient. Participants will be surprised along the way by meeting the protagonists of the time in period clothes. In the historic center, among the alleys, you can enjoy an aperitif full of fried food and snacks of land and sea accompanied by the typical bread with olives, frise and taralli from Puglia.



### VERNOLE, CASTLE OF ACAYA: GUIDED TOUR, EXPERIENCE ON THE APULIAN FOLK DANCE

In Vernole, a few kilometers from Lecce, stands the Castle of Acaya, surrounded by massive walls and a wide moat. It is a Renaissance defensive architecture, which looks at the small fortified village. You can visit the Castle, with a trapezoidal plan, with its fortified walls reinforced by circular towers, and the archaeological exhibition on the site of Roca Vecchia. In the rooms of the castle we will also talk about pizzica and taranta Pugliese, in a journey between history of music and folk dance that will lead to discover what is hidden behind the enveloping rhythms of the soul of Puglia. Participants may, after attending an exhibition, engage in a mini course of folk dances.

**GUIDED TOUR, EXPERIENCE ON  
THE LECCE PAPIER-MÂCHÉ AND TASTING  
OF “PASTICCIOTTO”**

The tour will lead you to admire the Baroque treasures of the historic center, the monumental complex of Piazza Duomo and the Cathedral, the Basilica of Santa Croce, emblem of the Lecce Baroque. At the many artisan shops of the papier-mâché masters of Salento, you can hear stories and anecdotes that surround this ancient art, which produces marble-looking statues for churches and cribs, with a technique that is handed down from generation to generation.

In the heart of the city, a stop in a bakery in the center will allow you to taste the renowned pasticciotto, a typical dessert of Lecce. Upon reservation, it will be possible to attend a theatrical show at the Cantieri Teatrali Koreja, a former brick factory redesigned for shows and cultural events.





## REGIONE PUGLIA

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