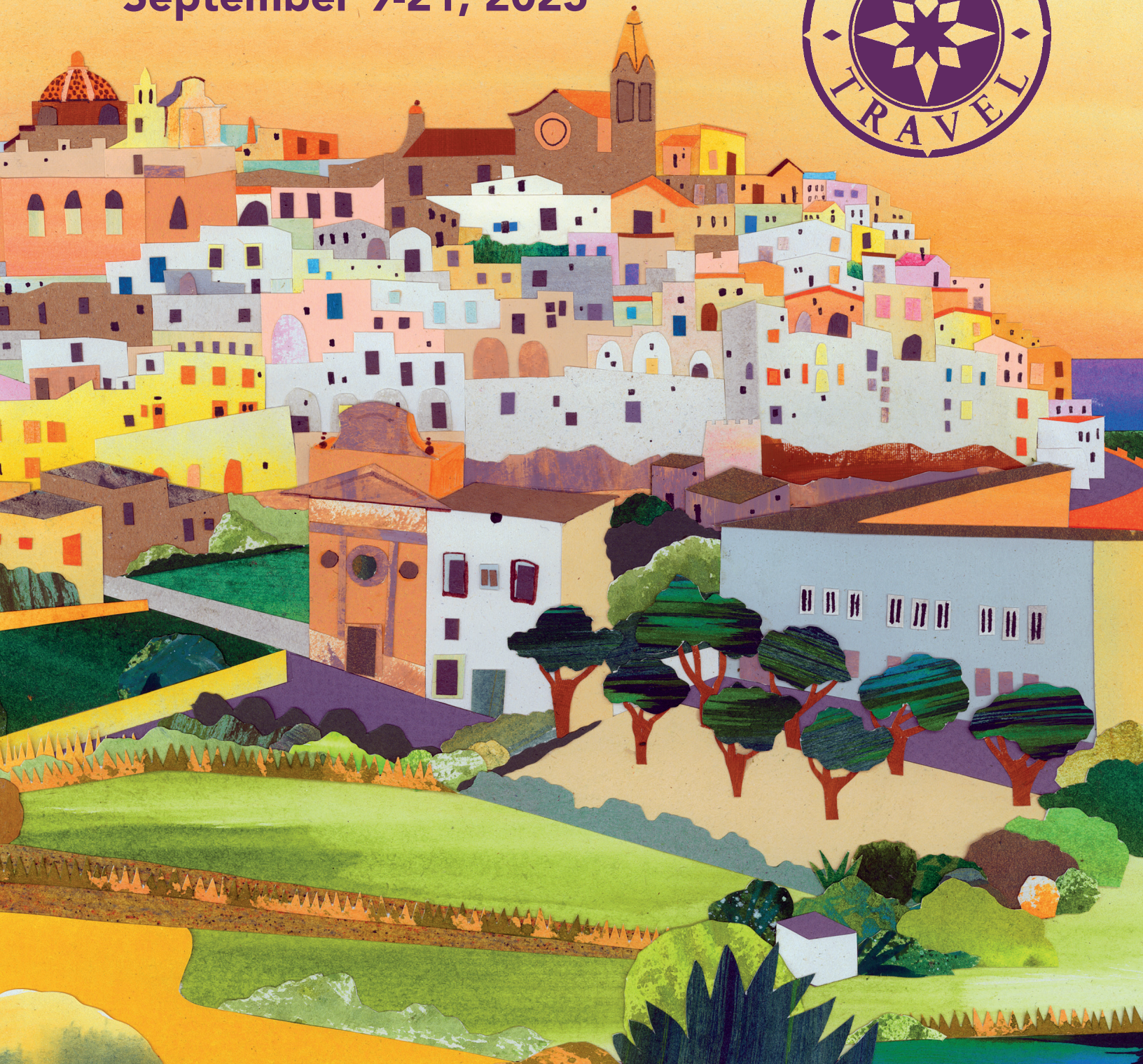


Puglia, Italy

September 9-21, 2025





Dear Compass Traveler,

The shimmering hues of the Adriatic and Ionian seas, ancient gnarled olive orchards stretching to the horizon, whitewashed coastal towns gleaming in the sun—this is Puglia, the “heel” of Italy’s boot. There is so much to see and experience here—a cuisine of fresh pasta made from local wheat, freshest seafood, peppery olive oil; a skyline of unique conical stone roofs; and fine leisurely walking for an upclose glimpse into a region and culture like no other. We invite you to join Luigi and me as we explore and enjoy this magical place.

Holly & Luigi

Itinerary

Tuesday, September 9

Our trip begins with a private transfer from New London, NH, to Boston’s Logan Airport and our flight to Puglia.

Wednesday, September 10

Upon arrival, we are met by our guide and transferred to the baroque city of Lecce, Puglia’s crown jewel. Our home for the next five nights is the 18-century palace that houses the Patria Palace Hotel, in the heart of Lecce.

Overnight: Lecce - Patria Palace (D)

Thursday, September 11

This morning we’ll be enchanted by the visual effect of “pietra leccese,” a golden stone used for the construction of the ancient town center of Lecce. Among the masterpieces we’ll visit are

the Church of Santa Croce, the Roman amphitheater from the second century—in an excellent state of preservation—and the majestic Piazza del Duomo.

Overnight: Lecce – Patria Palace (B)

Friday, September 12

Today is yours to enjoy Lecce, often regarded as the “Florence of the South.”

Overnight: Lecce – Patria Palace (B)

Saturday, September 13

Today we visit one of Puglia’s most enchanting seaside towns, Otranto. As the closest port to Greece, it was, for a long time, the nodal point of contacts between East and West. Otranto is entirely surrounded by walls and its cathedral is like no other in Italy. Covering the entire floor is a vast 12th-century mosaic



of a stupendous tree of life balanced on the back of two elephants.

Overnight: Lecce – Patria Palace (B,L)

Sunday, September 14

Founded in the 12th century, the quaint town of Galatina is our destination today. One of Puglia’s hidden gems, it is known for its rich history, baroque architecture, and vibrant cultural scene. It’s also the birthplace of the pasticciotto, a delicious pastry filled with egg custard—a must-try for those with a sweet tooth!

Overnight: Lecce – Patria Palace (B)

Monday, September 15

We leave Lecce this morning and transfer to the Valle d’Itria. Set on a high fertile plain in the center of Puglia, it stretches from Putignano in the north to Ostuni in the south. We visit



an agricultural estate with olive trees between 2,000 and 3,000 years old as well as two mills—one from the XIX century AD and an underground one dating back 2,000 years ago! We will enjoy their olive oils with lunch. For the next six nights, we have exclusive use of Masseria Cimino, a fortified farmhouse with a tower dating back to the 18th century and surrounded by vegetable gardens and centuries-old olive groves. In 2005, the Masseria was completely renovated, preserving its original architectural features and fully respecting the original materials, shapes, and colors.

Overnight: Savalletri di Fasano – Masseria Cimino (B,L,D)

Tuesday, September 16

Today is yours to enjoy—perhaps spend the day at the nearby beach, play golf, or relax by the pool.

Overnight: Savalletri di Fasano – Masseria Cimino (B,L,D)

Wednesday, September 17

Locorotondo, a charming hilltop village with views of the Itria Valley, is our destination today. The town is a delight of whitewashed alleys, colorful



flowerpots, and beautiful architecture.

Overnight: Savalletri di Fasano – Masseria Cimino (B,L,D)

Thursday, September 18

Our destination today, Polignano a Mare, meaning “built up,” is perched above the bright turquoise sea. We’ll pay homage to the town’s most illustrious resident, Domenico Modugno, the original singer of “Volare.”
Overnight: Savalletri di Fasano – Masseria Cimino (B,L,D)

Friday, September 19

Local cheese artisan, Giorgio, will host us today at his farm. After helping him make mozzarella, we’ll enjoy lunch at his home. Afterwards, we



visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Alberobello, a characteristic village famous for its trulli—iconic constructions with a cylindrical base and a conical limestone-tiled roof.

Overnight: Savalletri di Fasano – Masseria Cimino (B,L,D)

Saturday, September 20

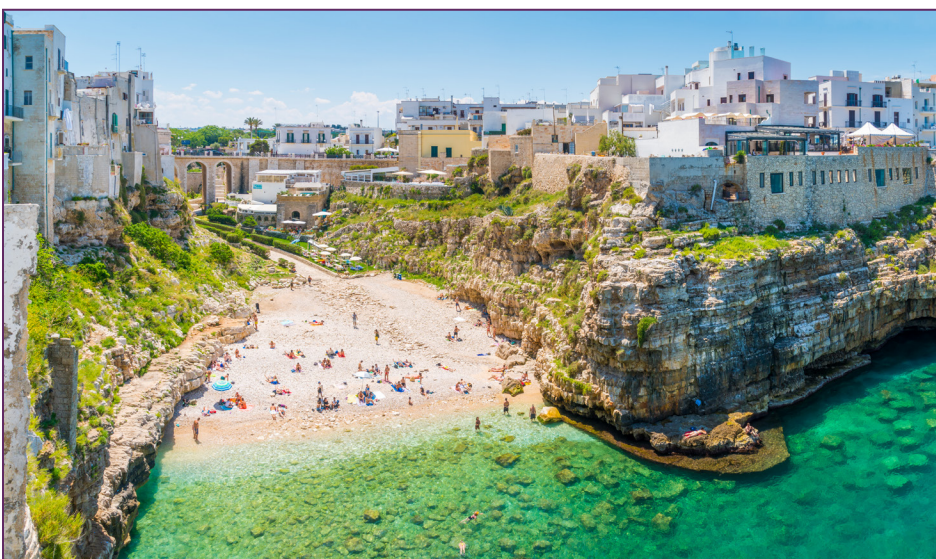
Another free day to enjoy the area. Tonight, we gather for our farewell dinner.

Overnight: Savalletri di Fasano – Masseria Cimino (B,D)

Sunday, September 21

We bid “arrivederci” to Puglia as we transfer to Bari Airport for our flight back to Boston. Our private transfer returns us to New London. (B)

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- Accommodations for 11 nights in first class hotels
- Meals: 11 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 7 dinners (noted in itinerary as B,L,D)
- Wine included with meals
- Sightseeing as outlined in the day-to-day itinerary
- Services of a professional English-speaking tour guide throughout
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