

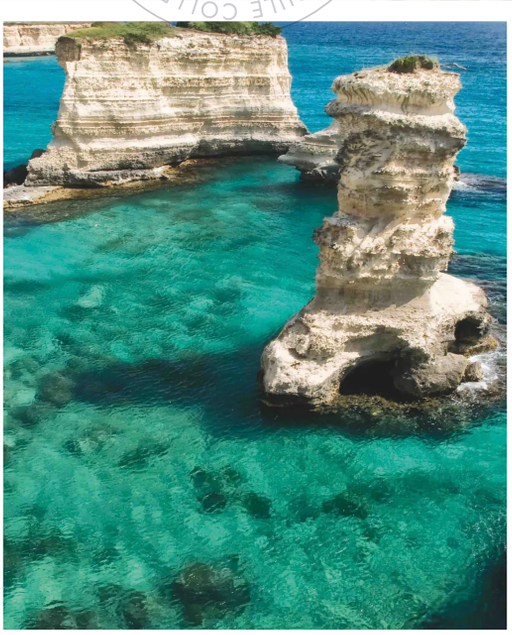

Salento: crafted traditions, fine wines and cristal waters

THREE DAYS OF BAROQUE BEAUTY, LIVING CRAFTSMANSHIP AND SUNLIT LANDSCAPES BETWEEN LAND AND SEA.

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Lecce's Baroque Beauty & Artisan Hands

Golden façades, intricate details and the craftsmanship that still shapes the city.





Begin in **Lecce**, where warm golden stone gives the city's churches, palaces and intimate streets a distinctive glow. With a dedicated art guide, discover its historic squares and the exuberant details of Lecce's Baroque architecture, an expression of the city's flourishing artistic life during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

Explore **Piazza Duomo** and the richly sculpted façade of Santa Croce, taking time to appreciate how leaves, figures and decorative flourishes bring the stone to life. Church interiors may be visited during opening hours.

Continue with an artisan and shopping walk, following appointments arranged around your interests. Discover cartapesta, Lecce's traditional papier-mâché craft, alongside local textiles, leatherwork or contemporary galleries. Meeting the makers offers a more personal encounter with the city, connecting the beauty of its monuments with skills still practised today.

End the day with dinner in a historic palazzo setting or at a selected local restaurant, arranged in advance.

Alternatively, complement a shorter guided walk with a cooking class in a selected residence or culinary venue, discovering regional pasta traditions before sharing the dishes prepared.





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Salento Wines & the Rhythm of the Loom

Countryside estates, native wines and traditions woven by hand.



Head into the countryside for a pre-booked winery experience at a producer such as **Masseria Li Veli** or **Castel di Salve**. A visit and tasting introduce the estate's wines and its interpretation of the surrounding landscape, revealing another expression of Salento's character.

Enjoy a countryside lunch before continuing to a textile atelier such as **Fondazione Le Costantine** or **Anna Lucia Arte del Tessuto**, selected according to the day's route. Discover the patience and precision of handweaving, where threads become patterns through gestures passed between generations. A hands-on session may be added where offered, with the format agreed in advance.

Alternatively, explore **Galatina**, visiting the Basilica of Santa Caterina d'Alessandria. Its frescoed interiors and blend of Romanesque and Gothic architecture reveal a different artistic world from Lecce's Baroque splendour. Pause for a pastry at Ascalone before continuing to Nardò for a guided walk through its historic streets and elegant squares.





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Coastal Horizons by Sea or E-Bike

Clear waters, rugged shores and the open landscapes of southern Puglia.

Set out on a boat reserved for your party to discover **Salento's coastline**, where pale cliffs, rocky inlets and clear water create a landscape shaped by the meeting of land and sea.

The departure harbour and coastal route will be agreed with the operator according to your hotel base and conditions. Any cave-viewing or swimming stops will be selected by the skipper within permitted access arrangements, leaving time to enjoy the scenery at an unhurried pace.

Alternatively, explore the coast and countryside on a guided e-bike excursion, following a route adapted to your interests and riding ability. A visit to a historic underground olive mill may introduce the region's longstanding relationship with olive oil, while a tasting at a local producer can be arranged as a separate experience where available.








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