



For the first time the city of Bari has the pleasure of hosting a Men's and Women's Basketball Master Tournament.

The Apulian capital is a fascinating discovery. It is a city with two faces: the elegant and active city of the Murat district and the modern suburbs opposed to the hypnotic old Bari, lying on the Adriatic.



The grandiose Norman Swabian Castle, built by Frederick II of Swabia, crowned by the towers, once a defensive manor, then a Renaissance residence, is the gateway to the old city.

Crossing the “Pilgrim’s Arch”, you arrive in the heart of the Nicolaine citadel, with a fine example of Apulian Romanesque, the Basilica dedicated to St. Nicholas, the patron saint. Also noteworthy is the Romanesque Cathedral of San Sabino, from the baroque crypt and the Romanesque Basilica of San Gregorio. The historical center of Bari, a maze of alleys, courtyards, historical and local buildings, is a city in the city, with around 30 churches and wonderful architecture. On the widest seafront in Italy, Bari Vecchia is the ancient heart of the city, between the smell of laundry, freshly baked focaccias and fresh pasta put to dry in front of the doors.



Also worth visiting is the Monastery of Santa Scolastica, Piazza Mercantile, the “Infamous Column” and the Library of Santa Teresa dei Maschi.



In the nineteenth-century Bari Murattiana you will find buildings such as the Petruzzelli Theater, the Piccinni Theater and Palazzo Fizzarotti, while the underground holds hidden treasures, rock churches and hypogea carved into the rock, as the Temple of San Giorgio, Madia Diana's hypogeaum and the "Hebrew" hypogeaum.

A few kilometers from the capital of Puglia, immersed in the wonderful Valle d'Itria, we find the village of Alberobello, famous for its characteristic houses called "Trulli", protected by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site.



On the coast of the Valle d'Itria lies the town of “Polignano on the sea”, perched on a rocky spur overlooking the water. The historical center of the town is spread over an imposing rocky ridge and is bordered by ancient walls. This small town, with its poetry, the blue of the sea, the white of the houses and the aromas of the typical Apulian dishes, inevitably remains in the hearts of travelers who decide to visit it.

North of Bari worthy of note is the majestic Castel del Monte. Built by Frederick II of Swabia in the 13th century, the castle dominates the surrounding countryside with its octagonal structure. It is considered a brilliant example of medieval architecture but actually combines different stylistic elements. A masterpiece of inestimable value, a place to live in its thousand mysteries and to visit at least once in life, Castel del Monte is also listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site



HOW TO REACH BARI

BY TRAIN

Several railway lines end in Bari and there are three different central stations, all grouped together in Piazza Aldo Moro. Long-distance rail services are operated by FS, the national railway network, using the Bari Centrale station and connecting the city with other Italian destinations.

BY BOAT

The port of Bari is considered a door among Europe, the Middle East and the Balkan Peninsula. It's one of the main port in the Adriatic Sea, with about 2 millions of passengers in the 2007 (400.000 cruise passengers)

BY PLANE

There are around 40 low-cost flights operating on Bari (BRI) and coming from several European airports. Of course it is also possible to use many flag companies that land in the Apulian capital.

The taxi to reach the city center costs € 25/30. There are also regular buses (Line 16 at a cost of € 1.50 and the journey takes about 35/40 minutes) and a new metro service (at a cost of € 5.00 with a journey time of about 15 minutes)) which connects the airport to the center of Bari and the railway station.

BY CAR

- From the A14 motorway coming from the north: take the Bari-sud exit and follow the signs for the bypass of Bari towards Brindisi and then to the city center.

- From the A14 motorway coming from the south: take the Bari - sud exit and then follow the indications to the city center.