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PUGLIA GOLF TOUR 2025

Welcome back to Italy!

Located in the heart of the Mediterranean, it is a magical combination of history, art and unspoilt nature, amidst beautiful coastlines and picture-postcard landscapes. Puglia is a region of golden beaches, crystal-clear waters, intense flavours, and fascinating destinations: the amazing Salento Coast, commonly known as the "Italian Caribbean". Here, you'll enjoy a stunning tour visiting breathtaking landscapes and old cities. In Valle d'Itria, you'll discover the "Trulli" of Alberobello, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and other unforgettable cities such as Martina Franca and Locorotondo. Your tour will move to Matera, in the Basilicata region, and end in Rome, where the players will enjoy the Ryder Cup Golf course.

ITINERARY

Sunday 25th May 2025

AIR								
Emirates	Flight Number EK0421	Class: Economy	From: Perth, WA - Terminal 1 - Intl/Dom	Leaving: Sun 25 May 22:20	Destination: Dubai, United Arab Emirates - Terminal 3	Arriving: Mon 26 May 05:20	Flying Time:	11h
							Stops:	0
AIR								
Emirates	Flight Number EK0097	Class: Economy	From: Dubai, United Arab Emirates - Terminal 3	Leaving: Mon 26 May 09:10	Destination: Rome Fiumicino, Rome, Italy - Terminal 3	Arriving: Mon 26 May 13:25	Flying Time:	6h15m
							Stops:	0

Monday 26th May 2025: SHERATON HOTEL – ROME

Arrive Rome. "Meet & greet" with our English-speaking Representative. Transfer to the hotel.
Overnight at **Sheraton Hotel**.
Dinner in the hotel (drinks not included).

Tuesday 27th May 2025: SHERATON HOTEL – ROME

H. 10:00 – Tee Time at the Marco Simone Golf Course.
Evening: Dinner own arrangement Overnight at Sheraton Hotel.

Wednesday 28th May: BRINDISI AIRPORT – ACAYA GOLF RESORT

Buffet breakfast. Morning at leisure.
Transfer to the airport.

AIR								
	Flight Number AZ1619	Class: Economy	From: Rome Fiumicino, Rome, Italy - Terminal 1	Leaving: Wed 28 May 13:20	Destination: Casale, Brindisi, Italy	Arriving: Wed 28 May 14:30	Flying Time:	1h10m
							Stops:	0

Group arrival at Brindisi Airport. "Meet & greet" with our English-speaking Representative. Transfer to the Acaya Golf Resort. Accommodation in Comfort rooms.

Relax at the hotel or free time at the private beach nearby (beach services included: *beach umbrella, 2 deckchairs, sun towel, shuttle to/from the beach*).

H. 18:30 – Welcome drink. A flute of sparkling wine or soft drinks, finger food.

Time to introduce the group and run through the tour details.

Evening: H. 20:00 Group dinner at the hotel's restaurant "Terrace San Giacomo" (drinks not included).

Overnight at the **Acaya Golf Resort & SPA**.

Thursday 29th May: ACAYA GOLF RESORT

Buffet breakfast.

H. 09:30 – Tee time for the golf players at the Acaya Golf Course.

Included for the ladies 1 entrance at the Wellness Centre: use of caldarium/frigidarium/tepidarium, showers, sauna, panoramic hot tub with colour therapy, relaxation area with herbal tea) or relax at the private beach.

For the whole Group: In the afternoon, transfer to Lecce, city sightseeing with a local English-speaking guide, and free time to stroll in the lively city centre.

Lecce is a city of rose windows, stone flourishes, garlands, Solomonic columns, small piazzas, and unexpected alleyways. Called "the Florence of the South,". It welcomes visitors with its magnificent baroque architecture, which blazes on the portals of its palaces and on the facades of the many churches that line the streets inside the city's three ancient gates.

Included: entrance in a baroque church.

Evening

Dinner own arrangement.

Overnight at **Acaya Golf Resort & SPA**

Friday 30th May: ACAYA GOLF RESORT – SALENTO TOUR (APPROX. 200 KM)

Buffet breakfast.

H. 09:30: Group departure for full-day excursion: You'll enjoy a beautiful tour of the Peninsula of Salento, a stunning tour from the Adriatic Sea to the Ionic side, visiting hamlets, breathtaking landscapes, and old churches.

Otranto is one of the most beautiful villages in Italy. It is a labyrinth of charming little streets and countless stores of local art house. The old village is enclosed by fascinating boundary walls, which relate to the Castle of Otranto, a masterpiece of military architecture.

Santa Maria di Leuca, the meeting point of the two seas; you'll visit the Sanctuary dedicated to the Madonna "de finibus terrae". A stairway of 284 steps connects the Basilica at the port framing the Acquedotto Pugliese which, ending in Leuca, flows into the sea.

On the way back, on the Ionic coast, you'll meet Gallipoli whose name means "beautiful city". The old town, perched on a limestone island, is connected to the new part of the town, on the mainland, by an arched bridge built in the 1900s. The walls, bastions, and towers, which originally defended the town from invaders, today protects it from rough seas, while also preserving the charm of days gone by.

Evening

H. 20:30 Group dinner (drinks not included) at the hotel restaurant.

Overnight at **Acaya Golf Resort & SPA**.

Saturday 31st May: ACAYA GOLF RESORT - LECCE

Buffet breakfast.

H. 09:30 – Tee time for the golfers at the Acaya Golf Course.

The ladies will go to the private beach (hotel shuttle bus).

Optional for the ladies: cooking class in a typical Pajara.

Evening: *Dinner own arrangement.* Overnight at **Acaya Golf Resort & SPA**.

Sunday 01st June: ACAYA GOLF RESORT – OSTUNI A MARE (95 KM)

Buffet breakfast. Hotel check out.

Departure towards Ostuni.

H. 13:00 – Tee Time at the San Domenico Golf Course (30 min. from Ostuni). *Designed by the architect Andy Haggard according to the highest USGA standards, the San Domenico Golf is a magnificent Mediterranean course that measures over 6300 meters with a par of 72 and runs along the stunning rocky shores of the Adriatic coast.*

For the ladies: check-in (from hrs 15:00) at the Ostuni a Mare Hotel.

Welcome drink and appetizers.

The ladies will relax at the sandy beach or visit the town of Ostuni.

***Ostuni**, the vast 'White City'. It is a labyrinth: a maze of alleyways, staircases and arches, of houses built upon houses, of hundreds of years of history laid out before you in a way no map can truly explain or capture. Dead ends and little gardens, glimpses of the Adriatic Sea, green doors and bright blue skies; everything and nothing may lie around the next corner you take.*

Evening

Group dinner (drinks not included) in restaurant in Ostuni (transfer from/to the hotel included).

Overnight at the **Ostuni a Mare Hotel**.

Monday 2nd June: OSTUNI A MARE RESORT

Buffet breakfast.

Hrs 09:00 – Full-day excursion for the group with your English-speaking guide in the stunning **Valle d'Itria**. **Alberobello**, a small-town site of the UNESCO World Heritage for its unusual districts of trulli, the characteristic, white-washed conical-roofed houses of the area that are popping up picturesquely here and there. The centre of Alberobello is mostly composed of typical small-town Italian streets and buildings, with a few trulli interspersed among the buildings in a surreal fashion. Here the little white pointy-topped dwellings are clustered together like a "hobbit" town. Next stop is Locorotondo, which was also named one of the beautiful hamlets in Italy, which has a tiny historic circular centre perched on top of a hill with lovely views over the Valle d'Itria, a green landscape dotted with white trulli. If time permits, you can also stop in **Martina Franca**, a pleasant whitewashed-and-baroque town.

Return to the hotel.

Evening :

Group dinner (drinks not included) at the **Ostuni a Mare Resort**. Overnight.

Tuesday 3rd June: OSTUNI A MARE RESORT

Buffet breakfast.

For the golfers, transfer to the Golf course.

H. 10:00 Tee time at the San Domenico Golf course

Optional for the Ladies is a pottery workshop at the Vincenzo del Monaco Atelier (a three-hour course) in Grottaglie.

Evening :

Dinner is by own arrangement (possibility of reserving dinner at Polignano a Mare or in a Masseria).

Overnight at the **Ostuni a Mare Hotel**.

Wednesday 4th June: OSTUNI A MARE RESORT – MATERA (100 KM)

Buffet breakfast. Hotel check out.

H.09:00— Your driver will take you to Matera, where you'll meet your English-speaking guide for a tour of this amazing town!

Matera is one of the most unique and spectacular places in Italy and worldwide. It became a UNESCO World Heritage Site; it is a special place to explore on foot and get a good sense of the "Sassi" with one day in Matera.

Hotel check-in.

Evening

Group dinner (drinks not included) and overnight at the **San Domenico Al Piano Hotel**.

Thursday 5th June: MATERA – ROME (450 KM)

Buffet breakfast.

Hotel check-out and bus transfer to Fiumicino Airport.

AIR								
Emirates	Flight Number EK0098	Class: Economy	From: Rome Fiumicino, Rome, Italy - Terminal 3	Leaving: Thu 05 Jun 15:40	Destination: Dubai, United Arab Emirates - Terminal 3	Arriving: Thu 05 Jun 23:20	Flying Time:	5h40m
							Stops:	0
AIR								
Emirates	Flight Number EK0420	Class: Economy	From: Dubai, United Arab Emirates - Terminal 3	Leaving: Fri 06 Jun 02:45	Destination: Perth, WA - Terminal 1 - Intl/Dom	Arriving: Fri 06 Jun 17:35	Flying Time:	10h50m
							Stops:	0

INCLUSIONS

- Return economy class airfares
- Ticket taxes
- Meet & Greet Assistance at Fiumicino (Rome) Airport
- Accommodation in 4-star hotels in comfort/standard rooms
- 2 nights Sheraton Hotel - Rome
- 4 nights: Acaya Golf Resort 4* - Lecce area
- 3 nights: Ostuni a Mare Hotel 4* - Ostuni
- 1 night: San Domenico al Piano 4* - Matera
- Daily buffet breakfast
- 5 rounds of golf (1 Marco Simone + 2 Acaya + 2 San Domenico)
- 4 buvette on the golf courses (Acaya and San Domenico Golf)
- Use of driving range + balls
- 1 Group Welcome drink & finger food (Acaya Golf Resort) + 1 Ladies Welcome drink at Ostuni a Mare Hotel.
- Acaya Private beach access (deckchairs + beach umbrella included)
- 6 group dinners
- 3 Full Day Group English speaking guided tour
- 1 Half Day Group English speaking guided tour. Baroque Church entrance: included.
- 1 entrance at the SPA Acaya Resort for the ladies (use of caldarium/frigidarium/tepidarium, showers, sauna, panoramic hot tub with colour therapy, relaxation area with herbal tea)
- Fully equipped bus 55 seats during the whole tour plus extra van for the golf club transportation
- Vat and city-local taxes
- Luggage – 30kgs of checked baggage & 7 kg for cabin baggage (for Emirates international group flights only)

Not included:

Drinks at meals (water, wine, coffee/tea); lunches, portorage, SPA treatments; optional dinners; golf carts; tips; bus transfers hotel/Rome/Hotel on day 10; anything not indicated as included.

Farewell Dinner supplement approx. € 50 per person.

Evening at the Borgo Egnazia (Ostuni) on demand, waiting for the calendar of the events.

On demand:

Day 4: group dinner in Lecce: typical and informal Osteria

Day 6: group formal dinner at the Torre del Parco Restaurant in Lecce. The Historic House is located inside the ancient Convent built in 1600 on the ruins of the 15th-century complex, composed of the Tower, the Prince's Palace, the State Mint, and the Court. Your dinner will be served in the garden, an oasis of nature and peace in the middle of the city.

Day 6: For the ladies, Cooking Class Salento Area (from Acaya Hotel): The original Cooking Class in a "Pajara," a Salento rural house. Cooking and preparation with tasting of typical Salento pasta dishes: Orecchiette, Maccheroni, Sagne n'cannulate, Ciceri and Tria and "pittule" made together. We accompanied everything with a good glass of Salento rosé wine or our craft beer "La Pajara."

Day 8: for the ladies, **pottery workshop** in *Grottaglie, the ceramics capital of Puglia. Since before Roman times, the rich clay of Grottaglie has been renowned for its stunning ceramics; artist Vincenzo Del Monaco pays tribute to his hometown's tradition by creating exquisite pottery pieces with a contemporary twist. Step inside his atelier, Bottega Del Monaco, and take an inspiring tour (English speaking) of his works before sitting down to a masterclass with Vincenzo himself to create a ceramic work of art to take home.*

Day 10: group farewell dinner.