

APAVM PUGLIA, ROME & THE VATICAN

16 - 25 September 2027

Optional Pre-Trip Pilgrimage:
San Giovanni Rotondo, Monte Sant'Angelo & Trani
14 - 16 September 2027



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Participants must be Patrons with membership until at least end 2029

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APAVM Puglia, Rome & The Vatican 2027

The Board of Directors of APAVM invites you to join our 8th signature Vatican Trip to "Puglia, Rome & The Vatican" from 16-25 September 2027 and our Pre-Trip Pilgrimage, 14-16 September 2027, to San Giovanni Rotondo, Monte Sant'Angelo & Trani. On this extraordinary 10+2 day journey through Italy, we will experience a faith not only preserved in history but one that lives on vibrantly today. From the heart of Rome to the treasures of

The Vatican and the deeply rooted traditions of Puglia, walk in the footsteps of saints and martyrs and stand before masterpieces that have shaped the spiritual imagination of the Church for centuries. At the same time, discover the living Church - vibrant communities, enduring devotions, and the quiet yet powerful presence of faith in daily Italian life. And, of course, no journey in Italy would be complete without its extraordinary cuisine. From Roman classics to the rich, authentic flavors of Puglia, each meal becomes part of the experience—an opportunity to gather, reflect, and savor the joy of Italian hospitality. This is more than a journey through places; it is an immersion into the continuity of belief - from the early Christians of Rome to the faithful of today, all woven together through Christian art, prayer and history.

Dates

- 16 Sept 2027
- 17 Sept 2027
- 18 Sept 2027
- 19 Sept 2027
- 20 Sept 2027
- 21-24 Sept 2027
- 25 Sept 2027

Itinerary

- Bari & Matera
- Matera & Polignano a Mare
- Locorotondo & Alberobello
- Ostuni, Ceglie Messapica & Lecce
- Galatina & Otranto
- Rome & The Vatican
- Departure from Rome

Arrival & Departure

- Our trip will begin on 16 Sept in Bari (exact location TBA). Please plan to arrive early for our Welcome Reception at 1400 hrs.
- On 21 Sept, we will fly from Brindisi to Rome. Flight is provided as part of your trip fees.
- Departure will be from the Bernini Bristol Hotel, Rome on 25 Sept, anytime in the morning.



Optional Pre-Trip 14-16 September 2027

EURO 1,600 per person (EURO 300 single supplement)

- Our Pre-Trip Pilgrimage commences with a Welcome Reception at 1400 hrs on 14 Sept 2027 in Bari. (exact location TBA) From Bari, we will be transferred by coach to San Giovanni Rotondo.
- We will end on 16 Sept 2027, also in Bari, where we will meet fellow patrons for our Main Trip Welcome Reception at 1400 hrs. (exact location TBA)

Euro 9,500 per person
(Euro 3,200 single supplement)

**Includes all hotels, most group meals, off-sites and education, ground transportation and Brindisi/Rome flight.*

**Excludes airfare to Bari and from Rome to your destination.*

Puglia Highlights 2027

- Walk through the historic streets of Bari, gateway to Italy's famous "stiletto heel," where grandmothers still prepare the traditional orecchiette pasta at roadside stalls.
- Visit the venerable Basilica of Saint Nicholas, lynchpin of the faith from East to West, and its ancient crypt, relics and treasures.
- Be transported to a prehistoric past in the cave dwellings of Matera, backdrop to the sacred stories of Pasolini's Gospel of St Matthew and Mel Gibson's The Passion of the Christ as well as the profane adventure of James Bond in No Time to Die.
- Soak up the Adriatic sun, in stunning seaside setting dining on the local specialties of violet shrimp, roasted octopus and the freshest burrata.
- See the most charming towns in Italy: Locorotondo famed for its pristine streets and floral décor, Alberobello, home of the characteristic trulli, ancient conical huts of stone, and Ostuni, the "white city" perched above the sea.
- Explore the magnificent city of Lecce, "The Florence of the South" with its amazing ancient ruins alongside sculpted Baroque facades.
- Learn of the extraordinary courage of the citizens of Otranto who resisted the Ottoman onslaught in the 15th century, and see the stunning cathedral that houses their relics today.

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