



The Ionian and Adriatic sea - Puglia: the Salento region, a land between two seas

Tour the extreme southern point of Italy, between the Ionian and Adriatic sea.

This region has been colonized by the Greeks, Byzantines, Romans and the Borboni. The original inhabitants of the Salento were the Messapi, who were very good horse breeders, and arrived up to the coast of Illiria, an area rich in history and tradition.

Group tour with Italian/English speaking guide (international group).

8 days, 7 nights from Saturday to Saturday

Overnights: Taranto and Otranto (in the port) – Campomarino – Gallipoli – S. Maria di Leuca (in roadstead).

The Boat

Caique ALTINLAR

6 cabins with private services (shower and WC)

12 places

4 double cabins + 2 double cabins with the possibility of a third bunk bed.

The caique Altinlar was completely renovated in 2007, while all the bathrooms were renovated in winter 2009/10. The ship is 23 m long and 6.2m wide. All cabins are simple but functional and comfortable. They are furnished with a cabin bed, a little wardrobe, and there is enough space to place bags and luggage (excluding rigid luggage).

All cabins have little windows that can be opened and have air-conditioning. Outside there are 2 decks. One is on the anterior part and has a big solarium with mattresses for all guests. The back deck is covered and has a table for breakfasts and dinners. We pride ourselves on our onboard catering, which is a result of utilising old recipes from seaside villages. Carpaccio, fresh seafood and vegetables, pasta, meat and the herbs of the Mediterranean region of Campania are an absolute must on our table.

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Dates for 2011:

Departure every week from 09/07 to 20/08

From Taranto: 09/07 – 23/07 – 06/08 – 20/08

From Otranto: 16/07 – 30/07 – 13/08.

Ride info:

Salento coast – Every trip is between 40 and 60 km

Level: Easy



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Day 1 - Individual arrival. Embarkation at 18.00 at the port of Taranto. Welcome drink, dinner and presentation of the program.

Day 2 - Taranto - Campomarino (49 km). Ride to Taranto, heading inland among sandy beaches, dunes and juniper bushes along the coast of the Ionian sea. Arrive in the typical little fishing port of Campomarino with its white and blue boats and stay overnight in the roadstead.

Day 3 - Campomarino – Gallipoli (59 km). Cycle along a quiet coastal route to Gallipoli, the “beautiful city”. The old town is located on a limestone island, linked to the mainland and the modern city by a bridge built in the 16th century. Here you will find a rich and interesting presence of Baroque works of art such as churches and monuments. Return to the boat and stay overnight in the roadstead in Gallipoli.

Day 4 - Gallipoli – Santa Maria di Leuca (49 km). Today you will reach the southern point of Italy, Santa Maria di Leuca, the extreme point of the Italian “heel”. Santa Maria di Leuca is the city where the Ionian and Adriatic seas meet, a crossroad of oriental and western cultures. Return to the boat and stay overnight in the roadstead.

Day 5 - Santa Maria di Leuca. Rest and relax in Santa Maria di Leuca; enjoy the wonderful Salento sea, bathe, sunbathe and go snorkeling from your boat. Stay overnight in the roadstead in Santa Maria di Leuca.

Day 6 - Santa Maria di Leuca – Otranto (53 km). Ride along the high and indented coastline to the Zinzulosa cave and the castled town of Santa Cesarea Terme, with its Arabian style white houses. Continue cycling until you reach Otranto. This is the most oriental town of the Italian peninsula and has many byzantine buildings, such as its Cathedral. The mysterious charm of this city can also be seen in the symbol of the city, the “Torre del Serpe” (“The Snake Tower”) which is linked to many legends and mysteries of war and the sea. Return to the boat and stay overnight in the roadstead in Otranto.

Day 7 - Otranto – Lecce – S. Cataldo (60 km) – Otranto. Head inland again today through tiny villages to reach Lecce. The ancient Roman city of Licea is known today as “the Florence of the South”. It is a city with a simple and refined style. You cannot miss the city centre with the beautiful facades and doors of the palaces. Continue back to Otranto and the boat. Stay overnight in the port of Otranto.

Day 8 - Departure. Disembarkation at 09.00 and end of services.

Price:

Price per person: **£1,270.00** sharing room

Price per person in 3rd bed: **£820.00**

Price per person in single cabin: **£2230.00**

The price includes:

- Accommodation in double cabin with private facilities.
- Full board from the dinner of day 1 to the breakfast of day 8 (including picnic lunches)
- Bike Hire
- Italian/English speaking guide
- Sheets and towels (1 change per week)
- Overnights in port in Taranto/Otranto (2 nights).

The price does not include:

Journey to/from the embarkation harbour, drinks, entrance fees (museums, parks, monuments), overnights stop in ports (except Taranto/Otranto) tips, extras, and everything not included in “the price includes”.

It is possible to charter this boat for a week.

Price £12,000.00.

The captain and the guide reserve the right to make alterations to the itinerary, depending on wind, sea and weather conditions or organizational requirements.

Embarkation/Disembarkation: Taranto or Otranto.

Details on how to reach the embarkation point will be provided upon booking or on request.