

Population:

330,000

Currency:

1 Euro = 100 cents

Opening hours:

Shops in Bari are usually open between 9-12,30 and 15,30-19,30 (closed on Sundays).

Internet:

www.pugliaturismo.com

www.comune.bari.it

www.barinight.com

Newspapers:

Gazzetta del Mezzogiorno

BariSera

La Repubblica

Corriere della Sera

La Stampa

Il Sole24ore

Emergency numbers:

Carabinieri: 112

Police: 113

Fire brigade: 115

Ambulance: 118

Coast Guard: 1530

Tourist information:

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**BARI**

Bari, a typical maritime and market city, is the capital of the Apulia region and the second biggest city in the Italian south. The city developed industrially in the second half of the Twentieth Century and now boasts an important trade fair, the largest in the south. Tourists visit Bari for its historic buildings, art works and fascinating town centre, as well as for the beaches which surround the area.



THE CITY



The people of Bari love to repeat this phrase: 'If Paris was on the sea, it would look like a small Bari'. Obviously, this is an exaggeration, but it tells us a lot about the pride (and sense of humour) in this area. This is a city with a deep sense of history and art, with rich cultural roots and a modern business outlook. An important city under the Greeks, Bari became a Roman municipality, and was later governed by the Saracens, the Venetians, the Normans, the Aragons and finally the Bourbons before becoming part of Italy. As a link between the Greek and Middle-Eastern worlds, Bari experienced its golden age during the medieval period. The glories of that age are perfectly symbolised by the stupendous Cathedral and Church of San Nicholas.

The Emperor Augustus Promenade is also worthy of note – it is the main through fare in the city – as is the Nazario Sauro Promenade, which provides a magnificent walkway along the sea front as well as superb views over the city itself. To the left is the S. Nicola jetty where every year, on the 8 May, the ceremony of the thaumaturgy statue takes place. The statue is taken to sea on a boat where it is worshipped by pilgrims and believers. In this area you can sample the marvellous sea food in the working class bay area known as the "nderre a la lanze".

DO & SEE



La Città Vecchia (the Old City)

The extraordinary old city largely consists of narrow and winding streets. Here you will find all the important medieval monuments, such as the Swabian castle and many churches, including the Cathedral of San Sabino and the Basilica of San Nicola.

Il Castello Svevo (the Norman Swabian Castle)

This building was begun by Roger II (1139), and destroyed at least twice by the people of Bari, in protest again the tyranny of the Normans. Frederick II rebuilt it almost completely between 1233 and 1240.

*Address: piazza Federico II di Svevia, 2
Phone: +39 0805214361*

Basilica Di San Nicola

The basilica was constructed between 1087 and 1197, and has always held the remains of San Nicola (who is also known as Santa Klaus). It is both a Catholic and an orthodox church, and partly for this reason is a place of annual pilgrimage for many people from all over the world.

*Address: Largo Abate Elia, 13
Phone: +39 080 5737111
Internet: www.basilicasannicola.org*

Cattedrale Di San Sabino

This building was originally built in Byzantine style in 1062, and rebuilt in Romanesque form in 1170 after the



destruction it had undergone at the hands of William the Evil in 1156.

*Address: piazza Odegitria
Phone: +39 0805210605*

Castel Del Monte

70 km far from the centre of Bari, this unique medieval manor house stands on top of a hill in the Apulian Murgia, 540 metres above sea level and 18 km from Andria. It was probably built as a hunting residence by Frederick II between 1229 and 1249 and is a national monument.

*Address: Andria
Phone: +39 0883 569997
Internet: www.comune.andria.ba.it*

Grotte Di Castellana (caves of Castellana)

This series of grottoes (40 Km south-east of Bari) are the biggest in Italy. They are 3 km long and 71 mt. deep and include deep caves and long underground passages with hundreds of stalactites and stalagmites, formed over thousands of years, by water erosion of the calcareous rock.

*Address: piazzale Anelli - Castellana Grotte
Phone: +39 05 325440724
Internet: www.grottedicastellana.it*

Alberobello

60 km far from the centre of Bari, this is undoubtedly one of the most picturesque towns in the world, as it consists entirely of tiny trulli houses.

*Address: 10, Piazza Sacramento
Phone: +39 080 4326030
Internet: www.alberobellonline.it
More information: Tourist office: piazza Ferdinando IV - Alberobello*

EATING



Pugliese cuisine is usually associated with orecchiette (little-ear shaped) pasta accompanied by cime di rapa (turnip-tops), but there is much more to this region than that one dish. The fresh vegetables found here are often prepared with oil and garlic and other specialities include fish, homemade pasta and vegetable and cereal-based soups. Most dishes are served with very good bread or taralli (similar to breadsticks). The burrata (mozzarella cheese with a cream centre) should not be missed. Pugliese cuisine with its delicate flavours is generally considered to be amongst the best in Italy.



▼ Recommended Partner

Agriturismo Amicizia

Typical bio kitchen in a friendly environment in Murgia

*Address: C.da Cristo Fasano Cassano Murge (Ba)
Phone: + 39 080763393/763556
Internet: www.amicizia.it*

Babo - enoteca vineria

Selection of meats, cheeses, wines, distillates and oil v.e. of olive

*Address: P.zza G. Cesare 23 - 70124 Bari
Phone: tel./fax 0809149153 - chiuso la domenica
Internet: www.babovini.com - info@babovini.com*

Pizzeria Baresana

Pizza Barese the traditional method for working flat typical pugliesi

*Address: Via R. Da Bari, 10 c/o Teatro Piccinni
Phone: Tel. 080/5236974 - 320/3540403 - 347/6688188
Internet: www.bohemien.it*

Ristorante Brezza Marina

With the best food from the sea in a comfortable and intimate environment.

*Address: Piazzetta Duomo, 48 - 70051 Barletta
Phone: Tel. +39 0883/536009 - Cell. 3280255975
Internet: www.ristorantebrezzamarina.it*

The Brewer (Brew Pub)

Pizzeria tavern tasting typical plates shows.

*Address: Via del Duomo 13/17 - 70051 Barletta (BA)
Phone: Tel. 0883533012 - 3386986922 - Fax 0883950801-
info@birraio.com
Internet: www.birraio.com*

Ristorante Ai Due Ghiottoni

Here you can try a variety of vegetables and fish cooked according to the best pugliese cuisine. Recommended choices: the "risotto ai due ghiottoni" with spinach, cream, ham and parmesan cheese and oven-cooked salted bass fish. Good selection of local, national and international wines.

*Address: Via Putignani, 11
Phone: +39 080 523 2248*

Ristorante Perbacco

An elegant place where you can eat typical as well as more creative dishes. Good selection of wine and excellent service.

*Address: via Abbrescia, 99
Phone: +39 0805580179*

Al Sorso Preferito

This place is to be found in an old building in the city centre. Here you'll find typical pugliese cuisine such as "orecchiette alle fave" (typical homemade pasta with broad beans) or with cicoria (chicory) or cime di rape and cavatelli (another kind of pugliese homemade pasta) with seafood sauce.

*Address: via De Nicolò, 46
Phone: +39 080 5235747*

Pizzeria Enzo E Ciro

The most celebrated pizzeria in Bari. The furniture is a bit shabby but the pizza is great and other typical dishes are of the same high standard. Don't forget to book, it's always packed.

*Address: Via Imbriani Matteo Renato, 79
Phone: +39 0805541535*

Pizzeria Tarantini

Here you'll find many kind of pizzas which are slim and crisp in the style found in Bari.

*Address: Via Jacini Stefano, 64
Phone: +30 0805022826*

Pizzeria La Veronique

This pizzeria has moved from the city centre to the suburbs. This is a good choice because of the availability of parking and the new place is huge - with a number of tables outside. Good hors d'oeuvre (Barese ham, olives and bruschetta) and delicious pizzas. Very good service.

*Address: Via S. F. Hahnnemann, 4
Phone: +39 080 5461822*

Ristorante La Campagnola

This restaurant-pizzeria is famous because it's linked with the national academy of the mozzarella di bufala. It's located in Bitritto, a small town with a Norman castle, 15 km from Bari. Delicious pizzas.



Address: Via Fumarola 4, Bitritto
Phone: +39 080631642 - 3409012168

CAFÉS



Il Caffé Borghese

This is one of the oldest cafés in Bari, close to the Castello svevo and highly recommended as a place to sit with a cappuccino and brioche or an aperitivo and soak up the atmosphere of the city.

Address: Corso Vittorio Emanuele II, 122
Phone: +39 080 524 2156

Il Caffé Sao Saicaf

One of the oldest cafés in the city. Unfortunately a few years ago the place was rebuilt and lost much of its retrò charm. However, its cappuccino and brioche are still among the best in Bari.

Address: Corso Cavour, 119/121
Phone: +39 080 521 0667

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



Apéritivo venues tend to open late, at around 20.00-21.00, because in Bari people usually eat dinner at around 21.30-22.00, and if you arrive earlier you will probably find a lot of empty seats.

People generally eat outside because it's almost never cold.

Bari's people like to chill out and chat in piazza del ferrarese or along the old walls. They also like to visit to the small villages by the sea, such as Trani, Poliniano a Mare, Molfetta and Bisceglie, for a walk and a drink. In Bari there are a few dance clubs but for discos it's worth a trip out to the famous Divinae follie in Bisceglie, 40 km from Bari.

Recommended Partner

Bohemien Jazz Caffè

Old music club global place live music from wedn-sat american bar food

Address: Via R. Da Bari, 10 c/o Teatro Piccinni
Phone: Tel. 080/5236974 - 320/3540403 - 347/6688188
Internet: www.bohemien.it

Caffé Italiano

As one of the most popular meeting places for young people this place is always packed. The choice ranges from various kinds of apéritivo to simple after dinner beers.

Address: Via Matarrese Salvatore
Phone: +39 080 561 6645

Caffé Mozart

This is another important apéritivo venue, but is also an after-dinner drinking bar. Here you will find hot food as well and cakes.

Address: Via Melo Da Bari 139
Phone: +39 080 524 5015

Caffé Sotto Il Mare

This charming place, located along the old walls (muraglia) has a good view of the lungomare of Bari. People usually visit this café after dinner.

Address: via Venezia, 16
Phone: +39 080 521 3024

Smaila's

The best disco during the eighties, the New



Cellar has just re-opened after an extensive renovation. There are three deejays playing soft-house music, disco rock and 70-80 music. People from late twenties till 40s.

Address: via Principe Amedeo, 154
Internet: www.smailasbari.it

Le Fleurs Du Mal

Another disco-pub with rock and Latin America music, jazz, and sometimes cabaret.

Address: Via Suppa, 24

Divinae Follie

A huge disco, which can hold at least 3,000 people on one of the Europe's biggest dance-floors. Music: happy house, r'n'b, revival.

Address: Viale Ponte Lama, 3 - Bisceglie
Phone: +39 080 398 6050
Internet: www.divinaefollie.com

SHOPPING



If you want to find Italian fashion clothing, bags, shoes and accessories you should visit via Sparano, which is the most important shopping street in Bari. Here you can find all the famous labels such as, Paciotti, Coccinelle, Furla and Rossetti, as well as the major chains including Sisley (which is one of the biggest chain stores in the South of Italy and Zara. Recommended shops for very fashionable people include: Boutique Mimma Ninni (Via Putignani, 28/30 and Cecilia De Fano (Via Andrea Da Bari, 118/A, Via Dante Alighieri, 74, Via

Sparano, 87. Other fashion shops with cheaper brands can be found in Corso Cavour and via Manzoni. The market in via Tommaso Fiore (which is open on Monday morning) is a great place for second-hand clothes, shoes, textiles and craft items. And if you want to bring home typical pugliese food and fresh vegetables it's worth visiting the markets in Corso Mazzini and in via Nicolai (they are open every day). In the old city centre you'll find many shops with pottery and straw baskets.

SLEEPING



EXCLUSIVE

Hotel Mercure Villa Romanazzi

This central hotel has a modern feel, but it's surrounded by a huge centuries-old park rich in flowers and exotic plants in which stands the 19th century "Villa Rachele", once owned by the Romanazzi Carducci brothers, the ex-feudal overlords of Putignano.

Address: via Capruzzi, 326
Phone: +39 080 542 7400/557 5265
Internet: www.villaromanazzi.com



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Agriturismo Amicizia

A stay in Murgia not to forget "the ancient perfumes"

Address: C.da Cristo Fasano Cassano Murge (Ba)
Phone: + 39 080763393/763556
Internet: www.amicizia.it

Bed & Breakfast de Nittis – Barletta

In town centre, we welcome you in a typical familiar accommodation

Address: Vicolo del Lupo, 9 – Barletta
Phone: + 39 0883 571310 - + 39 3385928577
Internet: www.bbdenittis.it

Consorzio Agritourist Le Roverelle

Stay at organic farms, in the heart of Murgia Barese

Address: Via Colamonico, 2 Cassano delle Murge
Phone: + 39 080.764640
Internet: www.leroverelle.com

Hotel Cristal

Central and modern hotel. All rooms with bath, air con., tv, garage.

Address: Via Trevisani, 190 - Bari - 70122
Phone: Tel/Fax + 39 080/5218467
Internet: www.hotelcristalbari.it

Rondò Hotel ***

Modern equipped with wide rooms conference rooms garage restaurant bar

Address: C.so A. de Gasperi, 308/E zona Carrassi
Phone: Tel. 39+ 0805023444 Fax: 39+ 0805023495
Internet: www.rondohotel.it

Palace Hotel Bari

This is one of the most elegant central hotels in the cit. It has special rooms for people with children or pets and for those keen on classical music and opera (with CD players, CDs and books about music) and boasts an exclusive restaurant.

Address: via Francesco Lombardi, 13
Phone: +39 0805216551
Internet: www.palacehotelbari.it

GOOD VALUE

Hotel 7 Mari

This hotel is located near to the Fiera del Levante, the international business centre of Bari, but it's not only for business people with its private and quiet beach and fitness centre.

Address: via Verdi, 60,
Phone: +39 0805341500
Internet: www.hotel7mari.it

Hotel Boston

Comfortable bedrooms all with a bath or shower, air conditioning, TV and Minibar. Close to the city centre.

Address: Via Piccinni, 155
Phone: +39 0805216633
Internet: www.bostonbari.it

BASIC

Hotel Orchidea

A small hotel with 27 rooms. Close to the rail station.

Address: Via Giulio Petroni, 11/2
Phone: +30 0805421937
Internet: www.hotelorchideabari.it

Hotel De Rossi

Another small hotel close to the rail station.

Address: Via De Rossi, 186
Phone: +39 0805245355

Hotel Smeralda

Decent hotel close to the rail station.

Address: Via Capruzzi Giuseppe, 234
Phone: +39 080 556 6823/556 4400

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



Airport

Bari's International Airport is located around 11 km from the city centre. The local city bus (AmTAB bus 16) gets you into the city for €0,77 (from 05.00 to 23.00, every 60 minutes) or you can catch the Tempesta bus company shuttle to the rail



station (ticket: €4,15, every hour). Taxis cost around €20-€25.

Phone: +39 080 5800200
Internet: www.seap-puglia.it

Public Transport

The company which operates Bari's local transport system is Amtab. One ticket costs €0,77 (valid for 75 minutes), but you can get a one-day travel card for €1,81.

Phone: +39 080 5393111
Internet: www.amtabservizio.it

Taxi

Bari's main taxi companies are

Radio Taxi

Phone: +39 080 5543333

Apulia Taxi

Phone: +39 080 5346666

You can also find cabs close to the rail station (Piazza Moro).

Post

Bari's main post office is in piazza Viale Lazio 2.

Opening hours: 08.00-18.30 (Mondays-Fridays), 08.00-12.30 (Saturdays).

Phone: +39 080 5316611

Pharmacy

Bari's chemists are usually open from Monday to Friday from 08.30 to 13.00 and from 16.30 to 20.00. They have different open hours during nights and weekends. Addresses are posted on the pharmacies.

Dentist

For emergencies go to the Pronto soccorso of the Policlinico.

Address: piazza Giulio Cesare, 11
Phone: +39 0805591111

Telephone

Country code: +39

Area code: 0805

Electricity

220/240V





Corso Antonio de T.	C2		B4
Corso Cavour	C3 C4	Via Don Bosco	A4
Corso Giuseppe Maz.	A3	Via E Mola	D4
Corso Italia	A4 B4	Via Francesco Cris.	A3
Corso Sidney Sonni.	D4	Via G Petroni	D3 D4
Corso Vittorio Ema.	B3 C3	Via Garruba	B4
Corso Vittorio Ven.	A3 B2	Via Generale de Be.	A3 A4
E Divisione Bari	A4	Via Gioacchino Mur.	B3
Largo Carabellese	D4	Via Giovanni Bovio	A3
Lungomare Imperato.	C2	Via Giuseppe Capru.	C4
Lungomare Nazario .	C3 D3	Via Guglielmo Ober.	D4
Molo S Antonio	D3	Via Guiseppe	C4
Molo S Nicola	C3 D3	Via Imbriani	C3 D3
Piazza Aldo Moro	C4	Via Indipendenza	A3 A4
Piazza Colonnello .	A3	Via Jatta	A3
Piazza Garibaldi	B3	Via Liberta	A4
Piazza Generale Di.	D3	Via Manzoni	B3 B4
Piazza S Pietro	C2	Via Melo da Bari	C3
Piazza Umberto I	C4	Via N Bavaro	A4 B4
Piazzetta S Antoni.	C4 D4	Via N dall'Arca	C4
Sottovia Q Sella	B4	Via Napoli	A3
Via A Garibaldi	A3	Via Netti	A3
Via Abate Gimma	A3 B3 C3	Via Nitti	A4
Via Abbrescia	D3 D4	Via Petrelli	A4
Via Andrea da Bari	C3	Via Piccinni	B3 C3
Via Argiro	C3	Via Pietro Ravanas	A3
Via Beatillo	C4	Via Pisanelli	C4
Via Benedetto Cair.	B3 B4	Via Pizzoli	B3
Via Bovio	A4	Via Principe Amede.	A3 B3
Via Calefati	A3 B3	Via Putignani	B3
Via Cardassi	C4 D4	Via Quintino Sella	B3 B4
Via Carulli	C4 D4	Via Roberto da Bar.	C3
Via Cattaro	D4	Via Sagarriga Visc.	B3 B4
Via Celentano	C4 D4	Via San F d'Assisi	B3
Via Cognetti	C3 D3	Via Scipione Crisa.	A4 B4
Via Dalmazia	D4	Via Sparano da Bar.	C3
Via Dante Alighi.	A4 C3 C4	Via Suppa	B4
Via de Cesare	C4	Via Tanzi	D4
Via de Giosa	C4	Via Trento	D4
Via de Rossi	B4	Via Trevisani	A3 A4
Via dei Mille	D4	Via Turitto	A3
Via Dieta di Bari	D4	Via Vallona	D4
Via Domenico Nicol.		Via XXIV Maggio	C3 D3