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**Guest Information:** 

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Party size: Family of 8 people, 4 children (ages 6,12,13,15) – 4 adults

Budget guest budget: 1500 per person, not including food or air tickets

Included in budget: Transportation, activities, accommodations & breakfast

Not included: Lunch & dinner, can be paid for on site. Taxi rides.

Dates available: August 14th-23rd

Transportation Preference: Trains, Rental Car, Private Transportation (when visiting wineries)

Flight Information:

Arrival: Flight 6878 from Austin to Bari(Puglia), arrival 10:45AM August 14th

Departing: Flight 6787 from Bari (Puglia), departing 10:45AM, August 23rd

### Day 1: August 14th

When you arrive a private English-speaking driver with will be waiting for you directly outside of customs, inside the airport holding a sign with your name. They will bring you in a large mini-bus to your first Villa: Villa Caterina in San Vito. The villa has 6 bedrooms, and accommodates up to 10 people. It has a private beach, with a lovely shore, ideal for diving. Each of the 4 adults have private bedrooms with king sized beds, for the children two of them have private bedrooms and 2 have shared with two twin beds. There is ample room for all parties. There are also three bathrooms, two with showers and 1 with

a full bath and shower. The kitchen is fully equipped, and there is an outdoor kitchen. The outside and rooftop terraces all have gorgeous views of the sea.

Once you check in, this would be an ideal time to check out the local markets that are in walking distance (see attached maps). After, a homemade lunch, get freshened up for dinner. There is a reservation for 7:30PM at a gorgeous hotel near-by at

Grotta Palazzese

Address: Via Narciso, 59, 70044 Polignano A Mare BA, Italy

Phone: +39 080 424 0677

A private driver in a large mini-van will pick you up and bring you there. They will wait for you outside and bring you back to the villa after dinner.

Prices:

\$450 for the villa per night

\$300 for the driver for all services (airport transfer, transfers to and from the restaurant)

# Day 2: August 15th

8:30 A private chef will come and cook breakfast for the family. After breakfast, it's an ideal time to check out the beach. This is an Italian holiday, so many of the shops will not be open, I have instructed the chef to prepare a packed lunch in a cooler to bring along with you to the beach. This will consist of traditional Italian sandwiches (paninis), fruit, yogurt, ample water and of course a bottle of prosecco! Enjoy your lunch at the beach. The driver will meet you again at 3:00 to bring you back to the villa. The chef will come meet you again for dinner and cook a traditional Pugliese seafood dinner including a appetizers, a first course of pasta with seafood and then a second course with whole baked fish. For the children, she will make eggplant parmigiana.

Cost:

Transportation: \$140 for the transfers to and from the beach

Chef: \$600 USD includes breakfast, lunch and dinner

### Day 3: August 16th

A private English-speaking driver will bring you to the gorgeous little town of Polginano del mare, there you can eat breakfast and enjoy the morning markets. Here a local guide will meet you and help you choose the right products for lunch. I specifically chose a guide who was good with children. After you will go with your chef back to the villa where they will give you a cooking class on how to prepare a traditional Pugliese lunch. This includes a lesson on fresh pasta. After lunch it's the best time to take a nap and then to enjoy your private beach!

Price:

Transfers to and from the market: \$140

Cooking class and market tour (6 hours): \$700, includes the food products to be made and the 8 of you for the cooking lesson and tour, with transportation

## Day 4: August 17th

You can start the day off with your own breakfast at the villa. Then at 9:30AM an English-speaking driver will meet you and bring you to Alberobello, where you can enjoy the day! (about 1 hour) This is an incredibly unique town, replete with trulli houses. This is the traditional Pugliese building technique of little pointed houses, some of these houses date back to the 12<sup>th</sup> century! A guide will meet you there and show you around the gorgeous little town, again I chose a guide who will be great with the kiddos and will help show you the local and authentic way of living in Puglia. They will choose a place for lunch and after lunch a lovely place for some amazing gelato!

The tour will last 2 hours, not including lunch or gelato.

After the tour, the driver will pick you up again and bring you back to the villa. On the way back, the driver will take you by a traditional market. I have included recipes along in the packet, with some suggestions on what to buy.

There you can get freshened up, and enjoy cooking dinner while the kids take a swim.

Guide cost: 250USD

Driver cost: 720USD

#### Day 5: August 18th

This is a great day to enjoy the white village of Ostuni. Ostuni is a hillside village on the sea. It boasts traditional narrow winding, cobblestone streets. The historical area is mostly pedestrian so it's a great place to meander and stop for some wine and food tastings at the local Enotecas. There are also some amazing gelato shops for the kids. I suggest going to the main piazza, where the kids will enjoy playing. For lunch, the ideal place to go for children and adults alike would be:

Osteria Del Tempo Perso

Via G. Tanzarella Vitale 47, Ostuni, Italy

After lunch you can meet your driver again and the driver will bring you to an Ancient farm outside of Ostuni called Massseria Bancati. This farm dates back to the Roman period where they produce olive oil. Some of the olive trees in the orchard are more than a thousand years old! On the farm, one of the proprietors will take you around and show you the ancient farm equipment and explain the olive oil

making process. The tour will be short and sweet, so the kids will have some time to play in the orchards. After, you can taste some of the olive oil they produce on site. Once the tour is done, the driver will take you to a gorgeous nearby beach where you can enjoy a few hours relaxing in the sun. When you're ready the driver will take you back to the villa. Nearby the villa, a 5 minute walk there is a lovely little restaurant where you can try some traditional Apuliese cuisine. Be sure to get the seppia! It's an amazing dish!

Restaurant: Friggitoria Musa

Via Giuseppe Mazzini 24, 72019 San Vito dei Normanni, Italy

Driver price: 700USD for the day (about 8 hours)

### Day 6: August 19th:

In the morning you can check out and then head to the baroque city of Lecce. Here are private guide will give you a family-friendly tour of the city for about 1.5 hours. After the tour, the guide will take you to a local kitchen where they will give you a fun hands-on cooking class of how to make pizza! Naturally, you will get to devour the pizza aside some local wine. After, you will meet your driver again who will bring you further south where you will check into your next seaside villa close to the ancient village of Otranto. The villa has 4 bedrooms, two masters and two with double twin beds. There is an outdoor terrace equipped with a grill, hammocks and even private sea access! There is also a lovely sandy public beach within walking distance.

Villa: 450USD per night

After checking in, and having the kids enjoy the beach and sea – there is a nice seaside restaurant within walking distance.

Driver: 700USD for the day (at your disposal for 8 hours)

Tour & cooking class: \$500USD

#### Day 7: August 20th

A private driver will come pick you up and bring you to the lovely city of Otranto. It's a medieval city, complete with a castle so the kids will love walking along the boardwalk! This is a great place to walk, take in the views and then have some lunch. I would suggest

Corte Del Casaro Agriturismo

Strada Provinciale 48, Otranto-Martano | Altezza Primo Incrocio Laghi Alimini, 73028 Otranto, Italy

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After you will meet your driver again who will take you down to the Leuca on the southernmost tip of Apulia. There you will make a first stop at a gorgeous set of caves. There an English speaking guide will meet you and take you on an hour long tour of the cave system. After the tour, the guide will stay with

you and you will meet your skipper for a boat ride around tip of the peninsular where the three seas meet! The coast is covered in small caves and swimming holes, where you can get out of the boat and swim. One of the caves includes a secret pink beach inside, where you can swim in and enjoy the cool fresh water.

After swimming, the driver will bring you back to the villa, making a stop at the market along the way so you can cook dinner at the villa and relax in the gorgeous outdoors.

Price for the English speaking driver: 700USD

Price for cave tour with guide: 250USD

Price for boat ride: 15 Euro per person to be paid on site.

#### Day 8: August 21st

One of the most interesting things that Apulia has to offer is really unique swimming holes! Your first stop in the day, after breakfast at the villa, will be to Porto Badisco. Porto Badisco is an old marina carved into a stone inlet. This makes it an ideal place to jump off the sides and swim in the pristine turquoise sea. This is a popular area for locals, but little known by toursits so it has a lot of local flavor. After swimming there, the next stop will be Grotta della Poesia (the cave of poets), which is a gorgeous swimming hole that is great for the kids who would like diving off the rocks into the water, this is a bit better for the teenagers but there are lower points for the smaller kids. After there is a ruin site from the bronze ages which is an easy stop next door if everyone is not exhausted yet! After seeing the ruins it's time for a big hearty lunch. The driver will bring you to the best local spot depending if you decided to visit the ruins or not.

After lunch the driver will take you back to the villa to freshen up and relax for a bit. Then the driver will meet you again at 3:00 and take you to a nearby national reserve where you will meet your Englishspeaking horse guide! There will be six horses and two ponies waiting for you at the start and they will take you on a two hour horseback tour of the reserve. After, the driver will take you back to the villa where a chef will come prepare you dinner while you relax.

Driver cost: \$500

Horse back riding cost: \$650

Chef cost: \$350USD (including local wine!)

# Day 9: August 22<sup>nd</sup>

This will be the relaxing day that the wives requested! The driver will come pick up the ladies in the morning and bring them to a local spa. This will include a facial, manicure, pedicure and 1 hour massage - along with free access to the pool, steam room and sauna. After dropping the ladies at the spa, the driver will come back and bring you to the port where the rest of the party can meet their private English-speaking skipper and go on a fishing trip off the coast. The skipper will bring them to the best

fishing holes. After you can head back to the villa with whatever you caught and a chef will teach you how to prepare a big seafood dinner. The driver will pick up the ladies on the way back.

Spa price: 400USD

Fishing excursion: 500USD

Driver: 700USD for the day

Chef: 250USD

# Day 10: August 23rd

Time to check out! A private English-speaking driver will come pick you up and bring you back to the airport where you will catch you flight back to the United States.

Cost: 300USD