

## TRAVEL PROGRAM – Attachment 1 of the Proposal of Contract

### Unknown Basilicata

#### Thousand-year-old history and wild nature

*From the Adriatic Sea to the Ionian Sea, passing by Matera, the Dolomiti Lucane, the badlands of Aliano and authentic tiny villages, exploring an ancient culture surrounded by lush nature*

**From 6<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

Even if Matera got pretty famous after being nominated as European Capital of Culture in 2019, the rest of Basilicata region is still unknown. There are still just a few tourists that travels around the region and thanks to that the villages and the inhabitants preserved their unique authenticity. The territory is rich of forests, uncontaminated nature and large cultivations, most of them of Senatore Cappelli wheat, typical of the area.

Traveling by bike in Basilicata is pretty challenging, be prepared to climb some hills and to cycle for many miles without meeting anybody: in the other hand, roads are almost car-free, there are lush nature, villages rich of history, traditions and local festivals.

We start off from the Adriatic Sea, from the city of Bari, and we cycle towards Matera: there we spend three nights, in order to explore the surrounding area and to enjoy the city at its best. We visit the Murgia Materana Park and the rupestrian churches, thousand-years old; the village of Montescaglioso and the beautiful San Michele Abbey and the Lake San Giuliano, an area surrounded by wild nature. Then, we visit the Park of Piccole Dolomiti Lucane (the Basilicata Dolomites), that features great rock formations and two charming villages, Castelmezzano and Pietrapertosa. We cycle to Aliano, an ancient village where the writer Carlo Levi was exiled: the village overlooks some impressive badlands, a moon-like land that surprised also the great writer. Finally the trip ends in Lido di Policoro, facing the Ionian Sea: a dive into the sea will be a great reward for the efforts during the trip.

As usually, during our holidays we will focus on the delicious food of the region, a mix of mediterranean flavours from the mountains and the sea.

### DAY-BY-DAY PROGRAM

#### DAY 1 / Arrival in Bari

Individual arrival in Bari. Meeting with the organization in the hotel and briefing.

Overnight in BARI - Palace Hotel Bari \*\*\*\*

#### DAY 2 / Bari > Matera

Approx. 68 km - elevation gain +630 mt

From Bari we head towards the countryside, crossing the whole city. We cycle on a few busy roads but once we get to the countryside we find peace and tranquillity, among large cultivations and olive groves. On the way we cross Bitritto, Sannicandro and Cassano delle Murge, little towns that feature pretty historical centres with clear-stone-made houses and small fortresses. We approach to Matera cycling in the Murgia area, surrounded by the silence of the countryside, and after a few climbs we reach this magical city, where we spend three nights.

Overnight in MATERA - Le Monacelle di Matera

#### DAY 3 / Matera > Montescaglioso > Matera

Approx. 45 km - elevation gain +680 mt

Like Matera, also the beautiful village of Montescaglioso is perched on the top of a hill. In order to reach it we first cycle fast downhill and then we climb the hill following a panoramic road that leads to the centre of the village after some hairpin turns. There we visit the Abbey of San Michele Arcangelo, from where we can enjoy a great view over the countryside. After the visit of the Abbey we cycle downhill and we reach Parco dei Monaci, where we leave the bikes and we start to hike towards a wild ravine, where the small rupestrian church of Cristo della Selva stands. Finally, we have to climb up to reach Matera.

Overnight in MATERA - Le Monacelle di Matera

#### **DAY 4 / Matera > Lago di San Giuliano > Matera**

Approx. 66 km - elevation gain +760 mt

This stage is a circular route among nature and culture. After cycling downhill from Matera, we cross the solitary countryside following small roads going slightly up and down until we reach one of the hidden treasures of the area: the Crypt of the Original Sin, kind of rupestrian Sistine Chapel. After visiting the crypt, we follow a beautiful road that flanks Lake San Giuliano, even if the lake is not always on the sight: it's the triumph of the nature and here it's easier to find a sheep flock than a car. Of course, going back to Matera is uphill.

Overnight in MATERA - Le Monacelle di Matera

#### **DAY 5 / Matera > Castelmezzano**

Approx. 15 km - elevation gain +550 mt

Minibus transfer to Trivigno. Here the landscape is different respect to Matera area, it's much more mountainous and green. Today we cycle just 15 kilometres, but in order to reach the village of Castelmezzano we have to cycle up a demanding hill. The great view over the village of Castelmezzano, perched on the mountain, the rocky pinnacles of the Piccole Dolomiti Lucane are a great reward for all the efforts. From there it is also possible to glimpse the village of Pietrapertosa, on the other side of a large valley.

The whole afternoon is free: trekking lovers can hike on a path that leads to Pietrapertosa and those who are looking for intense emotions can experience the "Angel Flight", a zip-line that links the two villages.

Overnight in CASTELMEZZANO - Locanda di Castromediano

#### **DAY 6 / Castelmezzano > Aliano**

Approx. 57 km - elevation gain +1200 mt

We head towards Pietrapertosa cycling along a panoramic road that flanks the mountain, then we continue on a beautiful wooden plateau with some small climbs. We cycle surrounded by nature until Cirigliano and the bottom of the valley, then we start to climb again on a road with large hairpin turns flanked by old olive trees until we get to Aliano. There we can enjoy a great view over the badlands, this is the place where the writer Carlo Levi set the book *Cristo si è fermato ad Eboli*. Thanks to our host we can learn anecdotes about the writer and the book.

Overnight in ALIANO - B&B La Casa dell'Americano and Palazzo Scelzi

#### **DAY 7 / Aliano > Lido di Policoro**

Approx. 66 km - elevation gain +850 mt

The first miles of the route are a daydream: a small road goes slightly downhill and crosses the moon-like area of the badlands. The first part of the day is completely surrounded by nature, but a three kilometres section along a large road with some traffic. The first village we find on the way is Tursi, then we cycle again surrounded by badlands and we reach the Sanctuary of Santa Maria Regina di Anglona, a beautiful romanesque-style church with nice frescos built on the top of a hill. After this cultural break, we cycle downhill and we get to Metaponto, a large and plain area. Finally, we cross the city of Policoro, the ancient Herakleia, and we get to the sea by Lido di Policoro. After a refreshing dive in the sea, we go back to Bari by minibus.

Overnight in BARI - Palace Hotel Bari \*\*\*\*

After dinner, end of services of assistance and accompaniment.

#### **DAY 8 / Departure**

After breakfast, free day and individual departure from the hotel.

Place: Italy > Apulia and Basilicata – Difficulty: demanding

Duration: 8 days, 7 nights, 6 biking days

When: from 27<sup>th</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Tour description: The tour is made out of four itinerant routes and two ring routes for a total of 6 bike days, start and arrival in Bari. Two minibus transfers are included. The route follows secondary roads with low car traffic and some stretches with medium car traffic. The road bank is mostly asphalt, rarely we will be pedaling on nice dirt roads. The route is hilly and includes some demanding climbs.

## **PRICES AND CONDITIONS**

### **NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS, SPOKEN LANGUAGE**

Minimum 14 participants, maximum 22 participants. The main language spoken during the trip is Italian language.

### **FEE PER PERSON including taxes and duties**

€ 1.180 in double room

€ 1.360 in single room (180€ supplement)

€ 50 discount, already applied, for our promotional initiative "Italia che riparte" "Italy restarts".

€ 250 **deposit** at the moment of the enrolment. Once the tour is confirmed, **balance** has to be paid not later than 30 days before departure. For those who register when the tour is confirmed, the full fee has to be paid.

### **INCLUDED**

- 7 overnights with breakfast in one 4 stars hotel and some good quality B&B.
- 7 dinners (3 courses) with typical dishes, drinks included (¼ l wine or 300 cl beer), water and bread. Fish dinners with an alternative for those who don't have fish.
- 7 city taxes.
- 4 picnics, with bread, cold cuts, cheese, fruit, dessert, ½ l. water.
- 3 tour leaders: 2 by bike, 1 on the support van (2 tour leaders for groups from 12 to 17 participants).
- Guided visit of Matera old town, and the Crypt of Original Sin.
- Visit of Aliano old town.
- 2 minibus transfers (day 5 and day 7).
- Support vehicle during the whole tour, with luggage transportation, picnic service and assistance.
- Medical and baggage insurance. Medical insurance also provides for early return in event of illness or accident.

Details about the hotels are written on the program; due to reason of force majeure, hotels may be substitute with others of the same (or higher) category.

The above mentioned program may be modified during the tour due to organizational reasons or weather conditions. Consequently, some scheduled services, visits, tastings or others, may be substitute with others of the same kind, quality or value, at the discretion of the tour leader. Causes are unpredictable and unrelated to the organizer.

### **NOT INCLUDED**

Travel cancellation insurance, that we recommend to activate independently or as extra service. Bike rental, provided as an extra service upon payment, transfer from private accommodation to Bari, entrance tickets to museums and monuments, tips and everything not mentioned in the section "included".

### **EXTRA, UPON REQUEST**

Prices already include discounts for our promotional initiative "Italia che riparte" "Italy restarts".

#### **Bike rental.**

€ 80 for high-quality bike rental for the whole trip.

€ 150 for high-quality e-Bike rental. Padlock and one waterproof side bike pannier "Ortlieb". Bike delivered and collected on the spot. We recommend to bring the own's helmet: if requested, it will provided free or charge by the organization.

#### **Travel cancellation insurance.**

The organization will provide information through e-mail to those who are interested in purchasing the insurance. The cost of the insurance will be quoted at the time of the request.

### **HOW TO REGISTER, PERSONAL DATA, PAYMENT**

Travelers who want to purchase this holiday package must send its CONTRACT PROPOSAL, hereafter BOOKING, through online registration on the *Unknown Basilicata* holiday webpage on the **Itinera Bike** website [www.itinerabike.com](http://www.itinerabike.com). The booking requires personal data and other data, necessary to manage the organization of the trip, the acknowledgment and acceptance of various important documents for the protection and information of the Traveler, including this Program (Attachment 1); and the payment of the fee. At the conclusion of the online procedure, all documents related to the booking will be sent, via e-mail, to the applicant as a receipt and to the organizer as request of contract (formally: Proposal for tourist package contract).

The payment of the fee is made online with credit card. The booking request is considered completed only after the deposit has been credited. The Organizer, once the completed booking is received, sends the Acceptance of the tourist package contract to the Traveler.

### **GOOD HEALTH DECLARATION**

Good health condition is required to the traveler who wants to participate at the group holiday. During the booking process, the traveler must declare not to have suffered pathologies that make the participation at the tour dangerous or harmful for the own and other participants' health. The traveler must immediately inform the Organizer, via e-mail, in the event of impediment of this type after the registration.

## TRAVEL CONFIRMATION

The trip will be confirmed once the minimum number of 12 participants is reached. The balance has to be paid upon confirmation of the trip. 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2020 is the deadline for confirmation or cancellation. A price supplement for activating the tour may be proposed if the minimum number of participants is not reached, based on the requests received: the tour will be confirmed only if the new price proposal will be accepted by all the registered travelers. In case of non-confirmation of the trip, the deposit will be **completely** refunded, via bank transfer, as soon as possible and not later than 15 days. In case of confirmation of the trip, further registrations will be accepted, even after the 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2020, subject to availability of the accommodations.

## SUBSTITUTION, TERMINATION AND PENALTIES.

Customer renouncing may be substituted by another person if the organizer receives written notice. The substitute must satisfy all the conditions necessary to the service fruition. The substitute must reimburse the organizer for all the secretarial allowances, 20 € are to be deposited plus any extra costs related with the substitution.

The traveler can withdraw from the contract at any time. If the customer withdraws from the contract, penalties are applied. Penalties are:

- from the moment of the enrolment to 40 days before departure, down payment;
- 30 days before departure, 50 % of the cost of the tour;
- 14 days before departure, full cost of the tour.

Travellers who purchased a travel cancellation insurance may be reimbursed by the insurance company if the cause of cancellation is included in the policy and in the amount of the policy.

## INFORMATION AND PROGRAM CHANGES

Full information will be sent via email before the departure, with tour leaders' name and contacts. Due to logistic or weather reasons, there might be some program changes.

## HOW TO GET TO BARI

The tour starts and ends in Bari.

In case of participants not resident in Italy, we recommend to inquiry the competent authorities about any visas that may be needed to get to Italy and to get them in time.

**By train.** It is possible to reach Bari by fast direct train from Milano and other train stations.

**By airplane.** Closest airports are *Karol Wojtyla* in Bari and *Aeroporto del Salento* in Brindisi, both linked with Bari with shuttles.

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This program is drafted in accordance with the Directive (EU) 2015/2302 has been transposed into Italian national legislation by Legislative Decree no. 62 of 21 May 2018.