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Puglia Top tips, recommendations and Telegraph readers by Telegraph reader

BASE CAMP

I would suggest Conversano as a base to explore the area – a delightful town in its own right, complete with an Aragonese castle. We flew with easyJet to Bari and our hotel arranged a taxi pickup. Accommodation and food were excellent at Corte Altavilla (0039 080 495 9668; cortealtavilla.it). We also enjoyed lunch at Pasha (Piazza Castello 5-7), just around the corner – unfortunately it was fully booked for the two nights that we tried to make a reservation for dinner. The station is 10 minutes' walk away and Alberobello (a prime tourist town) is easily accessible.

Look at b&b and cooking courses at Masseria Brigantino (0320 481 7715; masseria-brigantino.com) – we ate the fruits of our labour and, thanks to expert tuition, it was all excellent.

Russell Bloor, West Yorkshire

LESS DOUGH

When visiting Puglia, remember to buy the delicious local bread. The artisanal *pane di Altamura* retails at a premium in top-end supermarkets and delis in this country, but in Puglia you can get fantastic crusty bread with an open-textured crumb at any local bakery for a fraction of the price. Enjoy with the local *salame*.

Gaetana Trippetti, Cheshire

OSTUNI

No trip to Puglia is complete without a visit to Ostuni, or La Città Bianca (The White Town), as it's known locally. This is simply one of the most stunning towns in southern Italy, with its whitewashed houses set against the pink-tinged brown of the amazing cathedral. There are hints of the early Middle



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