




## Bari Italy

**DIALLING CODE** +39  
**CURRENCY** €

### FROM THE AIRPORT

 Visit the Europcar desk on arrival for special easyJet inflight rates.

 Holiday Taxis (easyJet.holidaytaxis.com) take you from home to the airport, then city or destination.

 The fare to centre is €20-€25.

 Route 16 goes to the centre every 40-60 minutes. Tickets: €0.77.

### BON APPETIT

**UP TO €15 Maccheroni Pizzeria a Metro** (90 Via Abate Gimma. Tel. 080 521 3356) Delicious fast food, served by the metre: the whole table's order is made into one continuous pizza. Moneywise, €10 is ample for food and drink at this no-nonsense place.

### UP TO €30 Pizzeria

**Santa Lucia** (9A Lungomare Starita. Tel. 080 534 4860) Eat your fill at this north Bari pizzeria. The unpretentious atmosphere keeps regulars returning again and again.

### UP TO €50 Donna

**Gina** (7-9 Via Cala Porto, Polignano a Mare. Tel. 080 424 3399) With its beautiful terrace overlooking

the town's natural bay, Donna Gina is perfect for a romantic dinner. The restaurant's fish dishes are particularly recommended.

### EXCLUSIVE Ristorante

**Alberosole** (13 Corso Vittorio Emanuele II. Tel. 080 523 5446) The deceptively simple décor emphasises the excellence of the food at Bari's most exclusive eatery. The *linguine con gamberi di Gallipoli, pesto di fave fresche e zenzero* (linguini with prawns and fava bean pesto) is worth the trip alone.

### AFTER DARK

**LOW KEY Vinagre** (47 Via Rosalba Camillo. Tel. 080 504 2844) Although it's not in a central location, this wine bar is an excellent, chilled-out place to kick off the evening. It also serves great food.

### LIVE MUSIC Uèffilo

(21 Via Donato Boscia, Gioia del Colle. Tel. 080

343 0946) Jazz and wine bar, in a building dating back to the 16th century, regularly hosting major Italian and international names.

### LATE & LIVELY Autodrom Club

(Contrada Lamandia, Monopoli) Located metres from the sea, Autodrom Club is the perfect place to head after a day lounging on the sand. Dance to enlivening house music, or chill in the gardens.

### THIS MONTH

**SHOP** La Bottega di Alice sells beautiful, but understated, handmade leather goods, including belts, handbags, hats, briefcases and stationery (226 Via Abate Gimma. Tel. 080 523 0235).

**SEE** The Festival delle Murge, which takes place annually, features more than 150 classical concerts, plays, operas and choral events (21-30 June. Palazzo di Città, Piazza Giacomo Matteotti, Corato. www.festivaldellemurge.it).

**GO** Pane e Pomodoro Beach, near Lungomare Perotti, is the nearest patch of sand to the city centre. The water is cleaner than at most city beaches and there are several kiosks to keep you fed and watered.

### NO WAY!

Local Serie B football team, AS Bari, play at the 58,000-seater Stadio San Nicola. The stadium hosted the 1991 European Cup Final, won by Red Star Belgrade.

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## MATERA



**ESCAPE** Just over an hour away by car from Bari, Matera is the site of cave dwellings dating back to the time of Italy's earliest inhabitants. Wandering around the *Sassi* (ancient town) will easily fill a whole day.