




Brindisi Italy


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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 the centre is about €20.

 Local STP buses go to the city every 30 minutes. Tickets: €0.80.

BON APPETIT UP TO €15

Capolinea Café
(118-120 Corso Roma. Tel. 348 556 9893)
Enjoy made-to-order sandwiches, toasties and sweet crêpes at this bright, clean and laid-back café.

UP TO €30 La Locanda degli Schiavoni (43 Via Tarantini. Tel. 0831 522 050) This bustling Old Town eatery serves simple food at reasonable prices. The fresh swordfish steak is absolutely packed with flavour.

UP TO €50 Sho-Ann (4 Via Cesare Abba, Ostuni. Tel. 0831 303 557) This intimate restaurant is renowned for its top-quality sushi and sashimi. Sit at the bar and watch the chef

at work, or choose a candlelit table. The €25 tasting menu is excellent value.

EXCLUSIVE Relais La Fontanina (Masseria Palagogna, 28 Strada Provinciale, Francavilla Fontana, Brindisi. Tel. 0831 380 933) Enjoy luxurious food in the opulent surroundings of this four-star hotel and spa. Try the spaghetti with lobster for a lavish experience and consider finishing with a cigar from the extensive list.

AFTER DARK LOW KEY Caffè

Cavour (5 Corso Cavour, Ostuni. Tel. 0831 301 709) Take a seat on the piazza or delve into the cool of the cave interior and marvel at the history that seeps from the walls of this ancient underground oil mill.

LIVE MUSIC Mr Brown (51 Vicolo de Ranieri) The nearest thing you'll find to a pub in Brindisi, Mr Brown serves real ale and hosts rock, folk and indie bands on Friday nights.

LATE & LIVELY Coyote Ugly (7 Via Congregazione. Tel. 320 748 3484) DJs play a mix of commercial house and pop at this small but spirited venue. Take refuge from the crowd in the balcony lounge area.

Typhoon Club (47 Via Provinciale, Lecce. Tel. 083 6926 268) A nocturnal rendezvous for summer revellers. The Typhoon Club is a hot spot with a fantastic array of cocktails.

THIS MONTH SHOP La Corte delle Botteghe Artigiane is home to nine crafts workshops, all of which sell directly to the public. From handmade paper to furniture made from recycled plastic, this is a great place to find original gifts to take to friends and family back home (33 Via Tarantini. Tel. 349 139 0400).

SEE Why not take the opportunity to see Carlo Goldoni's comedy, *Arlecchino, Servitore Di Due Padroni* (Arlecchino, Servant of Two Masters)? The comedia dell'arte style means that even non-Italian speakers will be able to enjoy the production (8.30pm, 13-14 May. Nuovo Teatro Verdi, 1 Via Santi. Tel. 0831 562 554).

GO Piazza del Mercato, with its fruit and vegetable stalls, fishmongers, butchers, bakeries, cafés and bars, may be noisy, lively and very messy, but you won't get a better sense of the city anywhere else.

ESCAPE Head 90 minutes south of the city, to Puglia's tip, and visit Grotta Zinzulusa, the amazing sea cave accessible by boat tour from Castro Marina.

NO WAY! The city's name is derived from the word *brunda*, meaning 'head of a deer', inspired by the shape of Brindisi's natural harbour.
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