




## Brindisi 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 the centre is about €20.

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

### BON APPETIT

**UP TO €15 Carpe Diem Bruschetteria**  
(11 Piazza Dante)

For just €13, you'll get a drink, starter, unlimited bruschetta – choose from more than 50 toppings – and a liqueur.

**UP TO €30 Taverna**

**Tre Archi** (Via Belvedere, Contrada da Malavera, Carovigno) The restaurant at this picturesque countryside bed and breakfast place is open to non-guests and serves typical Pugliese peasant food at extremely reasonable rates.

**UP TO €50 Cibus**

(7 Via Chianche di Scarano, Ceglie Messapica. Tel. 0831 388 980) Perfectly combines tradition with modernity, in terms of

both food and interior design. The menu is full of dishes that are original twists on local cuisine: try the orecchiette with *cima di rape and bottarga* (pasta with sprouting turnip tops and dried mullet roe).

### EXCLUSIVE

**Osteria Già Sotto**

**L'Arco** (72 Corso Vittorio Emanuele, Carovigno. Tel. 0831 996 286) Formerly a relaxed, family-run establishment, Osteria Già Sotto L'Arco is now one of Puglia's most elegant restaurants. The rich tasting menu is an excellent showcase for local flavours, including delicious burrata mozzarella.

### AFTER DARK

**LOW KEY Vertigo**

**Caffe** (38 Viale Regina Margherita) This is a good place to stop for a coffee, ice-cream or aperitivo while exploring the area around Brindisi's waterfront.

**LIVE MUSIC Il Petra**

(Castello Ducale, Ceglie Messapica) This tiny medieval town hosts the most atmospheric jazz gigs in Puglia. The music usually starts around 10pm, but get there earlier if you want to secure a table.

**LATE & LIVELY**

**Mucho Macho Latino Club** (Via G Leopardi)

This Cuban bar offers colourful cocktails and equally well-mixed Latin American music. If you aren't down with the moves, don't panic – members of the local dance school are around to lend a hand.

### THIS MONTH

**SHOP** The shelves of Enoteca Delizie are filled with delicious treats, from wine and local liquors to savoury snacks and luxury chocolates. There is also a branch after security at Brindisi airport (6 Via F Consiglio. Tel. 0831 563 507).

**SEE** The Processione del Cavallo Parato, in which a horse is ridden through Brindisi and showered with flowers, commemorates the arrival of St Louis of France in 1250. Join the procession on its route around the town (24 June. Piazza Duomo).

**GO** Viale Regina Margherita is home to bars, restaurants and cafés, and it offers good views of the harbour. In the evening, mobile stalls selling panini set up in Piazza San Teodoro D'Amasea, at the opposite end to Piazza Vittorio Emanuele II.

**ESCAPE** Ostuni is a world away from Brindisi's portside bustle, despite only taking 30 minutes to reach. The medieval hill town, which is painted blinding white throughout, will make you feel like you're walking through clouds.

### NO WAY!

Puglia's traditional cone-roofed houses, called *trulli*, were designed to be easy to dismantle. When tax inspectors came by, people would simply dismantle their homes, leaving nothing worth taxing.

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