



Bari 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 centre is €20-€25.

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

BON APPETIT

UP TO €15 La Taverna del Maltese (67 Via Nicola Domenico) Sandwiches, salads and snack plates, as well as some main courses, are on offer at this relaxed café-bar. Free WiFi is also available.

UP TO €30 La Cecchina (31 Piazza Mercantile. Tel. 080 522 0182) This classy restaurant costs less than you'd expect and the staff are charming. The mixed antipasto platter offers a few fantastic twists on typical Pugliese cuisine.

UP TO €50 Osteria Varamingo (4 Via Garibaldi, Torre a Mare. Tel. 080 543 3658) Dine in the shade of the olive tree in the courtyard and indulge in fresh fish. The

ricci (sea urchins) aren't always available, but if they are on the menu, they're definitely worth a try for their delicate flavour.

EXCLUSIVE Lo Sprofondo (109 Corso Vittorio Emanuele. Tel. 080 521 3697) This is the place where Bari's smart set dine. The staff may be snooty and the lighting a bit bright but the food is excellent. Try the braciolette of veal.

AFTER DARK

LOW KEY Matisse (10 Piazza del Ferrarese. Tel. 080 524 9962) Make yourself comfortable on one of the many sofas or sit outside in nice weather and watch the world go by on the bustling Piazza del Ferrarese.

LIVE MUSIC La Dolce Vita (41 Via Giuseppe Albanese. Tel. 080 557 6204) A mature crowd gathers here on Thursday

to Sunday evenings to enjoy jazz, cabaret, and 70s and 80s soul music. Arrive early to get a table.

LATE & LIVELY Gorgeous (82 Via Costituente. Tel. 080 542 3399) This club is on a small scale, but it's got plenty of style – just like the revellers it attracts. Commercial house plays from midnight till the morning.

THIS MONTH

SHOP Marnarid is an old-fashioned sweet shop in the heart of Barivecchia. Fight your way past the hordes of old ladies and satisfy your sugar craving with all manner of hard and jelly sweets (16 Piazza dell'Odegitria. Tel. 080 521 3803).

SEE Tiziano Ferro, Italy's top Latin pop singer, will be playing songs from his number one album, *No One Is Alone*. A great opportunity to see a major star (9pm, 17 May. Paladisfida, Via Giacomo Leopardi, Barletta).

GO Piazza Garibaldi is one of the few patches of green in the city centre and a good place to sit and watch the world go by. Nearby, check out the gorgeous Palazzo Fizzarotti, built in the Venetian style at the beginning of the 20th century.

NO WAY!

The remains of Saint Nicholas, otherwise known as Father Christmas, have been held in Bari's Basilica di San Nicola since 1089. *Jo Caird*

GROTTAGLIE



Grottaglie is home to more than 70 artisans' workshops where you'll find beautiful and inexpensive crockery on sale. Watch the potters at work or even have a go yourself. It's about 90 minutes away from Bari by car.



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