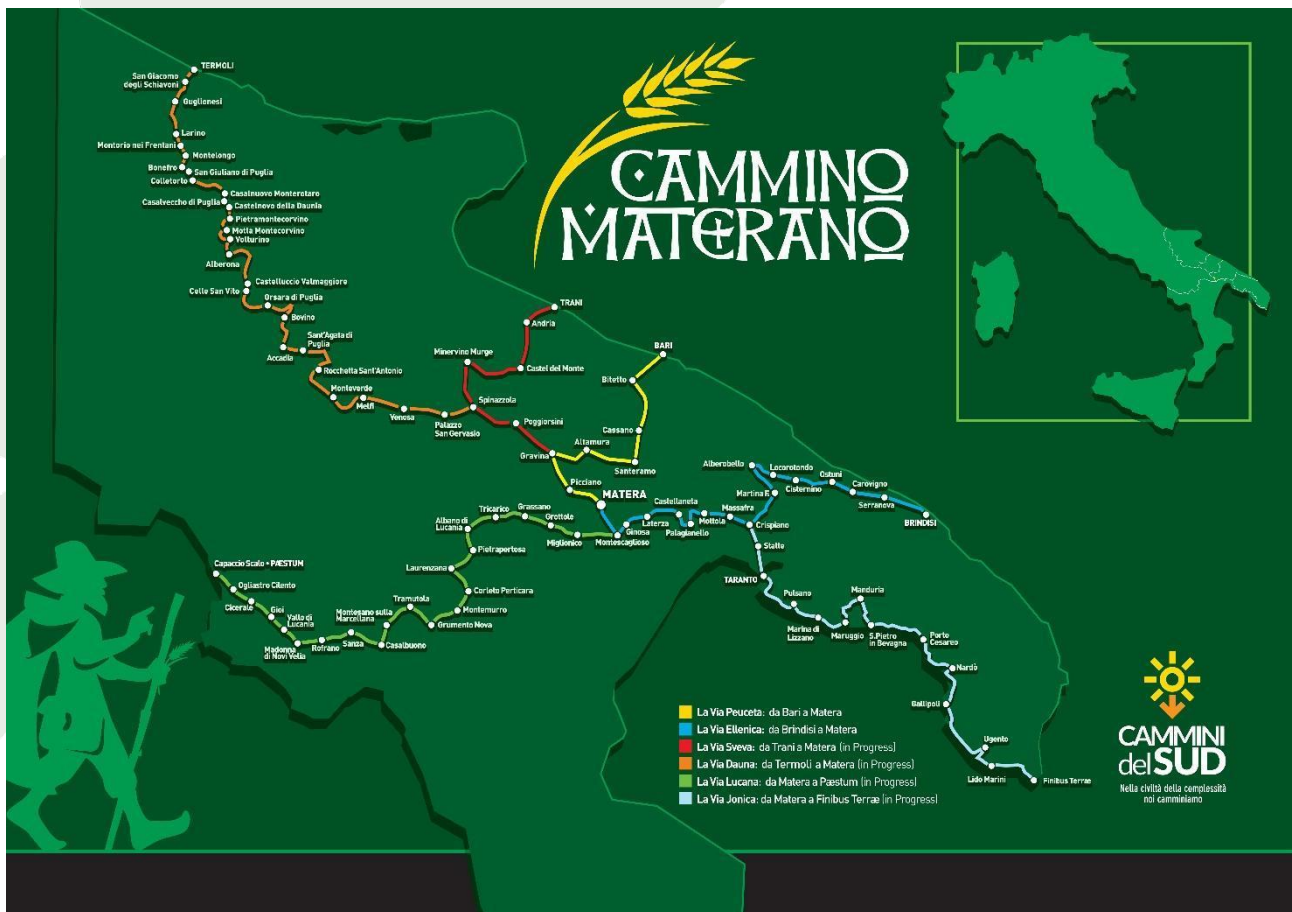


La Via Peuceta

On foot from Bari to Matera on the Cammino Materano

Via Peuceta starts from the Basilica of San Nicola in Bari, one of the main stages of pilgrimages in Apulia, it walks across the ancient territory of the Peucetian: from the lush olive trees forest extended into the coastal plain, moving to the steppe of the upland, passing through coniferous and oak woods, up to karst engravings (*lame* e ravines) that represent the enchanting rocky scenery where Gravina in Puglia and Matera stand.

Moving along 170 kilometres you'll discover the cultural heritage of Apulia and Basilicata made of cathedrals, medieval villages, cave churches, greek and roman remains, *masserie*, *trulli* (unique traditional stone huts), dry-stone walling and the exceptional flavours of the culinary art born from all genuine and locally grown ingredients.



News and instructions for use

Two roads in one. The road can be walked in both directions: from Bari to Matera and vice-versa. Signpost: the yellow arrow points to Matera, the green one points to Bari.

Two testimonia. Because of the bidirectionality, it's possible to reach/obtain a different testimonium for each of the arrival destination.

We don't want to look like Santiago. Italian legal system linked to walking routes is different from the Spanish one and Via Peuceta was born a few years ago, it has a unique identity, so do not expect a management similar to the Cammino francese, do not compare Via Peuceta with the Spanish one, please!

Credential. It's required to start the route with the credential in your pocket. You can easily obtain it on www.camminomaterano.it there you'll find all the information about donation and delivery.

Signposts. In the countryside you'll find road markings made of paint, while inside towns and cities you'll see adhesives. If you have troubles in finding your way, always ask around about the cathedral.

Local committees. Every stage has a local committee made of volunteers who can help you with (real) emergencies. Remember: they can help in their free time, they have a job, a family and a private life to deal with, so please don't ring them just to ask to book a room or the restaurant for you.

Sigilla. They are available in every stop, sometimes also in café.

Booking your stay. If you walk on the Via Peuceta during summer, remember that Apulia is a popular destination for vacation. For this reason and because of the precautions due to Covid-19, it's mandatory to book in advance. At the same time, if you change your mind, always call to cancel.

We know that sometimes in the Facebook Community somebody text private messages to pilgrims to offer them a room. If you can, avoid it and choose to book from the list of the participating members that are the lifeblood of the cammino, they built it and believed in it since the first day. Please report any speculative attempts (they don't care about you and the cammino, they are only interested in your money) and help us keep the Community safe for all.

Home hospitality. It's a non-commercial kind of hospitality in which some people accommodate pilgrims in their house just because they love sharing. In return for it they accept a free donation that can't never be agreed upon.

It obviously doesn't mean that you can feel justified in leaving a poor donation if compared with what gained during your stay. It relates to respect and gratitude!

This special kind of hospitality requires an higher sense of responsibility and pilgrim spirit: nothing can be demanded from whom who host you, because their commitment for pilgrims is a real and natural gift.

Often they can offer only the bed, so it can be useful to bring a sleeping bag on your own. We invite you to follow these easy rules:

- have respect for people who are sleeping and for moments of silence;
- always leave everything in order and clean, even if it wasn't you to mess;
- follow the rules, don't complain and respect the work of the host;
- keep shower and bathroom clean, don't use them for too long;

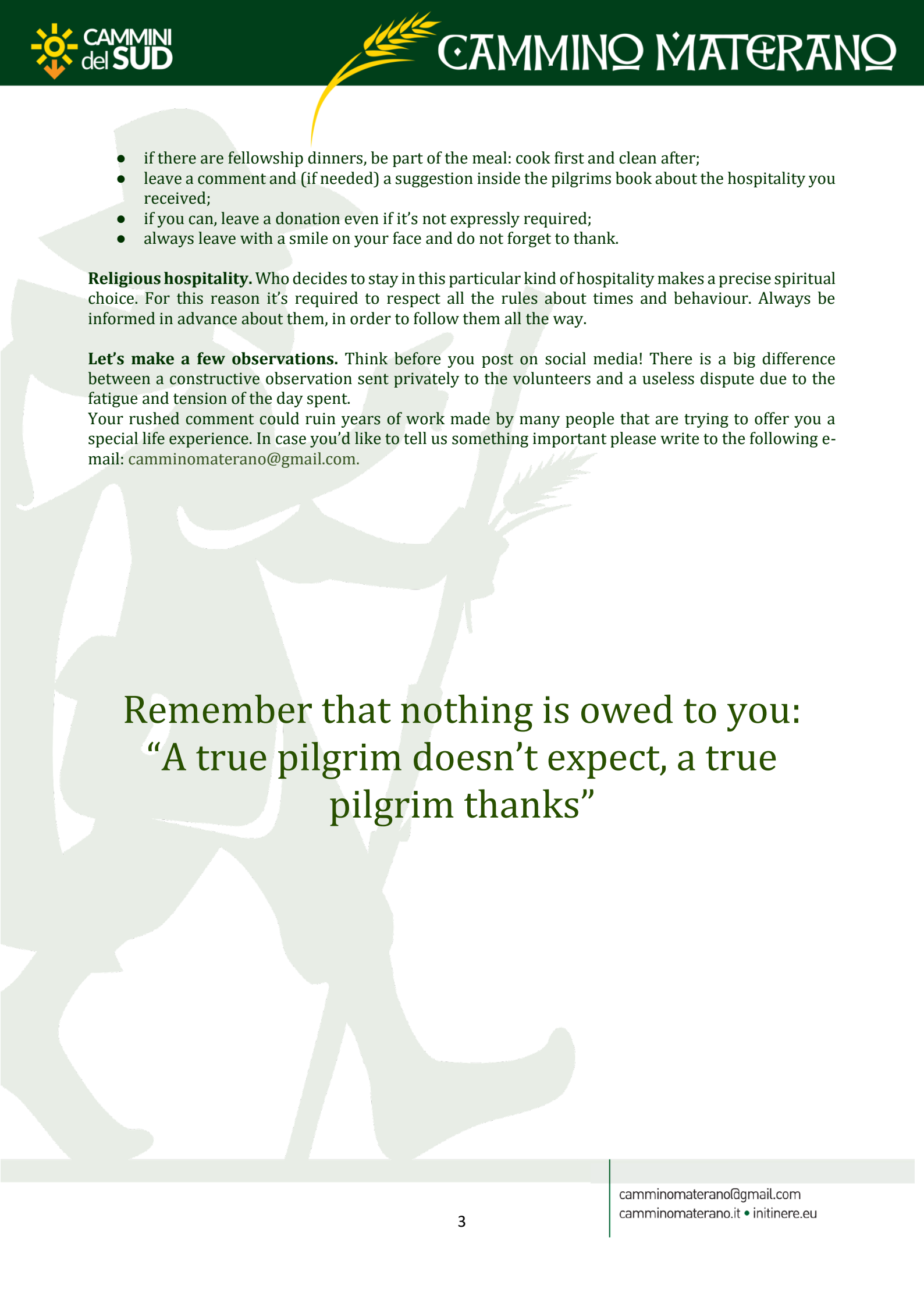


- if there are fellowship dinners, be part of the meal: cook first and clean after;
- leave a comment and (if needed) a suggestion inside the pilgrims book about the hospitality you received;
- if you can, leave a donation even if it's not expressly required;
- always leave with a smile on your face and do not forget to thank.

Religious hospitality. Who decides to stay in this particular kind of hospitality makes a precise spiritual choice. For this reason it's required to respect all the rules about times and behaviour. Always be informed in advance about them, in order to follow them all the way.

Let's make a few observations. Think before you post on social media! There is a big difference between a constructive observation sent privately to the volunteers and a useless dispute due to the fatigue and tension of the day spent.

Your rushed comment could ruin years of work made by many people that are trying to offer you a special life experience. In case you'd like to tell us something important please write to the following e-mail: camminomaterano@gmail.com.



Remember that nothing is owed to you:
“A true pilgrim doesn't expect, a true pilgrim thanks”

Stage Bari - Bitetto

FAREWELL TO THE SEA



Via Peuceta begins from Basilica di San Nicola in Bari, symbol of the pilgrimage in Apulia: it was built between 1087, when relics of Saint Nicholas were translated in the city, and 1197. The basilica became in a bit more than a single century one of the most important christendom sanctuaries and one of the main destinations for pilgrims on the road between Rome and Jerusalem. If you walk beneath the angevin arch in the outside square, you'll be fully immersed in "a drunk anthill fulfilled with vitality" (Italo Calvino): the old town is a labyrinth made of narrow alleys where a colourful humanity moves frenetically, preserving in its faces, speech and rituals the traces of all the cultures transited here in the past.

Go past the Cattedrale di San Sabino and the norman-swabian castle, you walk on the bike path on the promenade, until you reach the Ponte Adriatico from which you can admire all the real extension of the city.

Walk through the industrial zone and in a few kilometres you'll be out of the city centre, on the medieval street that once linked Bari to Bitetto. Along the way there are two medieval buildings of rare beauty: Balsignano fortified farmhouse and the charming church of San Felice.

After a stop in the relaxing rest area for pilgrims called "Janfko", you'll enter the village of Bitetto, through Porta Barese, the only medieval city gate that survived time, surrounded by centuries-old olive trees.

Michele Montaruli, Bari local committee +39 3477071064.

Where to take a break:

Janfko Country Jam, at 400 m from Madonna della Grotta, directly ahead the rural area of Bari. Cafè, hammocks and stamp.

Where to sleep in Bari

Habari We Dorm

The owners of this hostel deeply believe that travelling is a way to grow, the only way to get in touch with different cultures, essential to break down barriers and they know that sometimes, for somebody, travelling is not a choice. Habari is a low-cost, ethical and responsible hostel.

Via Alessandro Maria Calefati 249, tel. +39 080 8170525 - +39 3274235052, mail. info@habarihostel.com, <https://www.habarihostel.com/>,

20 euros dormitory, 50 euros double room, sheets included. Opened 12months/12. Pos payments, wifi, heating, air conditioner, hair dryer, kitchen and bike place.

Host Bari Centrale

Hostel reservation@cconforhotels.com, 0809756863, Corso Cavour 221, Bari.

Where to eat in Bari

Bari is a big city not always sensitive to the *cammino* and to the pilgrims needs. We will inform you as soon as possible about restaurants who want to enjoy the Cammino Materano network.

Where to sleep In Bitetto

Casa Ester

Ester Giglione, Bitetto local committee + 39 3406051347 bitetto.viapeuceta@gmail.com

Ester is one of the guardian angels of Via Peuceta. She's been pilgrim in Spain and in Italy, she contributed to the creation of Cammino Materano since the first day. Casa Ester is opened to everyone, it's a reference point if you need a place to sleep, if you need to take your *credenziale*, to buy gadgets of the *cammino* (as the T-shirt etc...) in order to support our mission.

lester1972@gmail.com, + 39 3406051347, Corte Miche Occhiogrosso n. 1, Bitetto, beds: 4, opened all year round, price: free donation.

B&B Marty&Giuly

Comfortable and perfectly furnished rooms, it offers many services, including TV and bathroom with shower. The owner, Almerinda Albanese, will put her experience and courtesy at your service to make you feel welcome during your stay in Bitetto. If in need you can ask for laundry service and kitchenette. Stamp of the Cammino Materano. Beds: 8, € 20, all year round opened, info@bbmg.it, +39 080 9924847, Via Leonese 7, Bitetto.

B&B Dei Nobili

Hotel and B&B with single (€ 37), double (€ 45-50), triple (€ 65-70) and quadruple (€ 80) rooms a few meters from the historic heart of Bitetto. For the pilgrims of Via Peuceta it is possible to have dinner in the structure for € 15. hotel.deinobili@virgilio.it, +39 080 3825484, +39 334.3673960, Via Giuseppe Abruzzese 20Bitetto.

Vitetum B&B

Vitetum offers a terrace and free WiFi. All units have a flat-screen TV and a private bathroom with bidet. A toaster, refrigerator and coffee machine are available. An Italian breakfast is served each morning. Bari is 15 km from the bed and breakfast, while Trani is 49 km away. The nearest airport is Bari Karol

Wojtyla Airport, 14 km away. They speak your language! Beds: 9. Bed in single room € 30, double € 50, triple € 70, quadruple € 75. Opened all year round. turchianodaniela@gmail.com, +39 080 9920313, +39 349 296 3640, Via Santa Lucia 17, Bitetto.

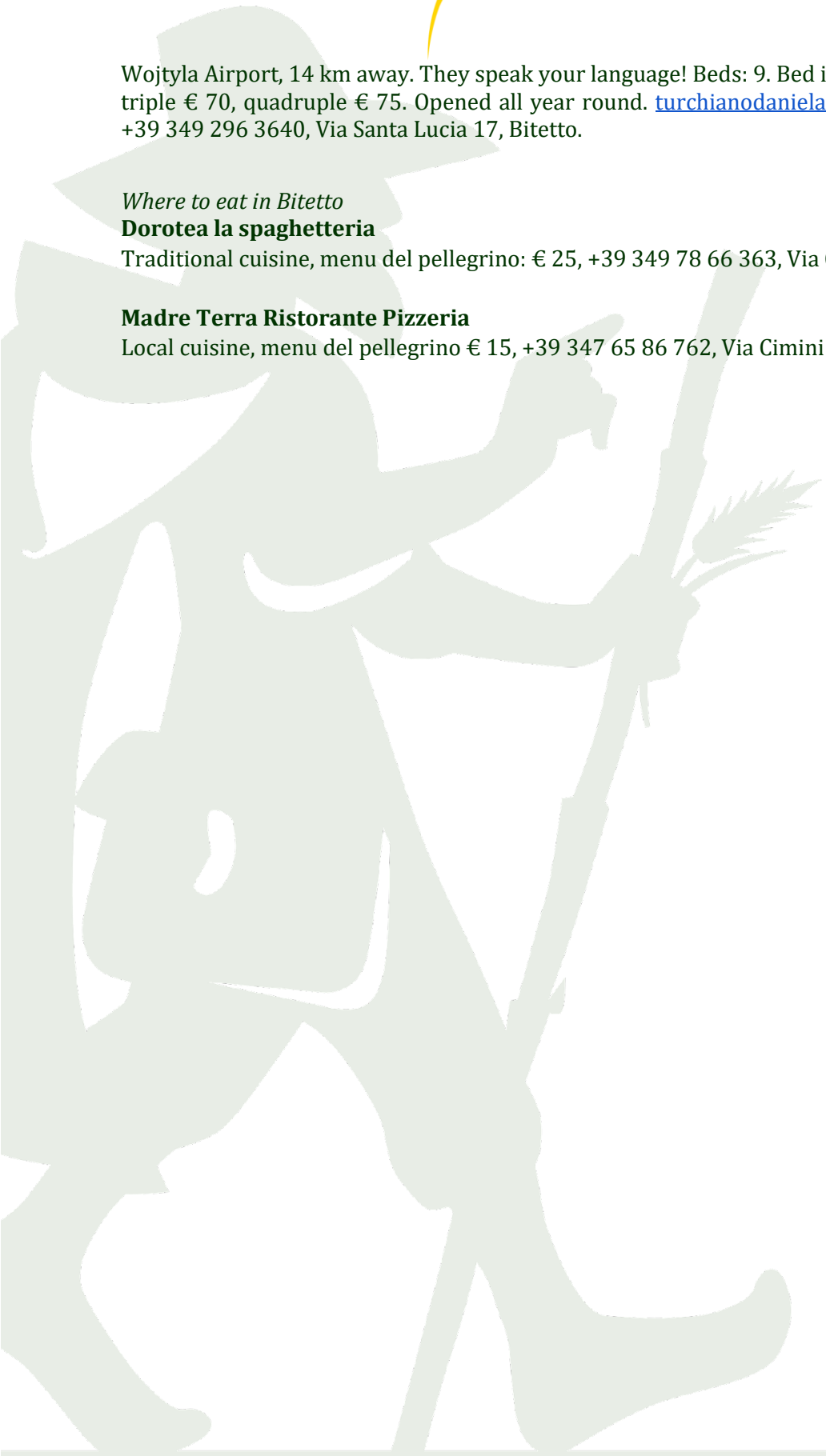
Where to eat in Bitetto

Dorotea la spaghetteria

Traditional cuisine, menu del pellegrino: € 25, +39 349 78 66 363, Via Costa 31/A, closed on Monday.

Madre Terra Ristorante Pizzeria

Local cuisine, menu del pellegrino € 15, +39 347 65 86 762, Via Cimini 1, closed on Tuesday.



Stage Bitetto - Cassano delle Murge

THE FOREST OF OLIVE TREES



Starting from the suggestive romanesque Cathedral dedicated to San Michele the archangel and built between the end of the XI century and the beginning of the XII century on the model of the Basilica di San Nicola di Bari. After about 1 km you'll enter the lush forest of olive trees of the Terra di Bari. Olive trees are symbols of Apulia, these living monuments of the mediterranean civilisation are a priceless cultural heritage and a substantial economical source.

Vineyards, olive and almond groves dye the wide stretches where ancient *masserie* stand together with characteristic *trulli* and dry stone walls. This agricultural landscape accompanies you for 20 km. You'll progressively walk uphill towards the Murgia plateau. You'll see clearly its rocky step in the distance during the last kilometres of this stage that brings you in the old town of Cassano delle Murge (before the entrance in the town, we suggest you visit the sanctuary of Santa Maria degli Angeli).

Where to sleep in Cassano delle Murge

Ca'felice (Paolo Racano, local committee, + 39 3886074723 cassano.viapeuceta@gmail.com)

Bianca and Paolo host in their house both pilgrims and their pets, Paolo is a history of art teacher and offers nordic walking classes and hikes in the Foresta Mercadante and Parco dell'Alta Murgia, superb naturalistic areas near the *cammino*.

cassano.viapeuceta@gmail.com, +39 3886074723, Via Sannicandro 25/B, <https://www.facebook.com/Cafelice-BB-Familiare-114675740366513>, open all year round, bike parking, 2 bunk beds (4 single beds) in shared room, 20€ per person.

B&B Soluzio

Set between Bitetto and Cassano, inside the Masseria Servedio farmhouse, made of three comfy rooms called Ulivo (olive tree), il Gelso Rosso (Mulberry tree) and Lavanda (Lavender). The barbeque is at your disposal and you can ask for the shopping at the supermarket if you need to bring a sandwich in your bag during the next walk towards Santeramo in Colle.

info@masseriaservedio.it, +39 349 176 1900, <https://masseriaservedio.it/>, Contrada Servedio.

B&B Le Dimore del Garibaldi

Tonio offers a relaxing stay inside his finely restored rooms and some additional services as dinner, bike rent, luggage storage etc.

<https://www.dimoredelgaribaldi.it/> info@dimoredelgaribaldi.it, +39 347 641 5278, Via Maggiore Domenico Turitto 59, opened 12/12months, 20 beds, rooms: single €45, double €50, triple €70, quadruple €80.

B&B Camy

Brand new bed and breakfast inaugurated on 2016.

lanzolla.titti@gmail.com, <https://www.facebook.com/bbcamy/> +39 346 5870218, +39 349 4793291, Via Acquaviva 67. Open all year round, 6 beds, Single room €35, double room €55, triple room €75, quadruple room €95.

B&B A Casa della Nonna

Sara and her husband Davide host pilgrims in the house where Sara's grandmother lived and worked as seamstress and sewing teacher. They speak English and French. Sara.sacino@gmail.com, <http://www.acasadellanonna.com/>, +39 329 8647609, Vico I di Via Mazzini 6, open all year round, 6 beds, single room €35, double room €45, triple room €65, quadruple room €85.

Finestre sul Borgo

Finestre sul Borgo is an ancient building set in the city centre, its balcony shows the ancient *borgo*. It has been renewed entirely in a modern style, with shabby chic furniture.

<http://finestresulborgo.it/>, info@finestresulborgo.it, +39 3471789799, Via Vittorio Emanuele III 20. 12 beds, open all year round, single room €45, double room €50, triple room €70, quadruple room €85.

Agriturismo Masseria Ruotolo

At 6km distance from Cassano, it offers free transfer and half board service, particular care for disabled people. The family, composed by Antonella, Luciano and Marcella, lives in the *masseria*, their lives turn around the respect for nature and the aim to preserve local traditions and cuisine, the peasant and pastoral culture. here you could taste and buy wine and organic products.

masseriaruotolo@tin.it, <http://www.masseriaruotolo.it/>, +39 080 764336, +39 080 764511, +39 334 2347202, Via Lago di Nuzzi sn, 20 beds, opened all year round, rooms: single €40, double €70, triple €90; half board room: €70, double €110, triple €150.

B&B Corte Campanile

Via Unità d'Italia 37 Cassano delle Murge, +39 389 63 51 472, cortecampanile@gmail.com. Pets allowed, free WiFi, bike parking, hair dryer, air conditioning, sheets and towels included, kitchen, TV. 10 beds: single room 40€, double 60€, triple 80€, quadruple 90€.

Agriturismo Amicizia

Contrada Cristo Fasano 162, +39 080 763393, <https://www.agriturismoamicizia.it/>, beds: 20/25.
Rooms: single €38, double €30, triple €25, quadruple €23. One-bedroom apartment with 6 beds: €20.
Breakfast included. Menu del pellegrino €20/24.

Where to eat in in Cassano delle Murge

Al Vecchio Arco

Tavern of typical cuisine and pizzeria. Menu del pellegrino € 15.00: black chickpea, *bruschetta*, cicerchia purée, wild chicory, first course, a drink.
vitafulix83@gmail.com, +39 3420483280, Via Convento 30, Cassano delle Murge, opened at 12.00-14.00/ 18.00-24.00, closed on Wednesday.

Calabria la Tradizione

A picturesque family-run bakery in the historic centre of Cassano delle Murge where you can enjoy homemade cuisine made from local specialties. This is a home restaurant, so reservations are mandatory.

calabrialadizione@gmail.com, +39 320 3176258, Via Carlo Chimienti 65 Cassano delle Murge,
Menu del pellegrino € 15: homemade cuisine with seasonal products. Closed on Monday.

Pecora Nera Country Pub

+39 080 30 72 088 / +39 377 55 54 663, menu del pellegrino: € 15, Via Colamonico 74 Cassano delle Murge.

What to do in Cassano delle Murge

Nordic walking in the forest

Paolo Racano, +39 388607472.

If you want to stay one more day in Cassano you have the opportunity to enjoy a Nordic Walking workout with the association “Cammini e benessere” in one of the main forests of Apulia.

Alveare da favola

Fattoria delle Api by Vicky Gravinese, info@alvearedafavola.it, +39 320410620, C.da Grippoli snc, Cassano delle Murge.

Inside a holistic apiary you can breathe the air coming from the hives and relax thanks to the frequencies of the sounds emitted by the bees. Activities: cosmetics workshops, cooking with honey and honey tastings; visit to the apiary; botanical walks; educational courses and massages with products from the beehive.

Stage Cassano delle Murge - Santeramo in Colle

THE VOICE OF THE OAK



The stage begins in the old town of Cassano delle Murge and then it goes inside the wood of Mesola: this wood has a high level of vegetation for the presence of downy, macedonian and holm oaks, Aleppo pines, shrubs typical of the *macchia mediterranea* as mastic, broom, cistus, kermes oak, strawberry tree, myrtle, hawthorn and bush. Along the *cammino* you'll find all the typical scenario of the Murgia landscape: rocky ridges, karst cavities, gentle slopes, sinkholes, fields of wheat, barren pasture. A place where nature mixes with human activity and somewhere gets being altered in its original form. You'll achieve Santeramo in Colle walking through Pineta Galietti that brings its name from the 18th century *masseria* that rises inside.

Giuseppe Difonzo, Santeramo in Colle local committee, +39 3389980586
santeramo.viapeuceta@gmail.com .

Where to take a break:

Agriturismo Masseria Ruotolo

At 6km distance from Cassano, the farmhouse offers transfer and half board service, human scale accommodation and a strong interest in disabled people. The family, composed by Antonella, Luciano and Marcella, lives in the *masseria*, their lives turn around the respect for nature and the aim to preserve local traditions and cuisine, the peasant and pastoral culture. here you could taste and buy wine and organic products.

masseriaruotolo@tin.it, <http://www.masseriaruotolo.it/>, +39 080 764336, +39 080 764511, +39 334 2347202, Via Lago di Nuzzi sn, 20 beds, opened all year round, rooms: single €40, double €70, triple €90; half board room: €70, double €110, triple €150

Agriturismo Amicizia

Contrada Cristo Fasano 162, +39 080/763393, <https://www.agriturismoamicizia.it/>, beds: 20/25, rooms: single €38, double €30, triple €25, quadruple €23. One-bedroom apartment with 6 beds: €20. Breakfast included. Menu del pellegrino €20/24.

Masseria Galietti

This farmhouse is set in a pine forest managed by "Giacche Verdi" group. It is possible to set up the tent or sleep with a sleeping bag on mattresses in the dormitory. There are bathrooms and showers. Next to the Masseria there is the now famous "albero dei pensieri", a tree where travellers leave their memories written on slip of papers put inside glass bottles hanging from a tree.

info@giaccheverdisanteramo.it, +39 338 837 6461, at 3 km from Santeramo in Colle, <https://sites.google.com/view/giacche-verdi-santeramo>, beds: 10, opened during fall, spring and summer. Payment: voluntary contribution.

Where to sleep in Santeramo in Colle:

L'Incontro

Small and comfortable B&B with 6 rooms, each one has a private bathroom, one of them is a suite, there's also a breakfast room and a living room. The rooms are all equipped with services such as: air conditioning, hair dryer, TV, private access to the terrace of about 180 square metres. Breakfast included, restaurant service at the pub (extra payment), linen set, garden, parking, daily cleaning, maps and tourist information. Agreement with restaurants, spa and laundry.

incontro1992@gmail.com, + 39 3334026202, Via A.Meucci 1, Santeramo in Colle, <https://www.bbsanteramolincontro.it/>, beds: 13/15, opened all year round, price: 30€/90 €.

B&B La Rosa Blue

Family-run B&B, it offers spacious and comfortable rooms to make you feel at home.

paolaloma@tiscali.it, +39 340 0515616, Via Giovanni Amendola 17, Santeramo in Colle, beds: 6, open all year round. Rooms: single €30, double €50, triple €65, quadruple €80.

Ostello Mamre

This hostel is completely surrounded by the countryside, it has 33 rooms (double, triple and quadruple), for a total of 106 beds. The structure has a restaurant with 100 seats, 5 meeting rooms with 30 to 100 seats and a 290-seat in the theater. It has several fields for football and five-a-side football (synthetic grass and asphalt), basketball, tennis, skating and volleyball.

info@mamre.biz, +39 393 891 7729, <https://www.mamre.biz/>, Via San Domenico Savio 20, Santeramo in Colle; beds: 106, 12/12 months. Rooms: single €35, double €50, triple €75, quadruple €100. In case you're equipped with your own linen, rates are € 5 less.

Affittacamere Natuzzi (its previous name was Affittacamere Vico) Guest-house.

zebra.71@hotmail.it, +39 3400831295, +39 3386257467, Via Gianbattista Vico 7 Santeramo in Colle, beds: 8, opened all year round, rooms: single room 30€, double 40€, triple 50€, quadruple 60€.

B&B La dimora di Roberto

Located in a 19th century building in Santeramo in Colle: it's made of 2 independent studios, each of them has a private bathroom with bidet and hairdryer, a shared small kitchen. Free Wi-Fi, balcony, air

conditioning, TV, refrigerator, coffee machine are available. Basin and soap for washing clothes, clothesline. An Italian breakfast is served every morning from 5:30 am. Car rental service.
lecasedi robertopuglia@gmail.com +39 327 281 64 65, Via Curtatone, Santeramo in Colle. Beds: 8.
Single bed € 30, double room € 45, triple € 60, quadruple € 75

Arome B&B

Arome B&B was born from the idea of a young apulian boy raised in Santeramo in Colle in close contact with nature. The intent is to find the right combination of well-being and respect for nature. This B&B was originally a country house, and has been renovated using materials that refer to the old Apulian houses as *chianche*, wood, concrete coverings and stone walls. Rooms take name from typical plants of the territory: Ferula, Biancospino, Ginestra and Mirto. Genuine breakfast included, dinner on request.

<https://www.aromebeb.it/it/> info@aromebeb.it, +39 351 5051 913, c.da Giampetruzzi, n°1, Santeramo in Colle. Single room 30€, double 45€, triple 60€, quadruple 75€

Mimmo e Valeria B&B

The B&B Mimmo e Valeria was born from a great little story of commitment and work. The debut in the business world dates back to 1986 when their first butcher shop opened, then it evolved into a rotisserie with stove, a typical tradition of the area. The quality of the raw materials chosen by Mimmo and Valeria's recipes decreed the success of the business. Mimmo and Valeria decided to host pilgrims.
booking@bebmimmoevaleria.com <https://www.bebmimmoevaleria.com/> +39 080 3039636, +39 3938881722, Via Iacoviello 49 Santeramo in Colle. Sheets and Wifi included. Open all year round.
Beds: 15, single room 45€, double 60€, triple 70€, quadruple 90€, quintuple 110€.

Where to eat in in Santeramo in Colle:

Ristorante pizzeria Michele

+39 330 75 60 32/+39 331 74 24 189. Traditional cuisine, menu del pellegrino: € 15. Via Iacoviello 24, Santeramo in Colle.

Rosticceria Macelleria Milan

Via Palombaio 33 Santeramo in Colle, +39 339-22.71.702, +39 346-31.26.929, menu del pellegrino € 14.

Stage Santeramo in Colle - Altamura

ON THE MEDIEVAL STREET



Starting from the old town of Santeramo in Colle, passing through several rural districts, you slowly enter the hearth of Alta Murgia, one the most important steppe area in Italy because of the presence of numerous endemic species of flowers and because it's one of the major/richest/widest variety of birdlife in the semiarid habitat. "Lino delle fate (fairy linen)", lichen, mosses and wild orchids give the murgian landscape a lunar appearance.

Along the *cammino*, at a distance of about 6 km from Santeramo, you'll meet Sant'Angelo cave, a michaelic place of worship among the most relevant in the ancient Apulia. After a short stretch along the bed of a ravine, you can go up the upland that, from Fornello (you'll walk on the ancient medieval cart road) gently declines towards the frederician city of Altamura, end of this stage.

Where to sleep in Altamura:

Casa Xenia (Giovanni and Anna: Altamura local committee, + 39 3289254928 altamura.viapeuceta@gmail.com)

Giovanni and Anna are two Santiago pilgrims who believed in the *cammino* since the first day and were fundamental in its creation. A few years ago they decided to open their own hostel for pilgrims in the historical centre of Altamura, behind the beautiful Cattedrale di Santa Maria Assunta. In Casa Xenia you'll breathe the atmosphere that makes the *cammino* an incredible experience.

Giovanni Fratusco (Altamura local committee), giovannifratusco1966@gmail.com, + 39 3289254928, Vico f.lli Serena 22, Altamura, <https://www.facebook.com/casaXenia/about> , 10 beds, opened from March to October. single bed 20€, double room 45€, triple room 65€, quadruple.80€.

Stupor mundi

Anna has been one of the first to believe in the *cammino* in Altamura, in her house you can relax, have a rich breakfast made of fresh and genuine products, both sweet and salty, in your room or in the terrace, surrounded by plants and lesser kestrels.

bb-stupormundi@email.it, + 39 3387000534, Via G. Mazzini 51 Altamura, <http://www.bb-stupormundi.com/>, beds: 12, opened between March and December, rooms: single 28€, double 55€, triple 75€.

B&B Antico Castello

This B&B is set in the historical centre of Altamura, in the main square of the city, where the medieval festival called "Federicus" is celebrated. Around the B&B you'll find bakeries where to eat the famous "pane di Altamura", one of the best bread in the world for taste and texture and cooking.

info@beb-anticocastello.it, + 39 3687877859, Via Castello 3, Altamura, <http://beb-anticocastello.it/>, beds: 10, opened all year round, rooms: single 40€, double 50€, triple 70€, quadruple €80.

B&B 1951

All rooms have private bathroom, air conditioning, bidet, TV, fridge and free WiFi.

info@beb1951altamura.it, + 39 368 78 77 859, Prima Traversa Via Traiano, n. 5 Altamura, <https://beb1951altamura.it/>, beds: 10, opened all year round, rooms: single 40€, double 50€, triple 70€, quadruple €80.

Where to take a break:

Masseria Scalera

It is a livestock and cereal farm, located within the Alta Murgia park, with an area of 11 hectares cultivated. This territory is extraordinarily rich in plant species subject to protection. Inside the farm there are Brown Alpina cattle, Comisane sheep, Maltese goats, some pigs, ponies and various farmyard animals. Products come from the transformation of sheep, bovine and goat's milk into fresh, aged cheeses, mozzarella acquired from "natural fermentation". The products are sold in the company store: from the producer to the consumer.

Masseria Scalera is a family-run farmhouse: Vito Nicola is the company holder, grows and harvests crops, Antonietta manages the shop, Mariantonietta runs the livestock and delivers dairy products.

Outside the farmhouse you'll find the pole of pilgrims where there are written the destinations of all the european routes: take a yellow and a green ribbon, in return leave a thought.

masseriascalera@yahoo.it, +39 329 588 5445, Masseria Lama di Giacomo Altamura, <https://www.masseriascalera.it/>, opened all year around because they live there. menu del pellegrino: relax, sit at their table and enjoy seasonal products: depending on when you walk the *cammino*, nature will provide.

Where to eat in Altamura:

Antica Osteria Pein Assut

In this tavern you'll taste all the love and passion for traditions and the culinary tradition.

cicernedd@hotmail.it, +39 080 311 8313, Corso Umberto I 56 Altamura,
<https://www.facebook.com/osteriapeinassutt/>, opened from monday to friday 21.00 - 00.00; on
saturday 21.00 - 02.00. Closed on sunday. Menu del pellegrino: € 15.00.

Trattoria Federico II di Svevia

A typically medieval themed *trattoria*, with typical Altamura cuisine.

tratt_fdsaltamura@libero.it, +39 080 314 5699, Via G. Luciani 3/5 Altamura,
<https://www.facebook.com/Trattoria-Federico-II-di-Svevia-1400321013570393>. Menu del pellegrino:
€ 12.00.

What to do in Altamura:

Museo dell'Uomo di Altamura

Via Ospedale Vecchio n. 10, Altamura.

This museum concerns the discovery in 1993 of the remains of a Paleolithic human skeleton, which belonged to a Homo Neanderthalensis who lived here between 180,000 and 130,000 years ago. An exceptional case from both a geological and an archaeological point of view: it has been found perfectly intact in the skeletal structure and in an excellent state of conservation.

Stage Altamura - Gravina in Puglia

ALONG THE ANCIENT SHEEP TRACKS



From the majestic Cattedrale di Santa Maria Assunta built in 1232 at the behest of Frederick II of Swabia according to the canons of romanian architecture, even if the original structure has been modified several times during the following centuries.

Cross the lovely old town of Altamura made of a maze of narrow alleys and small squares called *claustr* where you can constantly smell the perfume of the bread cooked in the ancient stone-pit ovens: it's the famous *pane di Altamura*, prepared with the durum wheat flour of the Alta Murgia and renowned since the Middle Ages.

Past the city, between Murgia and Fossa Bradanica, the landscape extends as far as the eye can see, over wide wheat, lupins, grass pea and oat expanses. You'll arrive in Gravina in Puglia walking through a little mediterranean maquis woodland and a paved road that leads you to the city gates.

Where to take a break:

Accoglienza Domestica Casalia

Here you can sleep, rest and stock up on water. It's 6,8 km far from Altamura, +39 371 3792853, beds: 9, breakfast guaranteed, you can use the kitchen and bring your pets, linen, towels.

Where to sleep in Gravina:

B&B Duca Orsini (Leonardo Picciallo Gravina local committee: + 39 3397943945, gravina.camminomaterano@gmail.com)

This B&B is located in a well served area of the historical centre of Gravina in Puglia, just a few meters from the end of the stage and from beginning of the next one. There are four rooms, fully equipped with linen, personal hygiene kit, hairdryer and private bathroom. Breakfast included. Pilgrims also have at their disposal the terrace with a panoramic view where they can wash and hang their laundry. Transfer (for a fee) from Gravina to Picciano and viceversa or in the middle of the stage, in case of need. There is also a special price of two nights in Gravina and a transfer service for those who cannot find a place in Picciano.

info@ducaorsini.it, + 39 080.3224322 - + 39 339.7943945, Via Santa Sofia 21, Gravina in Puglia, <https://www.ducaorsini.it/>, beds: 14, opened all year round, rooms: single 35€, double 50€, triple 69€, quadruple 92€. Bed in a triple shared room 25€.

La Tana della Volpe hostel

Brand new hostel (opening in March 2022), a few steps from the historical hearth of Gravina in Puglia, open all year round. Rosa +39 380 76 76 235, latanadellavolpe50@gmail.com, Via San Vito Vecchio n. 50. Beds: 6 in shared room, with shared bathroom. Single bed: €20. Heat, fridge, mattress cover and pillowcase included. Extra services: kitchenette (€8), washer-dryer (€5), towel (€2), blanket (€2). Here you can buy the official merchandising of the cammino.

B&B Casa Murgiana (Leonardo Picciallo)

There are two rooms, fully equipped with linen, personal hygiene kit, hairdryer and private bathroom. Pilgrims also have at their disposal a balcony where they can wash and hang their laundry. Transfer (for a fee) from Gravina to Picciano and viceversa or in the middle of the stage, in case of need. There is also a special price of two nights in Gravina and a transfer service for those who cannot find a place in Picciano.

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Stanze Orsini

Guesthouse located inside the ancient noble building called Palazzo Ducale Orsini, in the earth of the historical centre of Gravina in Puglia. There are three rooms with private bathroom, kit to hand wash clothes and a clothesline, hairdryer, shampoo and showergel, sheets, towels and shower, boiler are available.

info@stanzeorsini.it, + 39 3737258664, Piazza della Repubblica 29 Gravina in Puglia, <https://www.stanzeorsini.it/>, beds: 12, opened all year round, rooms: single € 36, double € 54, triple € 72, quadruple € 90.

Where to eat in Gravina:

Osteria Sant'Agostino

It all started with Nonna Ninnina: her typical Murgian recipes accompanied her family throughout the years. In every bite you can find the flavours and colors of this land.

osteria.santagostino@libero.it, +39 080 9698809, +39 339 1854418, Corso Vittorio Emanuele 12 Gravina in Puglia, <https://www.facebook.com/osteria.santagostino.gravina>, closed on Wednesday. Menu del pellegrino: € 15.00.

Osteria Cucco

<https://osteriacucco.it/> Piazza Pellicciari, 4. Tel. +39 080 326 8432. Menu del pellegrino: € 15-20.

Stage Gravina in Puglia - Picciano

THE MISSING WOOD



The stage starts from the Cattedrale di Santa Maria Assunta, built in 1095 by Normans on the cliff overhang, and leaves the city through the suggestive stone bridge Ponte acquedotto dated back to the 18th century, that connect scenically the two shores of the ravine and allows you to reach the opposite edge, a plain called Madonna della Stella. There you can enjoy the view of Gravina in Puglia and of the surrounding rock habitat. A cobblestone road leads to the hill of Botromagno, where the first anthropic settlement of the city raised in the Neolithic period.

On this hill, one of the most important city of the Peucetia raised: Sidion. The hill is rich of many archaeological evidences, unfortunately in a state of complete abandonment. After one of the most exceptional view on the Alta Murgia, a gentle ascent follows/begins towards the hill where Bosco Difesa Grande extends, it is one of the widest and richest woods of the entire Apulia.

The cammino goes through the forest, walking over its paths for almost 10 kilometres and arriving on the Fossa Bradanica, a wide landscape of rolling hills made of deep alluvial and clayey soil. You'll walk through cultivated lands and you'll see them in their shining yellow and green turf during May and June. The last climb begins and it leads you to Picciano, known for its Benedictine sanctuary that's the end of this stage.

There are no water sources on the stage. Bring at least 3 L of water in your backpack.

Where to sleep and eat in Picciano:

Masseria La Fiorita (Marialaura Castoro: Picciano local committee, + 39 327 708 4471)

It is an organic and family-run farmhouse since 1988, everyone here wants to preserve the 'human' side of country life, unlike modern trends push the 'big' at the expense of the beauty and the simplicity of the small things, *masseria* La Fiorita is committed to enhancing and taking care of these 'small' things. La Fiorita is 7 km far from the Sanctuary of Santa Maria di Picciano, when you arrive at the end of the stage you can call them and they will come to pick you up. There are private rooms, hostel and camping area available. masserialafiorita@gmail.com, + 39 3277084471, Strada Provinciale Timmari - Santa Chiara, Matera, <https://www.masserialafiorita.it/it/>, beds: 35, opened all year round.

Foresteria del Santuario di Santa Maria di Picciano (convent)

This guesthouse can accommodate only pilgrims who walk for religious reasons. Be aware this isn't a hotel or a residence, it's a monastery, bear in mind to have a proper attitude!

For the *sigillum* on your *credenziale*: 9 am-1 pm and 4 pm - 8 pm.

In the dormitory you'll find beds in which to sleep using your own sleeping-bag; otherwise you can choose to book for a single or double room equipped with sheets and towels. Dinner to order with advance. If you need to cancel, please do it as soon as possible, in order to give the monks the possibility to rearrange it. +39 350 53 37 926.

Stage Picciano - Matera

A MILLENNARY DESTINATION



Starting from the Benedictine sanctuary in Picciano, a gentle descent leads to the tufaceous plain where Matera raises. Slowly in front of you a wonderful and unique landscape comes into your view, it's made of caves and cliffs where humans used to live since the prehistory. The path lightly touches the nature reserve of San Giuliano, one of the main wet lands of Basilicata. You'll enter the city of Matera walking through the Rione Casalnuovo and from there reaching directly the Sassi area. The cammino ends in front of the Cattedrale della Madonna della Bruna.

For the ones who want to avoid the 30 km stage, a short variant of 17 km is available: it goes through the industrial area called La Martella and allows to reach Matera in 4 hours.

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Where to sleep in Matera:

Ostello dei sassi

Via Casalnuovo 50, tel +39 083 5312586, + 39 333 2941710. 50 beds, € 16 in shared room.

Guest house dei Sassi 42

Via Casalnuovo, 42, tel +39 083 5312586, 3 beds, double room € 60, no breakfast included. Pet friendly.

Guest house dei Sassi 44

Via Casalnuovo, 44, tel +39 083 5312586, 5 beds, double room € 70, no breakfast included. Pet friendly.

B&B Mikasa

Via Santa Cesarea 15, +39 388 076 19 14, beds: 6, double room 65€, triple 80€, tpl 95€. Breakfast included, kitchen, small pets allowed by paying an extra cost.

La casa vacanze Sogni D'Oro a 300m dai Sassi

Via Caropreso 8, +39 347 45 31 689, +39 349 02 93 953, beds: 4, single room 40€, double 70€, kitchen available.

Where to eat in Matera:

Agristories

The restaurant was born from the will to narrate the culture, traditions, food and wine of this territory, for this reason Agristories offers genuine tastings and meals based on foods coming from lucanian farms, winery and breweries. info@agristories.com, + 39 0835256632, Via Sette Dolori 62, Matera, <https://www.agristories.com/> opening times: 11.00-23.00.

Menu del pellegrino: € 15.00 (either starters + first course + water or first course + second course + water); €25,00 (starters + first course + second course + water); pasta is always made of durum wheat flour Senatore Cappelli (it's an ancient untreated grain, tastier and highly digestible, a very high quality product); wide choice of vegan/vegetarian meals, there are also gluten-free meals (but not a specific kitchen for people with coeliac disease!).

Osteria San Pietro

via Bruno Buozzi 172, tel. 320-42.31.360, menu del pellegrino € 15.

Osteria Malatesta

Via San Biagio 45 Matera, +39 331 28 87 242, closed on wednesday and sunday night. €18, On monday, tuesday, thursday and friday 7 pm-11:30 pm; saturday 12 am-7 pm.

Il Ristorante Il Terrazzino

Vico San Giuseppe 7, +39 339 46 56 918, menu del pellegrino € 20, closed on thursday.

Water sources

Bari Bitetto	Janfko Country Jam	At km 9.2 after the sanctuary of Madonna della Grotta. Here
Bitetto - Cassano	no one	No water sources.
Cassano Santeramo	Masseria Ruotolo +39 3342347202	At km 5.7. There's a caffè. Here
Cassano Santeramo	Masseria Amicizia +39 080763393	At km 7.4. There's a caffè. Here
Cassano Santeramo	Arome B&B +39 351 505 1913	Here
Santeramo Altamura	Masseria Scalera +39 3295885445	At km 14.2. It's possible to have lunch, but book before! Here
Altamura Gravina	Masseria Casalia 371 +39 3792853	At km 7.4. Here
Gravina Picciano	no one	Bring at least 3L of water with you.
Picciano Matera	Stazione di Servizio Sergio Petroli +39 388 8320258	At km 18,5. Summer opening time: from monday to friday 6:30 am - 8:30 pm; saturday 6:30 am - 6:30 pm; sunday 6:30 - 01:00 pm. Here

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Buon Cammino!

May Sant'Euligio be with you!