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Brindisi is a city in the region of Apulia in southern Italy, located on the coast of the Adriatic Sea. It represents the gateway to its namesake Italian province packed with relics of vanished civilisations. Its cultural inheritance ranges from the remains of ancient Roman highways to Gothic and Baroque churches, cathedrals, frowning battlements of Swabian castles and fortresses dating back to the 13th-century Reign of the Holy Roman Emperor, Frederick II.

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THE CITY



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For more than 2,000 years, Brindisi has been a maritime crossroad and its lifeblood has always been the trade between the Italian peninsula and the ports of the Ionian Sea. Today, ferries and cargo vessels bustle between Brindisi and Greece 24 hours a day.

In ancient times this was the terminus of the "Via Appia", one of the Roman Empire's most important highways, and the city still holds a handful of ancient remnants of Rome's imperial apogee, along with some more recent memorials (visitors will certainly not miss the splendid Roman Column by the promenade).

Unlike many others Italy's regions, Apulia (the "heel" of the "boot") remains largely under the radar of industrial tourism, which makes Brindisi (and the small towns nearby) a less travelled road, which makes up a part of its undeniable appeal.

The coastline is a striking mixture of ruggedly beautiful cliffs and grottoes interspersed with a scattering of long, sandy beaches. In summer, multiple resorts are in operation, while the winter months see them patiently hibernate in an anticipation of the next summer season.

DO & SEE



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The eighteenth-century Baroque period has left its own mark on towns such as Francavilla Fontana, Lecce and Ostuni. These towns are set on sunlit hilltops that rise like islands above a rolling landscape of olive groves and vineyards - do take time to explore those stunning places, using Brindisi as a base or even spending a night or two. Brindisi itself has, of course, a wealth of architectural sites and curious spots to explore - from old forts to remains of Roman presence to the lively port promenade.

Duomo



Works on Brindisi's impressive Cathedral began in the 11th century and it was rebuilt in the mid-18th century. Parts of the original building, including a twelfth-century mosaic floor, can still be seen. Inside you can see the altars in poly-chrome marble commissioned, the balustrades and the majolica floor.

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Address: Piazza del Duomo 12, Brindisi

Opening hours: Daily 8.30am-12.30am and 4.30pm-8.30pm

Phone: +39 0831 521 157

Internet: www.cattedralebrindisi.it

Email: cattedralebrindisi@gmail.com

Swabian Castle of Brindisi



This great castle is the second of the four castles in Brindisi. In the 13th century, Emperor Frederick II commanded the construction of this

fortress in which the citizens could take refuge in case of danger and to better defend themselves. Later, in the mid-15th century Ferdinand I of Naples decided to add new town walls in order to defend the castle from deadly shootings. Today it represents one of the leading Navy bases in Italy.

Photo: Mi.Ti./Shutterstock.com

Address: Castello Grande, Brindisi

Phone: +39 0831 642 002

More Info: Guided tours by arrangement only,
9.00am-12.00pm Mon-Fri

The Big Rudder



Built in 1933 at the peak of Mussolini's regime, this memorial towering over Brindisi's harbour survives as a monument to seamen lost during the two world wars. The monument mimics a giant rudder, beneath which a crypt in the shape of a ship's hull bears the names of the 36,000 Italians lost at sea.

Photo: Alexander van Loon/Flickr (image cropped)

Address: Via Duca degli Abruzzi, Canale Pigonati, Brindisi

Opening hours: The crypt is open 7.50am-2.00pm Tue-Sun.

More Info: The monument is currently closed for maintenance work, but the crypt is open.

Francesco Ribrezzo Provincial Archaeological Museum



The rooms of this museum are arranged around different themes and contain a wealth of Greek and Roman statues, mosaics, bronze and silver coins, pottery and weapons. The top attraction is the the Punta del Serrone collection of bronzes, salvaged from the seabed not far from Brindisi harbour.

Photo: Monkey Business Images/Shutterstock.com

Address: Piazza Duomo 7, Brindisi

Opening hours: 9.30am-1.30pm Tue-Sat

Phone: +39 0831 565 501

More Info: Open also on Tuesday afternoon 3.30pm-6.30pm

Francavilla Fontana



Around 40 km (25 miles) southwest of Brindisi, Francavilla Fontana is known for the numerous palatial mansions built by local aristocrats during the Baroque period. The most striking of these, the Palazzo Imperiale on Via Municipale now houses municipal offices. The town also boasts a treasury of Baroque churches, notably the Chiesa Matrice, dating back to 1759, which houses the allegedly miracle-working icon of the Madonna della Fontana, patron saint of the town.

Photo: Mi.Ti./Shutterstock.com

Address: Francavilla Fontana, Brindisi

Ostuni



Ostuni, about 32 km (20 miles) west of Brindisi, where a labyrinth of whitewashed lanes and alleys surrounds a hilltop crowned by a medieval cathedral, is the most impressive of Apulia's 'white towns', with sweeping views across the surrounding farmlands to the east coast.

Photo: Kite_rin/Shutterstock.com
Address: Ostuni, Brindisi

Lecce



About 40 km (25 miles) southeast of Brindisi, Lecce is the jewel of the Apulia region. A historic town with a treasury of Baroque churches and mansions, a dramatic Roman theatre on its main square, and a sturdy medieval castle that is in the process of being turned into a centre for the arts. It has some excellent hotels and plenty of bars and restaurants.

Photo: GoneWithTheWind/Shutterstock.com
Address: Lecce, Brindisi

Gallipoli



The best sandy beaches in the region can be found just south of this pretty fishing port on Apulia's west coast, about 80 km (50 miles) south of Brindisi, where yet another medieval castle guards a fine natural harbour overlooked by old whitewashed houses. Gallipoli has plenty of places to stay suiting all budgets and some excellent fish restaurants.

Photo: Marco Rubino/Shutterstock.com
Address: Gallipoli, Brindisi

Santa Maria del Casale Church



Santa Maria del Casale is a popular tourist site which was built by Prince Philip of Taranto in 1300, and recently renovated. This elegant church is located just few minutes' walk from the airport. Its facade is skilfully decorated with impressive ornate frescoes.

Photo: Alexander van Loon/Flickr (image cropped)
Address: Via Ruggero de Simone, Brindisi
Internet: www.santamariadelcasale.net

Brindisi Express - City Tour



A great way to explore the city is to take the Road Train with Brindisi Express. The tour starts from the port's entrance, Piazza Vittorio Emanuele II, every hour from 9.00am to 4.00pm. The tour takes one hour and it includes a homemade Italian gelato and a tour guide.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com
Address: Piazza Vittorio Emanuele II, Brindisi
Phone: +39 0347 943 1621
Internet: www.toursofpuglia.com/brindisi_express.html
Email: info@toursofpuglia.com

Lido Azzurro



For a lazy day at the beach, head over to Lido Azzurro. This beautiful beach offers facilities like changing rooms, showers, deck chairs, umbrellas and if you are feeling hungry there are

restaurants and bars around the area (sunbeds and umbrellas are offered at a fee, but you can bring your own).

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Address: Via Torre Testa 132, Marina Apani, Brindisi

Phone: +39 339 626 6889

Zoosafari Fasano



Zoosafari is the largest wildlife park in Italy, located a few kilometres from Fasano. It is a place where you can watch exotic animals like tigers, lions, bears, elephants (and so much more) from your vehicle. In addition to the safari park there is a large amusement park with attractions for all ages as well as several restaurants where to energise before finding out new exciting species.

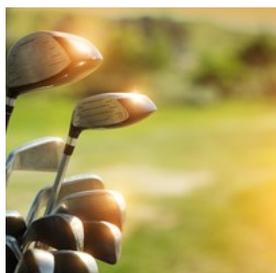
Photo: evantravels/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via dello Zoosafari, Fasano Brindisi

Phone: +39 0804 414 455

Internet: www.zoosafari.it

San Domenico Golf



San Domenico Golf is considered one of the best golf clubs in Italy with its 18 tours overlooking the sea of Apulia. 6300 meters of meandering meadows flowing among olive groves all along a beautiful stretch of the Adriatic coast offer a spectacular view of the sea. You will find this golf course near the small fishing village of Savelletri.

Photo: Konstantin Sutyagin/Shutterstock.com

Address: Strada Litoranea 379, Brindisi

Phone: +39 080 4829 200

Internet: www.golfpuglia.it

Email: info@sandomenicogolf.com

Carrisiland Resort



Carrisiland Resort is an amusement and water park for the whole family. The park offers swimming pools, slides, aquatube, whirlpools, animation, and much more. There is also a forest housing the village of Tarzan, the jungle, and a Jurassic Park with dinosaurs. It also hosts musicals and shows.

Photo: Zurijeta/Shutterstock.com

Address: Contrada Curtipettrizzi, Cellino San Marco

Phone: +39 0831 618 152 / +39 349 291 4792

Internet: www.carrisiland.it

Aragonese Castle



Aragonese Castle (also known as Red Castle) is located on the Island of St. Andrew, at the port of Brindisi. This fortification dates back to 1481 and it was completed in 1492 by Ferdinand I of Aragon. It was built in defence of the city from possible sea attacks.

Photo: Mi.Ti./Shutterstock.com

Address: St. Andrew, Brindisi

Guna Beach Club



Certainly among the best beach lounges in the Brindisi area, Guna is a relaxing venue that plays unobtrusive jazz and operates on an à la carte basis (there is a cafe and restaurant). Sunbeds with soft mattresses set at a small elevation

above the sea in a green area are at guests' disposal.

Photo: nd3000/Shutterstock.com

Address: Contrada Apani 2/A, Brindisi

Phone: +39 320 709 6630 / +39 347 627 2032

Internet: www.gunabeach.com

Email: info@gunabeach.com

More Info: Spa center on premises

Brindisi Port



The port of Brindisi has seen many a cruise liner at rest in its waters.

Recently renovated, the port area is now better than ever, fit for a

leisurely scenic stroll and a lunch break in one of the several restaurants and cafes on the waterfront. At night, the area turns into a lively hot spot.

Photo: Mi.Ti./Shutterstock.com

Address: Porto di Brindisi, Brindisi

San Giovanni al Sepolcro Temple



History-lovers and the curious should certainly include this site into their Brindisi itinerary. The ancient structure holds frescoes that date back to

as early as the 12th century, with explanation boards set up in both Italian and English. Roman structures' remains can be seen in the basement.

Photo: oksmit/Shutterstock.com

Address: Piazza di San Giovanni al Sepolcro, Brindisi

Roman columns of Brindisi



Originally, there were two twin columns, but after the collapse of one of the two columns in 1528, the monument remained mutilated. The

surviving column is among the most remarkable historical sites of Brindisi. It represents the point where the Appian way (road between Rome and Brindisi in that period) ended, as well as the place where (in Roman times) the travellers left to the East. From there, a splendid view of the port of the city is revealed.

Photo: Mi.Ti./Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Colonne, Porto di Brindisi, Brindisi

Cillarese Park



The pleasant park just outside the city center is great for an evening stroll, daytime picnic, or even a morning jog.

Plenty of shaded areas make for great places to get away from the summer heat in the grass. There are a few duck-inhabited ponds here.

Photo: Ivanko80/Shutterstock.com

Address: Parco del Cillarese, Brindisi

DINING



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Fish and seafood are abundant in Brindisi and the whole coastal areas of Apulia, but quite a few restaurants specialise in grilled meats (the latter ones often give diners the option of choosing the preferred cut from a window display). There are plenty of great places to eat all round the region, but take note that Apulians take their afternoon siesta seriously and that it can be difficult to find anywhere to eat between 2pm and 7pm.

Escosazio



Dining at Escosazio is an interactive experience, and the paradise on earth for meat-lovers'. Guests are free to choose from a variety of fresh cuts in

the glass window display, which are then cooked to perfection in-house by experienced chefs. A large selection of wines and local beers is on offer as well.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: Piazza Mercato 15, Brindisi

Opening hours: Daily 7pm-11.45pm.

Phone: +39 0340 116 2585

La Locanda del Porto



Favored by the Italian clientele, the Locanda del Porto is an excellent restaurant that serves a variety of seafood dishes and a selection of meat cuts cooked to perfection. Portion sizes are rather generous. Try the tuna and do not skip on the antipasti appetisers.

Photo: HLPhoto/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Montenegro 20-24, Brindisi

Opening hours: 9am-3.30pm and 6.30pm-12am Wed-Mon.

Phone: +39 0831 568 181 / +39 393 949 6762

More Info: Closed on Tuesday

Trattoria Pantagruelle



Tucked away in a small alley not far from the port, Trattoria Pantagruelle is an Italian restaurant especially known for its array of varied antipasti served prior to the main courses. Try the dish of the day, or feast on some of region's finest fish and seafood (among other options).

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Address: Salita di Ripalta 1, Brindisi

Opening hours: 12.30pm-2.45pm and 7.30pm-10.45pm

Mon-Sat.

Phone: +39 0831 560 605

Internet: pantagruelle1.berlindoener.info

More Info: Closed on Sunday

Osteria del Tempo Perso



Traditional dishes are lovingly prepared in this cosy, affordably priced restaurant in a narrow street below Ostuni's historic cathedral. It serves some incredible seafood starters and mains, paired with a good selection of wines. Furthermore, the establishment arranges cooking lessons.

Photo: DonLand/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Tanzarella Vitale 47, Ostuni, Brindisi

Opening hours: 12.30pm-3pm and 7.30pm-11pm Tue-Sun.

Phone: +39 0831 304 819 / +39 0831 303 320

Internet: www.osteriadelttempoperso.com

Email: info@osteriadelttempoperso.com

More Info: Closed on Monday

Piazzetta Colonne Restaurant



Piazzetta's main draw is the outdoor terrace seating area, where diners are invited to feast on some of the region's finest fresh seafood next to an ancient Roman column - one of the city's historic sights. The menu features both cooked and raw elevated seafood dishes.

Photo: 54613/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Colonne 57/59, Brindisi

Phone: +39 083 1172 0488

Don Angus



This is definitely the place for you if you fancy a hearty steak. At Don Angus, diners are invited to select a meat and the skilled chefs cook it in an open kitchen to their preference. A good

selection of local wines is on offer, and seating available in the outdoor terrace.

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Address: Via Guerrieri 16, Brindisi

Phone: +39 0831 528 968

Acquapazza



This small and elegant restaurant holds a menu that features a selection of seafood dishes with locally-sourced ingredients. Acquapazza is situated in the heart of Brindisi's historic centre, only few steps from Palazzo Zenthe. The chef at work can be observed via a see-through glass wall.

Photo: freeskyline/Shutterstock.com

Address: Piazza Dante 5, Brindisi

Opening hours: Daily H24

Phone: +39 347 980 1956

Internet: www.acquapazzabrindisi.com

Windsurf



The Windsurf family restaurant, run by two brothers, is beautifully situated directly on the waterfront. The restaurant is well-known for the excellent pizza it serves. Apart from pizza, the menu features seafood, noodles, pasta and salads. Starter portions are generous and meant to be shared.

Photo: Denizo71/Shutterstock.com

Address: Viale Regina Margherita 18, Brindisi

Opening hours: 6pm-2am Mon-Sat; 12pm-2am Sun.

Phone: +39 0831 523 166

Locanda Ti Li Spilusi



Local authentic food can be enjoyed at this rustic Italian restaurant with a buzzing atmosphere. Popular with the locals and usually packed on

Sundays, it tends to get especially busy in the summertime. Reservations are recommended to ensure being seated.

Photo: FPWing/Shutterstock.com

Address: Contrada Restinco 4, Brindisi

Opening hours: 9pm-12am Tue-Sun.

Phone: +39 0831 555 481 / +39 328 089 8063

Internet: www.lalocandatilispilusi.it

More Info: Closed on Monday

Il Boccone



Il Boccone is a warm, small and cosy Italian restaurant with welcoming staff, serving high quality food at affordable prices. The

restaurant is owned by a couple, who run the restaurant and double as chefs - the man is specialised in pizza, while his wife takes care of other house specialities.

Photo: Fanfo/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Carmine 74/76, Brindisi

Phone: +39 338 907 7598

Internet: www.ilboccone.it

Le Sciabica



Enjoy Mediterranean food in a cosy and romantic atmosphere in a refined setting. The restaurant has wood-dominated interior, and plays soft

jazz music in the background. The chef prepares

traditional Italian dishes with a modern twist, all with fresh ingredients.

Photo: Ekaterina Pokrovsky/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Ammiraglio Paolo Thaon De Revel 29, Brindisi

Opening hours: 12.30pm-3pm and 7.30pm-12pm Thur-Tue.

Phone: +39 0831 562 870

More Info: Closed on Wednesday

Penny



Penny is a charming and stylish restaurant with a romantic atmosphere, located in the historic centre of the city. This Italian restaurant is

housed in an old villa, dating back to the 15th century. The restaurant serves elevated Italian cuisine and offers a special Japanese menu.

Photo: Joshua Resnick/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via San Francesco 5, Brindisi

Opening hours: 12pm-11pm Tue-Sat; 12pm-5pm Sun.

Phone: +39 0831 563 013

Internet: www.enotecaristorantepenny.it

More Info: Closed on Monday

La Taverna di Pascalone



The establishment is located in the small, nice town of Latiano, not far from Mesagne. It is highly specialised in grilled meats, which are

displayed in abundance in the glass show windows. The restaurant's homely atmosphere makes all the guests live a uniquely warm dining experience.

Photo: Marian Weyo/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Roma 82, Latiano, Brindisi

Opening hours: 7pm-11.30pm Thur-Tue.

Phone: +39 083 172 6869 / +39 349 333 4191

Internet: www.latavernadipascalone.it

More Info: Closed on Wednesday

Porta Nova Restaurant



Arguably the best restaurant in Ostuni, with a classic menu and a long wine list to match. The restaurant is located just inside the town walls, in a

13th-century townhouse. The menu features dishes prepared with locally-sourced ingredients from Apulia, with a heavy emphasis on fish and seafood.

Photo: norikko/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Gaspare Petrarolo 28, Ostuni, Brindisi

Phone: +39 0831 338 983

Internet: www.ristoranteportanova.com

Cibus



Cibus is located in an 15th-century convent, hidden down a narrow street in the old town of Ceglie Messapica. This is a nice family-run

restaurant serving Italian cuisine specialities with a modern twist. The passion for quality and innovation makes dining at Cibus a special, unique experience.

Photo: Brent Hofacker/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Chianche di Scarano 7, Ceglie Messapica, Brindisi

Opening hours: 12.30pm-2.30pm and 7.30pm-10.30pm
Wed-Mon.

Phone: +39 0831 388 980

Internet: www.ristorantecibus.it

Email: cibus.ceglie@libero.it

More Info: Closed on Tuesday

CAFES



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The region's cafes are known as "bars" - do not be surprised to see bars all throughout Brindisi serving food and having an array of savoury pastries, pizza and focaccia on offer at all times. Most of these establishments are open until late at night, many serve alcoholic drinks alongside coffee. Traditional bakeries (pasticceria) and gelato (ice cream) shops can be found throughout; the ones boasting the best views are located in the port area.

Piadineria



The establishment is specialised in stuffed flatbread rolls. Choose a pre-set stuffing or choose the ingredients yourself, and they will be turned

into an edible masterpiece in a matter of seconds. The "piadine" are good to be consumed in-house or to take away. Savory and sweet options available.

Photo: farbled/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Pergola 13, Brindisi

Opening hours: Daily 7pm-11pm.

Phone: +39 320 278 8321

Email: caterinanencioni@hotmail.it

Betty Cafe



With its unbeatable views over the harbour and great value meals, Betty is a cafe/restaurant popular among both tourists and locals. The establishment offers a selection of freshly baked stuffed pastries (both sweet and savoury), as well as other dish options.

Photo: kaband/Shutterstock.com

Address: Viale Regina Margherita 6, Brindisi

Opening hours: Daily 7pm-12.30am.

Phone: +39 0831 563 465

Internet: www.bettycafe.it

Email: barbetty81@gmail.com

Caffè Olympia



Olympia is a longstanding local establishment, which has seen several generations of Brindisi locals walk into its doors for a scoop of their special gelato or a cup of hot coffee. There is a bakery on-site. Seatings in- and outdoors on the terrace are available.

Photo: happystock/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Cesare Battisti 21, Brindisi

Phone: +39 0831 562 187

La Capannina



A pleasant venue not far from the seaside, La Capannina is the right place for an evening "aperitivo" (a drink that often precedes meals) or a short coffee break during the daytime. Serves light foods and pastries. The airy outdoor seating area is favoured by locals.

Photo: Arina P Habich/Shutterstock.com

Address: Viale Duca Degli Abruzzi 4, Brindisi

Phone: +39 0831 412 074

Urban Beat Coffee Shop



The establishment's quirky interior features a jukebox, a bicycle hanging down from the ceiling, a tiny vintage car, and multiple items made from recycled materials - including makeshift chairs and other pieces of decor. Serves sandwiches and coffee at incredibly affordable prices.

Photo: Alexandra Lande/Shutterstock.com

Address: Corso Giuseppe Garibaldi 76, Brindisi

Phone: +39 342 932 4001 / +39 0831 090 670

More Info: Closed on Monday

I Tre Moschettieri



The centrally located cafe and restaurant serves a selection of seafood dishes and pasta, and is well-known for its pizza and savory pastries. The restaurant combines a relaxed, homely atmosphere with high professionalism of service, which makes it an easy favorite for locals.

Photo: Sara Winter/Shutterstock.com

Address: Corso Roma 16-20, Brindisi

Opening hours: 12pm-3pm and 6pm-12am We-Mon.

Phone: +39 393 106 1541

Internet: www.ristorantepizzeriaitremoschettieri.com

More Info: Closed on Tuesday

Bar Cafe Ausonia



A pleasant, casual spot for a coffee break in central Brindisi, cafe Ausonia serves high quality coffees and a selection of sweet and savoury pastries and desserts. The cafe is a quintessential neighbourhood establishment that teems with locals in the evenings.

Photo: MR.MITR SRILACHAI/Shutterstock.com

Address: Corso Garibaldi 91, Brindisi

Opening hours: Daily 5am-10pm.

Phone: +39 0831 529719

Cotto & Mangiato Take Away



The canteen-style establishment offers a rather large variety of dishes (mains and sides, as well as pastries and fruit) that can be either eaten inside, or taken away (the latter is often the case with patrons). Vegetarian and vegan options are available.

Photo: Silatip/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Appia 59, Brindisi

Opening hours: 12pm-1pm Mon-Fri; 12pm-2pm Sat-Sun.

Phone: +39 0831 198 0214 / +39 333 253 5987

Internet: www.sito-partner.wixsite.com/cottoemangiato

Il Trullo



The restaurant and pizzeria Il Trullo is one of the (surprisingly) few Brindisi establishments that serve authentic Italian pizza cooked in a wood-fired oven. Other dishes include excellent seafood, salads, and more. Booking a table in advance is recommended for rush hours.

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Address: Corso Roma 31, Brindisi

Opening hours: 12pm-3pm and 8pm-12am Tue-Sun.

Phone: +39 0831 162 2998

More Info: Closed on Monday

Monna Lisa Caffè (Ostuni)



The small, cavernous cafe in the scenic town of Ostuni is a proud follower of the "Slow food" movement, and it serves some of the finest Apulian delicacies. Dish presentation is above par. Well-crafted cocktails and a selection of regional wines is on offer.

Photo: Mikhail_Kayl/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Roma 7, Ostuni, Brindisi

Opening hours: 6pm-2am Wed-Mon.

Phone: +39 0831 338 624

More Info: Located in Piazza Libertà. Closed on Tuesday.

Coffee & More (Ostuni)



This welcoming bar in Ostuni serves certainly much more than just coffees - the food arrangements are pleasing to the eye as much as the taste buds, and the owner couple undeniably try their best to make the dining experience a pleasurable one. Try one of the grand meat and cheese plates.

Photo: Kiian Oksana/Shutterstock.com

Address: Piazza della Liberta 14, Ostuni, Brindisi

Phone: +39 320 960 5531

White Ostuni Tito Schipa (Ostuni)



Since the moment you enter this bar you immerse yourself in a unique atmosphere. Ce cafe welcomes you in a sophisticated room

consisting of a large multifaceted counter, hosts breakfasts and aperitifs by day and by night.

The location is divided in three different spaces: the relaxation room, the sala bistrot-restaurant and the lovely terrace, characterised by a charming landscape of Ostuni and its Historical Centre.

Photo: Viktor Hanacek/Shutterstock.com

Address: Corso Vittorio Emanuele II 19/21, Ostuni, Brindisi

Opening hours: Daily 7am-4am.

Phone: +39 0831 093 465

Internet: www.whiteostuni.it

Email: titoschipa@whiteostuni.it

Peddy Bar



The locale combines features of a bar and dessert shop - known primarily for its ice creams, desserts and freshly baked croissants,

the bar has an open-air veranda in the back, where guests are welcome to stay until late in the night.

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Address: Via Appia 105, Brindisi

Opening hours: Daily H24

Phone: +39 0831 562 058

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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In addition to traditional Italian cafés, Brindisi and many other towns have a few bars and pubs favoured by groups of residents of all age.

Nightlife in Brindisi itself and in most of the sleepy towns around the region is on the quiet side, comprising a few music bars and several summer discotheques.

In this city, most evening hot-spots are centred around Corso Garibaldi, which comes alive at night with young and old leaving home for an evening spent in the name of drinking and socialising. For a more active nighlfe, there are summer discos (playing mainly Italian Euro-pop) in some of the beach resorts but these open only during the region's short summer holiday season (July-August).

In the province, Lecce represents an exception to the rule, with some trendy bars that often feature DJ's or live music, particularly along the Via Federico d'Aragona in the Old Town.

Susumaniello Vineria



The beautiful, sophisticated courtyard in the heart of the old city of Brindisi invites for a glass of wine (hence the "vineria") or an exquisite cocktail. Susumaniello is located at an elevation, which makes for some incredible views of the

nearby old building roofs.

Photo: JM Travel Photography/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Tarantafilo19, Brindisi

Opening hours: Daily H24

Phone: +39 320 825 7367

Open Club



Great music and fantastic cocktails are the simple recipe of the huge venue's success - DJs spin tunes ranging from hip hop to electro, and party vibes resonate with the young crowds until late at night. Located in the historic centre of Brindisi.

Photo: Arina P Habich/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Tarantafilo15, Brindisi

Opening hours: 9.30pm-3am Wed-Sun.

Phone: +39 349 365 7132

More Info: Closed on Monday and Tuesday

Central Bar Brindisi



Conveniently located smack in the middle of the city centre, Central Bar is where an eatery and watering hole meet half way. It serves light foods (such as pizza and sandwiches), and offers full, substantial daily menus. At night, it transforms into a lively evening venue.

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Address: Via Santi 6, Brindisi

Phone: +39 0831 524150

Email: ambrosiana_srl@libero.it

Barcollo Live (Torre Santa Susanna)



An operational fireplace creates a very intimate atmosphere in this dimly-lit locale, and guests are welcome to make use of the book exchange shelf as they sample some of the drinks from an extensive beer and cocktail list. Friday nights are normally reserved for high quality live music.

Photo: MIGUEL GARCIA SAAVEDRA/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Galaso 64, Torre Santa Susanna, Brindisi

Opening hours: 6.30am-1pm-3.30pm-3am Wed-Mon.

Phone: +39 327 011 8072

Email: stanisch@tiscali.it

More Info: Closed on Tuesday

Il Faro Beach Club (Ostuni)



Il Faro Beach Club is a beachfront establishment not far from the historic, stunning town of Ostuni. It combines features of a beach bar and restaurant, holding various parties and music nights. Prices are in the upper range. Sunbeds and umbrellas are available for rent.

Photo: GDmitry/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Consolato Veneziano, Ostuni, Brindisi

Opening hours: Daily 7am-1.30pm.

Phone: +39 0831 330398

Internet: www.ilfarostuni.it

Email: info@ilfarostuni.it

Kidra Pub (Ostuni)



The Medieval beer pub and disco club Kidra is another cavernous Ostuni establishment that serves a selection of decent beers (including

Guinness), high quality food, and hosts live music shows which cause the small square outside to get packed in no time.

Photo: Brent Hofacker/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Pompeo Petrelli 15, Ostuni, Brindisi

Opening hours: Daily 6pm-3.30am.

Phone: +39 392 049 6466

Email: mimmo.baccaro@gmail.com

Il Fico Ricco (San Pietro Vernotico)



Il Fico Ricco - literally "the rich fig" - is a Latin American venue where you can dance Salsa all night long. The establishment hosts live

music performances, special guest dancers and parties. There is a pool in the venue's courtyard, and the party does not stop till the sun arises.

Photo: ARENA Creative/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Brindisi 207, San Pietro Vernotico, Brindisi

Opening hours: 11pm-5am Friday.

Phone: +39 0831 671 947 / +39 393 186 4863

Internet: www.ficoricco.it

Email: contatti@ficoricco.com

SHOPPING



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There is much to buy in the Apuglia region, including colourful pottery, textiles, high-quality leather goods and a range of local culinary specialities such as wines, cheeses, olives and an assortment of confectionery. Walk down Corso Garibaldi and venture off into the side streets, also packed to the brim with all manner of shops and boutiques.

Corso Garibaldi



In addition to being the city's main nightlife hot-spot, the Corso Garibaldi avenue is lined with all manner of stores and boutiques that sell local and international fashions, accessories, food products, and much more. There is a lot to choose from in terms of assortment and price range.

Photo: Ollyy/Shutterstock.com

Address: Corso Garibaldi, Brindisi

Le Colonne Shopping Center



The large shopping centre, located not too far from the Brindisi central train station, is a great one-stop location for everyone's needs. There are multiple stores and boutiques inside, as well as several eateries and a couple of bars to take a break at.

Photo: Billion Photos/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via S.S Appia 712, Brindisi

Opening hours: 9am-9pm Mon-Sat; 10am-9pm Sun.

Phone: +39 0831 431 203

Internet: www.lecolonneshoppingcentre.it

Erboristeria Hamamelis



The small shop located behind the train station sells natural herbal remedies, cosmetics, body care products, and even healthy edible treats made with natural ingredients. Despite the shop's small size, the selection of items on sale is rather wide.

Photo: sarsmis/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Numa Pompilio 27, Brindisi

Opening hours: 9.15am-13pm and 4.30pm-8pm Mon-Sat.

Phone: +39 0831 523 908

More Info: Saturday only open in the morning. Closed on Sunday

Local Markets



Nearly all cities in the province, including Brindisi itself, you can easily find markets set up on different days of the week where the freshest local products are sold at very reasonable prices.

One of the main locations of this kind in Brindisi is at the crossing of Via Pace Brindisina and Via Santa Maria Ausiliatrice.

Photo: Goran Bogicevic/Shutterstock.com

Erredibi Sandali



Erredibi creators are well known for their well-crafted, handmade leather products such as shoes and belts. This elegant and refined boutique makes beautiful, stylish sandals that last for ages and cannot be found anywhere else. There are multiple outlets throughout the province.

Photo: Deyan Georgiev/Shutterstock.com

Address: Corso Umberto I 36, Brindisi

Phone: +39 0831 560 560 / +39 348 341 7993

Internet: www.erredibisandali.it

Portico 12



Portico 12 is specialised in high-class men's wear, selling a selection of elegant clothing and suits suitable for any occasion, especially the most formal ones. Multiple international brands are represented, some of which include Lacoste, JayColeMan, Mason's, and so many more.

Photo: antondanilenko/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Filomeno Consiglio12, Brindisi

Opening hours: 9am-1pm and 4pm-9pm Mod-Sat.

Phone: +39 0831 528 441

Internet: www.portico12.it

More Info: Closed on Sunday

Carpisa



Carpisa is a world-renowned Italian brand that specializes on bags and accessories made of high-quality leather. Prices are more

than reasonable for the quality. The outlet closest to Brindisi is in a large shopping center next to the town of Mesagne. The collections are constantly renewed.

Photo: Voyagerix/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Appia 7, Mesagne, Brindisi

Phone: +39 0831 856 055

Internet: www.carpisa.it

More Info: Auchan Shopping Centre

Centro Commerciale Auchan (Mesagne)



The large shopping centre is located outside Brindisi city, closer to the small town of Mesagne to the southwest. It houses a vast selection of shops and boutiques, which includes both local and international brands. One of the highlights is, of course, the hyper-market Auchan itself.

Photo: michaeljung/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Appia 7, Mesagne, Brindisi

Opening hours: 9am-9pm Mon-Sat; 10am-9pm Sun.

Phone: +39 0831 777 801

Internet: www.mesagne.gallerieauchan.it

Email: gallerie.mesagne@gcispa.com

Typicus (Ostuni)



Typicus is an artisan store selling edible specialties of the region - all lovingly packed and arranged in a very appealing, rustic display

inside a compact space in the heart of the old town of Ostuni in Brindisi Province. Shop for olives (and products with derivatives), wines, and more.

Photo: Ingrid Balabanova/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Cattedrale 11, Ostuni, Brindisi

Phone: +39 328 552 2333

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Passport / Visa



Italy can be visited visa-free for up to 90 days by citizens from Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia, Israel,

UAE and most countries in America. If you are not sure whether or not you need to apply for a visa, we recommend you to contact the embassy or consulate in your country. In order to enter the Schengen zone, international (non-Schengen) travellers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip. Citizens from Schengen countries can travel without a passport, but they must bring with them a valid ID during their stay.

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Best Time to Visit



Spring in Apulia can be relatively hot and you can often take a dip in the sea even until early November. So, spring to early autumn (March to

November) is surely an ideal period for travelling to this marvellous region of southern Italy, especially considering that this period boasts plenty of sunny days. This also makes it a good time for hiking or exploring the idyllic towns of Apulia, such as Alberobello, Ostuni, Lecce or Brindisi.

Autumn is also a perfect period for cycling in Apulia, since this season boasts plenty of warm days in Apulia without the temperature getting too low.

If you are not afraid of hot sunshine, summer is the right time to go there too, as the stunning beaches are perfect to sunbathe and relax while observing the waves crashing against the rocks.

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Brindisi Papola Casale Airport



The airport is located approximately 7 km (4.5 miles) from Brindisi.

There is no rail link. The local STP bus service leaves from outside the

arrival hall and runs to Brindisi city center. A taxi ride from the airport to the town centre takes around 10-15 minutes.

Bus connections are also available to Lecce city-centre.

Photo: Juan Garces

Phone: +39 0580 0200

Internet: www.aeroportidipuglia.it

Public Transport



Ferrovie del Sud Est provides buses and trains within the region, from Brindisi to Bari and to the southern city of Santa Maria di Leuca. Bus

tickets can be bought at any bus stations.

The regional rail network covers much of the Puglia region, but few trains run to the south of Lecce. Buy train tickets at the station, either from the ticket office or from ticket machines, and validate by stamping them in the machines on the station platform before boarding.

The easiest way to explore the region beyond Brindisi is by car. You must carry a current driving licence with photo ID. It is compulsory to wear both front and back seat belts. Cars drive on the right-hand side of the road. Parking and navigating in the cramped historic centres of towns such as Ostuni and Lecce is difficult, and it is usually easier to park outside the centre and explore it on foot.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Internet: www.trenitalia.com

Taxi



There is a taxi stand directly outside the train station in Brindisi. Radio Taxi +39 0831 597 901
Brindisi Airport Transfer +39 0831 170 6658

Photo: ArrivalGuides

Post



Stamps (francobolli) can be bought in any post office and in most tobacconists' shops. There is a post office directly outside the train

station (Piazza Crispi Francesco, 1) at:

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Piazza Della Vittoria 8, Brindisi

Phone: +39 0831 225 511

Internet: www.poste.it

Pharmacy



Pharmacists in Italy are knowledgeable and can recommend and supply a number of remedies, including antibiotics. Farmacia Favia Dott.

Luigi

Via S. Lorenzo da Brindisi 61

+39 0831 597 844

Farmacia Rizzo

Via Mecenate 19

+39 0831 524 188

Photo: Gemma Garner

Telephone



Country code: +39 Area code: 0831, 0832, 0833

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



220 volts, two-pin European power sockets.

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

87,141

Currency

(€) 1 Euro = 100 cents

Opening hours

Business and Shops: generally 9:00am-1:00pm and 4:00pm-8:00pm, weekdays.

Banks: 8:30am-1:30pm and 2:30pm-3:30pm, weekdays; closed Sat. and Sun.

Post Offices: 8:00am-2:00pm, weekdays; 8:00am-11:45am Sat; closed on Sun.

Newspapers

Salento in Tasca (language: Italian) - weekly, local events
Brindisilibera (language: Italian)

Emergency numbers

Police: 112

Carabinieri Force: 113

Fire&Rescue: 115

Emergency Medical Service: 118

Roadside Assistance: 116

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