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Discover Brindisi, a sun-drenched jewel on the Adriatic Sea and the beating heart of Italy's Apulia region. More than just a coastal beauty, Brindisi serves as a living museum to a myriad of vanished civilisations. Picture yourself strolling along ancient Roman roads, gazing up at majestic Gothic and Baroque cathedrals, or getting lost in the imposing shadows of Swabian castles from the era of Frederick II, the Holy Roman Emperor. With every step you're walking through centuries of layered history. Come for the sea, stay for a journey back in time.

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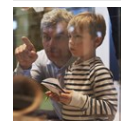
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THE CITY



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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 around the clock.

In ancient times, this was the terminus of the Via Appia — one of the Roman Empire's most important highways. The city still holds a handful of ancient remnants of Rome's imperial apogee, along with some more recent memorials. Don't miss the splendid Roman Column by the promenade!

Contrary to many of Italy's more industrialised regions, Apulia — often referred to as the "heel" of the Italian "boot" — has largely escaped the tourist radar. This lends Brindisi and its surrounding quaint towns an off-the-beaten-path allure that's a core part of their 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 the remains of the 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.

Photo: Mi.Ti./Shutterstock.com

Address: Duomo di Brindisi, Piazza del Duomo, 12, Brindisi

Opening hours: Daily 8:30am-12:30pm / 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 Svevo di Brindisi, Via dei Mille, 4, Brindisi

The Big Rudder – A Monument to the Italian Sailor



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/cc by-sa 2.0/Flickr(image cropped)

Address: Monumento civile al Marinaio d'Italia, Via Duca degli Abruzzi, Canale Pigonati, Brindisi

Opening hours: The monument: Thu-Tue 10am-6pm, Wed closed. The crypt: Fri-Tue 10am-6pm, Wed & Thu closed.

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 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: Tue-Sun 9am-6:45pm, Mon 4:15pm-6:45pm

Phone: +39 0831 544 257

Internet: www.instagram.com/museo_archeologicoribrezzo

Francavilla Fontana



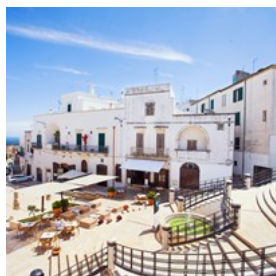
Around 40 km (25 miles) southwest of Brindisi, the town of Francavilla Fontana is known for the numerous palatial mansions built by local

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.

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Address: Lecce, Brindisi

Gallipoli



The best sandy beach 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 a few minutes' walk from the airport. Its facade is skilfully decorated with impressive ornate frescoes.

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Address: Chiesa rettoria Santa Maria al Casale, Contrada Baroncino, 3, Brindisi

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-8pm, Sun 8am-1pm

Phone: +39 0831 418 136

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 am to 4 pm. 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

Opening hours: Tours run from early April to late September

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 and

umbrellas. 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).

Photo: wavebreakmedia/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via di Torre Testa, 132, Marina Apani, Brindisi

Zoosafari Fasanolandia



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.

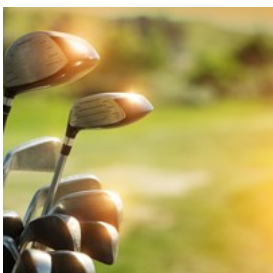
Photo: evantravels/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via dello Zoosafari, Fasano Brindisi

Phone: +39 0804 414 455

Internet: 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. Enjoy 6,300

metres of meandering meadows flowing among olive groves all along a beautiful stretch of the

Adriatic coast offer a spectacular marine views. You will find this golf course near the small fishing village of Savelletri.

Photo: Konstantin Sutyagin/Shutterstock.com

Address: Strada Comunale Egnazia, Savelletri

Phone: +39 080 4829 200

Internet:

www.sandomenicogolf.com/en/san-domenico-golf-puglia

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 that houses the village of Tarzan, the jungle, and a Jurassic Park with dinosaurs. It also hosts musicals and shows.

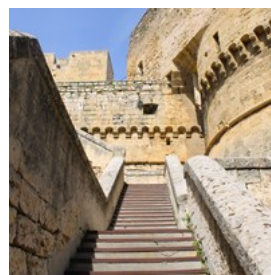
Photo: Zurijeta/Shutterstock.com

Address: Contrada Curtipitrizzi, Cellino San Marco

Phone: +39 349 291 4792

Internet: www.carrisiland.it

Alfonsino Castle



Alfonsino 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: Francesca Strippoli/cc by-sa 4.0/wikimedia(image cropped)

Address: Castello Alfonsino di Brindisi, Via Torpediniera Climene, Isola di Sant'Andrea

Phone: +39 379 265 3244

Internet: www.instagram.com/forte_a_mare

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.

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Address: Contrada Apani, 2/A, Brindisi

Opening hours: Daily 9am-8pm

Phone: +39 347 627 2032

Internet: [gunabeachclub.it](https://www.gunabeachclub.it)

Email: info@gunabeach.com

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](https://www.shutterstock.com/Mi.Ti)

Address: Porto di Brindisi, Giovanna di Bulgaria, Viale Regina Margherita, Brindisi

San Giovanni al Sepolcro Temple



History-lovers and the curious should certainly include San Giovanni al Sepolcro Temple 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: [Dudva/cc by-sa 4.0/wikimedia\(image cropped\)](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Dudva)

Address: Piazza di San Giovanni al Sepolcro, Brindisi

Roman Columns of Brindisi



Originally, there were two twin Roman Columns of Brindisi, 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 — the road between Rome and Brindisi in that period — ended, as well as the place where the travellers left to the East back in the Roman times. From there, a splendid view of the port of the city is revealed.

Photo: [Mi.Ti./Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com/Mi.Ti)

Address: Via Colonne, Porto di Brindisi, Brindisi

Internet:

www.atlasobscura.com/places/roman-columns-of-brindisi

Cillarese Park



The pleasant park just outside the city centre 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

Internet: www.facebook.com/parcocillaresebrindisi/

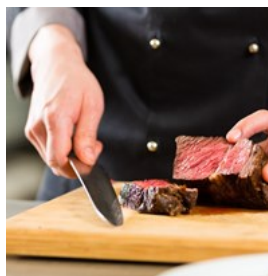
DINING



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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. Many restaurants 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 2 pm and 7 pm.

Bracerie 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: Mon-Thu 6:30pm-midnight, Fri & Sat 7pm-midnight, Sun closed

Phone: +39 0340 116 2585

Internet: www.instagram.com/bracerieescosazio

La Locanda del Porto



Favoured 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 the antipasti.

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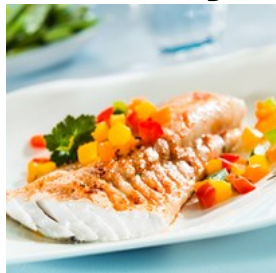
Address: Via Montenegro, 20-24, Brindisi

Opening hours: Wed-Mon 12:30pm-3pm / 7pm-11:30pm; Tue closed

Phone: +39 0831 568 181

Internet: www.lalocandadelporto.it

Trattoria Pantagruele



Tucked away in a small alley not far from the port, Trattoria Pantagruele 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 the region's finest fish and seafood, among other options.

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Address: Via Salita Di Ripalta, 1, Brindisi

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 12:30pm-2:45pm /

7:30pm-10:45pm, Sun closed

Phone: +39 0831 560 605

Internet: trattoriapantagruele.it

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

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 12:30pm-3pm / 7:30pm-11pm; Mon closed

Phone: +39 0831 304 819

Internet: www.osteriadelttempoerso.com

Email: info@osteriadelttempoerso.com

Don Angus



This is definitely the place for you if you fancy a hearty steak. At Don Angus, diners are invited to select a piece of 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 Vicolo Guerrieri, 16, Brindisi

Phone: +39 0831 528 968

Internet: restaurantguru.com/DON-ANGUS-Brindisi

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: Mon 7:45pm-11pm, Tue-Sat 8am-11pm, Sun closed

Phone: +39 347 980 1956

Internet: restaurantguru.com/Acquapazza-Brindisi

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: Mon-Sat 6pm-2am, Sun noon-2am

Phone: +39 0831 523 166

Internet: ristorantewindsurf.it

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: Mon-Sat 7:30pm-midnight; Sun

12:30pm-3:30pm / 7:30pm-midnight

Phone: +39 339 202 3577

Internet: www.lalocandatilispilusi.it

La 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: Antica Osteria Pizzeria La Sciabica, Via Ammiraglio Paolo Thaon De Revel, 29, Brindisi

Opening hours: Thu-Tue 11:30am-2:45pm / 7:30pm-11pm;

Wed closed

Phone: +39 0831 562 870

Internet: www.lasciabica.com

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: Tue-Sat 12:45pm-2:30pm / 7:45pm-10:30pm;

Sun 12:45pm-2:30pm; Mon closed

Phone: +39 0831 563 013

Internet: enotecaristorantepenny.it

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.

Photo: Luiz Rocha/Shutterstock.com

Address: Corso Roma, 31, Brindisi

Opening hours: Daily noon-3pm / 7pm-11:45pm

Phone: +39 0831 162 2998

Internet: www.iltrulloristorante.it

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: Thu-Tue 12:30am-11pm, Wed closed

Phone: +39 349 333 4191

Internet: www.instagram.com/iltrulloristorante

Ristorante Porta Nova



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

Opening hours: Daily 12:30pm-3pm / 7:30pm-11:30pm

Phone: +39 0831 338 983

Internet: www.ristoranteportanova.com

Cibus



Cibus is located in a 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: Wed-Mon 12:30pm-2:30pm / 7:30pm-10:30pm; Mon closed

Phone: +39 0831 388 980

Internet: www.ristorantecibus.it

CAFÉS



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The region's cafés are known as 'bars' — don't 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. Savoury and sweet options available.

Photo: farbled/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Pergola, 13, Brindisi

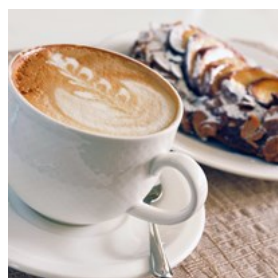
Opening hours: Thu-Tue 6:30-10pm, Wed closed

Phone: +39 320 278 8321

Internet: www.instagram.com/piadineria_artigianale

Email: caterinanencioni@hotmail.it

Café Betty



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 7am-12:30am

Phone: +39 0831 563 465

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: Corso Umberto I, 15, Brindisi

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 6:30am-midnight, Mon closed

Phone: +39 0831 562 187

Internet: restaurantguru.com/Caffe-Olympia-Brindisi

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.

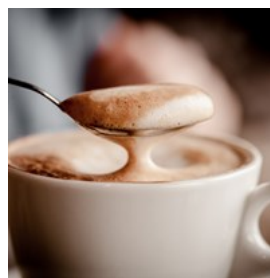
Photo: Arina P Habich/Shutterstock.com

Address: Viale Duca Degli Abruzzi, 4, Brindisi

Opening hours: Daily 7:30am-9pm

Phone: +39 345 648 5042

Urban Beat Burger & Coffee



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 0831 159 9881

Internet: restaurantguru.com/Urban-Beat-Brindisi

Caffè Ausonia



A pleasant, casual spot for a coffee break in central Brindisi, Caffè Ausonia serves high quality coffees and a selection of sweet and

savoury pastries and desserts. The cafe is a quintessential neighbourhood establishment that

teams with locals in the evenings.

Photo: MR.MITR SRILACHAI/Shutterstock.com
Address: Corso Garibaldi, 91, Brindisi
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 5:30am-9pm, Sun 5:30am-1:15pm
Phone: +39 0831 529719

Cotto & Mangiato

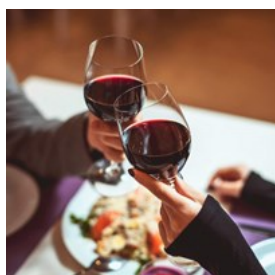


The canteen-style establishment offers a rather large variety of dishes — mains and sides, as well as pastries and fruit — that can be either

eaten inside, or taken away. Vegetarian and vegan options are available.

Photo: Silatip/Shutterstock.com
Address: Via Appia, 59, Brindisi
Opening hours: Mon 11am-3:30pm, Tue-Sun 11am-3:30pm / 7pm-midnight
Phone: +39 327 099 0816
Internet: sito-partner.wixsite.com/cottoemangiato

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: Daily 10am-4am
Phone: +39 0831 366 733
Internet: monna-lisa-caffe.business.site

Tito Schipa (Ostuni)



From the moment you enter this bar, you immerse yourself in a unique atmosphere. The 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 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: Mon-Sat 6pm-2am; Sun 1pm-3pm / 6pm-2am
Phone: +39 0831 093 465
Internet: www.whiteostuni.it
Email: titoschipa@whiteostuni.it

Peddy Bar



Peddy Bar 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.

Photo: Viktor Hanacek/Shutterstock.com
Address: Via Appia, 105, Brindisi
Opening hours: Always open
Phone: +39 0831 562 058
Internet: barpeddy.it

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



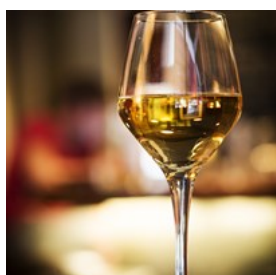
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In addition to traditional Italian cafés, Brindisi and many other towns have a few bars and pubs favoured by groups of residents of all ages. Nightlife in Brindisi itself and in most of the sleepy towns around the region is on the quiet side, comprising 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 nightlife, 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 through August).

In the province, Lecce represents an exception to the rule, with some trendy bars that often feature DJs 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.

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Address: Via Tarantafile, 19, Brindisi

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 7:30pm-3am, Mon closed

Phone: +39 320 825 7367

Barcollo (Torre Santa Susanna)



A lit fireplace creates a very intimate atmosphere in this dimly-lit locale, and you are welcome to make use of the book exchange shelf as you 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: Daily 7am-2am

Phone: +39 380 436 0791

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

Phone: +39 393 331 3024

Internet: www.ilfarostuni.it

Email: info@ilfarostuni.it

Kidra Pub (Ostuni)



The Medieval-themed beer pub and disco club Kidra is another cavernous Ostuni establishment that serves a selection of decent

beers and 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: Fri-Wed 6:30pm-1am, Thu closed

Phone: +39 392 049 6466

Internet: kidra-pub-nuova-gestione.business.site

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 bar 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 rises.

Photo: ARENA Creative/Shutterstock.com

Address: Via Brindisi, 207, San Pietro Vernotico, Brindisi

Opening hours: Daily 11pm-5am

Phone: +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 hotspot, 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.

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Address: Corso Giuseppe 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 every shopper's needs.

There are multiple stores and boutiques inside, as well as several eateries and a couple of bars to take a break at.

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Address: Strada Statale 7, 712, Brindisi

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-9pm, Sun 10am-9pm

Phone: +39 0831 363 141

Internet: www.colonneshoppingcentre.it

Erboristeria L'Alveare



The small shop 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.

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Address: Via Conserva, 16, Brindisi

Opening hours: Mon-Sat from 9:15am, Sun closed

Phone: +39 0831 526 905

Local Markets

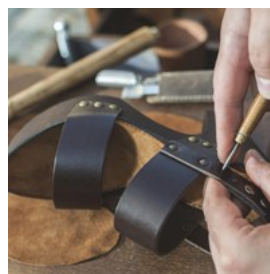


In nearly all cities in the province, including Brindisi itself, you can easily find markets set up on different days of the week where the freshest

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.

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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.

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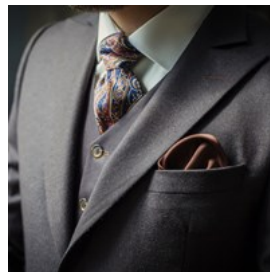
Address: Corso Umberto I, 46, Brindisi

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-1pm / 4:45pm-8:45pm; Sun closed

Phone: +39 348 341 7993

Internet: www.eredibisandali.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 Consiglio, 12, Brindisi

Opening hours: Daily 9am-1pm / 5pm-8:30pm

Phone: +39 0831 528 441

Internet: portico12.it

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 centre next to the town of Mesagne. The collections are constantly renewed.

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Address: Strada Statale 7, Mesagne, Brindisi

Opening hours: Daily 9am-9pm

Phone: +39 0831 162 8772

Internet: www.carpisa.it

Centro Commerciale AppiAntica (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.

Photo: michaeljung/Shutterstock.com

Address: Strada Statale 7, km 10, Mesagne, Brindisi

Opening hours: Daily 9am-9pm

Phone: +39 0831 777 801

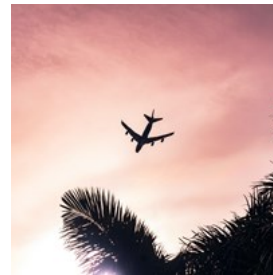
Internet: www.centroappiantica.it

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Brindisi Papola Casale Airport (BDS)



Brindisi Airport, also known as Brindisi Papola Casale Airport and Salento Airport, is located approximately 7 km (4.5 miles) from Brindisi.

There is no rail link, but 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.

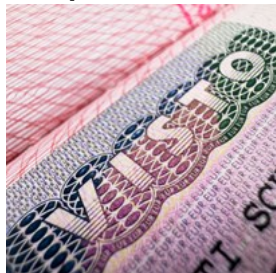
Photo: Eduardo Velazco Guart/Unsplash

Address: Aeroporto di Brindisi, Contrada Baroncino, Brindisi

Phone: +39 0831 411 7406

Internet: brindisi.airports.aeroportidipuglia.it

Passport & Visa



Citizens of European Union (EU) and European Economic Area (EEA) countries do not need a visa to enter Italy, only a valid ID. Many other

countries, including the United Kingdom, United States, Canada, United Arab Emirates, Australia, and New Zealand, benefit from visa-free entry for short stays of up to 90 days within a 180-day period.

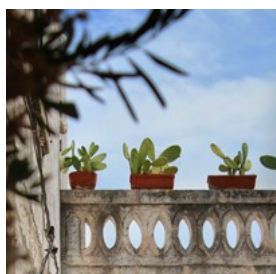
Visitors from visa-exempt countries must hold a valid passport and, starting in late 2025, will need to apply for an ETIAS (European Travel Information and Authorisation System) authorisation online before travelling.

For those requiring a visa, such as travellers from some Middle-East, African or Asian nations, a Schengen visa must be obtained prior to arrival. All travellers should ensure their passport is valid for at least three months beyond their intended stay.

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Internet: https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies/schengen/visa-policy_en

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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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: Ant Rozetsky/Unsplash

Address: Brindisi Train Station, Corso Umberto I, Brindisi

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

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Post



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

station. Post offices are usually open on weekdays 8am-2pm, on Saturdays 8am-11:45am, and are closed on Sundays.

Photo: Simona Sergi/Unsplash

Address: Italian Post Office Post, Piazza Della Vittoria 8, Brindisi

Phone: +39 0831 225 507

Internet: www.poste.it

Pharmacy



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

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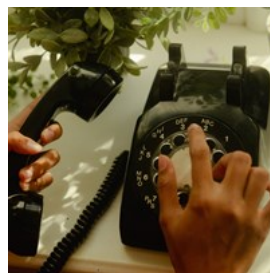
Address: Farmacia Rizzo Di Leonzio Dr. Rizzo, Via Mecenate, 19, Brindisi

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-8pm, Sat 8am-2pm, Sun closed

Phone: +39 0831 524 188

Internet: www.farmacia-rizzo.it

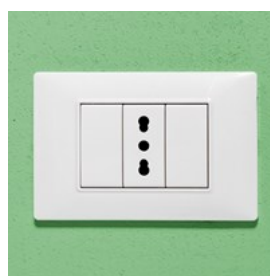
Telephone



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

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Electricity



Italy uses the Type F electrical sockets with two round holes, the same as in many countries in Continental Europe. You will also

encounter Type L sockets with three round holes arranged in a line. A "universal" socket, that accepts Type C, E, F and L plugs, is commonly used in Italy.

The standard voltage is 230 volts, but some hotels have special plugs for 110 or 120-volt shavers.

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Population

89,694

Currency

1 Euro = 100 cents

Opening hours

Business & Shops: generally 9am-1pm / 4pm-8pm on weekdays.

Banks: 8:30am-1:30pm / 2:30pm-3:30pm on weekdays; closed on weekends.

Internet

www.viaggiareinpuglia.it

www.comune.brindisi.it

Newspapers

Salento in Tasca (weekly, local events) — www.salentointasca.it

Brindisi Libera — www.brindisilibera.it

Emergency numbers

National emergency number (police, ambulance, firefighters): 112
Emergency Medical Service: 118
Fire department & Rescue: 115
Police (Carabinieri): 113
Roadside Assistance: 116

Tourist information

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