

CAROVANA ROMANTICA

THE ULTIMATE
VINTAGE & CLASSIC
CARS RALLY



20-28

SEPTEMBER 2024

PUGLIA
Itria Valley

Basilicata

Matera and
Gravine
Canyons

Salento



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ABOUT US

Since 1982, Carovana Romantica is a “slow driving”, long distance, touring rally. An International driving gathering, open to 45 vintage and classic cars, built from 1918 to 1969. The event offers a new journey every year, of about 800/900 km in 7/8 days in Italian regions and Mediterranean countries, full of historical, cultural and, why not, “romantic” suggestions. Pre-War and prestigious cars have priority in enrollment.

“FOR ENTHUSIASTS ONLY”

Carovana Romantica is aimed at vintage and classic cars enthusiast owners coming from all over the world. Fascinating cars and interesting people: this is the spirit of our event! Our emphasis is on “driving together” discovering the beauties of Italy, breath-taking itineraries through UNESCO heritage sites, as well as remote countryside and “hidden” places.

OUR EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES

Our Rally is an “experiential event”, planned to let crews discover scenic and cultural beauties of the villages crossed, but above all, to make the experience of a real interaction with the local communities, and live their culture, traditions, folklore. Daytime is full of warm welcomes in traditional costumes, historical re-enactments, dances and music. The evening entertainment includes dinner shows, musical performances in theatres and castles to complete this unique experience.

 MONOPOLI

 TRULLI VALLEY

 MATERA

 Little DOLOMITES

 SALENTO

 OTRANTO

 LECCE





RALLY 2024

The 2024 Rally theme is: "on the footsteps of the Stupor Mundi", an itinerary to discover the legacy of Frederick II of Swabia and evidences of the Norman Swabian domination, in the sunny lands of Southern Italy, across Puglia and Basilicata Regions, where the sea breeze blows over the infinite expanses of olive trees and vineyards, the blinding white lime covers the small houses, the ancient villages are a treasure chest of popular traditions lost elsewhere.



Event Characteristics

Dates: 20th - 28th September 2024
Full Hospitality*: 8 Overnights in 4**** Hotels
Start Venue: Fasano (BR)
End Venue: Acaya (LE)
Vehicle Eligibility: built from 1918 to 1969
Participation fee: €5.500,00 (two persons crew)

Length of route: 1000 km approx.
Navigation: TULIP Road book
Daily mileage: 120 Km approx.
Luggage Transfer Service: from Hotel to Hotel
Car Transport: on Closed Truck upon request
(Door to Door) or (Milano-Brindisi)



BETWEEN EAST AND WEST

With an unrivaled blend of art, culture, nature and leisure, Puglia is a perfect destination for every type of traveller. Its cities and villages are adorable in every season.

The elegance of Lecce, the candor of Ostuni, the ancient charm of Polignano a Mare and Otranto. Alongside the wonders left by the meeting between East and West, there is wonderful nature, from the boundless wheat fields of the Tavoliere, to the ravines that furrow the Murge and Tarantino, to the ordered geometries of the olive groves and the nature reserves



APULIA

On the Road



Ostuni

Chic Ostuni shines like a pearly white tiara, extending across three hills with the magnificent gem of a cathedral as its sparkling centrepiece. It's the end of the trulli region and the beginning of Salento.



Manduria

The land of Primitivo di Manduria, the famous red wine with strength, richness, character and complexity of aromas, whose grapes come from ancient vines cultivated as "saplings", which grow on the "red earth", on which the sea breezes blow.



Alberobello

With over 1500 Trulli, the typical limestone houses of the Itria Valley, extraordinary examples of rural construction in dry stone slabs, dating back to prehistory and still used in this region, with whitewashed walls and a conical roof in set stones



Itria Valley, Manduria

- Expanses of olive trees in the Itria Valley, the UNESCO Heritage sites of Alberobello, Cisternino and Martina Franca
- Castel del Monte, masterpiece of medieval architecture between the Muslim world and classical antiquity.
- The Typical Masserie
- Rhythm of the traditional local dances: "pizzica" and "taranta"
- Salento with Baroque Buildings and Coastline

Polignano a Mare

Dozens of Grottoes, inhabited since the Pleistocene era, and the cliff full of natural coves, from which **Domenico Modugno** began to VOLARE towards the world, to the tune of "Nel Blu Dipinto di Blu".



Nardò

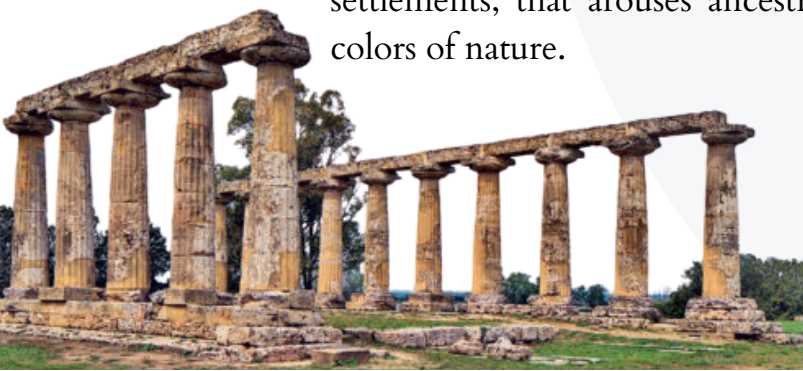
Nardò, the ancient Neretum, a jewel with a timeless atmosphere, with the **baroque historic center**, surrounded by lush greenery, and stretching out towards the sea with crystal clear water, full of coastal towers, museums, and ancient farms.





THE ANCESTRAL CHARM OF PRIMARY COLORS

The ancient “**Lucania**”, where the passage of man has left its mark since prehistoric times, it is enriched by an incredible artistic heritage. Rich in scenery, unique architectural works, views of incomparable charm, like the **Murgia plateau**, with over 150 **frescoed rock churches** with different architecture and iconography, a sample of intersection of the **Greek Byzantine culture** with the Latin world. The never-boring panorama which ranges from the **Lucanian Dolomites** to **Matera**, the world’s oldest continuously-inhabited human settlements, that arouses ancestral sensations with its primary colors of nature.



BASICATA

On the Road



Montescaglioso

A "Jewel of Italy" since 2012, this town is famous for its four local monastic institutions, the best known being the **Benedictine Abbey of San Michele**.



Metaponto

In the heart of Magna Graecia, on the boundless Ionian coast, where **Pythagoras** settled, stand the remains of the ancient Greek city, with the imposing and fascinating **Palatine Tables**, twelve Doric style columns, remains of the Temple of Hera.



Miglionico

This exquisite historic village was built around the majestic **Castello del Malconsiglio**, the site of a famous conspiracy against Ferdinand I, King of Naples, in 1485.



Matera, the Gravine Canyons and the Ghost Towns

- "Sassi" of Matera (UNESCO Heritage), the world's third-longest continuously inhabited human settlement
- Canyons of the Gravine
- Archaeological sites of Grumentum and Metaponto
- The Little Dolomites of Lucania
- The Lunar roads to the Ghost Towns

Dolomiti Lucane

Between the two hamlets of **Castelmezzano** and **Pietrapertosa**, perched on towering sandstone peaks, known as the **Little Dolomites**, we will have an «angelic» experience, and walk on the 586 meters of the longest Tibetan bridge in the world.



Aliano & Craco

The ghost villages of **Aliano and Craco**, perched on the Calanchi, the infinite expanse of clay undulating in the sun as far as the eye can see, similar to Cappadocia, rich agricultural cities at the Normans time, today a peasant Pompeii of the 19th century.





Hospitality and Leisure

Carovana offers participants a refined hospitality in hotels and class-exclusive facilities, as well as special gatherings in private estates, wineries, farms etc. Warm welcomes and defilèe in historical squares area our special feature. The evening entertainment includes dinner shows, musical performances in theaters, castles, monasteries to complete this unique experience.



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TENUTA MONACELLE
anima di Puglia

Tenuta Monacelle is a deep soul place. Its architecture draws on the cultural traditions of Apulia with the stone walls, the **pinnacles of trulli**, the natural flavors. Among the **Valle d'Itria olive trees**, close to the Adriatic Sea, in every corner of the estate you can listen to a story of gestures, smells and voices of an authentic land.



UNAHOTELS
Hotel MH Matera

UNAHOTELS MH Matera, is a destination where culture and food have a long and extraordinary tradition, where every event has the imprint of quality and international charm. Located within a 5-hectare park on the Lucanian hills, the Hotel meets high quality standards



The Acaya Golf Resort & Spa is a charming 4-star hotel nestled within a 120-hectare area of lush Mediterranean vegetation bordering the Adriatic Sea, a few kilometres from Lecce. The resort boasts exquisite cuisine, a large wellness centre, and a 5-star Superior BVGA Golf Club.

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