



«Two eyes are not enough, for this Salento»

– Laura Marziali

- Main cities: BARI, Lecce, Canosa, Alberobello, Taranto, Vieste
- Historical overview: Apulia is a rich archaeological region, which was first colonized by Mycenaean Greeks. A number of castles were built in the area by Holy Roman Emperor Frederick II. After 1282, Apulia became part of the Kingdom of Naples, and remained so until the unification of Italy in the 1860s. This kingdom was independent under the House of Anjou (modern France) from 1282 to 1442, then was part of Aragon (modern Spain) until 1714. The coast of Apulia was conquered by both Turks (period?) and Venetians (period?). In 1861 the region became part of the Kingdom of Italy.
- Spoken languages: Italian and Apulian dialect. In isolated pockets of the southern part of Salento, a dialect of modern Greek called Griko is spoken by a few thousand people. In addition, rare dialects of the Franco-Provençal language called Faetar. The Arbëreshë dialect of the Albanian language has been spoken by a small community since refugees settled there in the 15th century.
- Climate: it is Mediterranean along the coastline; moving towards the center the temperatures get colder.



*Salento*



*Santa Maria Assunta Cathedral, Lecce*



*Cala Porto, Polignano a Mare*



*Trulli, Alberobello*



*S. Pietro Martire, Bellini  
-Bari Pinacoteca Provinciale*

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