



# A.L.P.S. News

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## Dear Members and Friends in A.L.P.S.

When we lose somebody who may have been very close to us in life, we are sometimes saddened at the thought, that everything now stops. However, life is to be looked upon in a more optimistic manner. As we get older our bodies may start failing us, but our life experiences make us better and wiser people. We've all had our lessons and learned some harsh truths about life, love and the idea of happiness. Life is not always happy, but there's value in both the bad and the good. In general, people around us do not like sad persons and everyone therefore will try to cheer you up. Life can be hard, but we must not stop fighting to reach some imaginary idea to discover true happiness in everything that surrounds us. Nothing lasts for ever and that can be a good thing. Learning to let go, can and will give a sense of freedom. Holding on to old pain, stops us from being the persons that we are. We should not be sad that its over...but rather happy when it happens. We can do our best and still fail

and it is not our fault. Letting go of perfectionism allows us to be proud of our accomplishments. One may not please all the people all the time, but you can find the ones that like you and you too like them back.

When the past is gone, we should start building a greater future on its very foundation. We are not to expect others to think and act the same. Every human being is different. We just have to remember to accept others' differences as we would like them to accept and respect us too. There is always a choice. Choose well and wisely and let us try and learn from our past decisions.

In fact, this is the exact reason that the Association of Lyceum Past Students, looks upon its members and friends and tries very hard to stay in contact with each and everyone of them. We want you to feel that you belong in a club that offers comforting ideas and thoughts from a past that is still imprinted in our hearts and minds. Staying together gives us that feeling

of belonging to the very same 'Alma Mater' that has once in our younger days, given to us that sense of security and good feeling to build our future years. We are today living those famous years, hopefully with no regrets. Our founder president used to write his weekly column in the Sunday Times of Malta and he titled his thoughts as "Once upon a Dream.." "Dreaming about our past and learning from our past years, enables us to strengthen ourselves and look with more optimism into the future. Year after year, ALPS keeps creating new activities in the hope that these may be to your liking and satisfaction. We may not be perfect, but we certainly do our very best to see all our members and their families truly happy preferably all the time. Just remember that, we can not start a new chapter in our life, if we keep re-reading from the past chapter.

Wishing you happy days ahead with good planning and dreaming to a forthcoming



summer vacation. Spend more time with friends who are closest to your heart. Good luck and here's wishing you the best of health and happiness. As always, I end my message with

'AU REVOIR MY FRIENDS ' and looking forward to meet as many of you as possible during the coming activities that are being planned and announced further on in this newsletter.

**George Stagno Navarra**  
**President A.L.P.S.**

# The A.L.P.S. Spiritual Retreat

## - Manresa House in Gozo during April 2015

To a sizeable group of 58 participants, this year we had Fr. Brendan Gatt directing the week-end of recollection at Manresa House in Gozo.

Without any doubt, the full three days with lectures as well as the time for sharing and question time, were most fulfilling. Those present were kept attentive listening to how, we are to face life

in modern times and spread the word of God amongst our family members and friends who surround our daily life. A lot of good comes out from this years' retreat. We have already made reservations for the coming year 2016. If you wish to take note, for next year the date of an ALPS retreat at Manresa / Gozo shall be between the 15th to 17th

APRIL 2016.

All rooms at Manresa House for the A.L.P.S. spiritual retreat have been booked up in advance. Nevertheless, we can still take extra bookings for such retreat but with sleeping arrangements (B&B) at a nearby Santu Wistin Retreat Home in Rabat also. For lunch and dinner we shall all be together inside Manresa House. The chosen

lecturer will be announced at a future date.

Secretary General Alex Borg on Tel: 2137 6387 / 2138 6812 / mob: 9988 8579 / e-mail: [alpsmalta@gmail.com](mailto:alpsmalta@gmail.com) will be able to answer to any queries you may have and quote to you the charge for such retreat attendance with food and lodging on full board basis as usual.





# Cultural Tour to Mdina & Rabat 30th May 2015

Our next planned guided cultural tour to Mdina Cathedral /Museum and the St.Paul's Catacombs in Rabat, is to be held on the **30th May 2015**. We shall meet with our appointed guide just inside Mdina Gate / near Police station at 09:15hrs. The walking tour starts exactly at 09.30am. Those who will arrive late, can make their way to the cathedral to meet with the group. After finishing our visit at the Cathedral/Museum, we then proceed on foot to St. Paul's Catacombs. There shall be a half hour free-time to allow all participants to go for tea/coffee ( not included in price) at any one of the outlets in the Saqqajja & areas close-by. At the end of the tour, we shall all sit for a light lunch at The Paristyle Restaurant that is situated opposite the Roman Villa. Please fill in the attached form with menu choice, that may enable a quick serving. If there are any Gluten Free lunches to be served, we must receive prior notice, in order to inform the restaurant accordingly. The same applies for any special diet food without salt or otherwise.



Unless we are given such information, the food served shall be exactly as listed on the booking form.

The combined price for this tour with entrance fees to the places we shall visit, as well as the light lunch, shall be at **€18.00** per person.

We recommend that you book as early as possible. This walking tour may possibly be restricted to a limited number of participants.

# Maratona bir-Roti 2015

## LOTTERY RESULTS:

The Maratona lottery ticket numbers, are being shown hereunder. Whilst thanking you once again for having participated and helped to raise funds for a good cause, we wish you luck. Check all your lottery tickets and claim any winnings through council member Oscar Galea tel: 2189 6293 / mob: 7989 6293 – oaggalea@malta.net

## WINNING NUMBERS:

**First Prize:** Weekend Break for 2 persons at The Seabank Resort Mellieha - Winning ticket No 11089

**Second Prize:** Weekend Break for 2 persons B&B at The Victoria Hotel Sliema - Winning ticket No. 1302

**Third Prize:** Weekend Break for 2 persons B & B at the Mellieha Bay Hotel Mellieha - Winning ticket No. 106

**Fourth Prize:** Weekend Break for 2 persons B&B at the Seashells Resort Qawra - Winning ticket No. 18891

**Fifth Prize:** Weekend Break for 2 persons B & B at the Coastline Hotel Salina - Winning ticket No. 986

**Sixth Prize:** Weekend Break for 2 persons B & B at the Solana Hotel Mellieha - Winning ticket No. 4970

**Seventh Prize:** A 4 month membership at the Hilton Health Club - Winning ticket No. 1613

**Eight Prize:** Meal Voucher for 2 persons at the Blue Elephant Restaurant Paceville - Winning ticket No. 10416

**Ninth Prize:** Meal voucher for 2 persons at the Oceana Restaurant Paceville - Winning ticket No 11743



**Tenth Prize:** Meal Voucher for 2 persons at the Menhir Restaurant Qawra - Winning ticket No. 8683

It is opportune to bring to your attention, that during Maratona Bir-Roti 2015, The Association of Lyceum Past Students, made a handsome donation of **€1007** in the name of all the participants who took part and

helped to raise funds for such cause, during a Valentine's night dinner and week-end stay at Golden Sands in February 2015. With the proceeds raised from raffles as well as a small markup on the dinner itself, we have managed to increase this year's donation from €700 during 2014 to €1007 this year. Well done and thanks to everyone who helped in reaching this sum.

# Saying Thanks to Our Dear Friend 'Charlie Gatt' *(Who Lives in Usa)*

ALPS member and a great friend of our association **Charlie Gatt** still resides in the United States. He came visiting his homeland during March this year. His amiable disposition and his eagerness to always help **The Association of Lyceum Past Students**, wins full marks for his great solidarity with the LYCEUM Old Boys Association.

Thanks to Charlie Gatt, ALPS has been awarded a very expensive holiday voucher for 2 persons at the luxurious 'Grand Hotel Lienz Austria' Voucher includes accommodation for two persons in the Tyrol Region.

This STAR – prize, will be offered in raffles during our annual summer B-B-Q event, that will be held at La Piazza in San Gorg Corinthia resort.

Good luck to the winner of such an expensive holiday gift. Whoever wins this voucher, will only need to



book two seats on a plane to Vienna and voila the holiday starts from there.

Many thanks dear Charlie for the continued best support that you extend to ALPS.

## Festa San Gorg Preca on the 9th May 2015 at Pwales Chapel

We celebrated the Feast of San Gorg Preca on the Saturday 9th May 2015. Holy Mass at the Pwales Chapel focused mainly on the Patron Saint of ALPS.

To a very attentive and sizeable congregation, Fr. William Bartolo quoted special lines and phrases from the life of San Gorg Preca. The preacher also explained the simple life that this saintly man had lived during the last century. Many of us have been so lucky, to have lived through the years when Dun Gorg preached in towns and villages in the squares and in the clubs and muzew tas-subien.



We are again listing all other dates for the remaining months of the year 2015 with time of Holy Mass at Pwales Chapel:

June	20th	1800hrs
July	11th	1900hrs
		Celebrating the Feast of Sant Anna
August		NO ACTIVITIES
September		NO ACTIVITIES
October	17th	1730hrs
November	21st	1630hrs
		Remembrance day
		Dr Guido Saliba - founder, departed ALPS members/families/teachers
December	8th	1100hrs
		Christmas mass with festive carols



# The ALPS Summer Barbeque for the Year 2015

As already hinted in a previous newsletter, this year we shall be having here with us in Malta our friend Milo Vassallo with his wife Rita.

Therefore, the ALPS barbeque will be celebrated on the 24th July 2015 at IL PIAZZA (under the coastal tower) of The Corinthia Hotel San Gorg. The price for this function will be at €28.00 per person. We want to make this a special occasion to celebrate this summer event with Milo, who looks after the ALPS affairs in Canada. Do come along and make this annual event a happy one. We might also have with us other LICEO past students who shall be visiting Malta during that period and have already expressed a wish to come and join the fun. Worth mentioning to you all from now, is a **special STAR PRIZE of a 3 nights / 4 days stay at the ' five star luxury**



**resort Grand Hotel – LIENZ in Austria** - in the picturesque Tyrol region. This special prize was awarded to ALPS, all thanks

to the very good connections of one of the members Charlie Gatt who resides in USA. During meetings that we had with

Charlie in March whilst he was visiting Malta, we asked for his intervention and he immediately responded by acquiring for ALPS Malta, such a nice gift to be raffled during the summer B-B-Q at the Corinthia. This is an expensive gift and we are hoping that many of you will come along and purchase tickets to try and win this holiday gift. May we thank once again the resort owners Mr. & Mrs. Simonitsch, as well as our dear friend Charlie Gatt for their generous support to our association. Of course, there will be a number of hampers in this same raffle and if we can manage, we shall try and obtain some free gifts to raffle from the hotel management too. Accompanying this news letter you will find the usual booking form for completion and return. A copy of the B-B-Q – menu is included too.

## Austrian Hideaway

Along the river, Grandhotel-Lienz takes in views of green alpine slopes and the medieval town of Lienz.

In the eastern Tyrol, about 110 miles southeast of Innsbruck, Austria, Belle Époque elegance combines with the latest in health treatments at the Grandhotel-Lienz.

The splendid Grandhotel-Lienz, with world-class spa and wellness and medical facilities, opened in 2009. It offers 72 exquisite, light-filled rooms and four royal suites, all enjoying spectacular views of the magical Dolomite Mountains. Guest rooms are beautifully furnished with large beds, fine linens, large bathrooms with heated floors and towel racks, excellent bedside reading lights, large plasma TVs and massive mirrors.

Seated in one of the bars, you can see the well-stocked wine cellar through a window in the floor. Outside, the terraced

gardens overlook the Isel, the last glacial river in the Alps.

At the moment one first sees the hotel — an architectural gem in ivory and blue — it appears to be a majestic barge moored at the river's edge.

The hotel's health facilities include therapies ranging from the Ayurvedic to the allopathic. Guests can get complete physicals and preventive care in the Medical Center, which avoids a clinical look with lots of art work and warm color schemes. The Wellness Center provides a wide range of massage treatments, saunas and steam rooms, an innovative regimen of foot massages, peels, warm stones, herbs and plants. Beauty treatments include Swiss Cellcosmet and Cellmen cosmetics that are described as protecting the skin cells against premature aging. Cosmetic surgery is one of the available clinical



procedures. From the hotel, it's a brief stroll across the river to Lienz, a medieval town of fountains, parks, sculpture gardens, wayside Calveries and Alpine churches with distinctive onion domes. The 13th-century Castle Bruch still retains some of its original walls and towers. Both hotel and town utilize "green" technology to the largest extent possible. No oil or gas is used to heat or air-condition the hotel, which relies on solar roof panels, geo thermal energy

from an underground lake and electricity produced by the town's generating station, which is powered primarily by burning wood chips. Fanny-Wibmer-Pedistrasse 2. Tel: 43-4852-64070. [www.grandhotel-lienz.com](http://www.grandhotel-lienz.com) <<http://www.grandhotel-lienz.com/>> .

With this news letter, we present to you the menu card with booking form. Book your places for this B-B-Q and bring along with you family and friends to share with us this event.



# **A.L.P.S Summer BBQ 2015**

## **Friday 24th July 2015**

### **La Piazza at The Corinthia Hotel St. George's Bay**

#### ***Antipasto***

Grilled Aubergines and Marrows, Tomato and mozzarella, salami, stuffed olives, sun-dried tomatoes and marinated octopus

#### ***Pasta***

Farfalle Zingara with aubergine, marrows, basil tossed in tomato sauce

#### ***From the grill buffet:***

**Swordfish marinated in lemon and Lime**

**Pork escalope marinated in Cajun spices**

**Grilled chicken breast marinated in rosemary infused olive oil**

**Jacket potatoes**

**Corn on the cob**

**Thai-fried rice**

#### ***Dessert***

Carved fresh fruit

Tangy lemon tart

#### ***Coffee***

Served with: ½ bottle local red or white wine, ½ bottle still or sparkling water per person

**Dress:** Smart Casual  
**Welcome Drink:** 20:00hrs  
**BBQ:** 20:30 onwards.

**Price Per Person @ €28.00**



# The Opera “La Bohème” at The Teatro Astra in Gozo

If enough interest is shown for the OPERA ‘La Bohème’ at the Astra Theatre in Gozo **Saturday the 31st October 2015**, our dear friend and council member Joseph

Fenech, will obtain suitable seating at the theatre. He will also arrange for overnight accommodation in the sister island of Gozo. More details shall follow in due course. If

you are going to the opera this year, we suggest that you establish an early contact with Joseph Fenech on tel: 2141 0632 or send an e-mail to: [mcfenech@malta.net.net](mailto:mcfenech@malta.net.net),

so that Joe will know how many opera tickets to obtain from the Astra – theatre and he shall make the hotel accommodation reservations with hotel/s.

## 2015 Renewal Subscriptions in A.L.P.S.

Many of you have already paid the years’ subscription and we thank you for the support that you give to ALPS.

We remind those who still have to pay their membership subscription, to do so at the very earliest please. We need the funds to continue with the work to the entire satisfaction of all our members and friends. Forward payment/s due, to Hon. Treasurer David Abela / postal address: Juniper, Triq Ganni Vella Tal-Qattus B’Kara tel: 9902 0845 / 2148 7693 / e-mail: [david.r.abela@gmail.com](mailto:david.r.abela@gmail.com) We thank you in advance. Fees remain unchanged for life membership @ €70 (once only) and for yearly renewal membership @ €12.00 annually / Friends of the ALPS pay €10.00 per annum..





# The A.L.P.S. Annual General Meeting was held on 27th February 2015

The annual General Meeting this year was held inside the LICEO boardroom. Regrettably not many members had turned up. Therefore to keep with the ALPS statute, a half hour delay was observed before the meeting could commence. This year we witnessed the re-election of Secretary General Alex Borg for another term of office in ALPS. There being no other names submitted to contest such elections, all the present council members were automatically declared elected and will continue to occupy posts on council of administration of ALPS. The



Firm Griffiths and Associates presented to the AGM, the audited accounts of The Association of Lyceum Past Students. Mr. Peter Griffiths,

also confirmed his intention to keep looking after the ALPS accounts for the current year. For this kind gesture, we extend a word of thanks on

behalf of all members and friends of ALPS, to Messrs. Griffiths & Associates for their continued best support without any charge.

## Friendship Home Visits By A.L.P.S. President & Council Members

Friendship Home Visits By A.L.P.S. President and /or Council Members, will continue in the coming months.

To those wishing to receive a delegation of two ALPS council members in their home, we would like to have soonest please, your name by letter or e-mail and we shall make the necessary arrangements to pay you a visit in your own home. We are prepared to also make visits at Old People's homes because it is our intention to maintain contact with all our members even if they find themselves unable to continue to attend for ALPS functions and activities. Always remember, that we remain available for each and everyone and sincerely wish to keep all our members and friends in our thoughts and prayers under the association family.



### An ALPS Member... John Tonna is searching for his class mates

With the permission of one of our ALPS members namely John Tonna, we are showing hereunder details, in the hope that you may have known this colleague from the LICEO days and would be pleased to communicate with him by e-mail.

**FULL NAME:** John Tonna.. (Tal-Muzew or ta' li Mdina – as he was known at that time)

**HIS E-MAIL ADDRESS:** jitonna@yahoo.com.

**TELEPHONE / or MOBILE NO:** SMS (only) on 79001455.

**His Lyceum Entrance Year:** Oct 1951 To June 1956.

**HOBBIES AND PAST TIMES:** At the moment his principal hobby is scrolling the internet for local news and some searches.

But he is also interested in Maltese Language and History (especially what one does not find on History books

Good luck dear colleagues in ALPS. Those who may remember JOHN TONNA, please contact him at your convenience.

### Laughter is Said to be one of the Best Medicines

An elderly Floridian woman called 911 on her cell phone to report that her brand new motor-car had been broken into. She is hysterical as she explains her situation to the police officer who

listens calmly.

"They've stolen the stereo, the steering wheel, the brake pedal and even the accelerator!" she cried out loud on the phone...

The officer said: "Stay

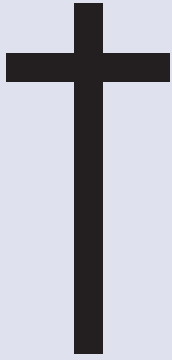
calm madam, one of my officers is on the way."

A few minutes later the scene of the crime officer radios in:

"Disregard" he says... "the lady got in the back seat by mistake.."



## In Memoriam



Soon after the last issue of ALPS News Letter, one of our council members George Grech passed on to Eternal Life after a short illness borne with Christian Fortitude. We are representing hereunder a eulogy prepared by our ALPS President and which has been published in the local newspapers too.

### APPRECIATION - GEORGE GRECH 1935 – 2015

Mentioning George Grech would no doubt bring a thought of a 'LICEO' Headmaster who dedicated a good number of years to see the school excel in the secondary education for young boys. George was very much successful to instill in the students under his care, a sense of sharing and of taking on responsibilities in life. Those same students are today's generation of family leaders, who now instill in their own children, the same valuable principles that had been passed on to them by the headmaster of their time at the Lyceum. They all yearn for those stupendous years that they had spent at the Lyceum under the care and wise guidance of a dedicated headmaster who wanted the school to rise to a



high standard. George Grech worked ever so hard to witness the start of a special event that is still very active till this very year. It is called MARATONA BIR-ROTI. As a matter of fact, this year 2015 happens to see the sixteenth edition of such a grand event. Over the years this event has been the source of fundraising which benefitted many good causes. Each year, George was instrumental and attended for all the meetings of Maratona Committee in charge of organizing such a wonderful initiative. Rain or shine he never failed to give his contribution in order to ensure that everything was run smoothly. His participation went even further by physically helping to man the cash point at the food and drinks bar during the maratona week-end.

Another milestone in George Grech's life was his initial assistance that he extended to Founder President Dr. Guido Saliba, who in 1994 had founded the Association of Lyceum Past Students (ALPS). It was the birth of a dynamic association of Ex-Alumni who never stop dreaming of their childhood and of the learning they have acquired from Liceo. George was a founder member

and his ongoing participation in such an association was duly rewarded in recognition for the great enthusiasm to gather as many as possible Lyceum Past Students from all walks of life and of varying ages, to get together and to reminisce from the good old Lyceum days. Worth mentioning is the founder president's promise and the name of George Grech has in fact been entered into and, forms part of a revised ALPS statute, whereby, he is referred to with the wording Permanent Member "Ad Honorem" Over the past twenty years of ALPS, George has occupied many different posts on council of administration. Up to December of last year, he was still sitting at the council table together with his fellow colleagues whilst attending for the monthly meetings.

George Grech is survived by his dear wife Mary Rose and his four children Catherine, Ivan, Roberta and Adrian and their spouses together with his nine grandchildren. Nannu George leaves a great void in the lives of his heirs but a great inheritance in their hearts with love and affection that nobody can take away from them. George would have been 80 years in July this year. He passed on to eternal life short of twenty days from the next edition of Maratona Bir-Roti 2015. The Association of Lyceum Past Students (ALPS), salutes one of its stalwarts. May he now be remembered for all the good work that he carried out during his life and may his memory bring peace and happiness to all who have known him. Rest in Peace dear George - Amen.

Let us pray for our much respected and loved Founder President Dr. Guido Saliba.

and we also remember all members and friends of A.L.P.S., who have passed away.

Over the recent months, we have also witnessed the passing on to Eternal Life of other LICEO comrades who made a name for themselves.

**Luke Montebello** membership no: 364 (the keeper of a sophisticated bees apiary at Hal-Safi)

**Fr. Anton Azzopardi** - Ex-Spiritual Director Of Alps

**Mr. Paul Ascik** - The Famous Tenor & Great Friend Of Alps

**Mr. Alfred Chircop** M/Ship Number 335 on 26 /4/15 (he was a great painter)

### *May they all Rest in Peace - Amen.*

Let us always keep in our prayers the sick and the aged members of A.L.P.S., who are no longer taking part in events.

ALPS wants to show them, that we continue to care for each one and promise to them prayers that they may feel and get better.

In particular, we have to say a prayer for those members of ALPS or their dependents, have of late undergone some medical intervention including chemotherapy and the like and who are still recovering after such operation or treatment.

Let us pray also for the persecuted Christian Communities in many parts of the world. We pray also for their persecutors.

# A Thought for this Month...

*Forget who hurt you yesterday... but don't forget those who love you everyday.*

*Forget the past that makes you cry and focus on the present that makes you smile...*



The A.L.P.S. Summer Holiday 23rd to 27th September 2015

# This year we discover beautiful Puglia & South Italy

The bookings for this holiday with ALPS are open. Through SMS-Mondial, we ask you therefore to approach M/s. Ruth Fero' and place your booking with a deposit to ensure that you can have a seat on the plane. We shall be visiting many interesting and picturesque places like Bari/ Sassi di Matera/ Bitonto/ Alberobello / Polignano a Mare/ San Giovanni Rotondo (Padre Pio / Monte Sant'Angelo/ Trani and La Mongolfiera Shopping Complex of Molfetta. Very favorable prices are listed in the



attached advert with itinerary of all the dates and places that we shall be visiting. SMS/Mondial are the sole handlers of this ALPS holiday. All enquiries are to be address and discussed with them. The Association of Lyceum Past Students is in no way involved with the bookings, nor will it be held responsible before/during or after this advertised summer tour. We travel together each year to have a good time and bring back memories of places that we visit.

## ALPS Grand Reunion for the 14th November 2015

Although it may still be early to mention this event, we want to tell you that we have already asked the LYCEUM Headmaster, to reserve for ALPS, the main Hall for the holding of such reunion. The evening starts with Holy Mass and is followed with a reception to mark the

50th anniversary of all LICEO students who may have started or finished their secondary education studies at this school. This year, we are hoping that His Grace the newly elected Archbishop of Malta may honor us with his presence for this occasion. There can also be

other dignitaries invited for this Grand Reunion. Needless to say, this reunion is open to ALL Liceo Past Students of every age. After mass, there shall be a reception with finger food, wines, beers and minerals. Come along and bring with you friends from those past years.



## End Of Year ALPS Yuletide Dinner to be held on 12th December 2015

Keep smiling dear members and friends of ALPS. Knowing that the Radisson Golden Sands resort is your preferred choice of venue, we held talks with the hotel management and have concluded, to again organize a week-end stay at the Radisson Blue Resort for the period 11th to 13th December 2015. The Christmas Dinner is to be held in the ballroom on the **12th December 2015**. Menu choices with price/s for this event will come to you later on. Meanwhile, do pencil your diaries and ensure to give a treat to your dear wives



and families and friends who will be accompanying you.

On Sunday morning the 13th December, there shall be Holy

Mass celebrated at the same resort.





# Discover Beautiful Puglia & South Italy

**23-27 September 2015**

## **Visiting: Bari, Sassi Di Matera, Bitonto, Alberobello, Bisceglie, San Giovanni Rotondo (Padre Pio), Monte Sant' Angelo & Trani**

**WEDNESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER:** Meet the tour leader at 10.30a.m. at Malta International Airport and check-in for our flight with Ryanair to Bari departing at 12.25 p.m. After our arrival in Bari, we shall discover Bari city centre accompanied by a local guide. After we are transferred to our 4-star hotel, located in Bisceglie, followed by room allocation, dinner (optional) and overnight. Puglia, located in the south of Italy – the heel of Italy's boot, is a true land of contrasts, flavours, colours, culture and great things to discover!

**THURSDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER:** After breakfast we offer you a day excursion, visiting the towns of Matera and Bitonto. Matera is the provincial capital of Basilicata, which is located in the heart of a region dissected by deeply eroded gorges. Matera has gained international fame for its ancient town the "Sassi di Matera" (meaning "stones of Matera"). Our next stop shall be in the town of Bitonto. In the center of this old town, one finds the cathedral (c. 1200), perhaps the finest example of Apulian Romanesque architecture. Return to our hotel for dinner (optional) & overnight.

**FRIDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER:** Today we offer an interesting day excursion visiting the town of Alberobello, a UNESCO World Heritage site. We begin our day by driving to the town of Alberobello, site of the

unusual district of trulli, the characteristic white-washed conical-roofed houses of the area. We shall then visit Polignano a Mare located on the Adriatic Sea, which mostly depends on tourism, agriculture and fishing. It is believed to be the site of the ancient Greek city of Neapolis of Apulia. We return to our hotel to prepare for dinner (optional) followed by overnight.

**SATURDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER:** After breakfast, join our day excursion with our first stop at San Giovanni Rotondo, the famous Padre Pio pilgrimage shrine. Enough time to visit the town centre including the famous church dedicated to Santa Maria delle Grazie. After lunch (optional) we shall then drive to the quaint village of Monte Sant' Angelo famous for the church dedicated to the Archangel St Michael. We shall return to our hotel in time for dinner (optional) and overnight.

**SUNDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER:** Today, early breakfast and room check-out we visit the quaint seaside town of Trani. Explore the medieval heart of the town before we head to Bari airport where we check in for our flight departing at 2.10 p.m. and scheduled to arrive in Malta at 3.30p.m.

### **Rates:**

Triple	€530
Twin	€550
Single	€618
Child (Sharing)	€448

**Half Board Suppl (For 4 Dinners)** €60

**Additional Supplement for 15 Kilos Luggage on Ryanair Return Flights** €50 per Person  
(If Requested Upon Booking)

### **Price includes:**

- Flights Malta/Bari/Malta on Ryanair (1 Cabin Bag not weighing more than 10 Kgs & size of 55cmsx40cmsx20cms)
- Coach Transfers Airport/Hotel/Airport
- 4 nights Accommodation at the 4-star Nicotel Bisceglie - Bisceglie (or similar)
- All Rooms with Private Shower/WC
- Daily Breakfast
- Airport Taxes, Fuel Surcharge & Service Charge
- Tour Leader
- Excursions as per programme

**Conditions:** Deposit of €250 per person has to be paid upon booking. Final payment has to be paid by the 07th Aug 2015. No bookings are accepted without the presentation of passports (change of name will cost €110). SMSmondial shall be solely responsible for all the bookings/payments and reservations for this tour to Puglia & South Italy 23-27th Sept 2015. Travel Insurance is recommended.



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