



# WHAT TO VISIT IN MATERA?

Your tour of the stones starts from our B&b, "TERRAZZE SAN MARTINO". We are in Via San Rocco 24-26. We present you a descriptive tour that will allow you to visit the old town without missing anything and in total autonomy, if you wish.

In case you would like to book a guided tour, you could always contact us, we will satisfy all your needs by personally contacting the travel agency we collaborate with.

The old part of Matera, known as Sassi, is divided into two parts: Sasso Barisano and Sasso Caveoso. We are located a few steps from the central square and it is from here that our tour begins.



Guida realizzata da "Terrazze San Martino"



# TRUST A GUIDE

In the guide below, we will provide you an overview of the main attractions to visit in Matera, but if you would like to make targeted visits, with authorized guides to discover all the secrets of our city, we recommend you to choose among these tours, we can also book these on your behalf:

- 1) **Guided tour of [SASSO CAVEOSO e BARISANO](#)**
- 2) **[Tour CHIESE RUPESTRI Parco della Murgia](#)**
- 3) **[Tour of Matera in BUS](#)**
- 4) **[Tour with APE CALESSINO](#)**

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# Step 1: Vittorio Veneto Place



Leaving our structure, go up the stairs to the right, and immediately after exiting the wooden gate, continue on the left. A few meters and you will be in Piazza San Giovanni. Once you arrive in the square, continue on the left, onto Via San Biagio. From there a few meters you will reach the Central square, PIAZZA VITTORIO VENETO.

Piazza Vittorio Veneto is considered the center of the city, a meeting and strolling place, often crossed by markets and invaded by portrait painters in an atmosphere of vivacity. Do not miss the suggestive view that you will find on the left side of the square, entering the three arches.

From Piazza Vittorio Veneto it is possible as well to go downstairs to the Hypogea. Next slide for details.



## STEP 2: Ipogei or Palombaro lungo.

Under Piazza Vittorio Veneto, you cannot fail to visit the Hypogea of Matera, one of the largest aqueducts in all of Europe. You will find them in the center of the square, there are steps to go down to the hypogea and visit them. Don't miss them.

It is an underground path dug into the rock, known as Palombaro, a set of large structures used to collect rainwater. Next slide for more details on the latter.



**Opening time:** everyday from 9.30 a.m to 7.30 p.m.

**Entrance fee:** 7€/person



## Step 3: S. Francesco d'Assisi Church

Then continue on Via del Corso until you reach Piazza San Francesco, where we recommend visiting the church of San Francesco d'Assisi.

The church of San Francesco d'Assisi is a Catholic place of worship in Matera in baroque style, located in the central Piazza San Francesco.

After visiting it, go to the right, proceeding onto Piazza del Sedile.



**Orario apertura:** tutti i giorni, dalle 8 alle 12 e dalle 16.30 alle 20

**Costo ingresso:** gratuito



## STEP 4: Matera Cathedral

After visiting the church, proceed on the left and you'll arrive in Piazza del Sedile. A few meters further on, at the crossroads, take the raise of via Duomo, which will lead you to the Cathedral.

In front of the cathedral, you will find a low wall on which you can take some photos looking at one of the best views of the Sasso Barisano.



**Opening time:** everyday from 9.00 a.m to 6.30 p.m.

**Entrance fee:** 3.50€/person



## STEP 5: Visit Casa Noha

Proceeding on the right of the cathedral, you will find the indications to reach the Casa Noha.

The Noha house represents a multimedia house in which you can treasure all the history of our city, admiring photos and videos.

It is located in Recinto Cavone, about 100 meters after the cathedral.



**Opening time:** everyday from 10.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m. except on wednesday

**Entrance fee:** 6€/person



## Step 6: MUSMA museum

A few meters after the Noha house, you will find one of the most important museums in our city, the MUSMA, one of the most famous Italian museums dedicated to sculpture. The MUSMA illustrates the history of Italian and international sculpture from the end of the 1800s until nowadays, with a rich corpus of works: sculptures, ceramics, medals, jewels, drawings, graphic works, artists' books. His precious collection is exhibited in Palazzo Pomarici (16th century), in the very heart of the Sassi of Matera.



**Opening time:** everyday from 10.00 a.m to 8.00 p.m.

**Entrance fee:** 7€/person





# Step 7: Palazzo Lanfranchi

Immediately on your right, once you reach Via Ridola, you will find Palazzo Lanfranchi, a place of exhibitions and the museum of medieval and modern art of Basilicata.

Before continuing, when you exit the building, on your right you will find the view of Piazza Pascoli, behind the famous "Goccia di Matera", one of the most beautiful in Matera. Take a few minutes to take a photo from this suggestive terrace suspended over the caveoso stone.



**Opening time:** everyday from 9.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.

**Entrance fee:** 5€/person



# Continue your tour visiting Matera

To visit these first 7 points of fundamental interest in our city, you will spend about half a day if visited only from the outside, otherwise a few more hours.

Immediately afterwards, we advise you to reach Piazza San Pietro al Caveoso and to do so, leave Palazzo Lanfranchi on your left and go down via Casalnuovo (you will find some stairs to climb).

After traveling for about 100m, go left onto Via Bruno Buozzi, and following it for about 300m you will arrive in Piazza San Pietro Caveoso.



# STEP 8: San Pietro Caveoso Church

Once you reach the square, you will immediately find on the left the Church of San Pietro Caveoso, which you can access to visit it.

The church was considered in the past one of the major religious reference points of Matera, both for the size of the parish and for the richness of its goods. It dates back to the end of the XIII - first years of the XIV century, while the initial construction dates back to 1218.



**Opening time:** everyday, from 8 a.m to 12 a.m. and from 4.30 p.m to 8.00 p.m..

**Entrance fee:** 3€/person



# STEP 9: Casa Grotta

After visiting the church, you can pass under the arch, on the right side of the church of S. Pietro, and this way you'll reach the cave house (Casa Grotta).

The Casa Grotta represents a typical Sassi house, completely dug into the local rock (called Tufo), furnished with period utensils. An audio guide will explain what a typical day was like inside these houses.

Don't miss it!



**Opening time:** everyday from 9.00 a.m. to 6.30 p.m

**Entrance fee:** 5€/person



## STEP 10: Church Santa Lucia alle Malve

After visiting the Casa Grotta, you'll find just on the way the Church of Santa Lucia alle Malve, which represents the first female monastic settlement of the Benedictine Order, dating back to the 8th century, considered the most important in the history of the city of Matera.

The external front of the former monastic complex develops along the rock face with a series of accesses that lead to many internal cavities.



**Opening time:** everyday from 10.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.

**Entrance fee:** 4€/person



# STEP 11: Madonna dell'Idris Church

After visiting the church of S. Pietro, Casa Grotta and the church of S. Lucia alle Malve, you can go back to Piazza San Pietro and walk up the hill on your left, Via Bruno Buozzi.

A few tens of meters later, on the left, you will find a staircase that leads you to one of the most particular church in our city, Chiesa Madonna dell'idris, a church entirely carved into the rock, as visible from the image on the left which represents it.



**Opening time:** everyday from 10.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.

**Entrance fee:** 3€/person



## STEP 12: Convent of St. Augustine

On the right side of Piazza San Giovanni you can take via S. Biagio, and then proceeding on Via Santa Cesarea, you will find yourself in front of the Convent of S. Agostino, from where you will have **one of the most beautiful views of the Sasso Caveoso**.

From Piazza Vittorio Veneto to the Convent you will walk for about 500 meters.



**Opening time:** everyday from 9.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.

**Entrance fee:** 3€/person



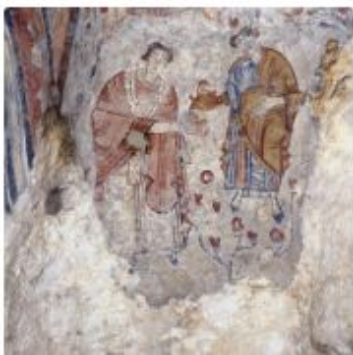
## STEP 13: Murgia Materana Park

[The Murgia Materana park](#) boasts over 100 rock churches and contains caves inside, which represent the old homes of Matera's ancestors.

You can reach the park by crossing the Tibetan bridge, located in Via Madonna delle Virtù, near Piazza S. Pietro, or by booking a guide at the numbers indicated above, to reach it safely and to see the most beautiful and evocative parts of the park in just a few hours. With the guides you can also enter the most characteristic churches and see them from the inside.

From the Murgia park you will have the whole of Matera in front of you, it is the only point from which you can see both sides of the stone.





# Step 14: The syn of the original Cript

[The sin of the original cript](#) was the place of worship of a Benedictine rock monastery of the Lombard period. It is embellished with a cycle of frescoes dated between the eighth and ninth centuries. [It is possible to reach it through one of the guides indicated above](#), we can book the tour for you at the time you prefer. The crypt is located about 10 minutes from Matera, and can be reached by bus. It is a truly suggestive place and we recommend its visit which will take you about a couple of hours.



**Opening time:** everyday except monday

**Entrance fee:** 11€/person



# What to eat in Matera?

Below you can find a list of typical products that we strongly recommend to taste in Matera. These are products that you can only try in our city and that will surely leave you satisfied.

Here are some:

- ***Cialledda materana***
- ***Peperone crusco***
- ***Carne podolica***
- ***Orecchiette con cime di rapa***
- ***Pane di Matera***
- ***Craziata materana***
- ***Cazzomarro***
- ***Pignata***

Also try the typical Matera taralli, which can be purchased in a wood-burning oven, our dairy products and our tomato focaccia.



# Where to eat in Matera?

Below you can find a list of mid-range restaurants where you can stop for a lunch or dinner and where you can try the typical local cuisine.

A few meters away:

- **Kappador,**
- **Botega Culinaria,**
- **Ristorante S. Biagio**

A little further away:

- ***Materami, via d'Addozio 4***
- ***PietraViva, via Fiorentini 48***
- ***Osteria al Casale, via Madonna delle virtù 29***
- ***Trattoria Stano, via Santa Cesarea 69***
- ***Da Nico, via S. Pietro Barisano 5***
- ***La Pignata, via Duni 20***
- ***Dimitria, Via Lucana***
- ***La Fedda Rossa, via del corso 90***
- ***Bollicine, via Casalnuovo 18***
- ***Osteria Pico, via Fiorentini***