

PRACTICAL INFORMATION



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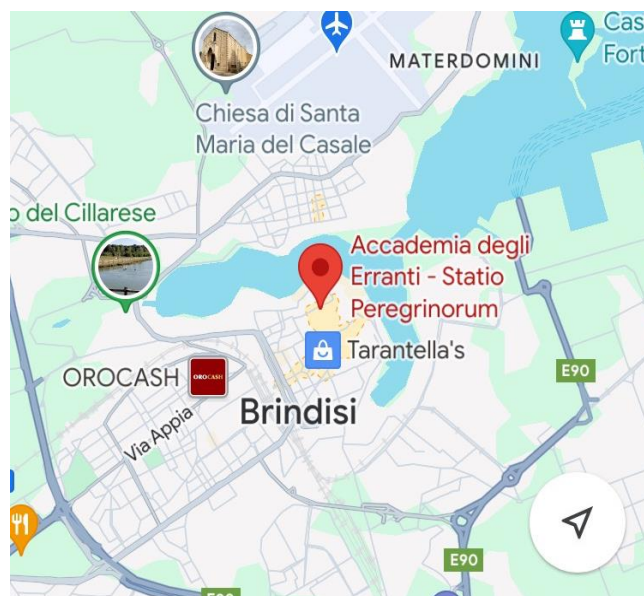
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1. Brindisi

Brindisi is situated in the Italian region of Apulia, in the heart of the area called Salento. One of the most populous towns in the South of Italy (82,382 inhabitants), the city plays a great commercial and cultural role due to its favourable location on the Adriatic Sea. In Roman times, Brindisi was an important port of call with neighbouring Greece and eastern Mediterranean, connected to Rome by the Via Appia and the Via Traiana. The historical centre of this seaside town is a continuum of Romanesque-style churches, convents and various buildings.

2. Venue

The Training Academy will take place in the **Accademia degli Erranti (Via Giovanni Tarantini 35, Brindisi)**. Located in the historic city center, this community and cultural center, managed and promoted by an association "A.p.s. Brindisi and le Antiche Strade" together with "Statio Peregrinorum" plays an important role in welcoming walkers and pilgrims in the town. This former convent includes spaces for events, exhibitions and performances, study rooms and workshop activities. Its mission is to bring the citizens closer to the world of culture, history and local gastronomy as well as to welcome pilgrims coming to Brindisi. The ultimate and inspiring aim is to contribute to the pursuit of collective wellbeing and social progress through culture.



3. Transport

The closest airports are in Brindisi, Bari and Rome.

From Brindisi airport (Papola Casale Airport or Aeroporto del Salento) approx. 30 minutes:

- Bus 443BDS R

(<https://www.stpbrindisi.it/index.php/en/services/bus-airport-town-centre-costa-morena>), get off at the stop "Brindisi Via Ponte Ferroviario". Cost of bus ticket: €1.50 on board.

- The Accademia degli Erranti is about 700m from the bus stop.

From Bari airport approx. 2 hours 30 minutes:

- Bus 16 Airport – Bari Central Station

(http://ro.autobus.it/TP/amtab/stampa_linee.aspx?codlin=16&dataval=20240301&op=l2uruti0h4pyzariaw4n212r), get off at the Bari Centrale (Central Railway Station) Bus ticket cost: €1

- Train Bari – Brindisi, approximately 1 – 2 hours travel, cost of €10 – 15
<https://www.trenitalia.com/en.html>

- Alternatively, you can take the Flix bus <https://www.flixbus.it/> - at least 4 buses leave daily from Bari to Brindisi with a maximum travel time of 2 hours.

- Once you arrive at Brindisi station, the Accademia degli Erranti is about 1 km away on foot.

From Rome Fiumicino airport:

- Bus Fiumicino airport - Roma Termini (Rome Central Railway Station) – approximately 1 hour ride, ticket cost: €6.

- Train Rome – Brindisi, approximately 5-6 hours travel, cost of €50 - 90
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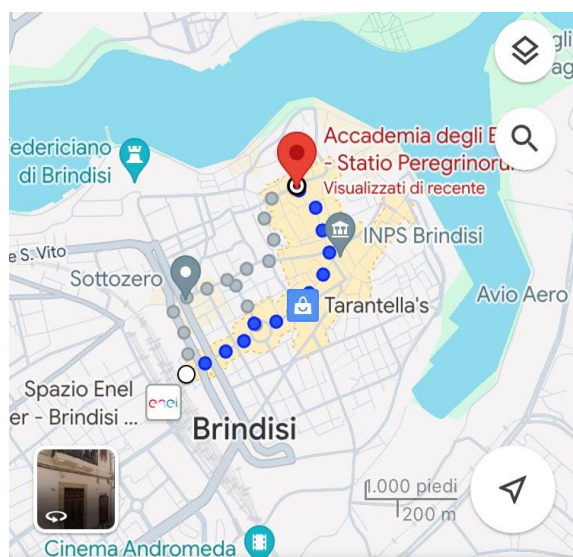
- Shuttle bus Ciampino airport - Roma Termini (Rome Central Railway Station) - approximately after 35 minutes ride, ticket cost: €6.

- Train Rome – Brindisi, approximately 5-6 hours travel, cost of €50 - 90
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- Once you arrive at Brindisi station, the Accademia degli Erranti is about 1 km away on foot.

From Brindisi railway station:

On foot (no public transport available): From Brindisi station, the Accademia degli Erranti is a 1km walk away.



By car:

To reach the Accademia degli Erranti from the North it is recommended to take the A1/E45 and the A16/E842 motorway. From the South it is recommended to take the A2/E45 and state road 106 Jonica E90. There is a car park on Largo Guglielmo da Brindisi, 270 m from the Accademia.

3. Accommodation

Below is the list of recommended accommodation options. While booking, please inform the hotel that you attend the Training Academy to receive preferential rates.



- **Hotel Orientale**

Corso Garibaldi 40, +39 0831 56 84 51,
info@hotelorientale.it, www.hotelorientale.it.

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"AEVF_24" via the reception's direct sales channels.



- **Boutique Hotel Executive Inn**

Via Pozzo Traiano 24, +39 0831 527844,
info@hotelexecutiveinn.it,

<https://www.hotelexecutiveinn.it/>.

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"AEVF_24" via the reception's direct sales channels.



- **Palazzo Bellocchi Suites and Mini-apartments**

Via Giudea 4, Brindisi, +39 0831 1529494,
info@palazzobellocchi.it,

<https://www.palazzobellocchi.it/>.

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- **Hotel Barsotti**

Via Cavour 1, +39 3472187683,
info@hotelbarsotti.com,

<https://www.hotelbarsotti.com/>, Contact person

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- **Bed and Breakfast I Templari**

Via San Benedetto 13, +39 338 5958557,
info@bbtemplari.com,

<https://www.bbtemplari.com/>

5. Contacts

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6. Discover Puglia and Salento

If you wish, you can take advantage of your stay in Brindisi to explore the surrounding area.

Below are few suggestions:



- **Walk a few stages along the Via Francigena** between Bari and Brindisi (stages 33 and 34 Bari – Mola di Bari – Monopoli which are accessible by train from / to Brindisi) – more information on the website <https://www.viefrancigene.org/en/the-via-francigena-in-italy/#itsud> and on the interactive map <https://www.viefrancigene.org/en/interactive-map/>.



- **Torre Guaceto Marine Protected Area:** located 15 km north of Brindisi, it is a coastal and marine nature reserve with a 16th-century defensive tower and visitor center with a museum. Dunes, coves and islets characterise the stretch of the coastline lapped by the sea in intense shades of blue, visited by dolphins and turtles. The beach and the dunes behind act as a bridge between the sea and the land covered by the fragrant shrubs of the Mediterranean maquis and, inland, by holm oaks and pines.



- **Ostuni:** the White City, famous for its historic city centre perched on a hill, made up of white houses leaning against each other and connected by arches and steep stairways. 20 minutes by train <https://www.trenitalia.com/en.html>



- **Lecce:** Lecce enchants visitors with its stunning Baroque historic centre with monuments dating back to Roman times and, most notably, its extraordinary 17th-century buildings that proudly bare the characteristic blonde colour of the local stone. In the evening, the city centre will entice you with its elegant, timeless alleyways and delicious local delicacies. 30 minutes by train <https://www.trenitalia.com/en.html>



- **Bari:** Historically a powerful maritime city that united the East and West, today this capital of Apulia is a vibrant port and university hub. Bari is the second largest city in southern Italy and is so rich in art, history and culinary tradition that every visit is an unforgettable experience. Bari has a breathtaking waterfront and a quaint old town - Bari Vecchia. The Saint Nicolas district spans between the two ports of Bari, the old and the new, overlooking the seafront of Bari. The historical centre of the city, dating back to the Middle Ages, is encircled by walls and dominated by the Norman-Swabian Castle, one of the icons of Apulia. 1h15 by train <https://www.trenitalia.com/en.html>



- **Santa Maria di Leuca:** the last stop on the Via Francigena, it is situated on the tip of the Italian "boot", for centuries this place was considered "the end of the world". You cannot miss the Basilica of Santa Maria de Finibus Terrae overlooking Punta Meliso, a wonderful vantage point from which you can take the most beautiful shots of the bay and port below. Along with the Basilica, a major attraction is the Lighthouse, one of the highest in Europe, which can be visited by prior booking and from which one can see the coast of Greece and the Acroceraunian Mountains on the border with Albania.