

Santa Maria di Leuca, Puglia, Italy

De Finibus Terrae — the Romans called it 'the End of the Earth.' Stand at Puglia's heel and watch two seas meet beneath a cliff-top sanctuary where an ancient temple once stood.

 Tender (large ships) / small ships dock  Typical call: 6–8 hrs  Euro (€)  Italian

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:	Arrive:	All aboard:
Excursion:	Notes:	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Large cruise ships anchor and tender into Porto Marina di Leuca; smaller luxury vessels can dock at the marina

Walk to Center: ~10 min flat walk from tender pier to promenade; cliff-top sanctuary is 20–30 min on foot (284 steps) or 5 min by taxi

Best For: Sea cave boat tours, cliff-top views, Salentine food and wine, eclectic Belle Époque villas

Don't Miss: A boat tour of the Grotte di Leuca sea caves — the highlight of any Leuca call

 Getting around:  Taxi  €7–15 ·  Rideshare  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Grotte di Leuca Sea Cave Tour** — The coastline is honeycomb with spectacular sea caves carved by millennia of wave action.
- **Sanctuary & Lighthouse Cliff-top** — Walk or ride up to the Basilica Santuario di Santa Maria de Finibus Terrae, built on the site of an ancient temple to...
- **Pescoluse — Salento's Maldives Beach** — Twenty minutes north by taxi, Pescoluse's wide, flat, white-sand beach with shallow turquoise water genuinely rivals...
- **Lecce Baroque City Tour** — Known as the 'Florence of the South,' Lecce's golden-stone Baroque architecture — Piazza del Duomo, Basilica di Santa...
- **Salento Food & Wine Tasting** — Puglia is Italy's culinary powerhouse — orecchiette, frisella, pasticciotto pastry, and the legendary caffè in ghiaccio...

BEST WALKS

- **Promenade & Belle Époque Villas** ~1 km · flat · 20–30 min · free — Stroll the Lungomare Cristoforo Colombo from the marina past whimsical 19th-century eclectic villas — Moorish, Gothic, and Art Nouveau...
- **Monumental Staircase to the Sanctuary** ~1 km · steep · 30–40 min up · free — From the promenade, take the Scalinata Monumentale — 284 grand steps flanking the terminal point of the Apulian Aqueduct — up to the...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌡️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				🇮🇹 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:09AM–7:24PM · Jun 5:18AM–8:16PM · Aug 5:58AM–7:42PM · Sep 6:27AM–6:54PM · Oct 6:57AM–6:06PM	
Apr	64°	53°	8d	Euro (€)	
Jun	81°	69°	5d		
Aug	88°	74°	4d		
Sep	81°	69°	7d		
Oct	72°	62°	10d		

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Confirm tender times early. Tender queues at the end of the day can be long. Check the last tender time with your ship and build a buffer into your plans.

Santa Maria di Leuca, Puglia, Italy — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Centopietre | Ancient megalithic tomb built with a hundred stones. | 2 Grotte Cipolliane | Coastal sea caves with ancient rock formations. |
| 3 Torre Nasparo | Historic coastal watchtower offering panoramic sea views. | 4 Santuario di Santa Maria de Finibus Terrae | Historic basilica at the "end of the land" pilgrimage site. |
| 5 Leuca Tourist Association Pro Loco | Local tourist information office for Leuca. | 6 Christ the King | Prominent statue of Christ the King overlooking the sea. |
| 7 Leucos | The ancient name for the town of Leuca. | P Cruise port / terminal | |