

## SMC 2019 - Congress Tours

Social events mainly for accompanying persons

Congress tours can only take place if there is a minimum number of participants (no. **35**).

The tours are held in English. They start and end at the Nicolaus hotel.

### October 10



### **CASTEL DEL MONTE AND THE ROMANIC CATHEDRALS**

**FULL DAY (h 9.00-18.00) - € 75.00 per person** (22% VAT INCLUDED). Possible entry tickets are not included. The tour includes an English-speaking guide, bus and lunch in a typical restaurant

Resting on a peak rising over background of the Murgia, **Castel del Monte** is famous for its octagonal structure. It was very probably built as a hunting residence by **Frederick II** (keen on hunting with falcons) between 1229 and 1249. The *Hoenstaufen* family - from whom the Swabians descended - had used the octagonal structure for several constructions. This has made some researchers believe that the Egisheim Castle in Alsace should be seen as the prototype of the Castel del Monte. It is situated on a hill on which there was a Benedictine monastery with a church dedicated to St. Mary of the Mount. There are many churches and cathedrals in Apulia which underline the artistic and historical development of the region. The many people who lived and prospered here from the Lombards and Bizantines to the Normans and Swabians have left wonderful cathedrals, sanctuaries and churches.

We will visit the famous Cathedrals of Trani, Ruvo di Puglia and Bitonto.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS** - Full pre-payment is requested. The Organisers reserve the right to change itinerary of the tour for logistic reasons. *Reservations will be accepted on a first come first served basis.* **Otherwise, Centro Italiano Congressi CIC SUD will cancel the tour and the amount paid will be refunded in full.** No further claims can be considered. In case of no show or if other means of transportation are used by the participants, no refunds will be made. If a tour is cancelled by the participant after **September 24**, Th full fee will be payable and no refund can be made. The total sum will also be due if the participant does not show up for the tour.