



1 day Jewish Itinerary in Lecce

ON FOOT. “BENEATH THE BAROQUE”, EXPLORING MEDIEVAL JEWISH LECCE

- 10:00 am** **Jewish Museum Lecce.** In the cellars of a medieval building which now presents itself as a late 16th – 17th century *palazzo* is the start of your journey into Medieval Jewish Lecce. Take a trip in time, going back to a time when the town was truly multicultural and multilingual. Your guide will introduce you to the main phases of Jewish history in Lecce and will show you around the **Jewish Museum**, which stands on the remains of a **15th-century Synagogue**. You will then discover much more of the town’s Jewish past visiting the **old Jewish neighbourhood**.
- 11:00 am** **Torre di Belloluogo.** Your guide will now take you to the romantic park surrounding the Belloluogo tower. You will visit the 14th century cylindrical tower, still accessible by a bridge over a deep moat. at the turn of the 15th century this was the summer retreat used by the countess of Lecce, Maria d’Enghien, a protector of Jewish traders and scholars throughout her dominions. A little chapel is set in the tower: inside the chapel, there are frescoes displaying scenes of Jewish people’s everyday life.
- 12:00 am** **St. Niccolò and Cataldo Church and its monastery.** They were built in 1180 thanks to Tancredi d’Altavilla, a Norman king. The church is one of the most interesting medieval building in Salento. It was rebuilt in the 18th century. Here a fresco displays the conversion of a Jew to Catholicism through the ritual of baptism. Today, the rose window and the gates are the only remaining medieval elements on the façade. One of the gates is decorated with floral ornaments inspired by eastern motifs.



“VINI LEUCI” KOSHER WINE TOUR AND TASTING

After the Jewish itinerary, you can choose to continue your experience with a **Kosher wine** tour and tasting at “**Vini Leuci**” winery, Guagnano (Lecce).

Leuci Winery has almost a century old tradition in winemaking, so much that the company name “*Lucio Leuci*” is the grandchildren’s tribute to the hard work of their grandfather, who produced wines from Salento grapes since 1924. Today, with the same passion, the winery produces kosher products with the most important **International Jewish certification**, contributing to promote Salento wines in the Jewish world.

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