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# GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION



**TARANTO** is in a baricentric position, in between Suez and Gibraltar, with respect to the East and West Mediterranean routes of cruise ships. It is about 1000 nautical miles from Suez.



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# 5 REASONS TO VISIT TARANTO

## MARVEL AT HISTORY AND CULTURE



You will feel like travelling in time while walking around the Ionian city, from its Spartan origins **3000 years** ago, to the Renaissance. Just a hour's drive from Taranto, discover one of the most ancient cities in the world, **Matera**.

## SAVOUR FOOD AND WINE



Taste Mediterranean flavors and fish based specialties in the small restaurants in the **Old Town** of Taranto. Take a tour in the nearby villages centuries-old olive groves and vineyards where extra virgin **olive oil** and delicious **DOC (Controlled Designation of Origin)** and IGT (Typical Geographical Indication) **wines** like Primitivo and Negramaro are made.

## DISCOVER TRADITIONS



Discover how artisans still craft beautifully decorated **vases**, dishes and lamps in **Grottaglie**. This century old art is still alive in the village where a handful of workshops are open to visitors and display colorful creations.

## ADVENTURE CALLING



There's plenty of fish in the sea, especially in Taranto! Well not fish but actually mammals. Go on **boat tours** to spot **dolphins** in the gulf of Taranto. For **trekking** lovers, the gravine (ravines) of the **valley of Itria** are the place to go.

## RELAX ON THE BEACH



Treat yourself to a beach day on the famed **Salento coastline**, featuring **crystal blue water** and white sand, dotted by lavender and the typical "Mediterranean shrub".



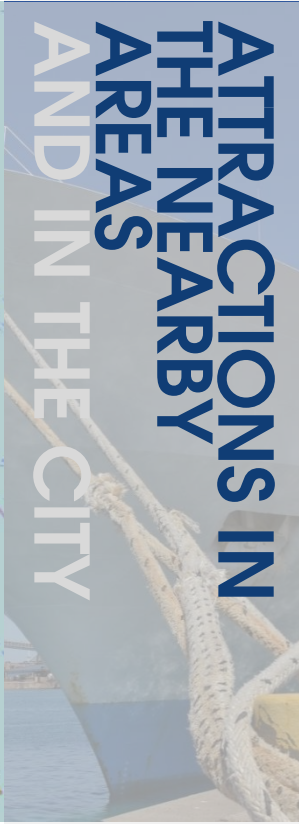
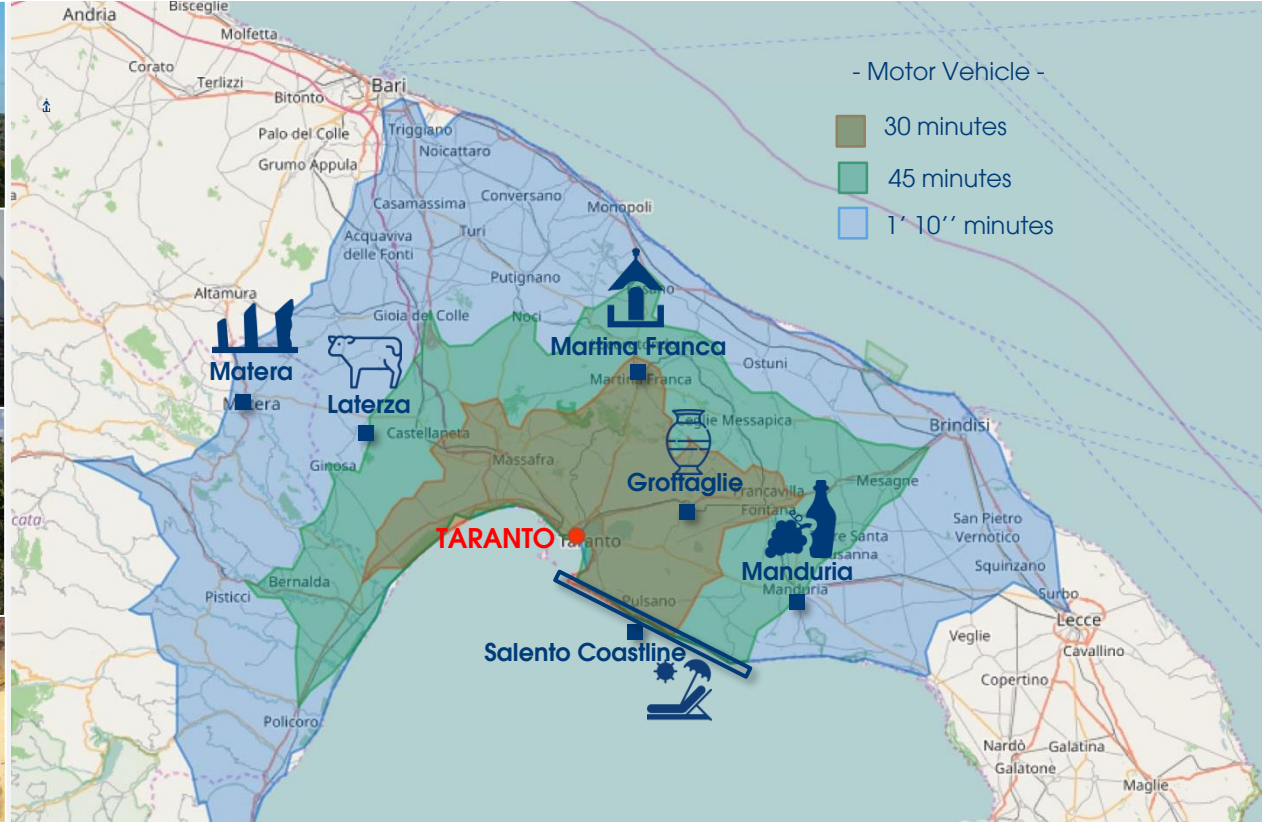
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## Taranto, the ancient cradle of Magna Graecia

Rich with monuments, theatres, temples and schools, made wealthy thanks to agricultural production and trade exchanges with the homeland, Taranto (then called Taras) was known as the capital of **Magna Graecia**.



## Sparta and Taranto, mother and daughter

Taranto was founded in 706 BC by a young Spartan warrior named **FALANTO**, the only colony far from the homeland.



## Ikkos – The Athlete from Taranto

At the dawn of human history, the ancient Greeks put at the core of their civilization physical activity, which was the greatest expression of strength, loyalty, respect: values which are celebrated in sports even today. According to some, one of the greatest athletes of his time was born in Taranto: **IKKOS**.





## MarTA

As the ancient capital of Magna Graecia, Taranto houses one of the most important archaeological museums, the **National Archaeological Museum of Taranto**, also called the **MarTA**, boasting one of Italy's most important archeological collections



## The Old City of Taranto

Taranto is known as the CITY OF TWO SEAS, as its Old Town lies on an island at the meeting point between two seas (the open sea, Mar Grande, and a wide bay with two inlets, Mar Piccolo).



## The Aragonese Castle

Overlooking the Ionian sea, Taranto's famous Renaissance ancient fortress, the Aragonese Castle, was built in the 15th century by the King of Naples Ferdinand of Aragona.



## Matera

### *European Capital of Culture 2019*

About an hour's drive away from Taranto lies the ancient Cave city of Matera. You will feel like travelling in time while visiting this city, one of the oldest human settlements in the world, having been populated since 10.000 B.C.



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## Fishing tourism

During the excursion a stop is made to enjoy a swim in the clear waters of the Cheradi Islands, an ideal area for fishing, and finally there is a moment dedicated to **cooking the fresh catch** and **tasting the flavors of the Taranto cuisine**.



## Olive oil and wine tastings

The characteristic feature of Apulian landscape are vineyards and thousand-years-old olive groves.



## 100 Farmhouses and the Green Road

The ancient fortified farmhouses in the province of Taranto, the so called **masserie**, are being turned into hotels and restaurants, where courses of traditional Apulian cuisine are held for both international and national guests.



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## Taranto: The Procession of the Holy Mysteries

Taranto, whose traditions are held dear, has always been famous for its religious events. For centuries on every Friday the city has been participating in the Holy Procession of the Mysteries. Figures dressed in the typical dress of the "perdone", white sash with a white hood and only two holes for the eyes, walk slowly along the funeral music, played by the band for the death of Christ.



## The pottery of Grottaglie

Tucked away in Puglia, the heel of the boot, Grottaglie is a small gem and a new shore destination from Taranto. Guests will be charmed and artistically involved in this village with earthenware laden roofs and pottery workshops, as Grottaglie boasts an ancient tradition of ceramic art.



## The Itria valley

The Valley, an extensive karst depression, includes the beautiful towns of Alberobello, Locorotondo, Martina Franca, Ceglie Messapica, Cisternino and Fasano, the so called "borghi" that is characteristic small villages with preserved historic centre.



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# ENJOY ADVENTURE



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## Dolphins in the Gulf of Taranto

Among the wide variety of shorex tours available, the most loved one among cruise passengers is the dolphin watching boat tour, which allows nature lovers to explore the sea and have a close encounter with the dolphins living in the waters of the gulf of Taranto



## Spartan Race

Taranto hosted in 2016 the famous "Spartan Race", a competition inspired by the tough physical exercise that Spartans had to endure in order to train themselves for war.



## Canoeing in the Mar Piccolo

Mar Piccolo (small Sea) is a natural basin with two different inlets, forming an "infinite" shape. The second inlet of Mar Piccolo includes the treasured natural heritage of the city of Taranto, the WWF Oasis of "Palude la Vela".



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## Ziplining and Suspension Bridge

About a hour's drive from Taranto, among the hills in the nearby Basilicata Region, adventure lovers will find their heaven with the "Angel's flight" zip-line and the "Moon Bridge".



## Trekking in the gravine of the Jonian area

The heart of Puglia is made up of rocky skylines sketched onto the horizon. Guests can venture along a trail through the gravine (ravines) and into the countryside, and let the Murgia plateau amaze them as sunlight fills the landscape.



## Mediterranean Games 2026 in Taranto

In 2019 Taranto was officially declared the host city of the **Mediterranean Games 2026**. The Mediterranean Games is the most important multi-sports event in the Mediterranean Basin after the Olympic Games. They are held every four years since 1951 among the countries bordering the Mediterranean in Africa, Asia and Europe.



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## The Salento coastline

Puglia boasts a 540 miles (860 km) long sun-kissed coastline with **golden beaches** and **crystal clear waters**.

Many beaches along the Jonian coast near Taranto carry the Blue Flag and “**Sails**” certification, awarded by Legambiente and the Touring Club of Italy to the country’s most gorgeous beaches.

Guests can find fully equipped beaches, offering every kind of service. The beaches along the Jonian coast are connected by a series of sand **dunes** which are an area of environmental importance as they allow the flourishing of various species of plants, known as the “**Mediterranean bush**”.

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## TARANTO CRUISE PORT

The **Taranto Cruise Port** was set up in record time after the signing of the concession, and started its activities on May 5th with the maiden call of the smart-ship **MSC Seaside**.

The inaugural call marked the relaunch of cruise traffic in the Mediterranean and also the first time ever that **home port** operations were performed in the port of Taranto.

The safety of passengers was ensured thanks to the employment of the health and safety protocol “**MSC safe bubble**”.

Meet and greet activities, excursions and embarking/disembarking operations were carried out efficiently thanks to the expertise of Global Ports Holding, and the partnership with local institutions.



# CRUISE TRAFFIC in 2021 and 2022 FORECAST



**28** CRUISE SHIPS  
(YEAR 2021)

**89.579** PASSENGERS  
*(reduced capacity)*

**51** CRUISE SHIPS  
(YEAR 2022)

**132.964** PASSENGERS  
*(full capacity)*



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**Quay 1:**

Length (m): 230

Draught: 8,5

Operational Space (m<sup>2</sup>): 1,800

Availability: Currently available

**Pier 1 - East Side**

Length (m): 360

Draught: 9,5

Operational Space (m<sup>2</sup>): 1,600

Availability: Available in the future (2022)

**Pier 1 - Head:**

Length (m): 130 m

Draught: 8

Operational space (m<sup>2</sup>): 8.500 mq

Availability: currently available

**Pier 1 - West Side:**

Length (m): 339

Draught: 12,5

Operational Space (m<sup>2</sup>): 13,000

Availability: Currently available

**Quay 2:**

Length (m): 290

Draught: 12,5

Operational Space (m<sup>2</sup>): 9,000

Availability: Currently available

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The port competitiveness increased thanks to the restoration of cruise related berthing points.

Works at the **head of Pier 1 (molo san Cataldo)** were completed in 2020. [News](#)

Renovation works of **Quay 1** were completed at the end of June 2020.



At the same time works for the renovation of **Pier 1 East Side (see pictures)** have been going on, which will enable cruise ships to berth starting next year. This berthing point offers a spectacular view to cruisers as it faces the Old Town.

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## Falanto Port Service Center

The Port Network Authority's objective is to provide Taranto with a new **sea-culture**, encouraging the union of the port, the city and the environment into a single experience.

The Port Network Authority has planned the construction of a Multipurpose Service Center on the Molo S. Cataldo as well as the renovation of the pier's East side berthing quay.

The works foresee the realization of a multipurpose building dedicated to the following activities:

*Promotion of maritime culture; multi purpose auditorium, meeting rooms, areas for exhibitions and educational activities; Passenger services; "meet and greet" services (information point, lounge area, bar, restrooms).*

Works will be completed by the spring of 2022.

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## New Waterfront

The requalification of S. Cataldo Pier as waterfront is carried out with the aim to reintegrate the city of Taranto with the port.

The structure between the seaside and the buildings is a medium of passage between two systems.

The path ends at the port gateway tower, which represents a landmark in the urban landscape.

The various technological possibilities allow this solution to be versatile.

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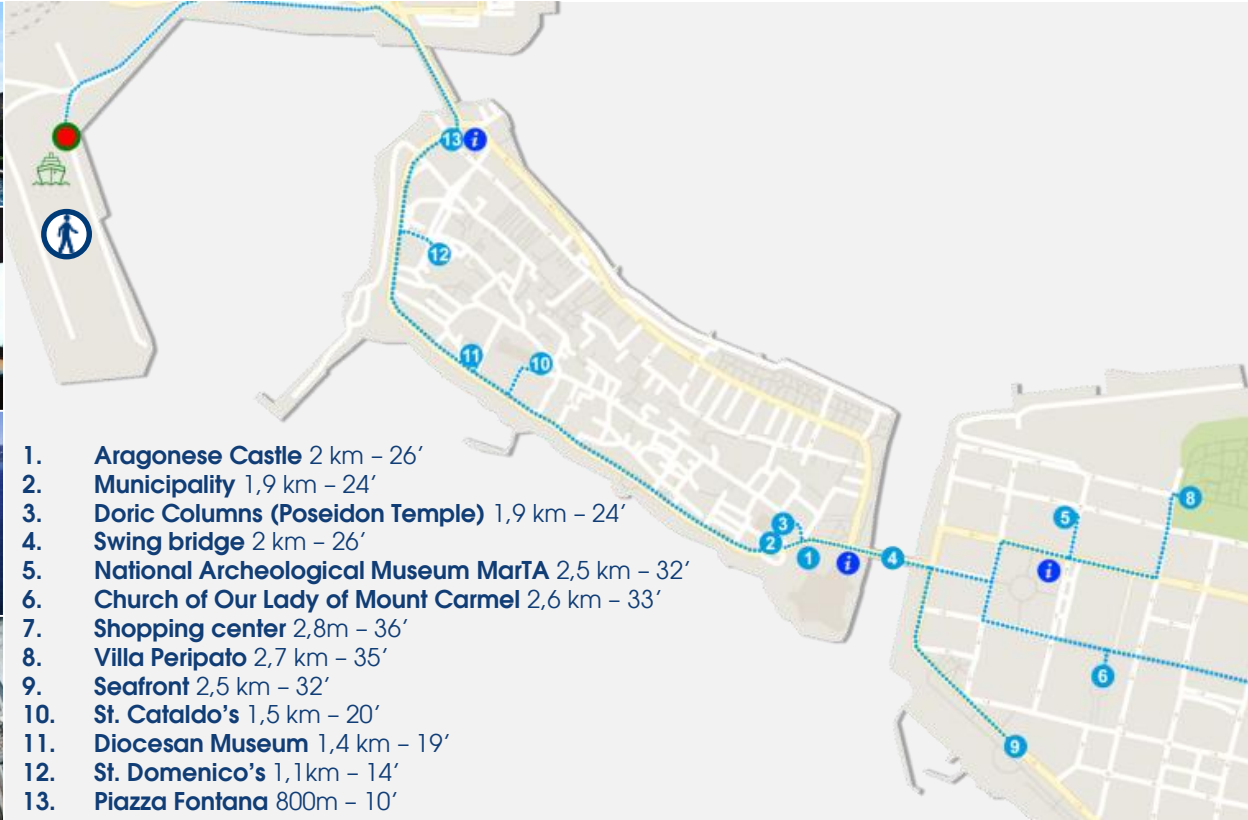
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1. **Aragonese Castle** 2 km – 26'
2. **Municipality** 1,9 km – 24'
3. **Doric Columns (Poseidon Temple)** 1,9 km – 24'
4. **Swing bridge** 2 km – 26'
5. **National Archeological Museum MarTÀ** 2,5 km – 32'
6. **Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel** 2,6 km – 33'
7. **Shopping center** 2,8m – 36'
8. **Villa Peripato** 2,7 km – 35'
9. **Seafront** 2,5 km – 32'
10. **St. Cataldo's** 1,5 km – 20'
11. **Diocesan Museum** 1,4 km – 19'
12. **St. Domenico's** 1,1km – 14'
13. **Piazza Fontana** 800m – 10'

# ATTRACTIONS IN THE NEARBY AREAS AND IN THE CITY



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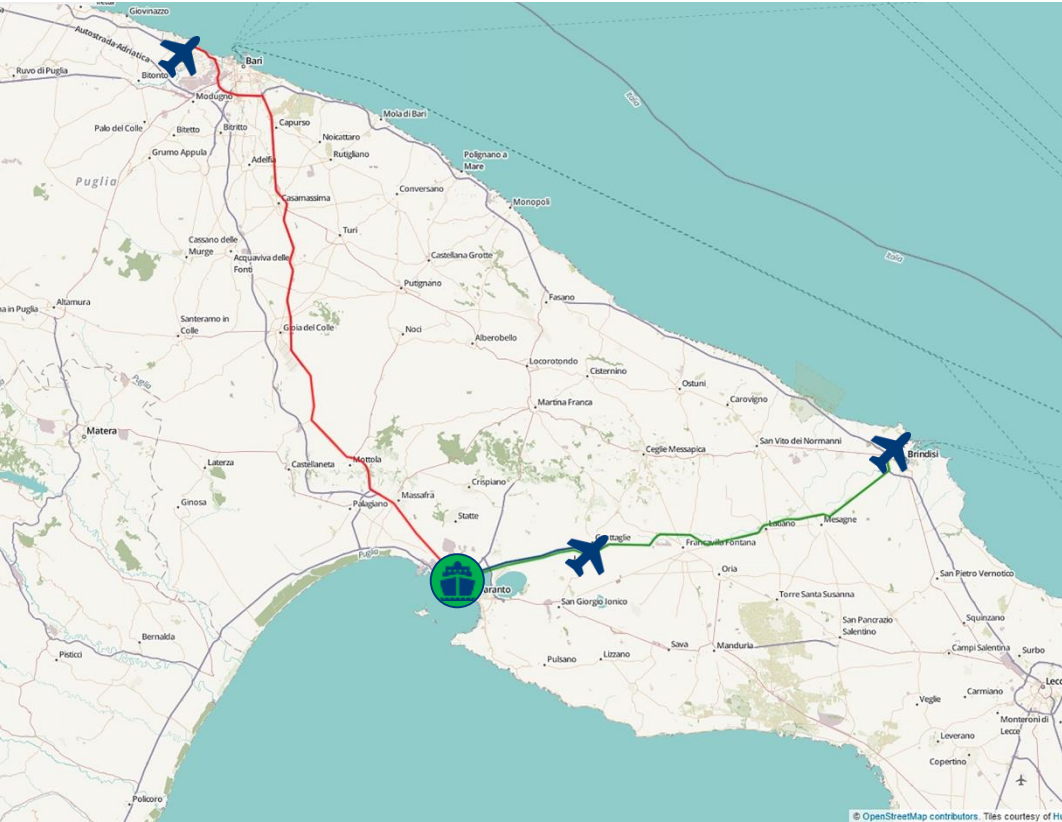


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The airports of **Bari** and **Brindisi** are located at 90 km and 75 km respectively from the Port of Taranto, providing daily flights to and from key centres in Italy and Europe.

The **Apulia airport network** represents then, for location and infrastructures, one of the most interesting European and Italian realities. Its favorable position in the middle of a strategic area like the Mediterranean, makes it an essential asset inside continental transport networks.

- Taranto - Grottaglie
- Taranto - Brindisi
- Taranto - Bari

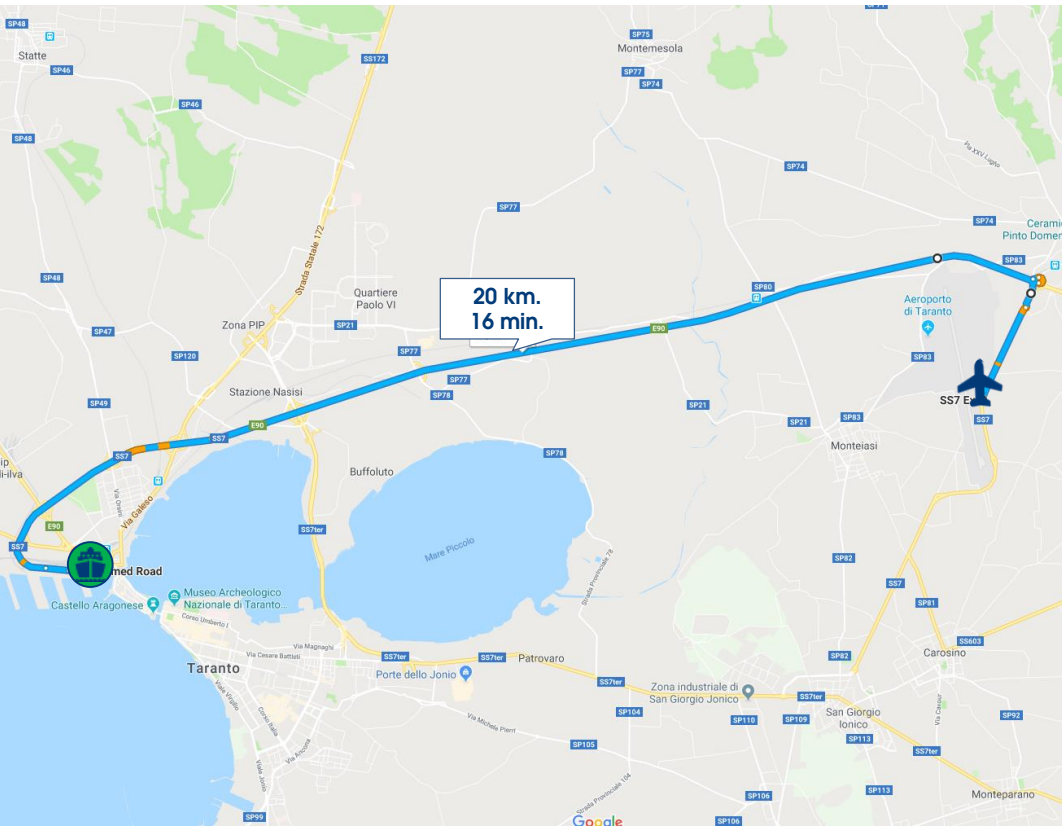
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The airport of **Grottaglie**, where the aircraft manufacturing company **LEONARDO** - on behalf of Boeing - operates, is about 20 km from Taranto and is connected to the seaport by a road that runs directly from the port's Northern Gate.

Grottaglie has a 3.2 km runway, thus offering scope for an additional mode of transport for **passengers** and goods handled at the Port of Taranto.

The airport is ready for turn-around and **charter flights**, thus enabling Taranto to become a "home port" for **embarking** and **disembarking** cruise passengers.

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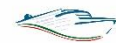
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