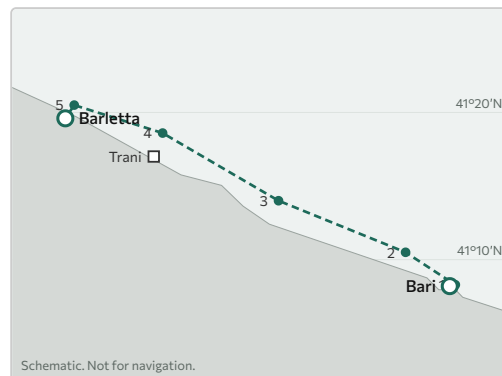


Bari to Barletta

A short day north-west past Molfetta and Trani to Barletta, home of the bronze Colossus and the castle on the harbour.

DATE	Tuesday 7 September 2027
DISTANCE	30.3 nm, 6 legs
TIME	5 h 47 min
DEPART	09:30 CEST from Bari. Mid-morning.
ARRIVE	About 15:17 CEST at Barletta. In the afternoon, with about 4 hours of daylight in hand (sunset 19:18 CEST).
TIDES	Range about 0.3 m: no practical effect
WIND	The maestrale is on the nose in the afternoon
BOAT	35 to 38 ft sailing yacht, 1.9 m draught, 6 kn under sail, 5.5 kn under engine
CREW	Skipper and 3 crew, 2 watches of 2



Track and waypoints 1 to 5, with ports of refuge as squares.

Go or no-go

Decide at 08:30 CEST. Go only if all of these hold:

- ☐ No wind above force 5, and no north-easterly above force 4: Barletta's entrance silts and breaks in an onshore sea.
- ☐ Barletta berth and entrance depth confirmed.
- ☐ Visibility 2 nm or more.

If the weather is wrong, stay at Bari. Trani is the easier alternative to Barletta.

Route and waypoints

Waypoints are planning positions in open water, checked against a 1:10m coastline to be at least 1 nm off land except at the harbour ends. Distances and courses are calculated from them. Plot every one on the current chart before use. Courses are true.

#	WAYPOINT	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	COURSE	LEG NM	TOTAL NM	ETA	NOTES
0	Bari, old port	41°08.2'N	016°52.0'E				09:30 CEST	Depart.
1	Bari approach	41°08.3'N	016°52.5'E	075°T	0.4	0.4	09:36 CEST	Out of the port.
2	Off Bari north	41°10.5'N	016°48.0'E	303°T	4.0	4.4	10:16 CEST	Clear of the new port
3	Off Molfetta	41°14.0'N	016°36.5'E	292°T	9.3	13.8	11:50 CEST	1.5 nm off.
4	Off Trani	41°18.6'N	016°26.0'E	300°T	9.1	22.9	13:21 CEST	1.5 nm off.
5	Barletta approach	41°20.5'N	016°18.0'E	288°T	6.3	29.2	14:56 CEST	North-east of the entrance silt. CHECK ON TIDE
6	Barletta	41°19.6'N	016°17.2'E	214°T	1.1	30.3	15:17 CEST	Lega Navale. Position CHECK ON THE CHART

Tides and time

BARI · TUE 7 SEP · CEST (UTC+2)

HW	08:28	0.2 m
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BARLETTA · TUE 7 SEP · CEST (UTC+2)

HW	08:28	0.2 m
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From the Bari station.

Tuesday 7 September 2027. **Tides.** The range here is 0.1 to 0.3 m: tides make no practical difference. Wind and air pressure move the sea level more than the tide does.

Barletta uses the Bari station.

Tide times are predictions made for this plan from the TICON-4 harmonic constants (DGFI-TUM) with the Neaps tide predictor, because the official 2027 tables were not yet published when it was written. Tested against the official APDL table for Leixões on 23 July 2026, the predicted times were within 8 minutes and the heights 0.1 to 0.2 m lower. Heights are above lowest astronomical tide. Check every time against the official 2027 table before sailing.

Daylight. Sunrise at Bari 06:25 CEST. Sunset at Barletta 19:18 CEST.

Weather

- **Low coast** with harbours every few miles.

FORECASTS TO CHECK

- Italian forecasts: Aeronautica Militare Meteomar and gale warnings (avviso di burrasca), meteoam.it. Forecast areas Ionio, Adriatico meridionale and Adriatico centrale. Zone names and issue times: [CHECK THE PILOT BOOK](#)
- NAVTEX: Italian stations cover the Ionian and Adriatic; check the station letters and times on the receiver. [CHECK ON THE CHART](#)
- Italian coast radio VHF weather broadcasts: [CHECK THE PILOT BOOK](#)

Hazards

- **Barletta.** Sand and mud bottom, at most 6.6 m; silting has been the port's main problem since the 1800s, and only the west mole is in service. Ask the Lega Navale or the harbour office for the current depth.

Ports of refuge

PORT	FROM THE ROUTE	USE IT WHEN	NOTES
Bari	Start	Within the first hour	Old port.
Molfetta	Waypoint 3	Weather turns	CHECK THE PILOT BOOK
Trani	Waypoint 4	Barletta unsafe	Lega Navale, 0883 484832.

Pilotage

LEAVING BARI

1. Leave the old port and head north-west, clear of the new port.

INTO BARLETTA

1. Approach from the north-east in calm water.
2. Call the Lega Navale (0883 533354) for a berth; the harbour office is +39 0883 531020.

LIGHTS ON THE WAY

Molfetta

Iso 6s, 22 m, 16 M

Trani, Molo Sant'Antonio	Fl 5s, 14 M
Barletta	LFl(2) 12s, 36 m, 17 M
Barletta, Molo di Tramontana	Fl G 4s, 8 M

Communications

Lega Navale Barletta	0883 533354 · barletta@leganavale.it
Harbour office, Barletta	+39 0883 531020
Emergency at sea, Italy (Guardia Costiera)	VHF 16, DSC 70 · 1530
Emergency on land	112

Contingencies

- **Barletta entrance in doubt.** Go back to Trani.
- **Person overboard.** Shout, point, throw the danger buoy, press MOB, DSC distress alert, Mayday on 16.

Before leaving

- ☐ Forecasts read and logged before the go or no-go time
 - ☐ Italian notices to mariners (Avvisi ai naviganti) checked for the route
 - ☐ Waypoints entered and checked against the chart
 - ☐ Ship's log started in UTC
 - ☐ Crew briefing: route, watches, safety gear, MOB, fog
 - ☐ Barletta berth booked and depth confirmed
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- ☐ Fuel for 5 hours under engine, plus a reserve
 - ☐ Water, food and hot drinks for 6 hours
 - ☐ Lifejackets with crotch straps, jackstays rigged, harnesses
 - ☐ Liferaft, grab bag, flares in date, handheld VHF
 - ☐ Radar, AIS and navigation lights tested
 - ☐ Passports, boat papers and insurance aboard

Sources

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A planning exercise to RYA Yachtmaster standard. Not for navigation: use current official charts, the pilot book and the forecasts on the day.