



Monopoli...an endless love!

curiosities about our town!

# Monopoli or Monopoly?

Tourists visiting our town soon discover that in Monopoli there isn't any Parco della Vittoria or Vicolo Stretto, or you aren't caught in a jail, or you don't have to pay a toll....because it is not a game!! The misunderstanding is due to the name of our town, very similar to the famous board game.





# “Il Borgo” - Piazza Vittorio Emanuele

Its surface is about 22 thousand square metres and it is one of the biggest squares in South Italy!



# Santa Maria della Madia: The Patron Saint



The icon representing the Madonna della Madia is preserved in the Cathedral. The Patron Saint is celebrated twice a year, it is a very attractive event in Apulia.





# Monopoli and its 99 districts



The town's 99 *contrade* (districts) stretch out flatly, allowing you to admire them entirely with a single glance from the splendid belvedere of **Loggia del Pilato**. This natural terrace, on the road to Selva di Fasano, overlooks a countryside characterized by masserie (farmsteads), churches, rupestrine settlements, and villas.



# Our treasure

Dozens of **sandy beaches** draw the line of the coast which is about 8 miles long of hidden caves, charming ravines, and gentle cliffs. Monopoli has been awarded the **Blue Flag** in recognition of its clean waters and excellent services. **Nightlife** prevails at **Capitolo Beach**, where you can dance by the sea and drink delicious cocktails.

# i Gozzi...

The gozzo is an ancient monopolitan boat, whose colors (blue and red) are linked to the Madonna della Madia. It has always represented one of the identity factors of the town, dealing with the long fishing tradition, that is also one of the most important economical factors of the locals.





# Orecchiette.... little ears!

Are you hungry! this special dish will satisfy your palate ...remember its name: orecchiette....or little ears if you prefer!

Don't leave without having tasted them!





# The local football team

The Monopoli football club was born in 1966. The team's colours are white and green, so its supporters are called "biancoverdi". The team is nowadays in the C category, a very meaningful placement for the Italian football tournaments.

