





Puglia

Located on Italy's heel, Puglia borders the regions of Molise, Campania and Basilicata and has coastlines along both the Adriatic and Ionian Seas.

The landscape varies dramatically from the beautiful **Gargano promontory** in the north with its scenic mountains, forests of oak and beech trees and unspoilt sand beaches to the fertile Tavoliere plain. The centre gives way to the undulating plateau of **Le Murge** and in the extreme south the dry Salentine peninsula.

Le Murge's landscape produces a profusion of olive groves, orchards and vineyards and is home to the famous Trulli. **Alberobello** has the highest concentration of Trulli houses – the name derives from the Greek 'tholos' meaning cupola. The southern area of the town, where the majority of Trulli houses are located, is an important UNESCO World Heritage Site. Built from limestone, the Trullis' special construction techniques create an environment that serves both as protection against harsh winters and extreme heat in summer. At the top of the cupola is a stone pinnacle in the shape of a ball or cone and the main body of the building is always whitewashed. Inside and directly beneath the cupola is a quadrangled room with doors leading to the other rooms; the bedroom, kitchen and bathroom. The wealthier landowners of the region often constructed two or three Trulli houses together to provide larger, more comfortable lodgings. Smaller ones were often used for the storage



of agricultural products. The origin of these characteristic and unique dwellings, which were built in large numbers towards the end of the 19th century, is still unknown.

As with all the Italian regions, Puglia has an excellent regional cuisine and is an important producer of olive oil, olives, almonds, fava beans, figs, melons, grapes and green cauliflowers. Cheeses are a particularly strong point here, and types include mozzarella di bufala (soft buffalo's cheese), caprini (fresh goat's cheese preserved in olive oil), faggottini (smoked cheeses of Foggia) and burrata (creamy soft cow's cheese).

Steeped in myths and legends, Puglia's history dates back to the civilisation of Magna Grecia. Many heirlooms of this period can be found in the museum of **Taranto**. The region has a wealth of splendid cathedrals and ancient sites including the **Castel del Monte** in Andria – the most extraordinary of all Puglia's castles; The Greek and Roman ruins of **Egnasia**, boasting an acropolis, amphitheatre and remains of tombs and ancient roads; The Norman Cathedral in **Trani** and the Baroque buildings and Roman amphitheatre of **Lecce**, dubbed 'Florence of the South'. This is a region which has much to offer and which has yet to be discovered by the majority of visitors to Italy.



Gargano



Trani



Hotel San Paolo al Convento, Trani

- Airports: 41km Bari / 163km Brindisi ■ 4-star hotel
- Bed & Breakfast ■ Air-conditioning

The Hotel San Paolo al Convento is situated on the picturesque harbour front of Trani, overlooking the bay towards the town's beautiful Romanesque cathedral, regarded as the 'Queen of Apulian churches'. Built as a convent in the 1400's the building has been tastefully renovated to create a modern four-star hotel which has retained much of its original charm and architecture. The former chapel is now home to the breakfast room and the inner cloister has been transformed into a terrace where guests can relax and unwind after a day's exploration (drinks and snacks are served during the summer months). Grand corridors with vaulted ceilings lead to the bedrooms and comfortable public rooms furnished with period antiques and original Canaletto paintings complete the scene.

Accommodation: 33 air-conditioned rooms including superior rooms ■ All rooms have bathroom (bath or shower), hairdryer, satellite TV, safe deposit box, minibar, telephone and internet connection ■ One standard room and two superior rooms have a Jacuzzi, all other rooms are with shower ■ Standard rooms have a view towards the cloister ■ Superior rooms have a sea view ■ Some standard and superior rooms will accommodate an extra bed for an adult or child.

Amenities/Leisure: Buffet breakfast ■ Various lounges and meeting rooms ■ Bar serving snacks ■ Reading room ■ Lift ■ Limited parking ■ A 5-minutes' walk to the historical centre of Trani.

Guideline price £ per person - 7 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Standard room, flights to Bari with British Airways and car hire (Group A – see page 108). Single room supplement on request.

Hotel San Paolo al Convento	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Dec
	£896	£896	£925	£901

Please refer to page 9 for details of pricing structure or telephone us for a quotation.



Hotel Borgo San Marco, Fasano

- Airports: 60km Bari / 40km Brindisi
- Agriturismo ■ Bed & Breakfast ■ Outdoor swimming pool ■ Air-conditioning

Borgo San Marco, a fortified masseria set within 450 acres of cultivated land and olive groves, is the family home of Alessandro Amati, a major producer of extra virgin olive oil. The owner has retained many of the features of the original buildings, including vaulted ceilings, arches and the original, local stone 'Pietra di Lecce' flooring. This charming property offers comfortable and intimate guestrooms, simply furnished and decorated with antique pieces, in quiet and refined surroundings. The sandy beaches of the Adriatic coast are within a 2km drive.

Accommodation: 16 air-conditioned suites, all with bathroom (bath or shower), hairdryer, satellite TV, safe deposit box and minibar ■ The suites have a double/twin bedroom, separate living room with one or two single sofa beds, bathroom and views of the countryside and/or a distant sea view ■ One suite has a Jacuzzi.

Amenities/Leisure: Buffet breakfast – can be taken on the terrace during the summer months ■ Restaurant with terrace serving Mediterranean cuisine ■ TV Lounge ■ Bar and reading room transformed from the original stables and housing an authentic olive press ■ Wine cellar ■ Small chapel ■ Swimming pool open mid May-Oct ■ Sun terrace ■ Wellness centre 'Borgo Aquae' with steam bath, jacuzzi and treatment rooms ■ Mountain bikes hire (local charge) ■ Free parking ■ The towns of Savalietri and Torre Canne are within a 10km drive ■ 2km from the 18 hole Egnazia Golf Club.

Minimum stay: 2 nights and 7 nights between 01-31Aug11.

Open: 01Apr-15Nov11

Guideline price £ per person - 7 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Suite, flights to Bari with British Airways and car hire (Group A – see page 108). Single room supplement on request.

Hotel Borgo San Marco	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Dec
	£864	£864	£1040	£953

Special Offer: Stay 5 nights pay 4 nights between 01-Apr-31May11 and 01Oct-30Nov11.

Please refer to page 9 for details of pricing structure or telephone us for a quotation.



Alberobello



Olive Groves, Puglia



Hotel Borgobianco Resort & Spa, Polignano

- Airports: 45km Bari / 85km Brindisi
- 5-star hotel ■ Bed & Breakfast ■ Outdoor swimming pool ■ Air-conditioning

The Borgobianco Resort & Spa is a luxurious five star property nestled in olive groves on the hills surrounding the cliff-top town of Polignano. The hotel, in contrast to the surrounding countryside, has white-washed stone walls complemented by soft beige and white interiors. Tradition and modernity combine to provide a relaxing rural location. The town of Polignano is enchanting with its narrow alleyways, sandy, blue flag beaches and crystal clear Adriatic waters which make this an attractive seaside destination.

Accommodation: 48 air-conditioned rooms including classic rooms, junior suites and a Borgobianco suite ■ All rooms have a bathroom (bath and shower), hairdryer, satellite TV, telephone, safe deposit box and complimentary WIFI internet connection ■ The Borgobianco suite has a Jacuzzi and a view over the pool towards the sea in the distance ■ All junior suites will accommodate an extra bed for an adult or child ■ Two junior suites interconnect with a classic room.

Amenities/Leisure: Buffet breakfast ■ Restaurant serving local dishes ■ Bar ■ Laundry service ■ Pool bar ■ Swimming pool (280m²) open May-Sep ■ Spa with sauna, Turkish bath and treatment rooms (payable locally) ■ Free parking ■ 5,5km from Polignano town and a choice of restaurants (10-minutes' drive) ■ Free shuttle bus to and from the beach.

Guideline price £ per person - 7 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Classic room, flights to Bari with British Airways and car hire (Group A – see page 108). Single room supplement on request.

Hotel Borgobianco Resort & Spa	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Dec
	£1023	£1028	£1147	£1118

Special Offer: Stay 4 nights pay 3 nights between 01Jan-07Aug11 and 22Aug-31Dec11.

Please refer to page 9 for details of pricing structure or telephone us for a quotation.



Hotel Il Palmento, Locorotondo

- Airports: 75km Brindisi / 80km Bari
- Trulli houses ■ Bed & Breakfast ■ Outdoor swimming pool ■ Air-conditioning

Located in the heart of Valle d'Itria, Il Palmento is surrounded by a picturesque, rural landscape brimming with colourful wild flowers, weathered olive trees and rolling hills covered with impressive vineyards. The property is made up of traditional trulli houses with thick white stone walls and characterful conical roofs. Each unit has been carefully restored and tastefully furnished with modern facilities to offer guests a high standard of accommodation. Guests can explore the area with its many interesting historic towns, bathe on golden sandy beaches or simply unwind by the pool with a good book. Either way, you cannot fail to appreciate the character and hospitality offered here. This peaceful, rural retreat is ideal for a family, friends and couples alike.

Accommodation: 12 individual styled suites including trullo classico, deluxe and storico, all with bathroom (shower) and living area with satellite TV, telephone, safe deposit box and fridge ■ 9 suites have a kitchenette (suitable for preparing drinks and snacks) ■ Some units will accommodate one or two extra beds ■ One suite, located on the first floor, has a private terrace ■ Air-conditioning units available on request.

Amenities/Leisure: Buffet breakfast ■ Bar ■ Restaurant serving local dishes ■ Swimming pool (12 x 6m) and children's pool – open Apr-Oct ■ Tennis court and volleyball/basketball court ■ Sauna, steam room and treatment rooms (payable locally) ■ Small children's play area ■ Bicycle hire available ■ Beautifully groomed gardens ■ 2km from Locorotondo ■ Free parking.

Guideline price £ per person - 7 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Trullo Classico or Deluxe, flights to Bari with British Airways and car hire (Group A – see page 108). Single room supplement on request.

Hotel Il Palmento	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Dec
	£793	£793	£1009	£923

Special Offer: Couples celebrating their honeymoon receive a complimentary bottle of Spumante in their room on arrival.

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Masseria Torre Coccaro, Savelletri di Fasano



Masseria Torre Coccaro



Classic Room



Hotel Masseria Torre Coccaro, Savelletri di Fasano

- Airports: 50km Bari / 55km Brindisi
- 5-star deluxe hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Outdoor swimming pool
- Indoor swimming pool
- Air-conditioning

Dating from the 16th century, this fortified farmhouse has been transformed into a refined, country hotel where modern luxury meets traditional Apulian values. Owner-managed by the Muolo family, the Masseria Torre Coccaro offers guests a peaceful and relaxed environment, surrounded by ancient olive groves on the Fasano planes – the largest high quality, olive oil producing region in Italy.

There are 37 well-decorated bedrooms, all with their own private garden, antique furnishings and equipped with modern facilities. Two of the rooms have been created out of ancient caves (one with its own private orchard and outdoor heated Jacuzzi). Other rooms are located in the watchtower or around the ancient square. With a host of leisure facilities including a lake-style, heated swimming pool and health club with state of the art gymnasium, indoor swimming pool and treatment rooms; a private white sand beach club (complimentary shuttle service provided) and the Egnathia restaurant serving creative Mediterranean and Apulian cuisine, the Torre Coccaro truly has something for everyone. Recommended.

Accommodation: 37 air-conditioned rooms including classic rooms, superior rooms, junior suites, deluxe junior suites and the orange suite ■ All rooms have bathroom (bath and shower), hairdryer, telephone, satellite TV and a small garden ■ Some rooms have a wood burning fireplace ■ Many rooms with four poster bed ■ Superior rooms, junior suites, deluxe junior suites and the suite can accommodate an extra bed ■ The junior suites have a designated living area ■ The orange suite has exposed rock walls with separate living room and has a private garden with outdoor heated Jacuzzi.

Amenities/Leisure: Buffet breakfast ■ 'Egnathia' restaurant serving traditional Apulian and Mediterranean cuisine ■ Organic kitchen garden which supplies the hotel restaurant ■ Bar ■ Large heated swimming pool (open Apr-Oct) with beach-style bank ■ 'Cabana' poolside snack bar ■ The original hay store has been transformed into a number of comfortable lounges ■ The original olive mill is now home to a lounge and games room with billiard table ■ Health club with a mini gym, hairdressing salon, six Aveda treatment rooms, Turkish bath, indoor pool and Jacuzzi (Entrance to the health club costs 20 Euros per day excluding treatments. A hairdresser is available at a supplement) ■ Extensive gardens and olive groves ■ Private beach club (5-minutes' drive) with complimentary transfers from and to the hotel ■ Free use of bikes ■ Horse riding (payable locally) ■ Free parking ■ Free shuttle service to the Coccaro Golf Club (9 holes) – 300m from the hotel.

Minimum stay: 7 nights between 09Jul-27Aug11.

Guideline price £ per person - 7 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Classic room, flights to Bari with British Airways and car hire (Group A – see page 108). Single room supplement on request.

Hotel Masseria Torre Coccaro	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Dec
	£1238	£1446	£1753	£1455

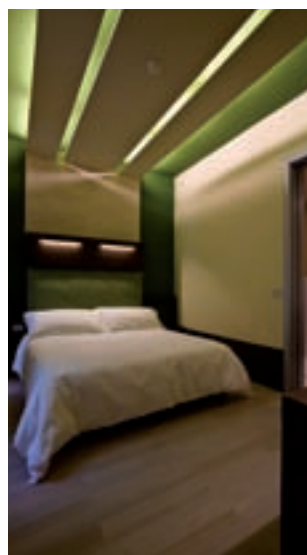
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Lecce



Taranto



Hotel Eos, Lecce

- Airports: 45km Brindisi / 163km Bari
- 3-star design hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Air-conditioning

Located near Porta San Biagio, the gateway to the Old Town - Lecce's most exclusive area and named after the Greek goddess of the dawn, the Eos is a new concept hotel created from a competition in interior design planning. Several young architects and craftsmen from the area were engaged in the research and production of every detail from the architecture, colours and materials to distinctive features of Salento. The result is a unique hotel where rooms have been planned on the basis of the real requirements of today's travellers that favour, above all, functionality and comfort.

Accommodation: 30 air-conditioned rooms including superior rooms and deluxe rooms
 ■ All rooms have bathroom (shower), hairdryer, telephone, complimentary internet connection, satellite TV, safe deposit box and minibar.

Amenities/Leisure: Buffet breakfast ■ 'Espera' café and wine bar ■ Internet connection in the public areas ■ Safe deposit box at reception ■ Free Parking.

Guideline price £ per person - 7 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Superior room, flights to Bari with British Airways and car hire (Group A - see page 108). Single room supplement on request.

Hotel Eos	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Dec
	£735	£735	£722	£739

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Hotel Patria Palace, Lecce

- Airports: 45km Brindisi / 163km Bari
- 5-star deluxe hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Air-conditioning

The Patria Palace is a prestigious hotel housed in a fabulous 17th century palazzo in the heart of Lecce - dubbed the 'Florence of the South'. This historical building, overlooking the fabulously ornate Baroque façade of the Basilica of Santa Croce, is located in a small square close to all the important monuments of the city.

The buildings, mostly Baroque in style, flourished in the city due to the abundant supply of local stone 'pietra di Lecce', a pliable, white material which artisans could easily carve. The hotel still retains some of its original features including vaulted ceilings and carved balconies. The bedrooms, each with original decorative paintings, offer comfortable lodgings with modern facilities.

Accommodation: 67 air-conditioned rooms including single rooms, standard rooms and a junior suite ■ All rooms have bathroom (bath and shower), hairdryer, telephone, satellite TV, WIFI internet connection (payable locally), safe deposit box and minibar

■ Some rooms have a view to the Basilica ■ Some rooms have a balcony or terrace ■ Some rooms will accommodate an extra bed for an adult or child.

Amenities/Leisure: Buffet breakfast ■ 'Danny's' bar and lounge ■ 'Atenze' restaurant serving Mediterranean cuisine ■ Lift ■ Internet connection (payable locally) ■ Valet parking (payable locally c.15 Euros per day).

Guideline price £ per person - 7 nights

Prices based on 2-sharing a Standard room, flights to Bari with British Airways and car hire (Group A - see page 108). Single room supplement on request.

Hotel Patria Palace	Jan-Apr	May-Jun	Jul-Aug	Sept-Dec
	£956	£956	£986	£961

Special Offer: Couples celebrating their honeymoon or wedding anniversary receive a complimentary bottle of Spumante in their room on arrival.

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Gargano



Polignano

Puglia

Puglia, which forms the heel of Italy's boot, is the long, narrow region of southern Italy bordering the Adriatic Sea and the regions of Basilicata, Campania and Molise. Beautiful beaches, secluded coves, fields of olive and citrus groves, Baroque towns, whitewashed villages and fascinating conical-shape trulli houses are just some of the many attractions to be discovered in the region.

Gargano National Park

The Gargano National Park covers an area of more than 120,000 hectares and contains several protected areas such as the Marine Reserve of the Tremiti Islands. The Gargano promontory consists of a wide mountain massif made up of highlands and several peaks - the highest point is Monte Calvo at 1,065 m (3,494 ft), projecting into the Adriatic Sea. Inland stand the last traces of the Umbra Forest, the only remaining area in Italy containing the ancient oak and beech trees that once covered much of Central Europe.

The park offers good walking trails and cycle routes; a glimpse of hundreds of species of animals including deer, foxes and birds; the religious sites of San Giovanni Rotondo and San Marco in Lamis; the castles of Monte Sant'Angelo and Manfredonia and the majestic beaches at Peschici and Vieste. The variety of natural habitats, interspersed with expanses of cultivated fields, olive groves and vineyards, guarantees an ever-changing landscape and a path rich in unforgettable views and panoramas.

Regional cuisine

Most of Italy's olive oil, pasta and wine are produced in the southern region of Puglia. Pugliese cuisine has maintained much of its traditional, ancient flavour and cooking style. Olives, citrus fruits, wine and goats cheese are the key elements in Pugliese cooking. Seafood is prepared in a myriad of delicate, simple, but extremely flavourful ways and the variety of seafood is extraordinary. Try the homemade orecchiette pasta covered in an olive based sauce and accompanied by a fine local wine – simply delicious.

Alberobello

Alberobello, inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage list, is home to more than a thousand trulli houses – whitewashed, conical shaped buildings first built centuries ago as homes and tool stores. Why not stay in one of these unique buildings during your stay in Puglia – see page 73.

Cisternino

The walled town of Cisternino, 1300 feet above sea level, is set in the picturesque Itria valley in the province of Brindisi. The medieval quarter presents an opportunity to stroll back through time on worn stone-paved lanes in between ancient palaces, towers, shops and homes that are mostly still in use today. Here you can stop and eat in restaurants that spill out over the pavements, shop in the local craft shops or simply take a few snapshots of this charming town.

Lecce

Affectionately known as the 'Florence of the South' due to its many Baroque buildings, Lecce has a Roman amphitheatre, more than a hundred churches and palaces and several designer boutiques. The city's heyday was when it was part of Spain in the 17th century and the noblemen, merchants and religious orders of the city competed with each other as to who could build the most palaces. Carved from the local golden sandstone the exuberant architecture looks like a sumptuous theatrical set.

Martina Franca

Visit the hilltop town of Martina Franca, located in the Valle d'Itria between Bari and Brindisi, with its Sunday antiques market and annual summer classical and jazz festival. The town has a particularly beautiful historical centre surrounded by stone walls with prominent Baroque gates leading to piazzas and winding through narrow streets.

Tailor-made holidays in Puglia

We have operated to Italy for many years and have a wealth of experience in arranging holidays to these destinations. We know our featured properties and are happy to answer any questions in order to help design a holiday itinerary which perfectly suits your requirements.

We have outlined two itineraries below, but remember that these are merely suggestions and can be modified to suit individual requirements. Please feel free to construct your own itinerary from our featured properties and telephone us for a quotation. It is even possible to combine Puglia with Campania, Basilicata and beyond.

Puglia – 7 nights

Using direct scheduled flights from London to Bari and including 7 days car hire (airport to airport).

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2	Hotel Patria Palace	Lecce (p 75)
2	Hotel Borgo San Marco	Fasano (p 72)

Puglia and Campania – 10 nights

Using direct scheduled flights from London to Bari/ returning from Naples and including 10 days car hire (airport to airport).

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2	Hotel La Locanda delle Donne Monache	Maratea (p 67)
3	Hotel Rufolo	Ravello (p 63)