



COUNTRY HOUSE LA LANTANA

Castri di Lecce

Accommodates (max)	7
Bedrooms	3
Bathrooms	2



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A few kilometers from **Lecce**, in the heart of **Grecià Salentina**, immersed in the colors and tranquility of the countryside between **Calimera** and **Melendugno**, stands the country house "La Lantana". The house, recently renovated, boasts a strategic position. It is in fact just a few minutes from the magnificent **Grotta della Poesia** and the splendid beaches of Vernole, **Torre dell'Orso**, **Alimini** and **Otranto** and is ideal for those who, after spending a long day at the seaside, then want to take refuge among the sounds and scents of the wonderful **Salento** hinterland.

To welcome the guest, among myrtle, rosemary and lantana bushes and characteristic mulberry, arbutus and walnut trees, there is a delightful **swimming pool** bordered by a comfortable **solarium** and, in the hottest hours, a relaxation area shaded by pine trees and eucalyptus. The most recommended place for those who want to unplug and enjoy a relaxing holiday in direct contact with nature.

MAIN DISTANCES

18 km from Lecce station
69 km from Brindisi airport
190 km from Bari airport

ABOUT THE HOUSE

The country villa with swimming pool "La Lantana", in a contemporary and minimalist style, is equipped with 7 beds and all comforts: wifi, TV in every room, air conditioning, washing machine, dishwasher, barbecue, etc. It consists of **three bedrooms**, two of which are double and one single, **two toilets**, a **living room with sofa bed**, **fireplace** and open **kitchen** and a large **living room surrounded by sliding glass doors** overlooking the garden and equipped with comfortable seats, smart TV and hi-fi system. Ideal for having breakfast, lunch or dinner outdoors surrounded by greenery.

Outside, the villa is embellished with a swimming pool for exclusive use and a fully fenced **5000 m2 park**.

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AMENITIES

Air conditioning

Electricity, water, gas

Wi-fi

Smart TV

Hi-fi system

Parking

Swimming pool

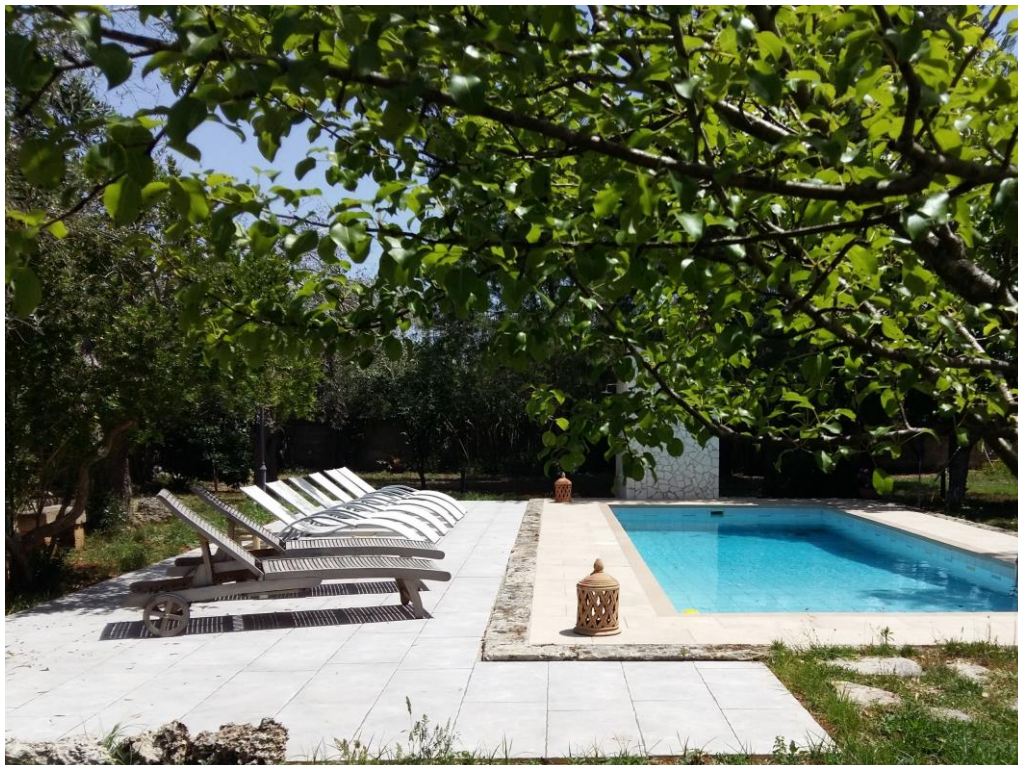
Bed linen, bath towels and bathroom amenities

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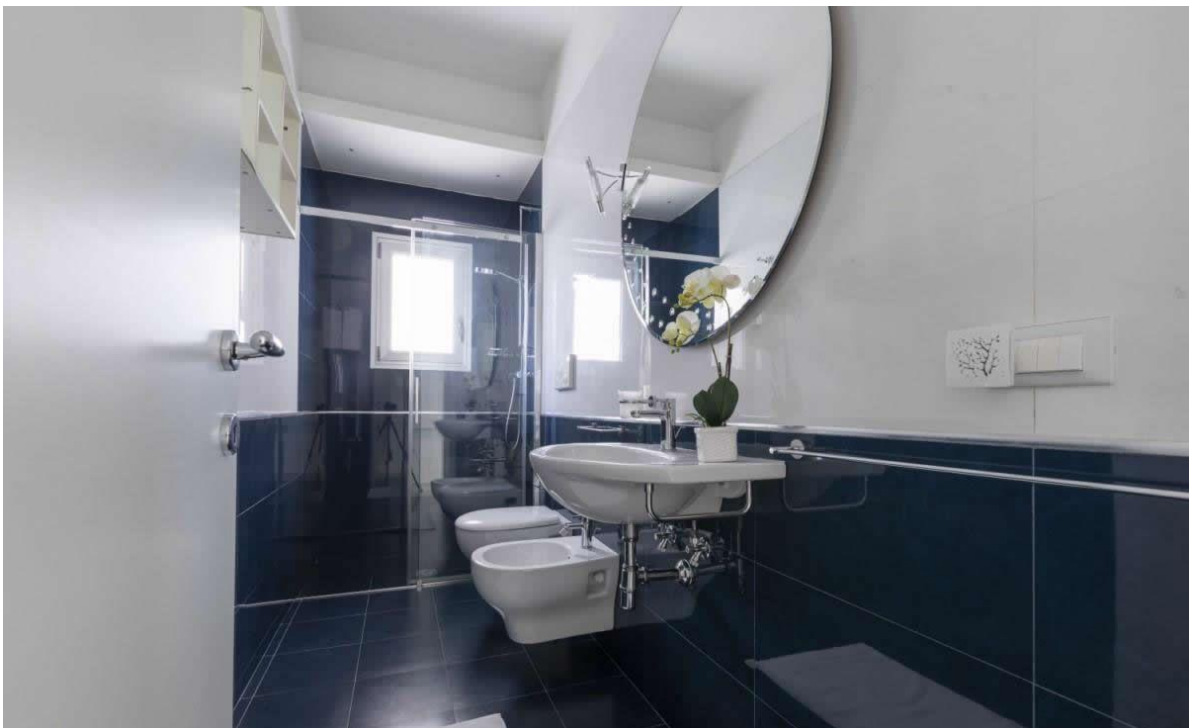
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RECOMMENDED EXPERIENCES

1. Otranto, balcony of the East (bike or hiking excursion)
2. The Grecia Salentina (hiking excursion)
3. Horse riding in Otranto





1.1. OTRANTO, BALCONY OF THE EAST (BICYCLE EXCURSION)

- DEPARTURE: Porta Terra, Otranto – DURATION: full day
- TRAVEL DISTANCE: approximately 35 km – DIFFICULTY: average/easy

ITINERARY:

The inland of Otranto is probably the best preserved area of Salento. Going up the Idro Valley, we visit an ancient **Byzantine crypt**, and then stop at the Constantine Foundation where they practise the art of **traditional weaving**. We then cross the ‘**megalthic garden**’ of Giurdignano, dotted with dolmen and menhir.

Tasting lunch at one of the best bakeries of the province, in Specchia Gallone. After lunch we reach Porto Badisco, with its calm, sheltered beach. After a swimming (if weather allows) we return to Otranto, along one of the most beautiful stretches of the coast, visiting **the lighthouse of Punta Palascia** (eastern most point in Italy) and the stunning **Bauxite Lake**.

1.2. OTRANTO BALCONY OF THE EAST (HIKING)

- DEPARTURE POINT: Otranto’s castle – DURATION: full day
- TRAVEL DISTANCE: 20 km – DIFFICULTY: average

ITINERARY:

Departing from the Castle of Otranto we head towards the harbour along the coastal area, reaching the **Snake’s tower**. This is the starting point of a coastal path leading to **Punta Palascia lighthouse**, the easternmost point of Italy and geographical boundary between the Ionian Sea and the Adriatic.

After a **cheese tasting** in a local farmhouse, we visit the ruins of the **Church of San Nicola di Casole** and magnificent **Bauxite Lake**, whose bold colors have created a unique landscape.



2. THE GRECÌA SALENTINA (BICYCLE EXCURSION)

- DEPARTURE POINT: Zollino Station – DURATION: half day
- TRAVEL DISTANCE: approximately 18 km – DIFFICULTY: easy

ITINERARY:

Grecìa Salentina is the Salento area where people still speak **Griko**, and which preserves the most authentic traditions of Salento. We start out from Zollino, a small town where we visit the **pozzelle** (ancient water collection system) and a **menhir**; a few kilometers further on we are in Sternatìa where we visit an **underground oil mill**, and then we continue to Soleto to visit the **Byzantine Church of St. Stephen** and the spire which, according to legend, was built in one night by witches. Then we head back to Zollino for a **tasting of local products**.

3. HORSE RIDING

- DEPARTURE POINT: Otranto – DURATION: half day

Horse riding trips and lessons for both beginners and experienced riders with federal guides in **Otranto Natural Park – Leuca** and Tricase Wood or in the **Idro Valley**. The horses are all very tame and well trained. The itineraries are designed to take advantage of historical, archaeological and natural sites such as **Red Lake** (‘the Bauxite Lake), **Bay of Orte**, **S. Emiliano Bay**, **Palascìa Lighthouse**, **Abbey and the Crypt of St Nicola in Casole**, and a number of **fortified farms**.



OTHER EXPERIENCES

BIKING:

Bike & Cooking in Gallipoli
Lecce & its seaside
Lecce & its countryside
Gallipoli between land and sea
Cycling to the end of the world: Leuca
Lecce between art & taste

HIKING & WALKING:

Cipolliane trek
Porto Selvaggio, Nature & Pre-history
Street food tour in Lecce

AND MORE:

Rikshaw tour
Sailing trips
Cooking class
Kayak
Diving
Lecce between art & taste