



MASSERIA DEI BIZANTINI

Otranto

Accommodates (max)	23
Bedrooms	8
Bathrooms	9
...of which en-suite	8



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Deep in the country side but near to **Otranto** (11 km), **Torre dell'Orso**, **San Foca** and just 1,5 Km from the sea of the **Alimini** coast, Masseria dei Bizantini is a special experience for those who love to dive into country life without having to give up elegance and comfort.

Elegance for simple things is the strength of this farmhouse renovated in 2012, carved out of a former school from the 1950s.

MAIN DISTANCES

32 km from Lecce station

80 km from Brindisi airport

201 km from Bari airport

ABOUT THE MASSERIA

The Masseria consists of a large room with **living room**, **dining room** and **kitchen**, a comfortable **relaxation area** with **indoor heated swimming pool**, **jacuzzi**, **Turkish Bath**, **massage room** and **changing Rooms** and **eight bedrooms**, different in size, view and location: two on the ground floor, four on the second floor with access to the terrace and two in the side body.

Each room has a private bathroom with bathtub or large shower and is equipped with all amenities: air conditioning, mini bar, safe, satellite television, free wifi, toiletries, slippers, hair dryer, flip-flops and bathrobe to access the relaxation area.

The **floor heating** and **two fireplaces** make it ideal for winter stays as well.

Outside, the cozy *pergola* and the **outdoor swimming pool** located in the large garden surrounded by olive trees and overlooking the **paddock of horses and donkeys**, make the Masseria cozy and charming and the stay an experience to live.



AMENITIES

Air conditioning and heating

Wi-fi

Satellite TV

Safe

2 fireplaces

Indoor heated swimming pool

Outdoor swimming pool

Jacuzzi

Turkish Bath

Massage room

Daily cleaning

Breakfast

Bed linen, pool and sea towels, toiletries

Housekeeping & Waiting staff 7 a.m. – 11 p.m.



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RECOMMENDED EXPERIENCES

1. Otranto, balcony of the East (bike or hiking excursion)
2. The Grecìa 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 ‘**megalithic 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

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