

# **MASSERIA PIETRA**

# Martano

Accommodates (max)	16
Bedrooms	6
Bathrooms	7
of which en-suite	6





Ancient historic residence, Masseria Pietra was built way back in **1746**. Initially a noble residence, it has undergone various architectural renovations, preserving and protecting its original splendour. The strong reference to history can be seen from some evidence of the past: a large **wood-burning oven**, an ancient **fireplace** and part of the historic walls. Elegance, authenticity and attention to detail mix with tradition, where each space takes on its own identity. Even the choice of furnishings is not accidental. Light colors dominate the interiors, thanks to the extensive use of local stone: Lecce stone.

### **NEARBY**

Strategically close to the most fascinating places of historical, panoramic, wine and food interests, the Masseria is about 15 km from the charming town of **Otranto**, 11 km from the long sand beach of **Alimini** and the adjacent **Alimini lakes**, 10 km from the small cove of **Sant'Andrea**, 12 km from the bay of **Torre dell'Orso**, the picturesque ruins of **Roca Vecchia** and the marina of **San Foca**. Just 17 km divide the facility from the baroque **Lecce**, fascinating city of art. The central position of Martano in the province of Lecce, allows you to reach in a few minutes by car, both sides, Ionian and Adriatic, of the Salento peninsula.

### **MAIN DISTANCES**

25 km from Lecce station73 km from Brindisi airport193 km from Bari airport

#### THE ROOMS

Masseria Pietra has **six different rooms** with every necessity: air conditioning, LCD TV, WI-FI, mini fridge, safe, private bathroom, hairdryer.



### 1. FIG ROOM

24 m2 room fully furnished in Lecce stone, with its old fireplace. The bed consists of a stone base and a backrest of soft cushions. The sheets, like the curtains, are in pure linen. The bathroom has every comfort with its shower carved into the stone of the original walls.

### 2. STRAWBERRY TREE ROOM

Room of 29 square meters, completely in stone. The room has an exit to the rear garden of the farmhouse. The furnishing is made of wood and stone. A romantic canopy bed dominates the room. On the walls, old loopholes become sconces. The bathroom has two stone sinks and a very comfortable crystal shower.

### 3. GRAPEFRUIT ROOM

In its sobriety, the Grapefruit room recalls the almost rosy color of grapefruit. In a light and bright atmosphere, the entrance introduces a corridor which separates it from the bathroom and the bedroom. Here the details of the rosettes and corbels carved in Lecce stone recall a charm rich in tradition and history.

### 4. PREAKLY PEAR ROOM

40 square meters for a corner of absolute elegance, all in Lecce stone. A suite that features every comfort, including the large oval bathtub, completely in polished stone. The bathroom has a large crystal shower and is completely made of stone, including the sink. A two-seater sofa bed offers the possibility of living in this suite with your children.

### 5. OLIVE ROOM

The room, 48 square meters, is divided into ground floor and mezzanine. The ground floor is a cozy living room with a double sofa bed, desk and television. The upper floor is accessed via a stone staircase with crystal protection, and here is the canopy bed. The bathroom has a large shower and two stone sinks. The linen, as in all the rooms of Masseria Capasa, is in linen.



### 6. LEMON ROOM

A unique atmosphere punctuated by the various shades of green and blue that decorate the room. The nuances of the colors refer to the idea of the "sea" and the "sky". Symbol of naturalness and creativity, the harmony of colors defines this room. The bed has a base in Lecce stone, enriched, on the background wall, by a frame of rosettes in the same material which act as native decorative elements. The beauty of the room is unrivaled: its bathroom is impressive with a large bathtub complete with shower.

### **AMENITIES**

Air conditioning
Electricity, water, gas
Wi-fi

Private parking

Safe

LCD TV

Swimming pool

Wood burning oven

Fireplace

Final cleaning

Linen and bedsheets

Towels and toiletries

Weekly change of bed linen and towels

Baby cot

Highchair







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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)

o 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 Palascìa** (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 GRECIA SALENTINA (BICYCLE EXCURSION)

DEPARTURE POINT: Zollino Station – DURATION: half day

TRAVEL DISTANCE: approximately 18 km – DIFFICULTY: easy

### ITINERARY:

Grecia 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 Sternatía 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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