

MASSERIA TRAPANÀ (Puglia, Italy)



HOTEL HIGHLIGHTS

Massiera Trapanà, just outside Lecce in Puglia, is a unique and beautiful property lovingly restored by owner Rob Potter-Sanders, a charming Australian. He spent three years remaking this beautiful old olive farm into a world-class private hotel. There are nine gorgeous bedrooms and suites with huge bathrooms. Rob is on the property at all times throughout the season (April – November), and is a delightful host. Surrounded by walls and olive groves, the attractive house sits in lush gardens – there is a large swimming pool and a fire pit. A spa, treatment rooms and a hot thermal pool are located in the old olive press. Cooking and pizza-making classes can be arranged. The house is 10 minutes by car from Lecce, and the hotel car can take guests into town or sightseeing at any time. The villa would be perfect for a family reunion or an exclusive occasion as it is very private. Children must be 12 years of age or older to stay in the hotel, unless it is a private family take over of the whole property.

GENERAL INFORMATION

9 Bedrooms and Suites

Connecting Rooms – Yes

3 People Sharing – Yes

4 People Sharing – No

Restaurant

Outdoor Swimming Pool

Spa with 2 Treatments Rooms

Heated Thermal Pool

Air-Conditioning

SKY Television

Heated Floors

Heated Towel Racks

BOSE Mini Portable Sound Dock

USB Plugs in Room

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MASSERIA TRAPANÀ (Puglia, Italy)

Nearest Railway Station

Lecce – 15 km

Nearest Airport

Brindisi – 35 min

Bari – 1 hr, 45 min

SIGHTSEEING AND TOURING OPPORTUNITIES

ALBEROBELLO: Alberobello (the name means beautiful tree) is known for its unique *trullo* buildings. These unique stone structures are made without mortar and have conical roofs. The town has been made a UNESCO World Heritage site.

LECCE: A perfect little gem of a white Baroque city, Lecce's crowning glory is the Church of the Holy Cross, completed in 1695. Next to the church is the Governor's Palace, a former convent. The cathedral is one of the most important in Italy, with an enormous five-story campanile that towers 70 meters (231 feet) above the square.

MATERA: The city of Matera forms a bowl cut into the rocks, with unique cave dwellings known as *sassi*. In the 1950s, this was one of the poorest areas of Italy and the people living in the *sassi* had an unbelievably squalid existence. Their plight was highlighted by Carlo Levi in his his book *Christ Stopped at Eboli*, and the government was finally shamed into rehousing them in modern homes on the outskirts of the city. In 1993 Matera was made a World Heritage Site, and since then, people have been restoring the *sassi* turning them into hotels, guest houses and craft workshops.

MARTINA FRANCA: This is the second-largest city in the Taranto province. The beautiful old town is surrounded by a stone wall and is known for its narrow winding streets, Baroque gates and piazzas.

OSTUNI: Located only 8 km (5 miles) from the coast, Ostuni is known as "the white town" as its walls and architecture are typically painted white. The town has many points of interest including the Ostuni Cathedral, the Bishop's Palace, and a number of palazzi belonging to local aristocratic families. The "old-town" is the Citadel, which is built on a hill and fortified with ancient walls.

GALLIPOLI: Founded on the Ionian seacoast, Gallipoli's old town is located on a limestone island. A 16th-century bridge connects it to the mainland.

OTRANTO: Visitors to this harbor city will find beautiful beaches and historic sites, including the Castello Aragonese, the Cathedral, the church of San Pietro and the catacombs of Torre Pinta.

PORTO CESAREO: Known for its beautiful long sandy beaches and blue water that is more reminiscent of the Caribbean than the Adriatic.

SANTA MARIA DI LEUCA: This town is famous for its iconic lighthouse and stunning caves.

COMMUTING DISTANCES

Lecce – 7 mi, 10 min (car)

Adriatic Coast – 10 min (car)

Matera – 110 mi, 2 hours (car)

Bari – 85 mi, 1 hour 45 min (car)

Brindisi – 26 miles, 35 min (car)

Otranto – 38 mi, 45 min (car)

Gallipoli – 32 mi, 50 min (car)

Amalfi Coast – 4 hrs, 30 min (by car)

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