



TRAVEL

DE LUXE PUGLIA AT BORGO EGNAZIA

On the edge of the Adriatic Sea is an incredible hotel, a veritable village spreading over 70 hectares, where comfort goes hand in hand with tradition. Try the Borgo Egnazia experience with the family and you'll understand what it means to have a dream holiday.

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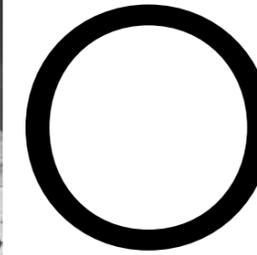
Cookery class at the trattoria Mia Cucina.



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Open all year round, the Borgo Egnazia offers its guests the opportunity to learn something about Apulian culture: its architecture, its cuisine and

varied local craftsmanship. An authentic experience among genuinely hospitable people.

First opened ten years ago, the hotel was designed by Pino Brescia, an architect from the neighbouring town of Fasano. What he envisaged was more like a village, inspired by local architecture: his buildings resemble *masserie*, or fortified farms typical of the region in days gone by. On your arrival, you'll be met by a local advisor (contactable via WhatsApp). Apulian through and through, he'll answer all your questions and help you organize your activities and excursions: visiting Alberobello and its *trulli*, the limestone dwellings now on the UNESCO World Heritage list, for example.

Your *bambini* will adore being entertained and occupied by Carlo Bravi, who runs the children's club, flanked by his team of 22 assistants: 10 for the Trullalleri Kids' Club (for children aged 7 months to 7) and 12 for the Tarantari & Marinai Club (for 8-12s). Educational activities vary according to the season, and Carlo really commits himself to keeping the kids happy. While the focus for little ones is on "the five senses", i.e. discovering Apulian life through fun activities (cookery classes, hands-on creative workshops...), "socializing" is the theme for pre-teens and teens, with, for example, football matches organized against the neighbouring team of youngsters from Fasano.

The hotel beach, Cala Masciola, is a 10-minute ride away in an 18-seat golf cart. Once on the sand, don't miss the chance to have a swim or take part in the activities suggested by Pippo, the manager of the water sports' club. The food served on the beach, like that of all the other hotel restaurants, is made from local produce: fresh fish, *focaccia*, pizza... After indulging in Apulian cuisine, to help with your digestion, why not rent a bicycle, quadricycle or go-kart? Or do a few lengths in one of the hotel pools? This is just a brief glimpse of what the hotel has to offer... For more details, see the non-exhaustive list of activities available at this charming hotel overleaf.

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Alberobello's trulli.

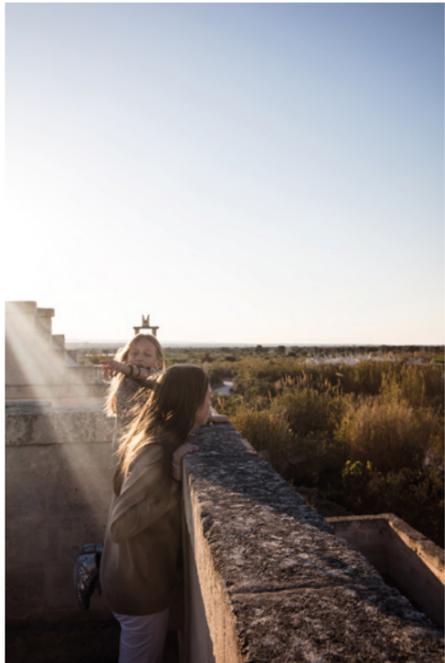
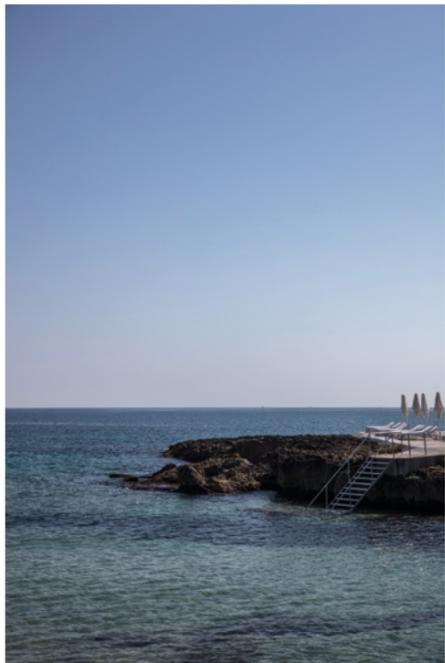


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Picking poppies in Alberobello.



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ACCOMMODATION

Three options:

> La corte

63 rooms (35-125m²).

> Il borgo

92 small family houses (42-90m²) with kitchen, garden, terrace, parental suite, children's bedroom and 2 bathrooms.

> Le ville

29 *masserie* with swimming pools (100-500m²) and the possibility of having a *massaia*, or Apulian *mamma* to prepare the breakfast and/or dinner of your choice!

Please note: from mid-June to mid-September, Il borgo and Le ville are reserved for families, while La corte welcomes couples without children under 12, so that young children may play in their child-friendly spaces without disturbing other guests, while the latter enjoy the tranquillity of quiet surroundings.

FOOD

At Borgo Egnazia, most of the dishes served are home-made, and cooked according to local tradition; freshly caught local fish is on the menu every day. Rendezvous on the village square around 4pm for ice cream. Strawberry, chocolate and... pistachio drizzled with olive oil, an Apulian speciality to try... in a brioche, another culinary curiosity!

VEGETATION

Borgo Egnazia is full of the heady fragrances of plants and aromatic herbs grown in and all around the village: almond blossom, bougainvillea, lemon trees, jasmine, basil, rosemary, sage, thyme...

KIDS' CLUBS

Three categories :

> **Nursery** for babies up to 6 months

> **Trullalleri** for children aged 7 months to 7

> **Tarantari** for 8-12s

Run by Carlo and his dream team.

A programme adapted to each season and age group that changes every fortnight, including: playground, pyjama parties, lessons in circus arts, magic show, open-air cinema, string art (wool workshop with the ladies of Alberobello), go-karting, rock climbing and fishing on the open sea to learn about the different species of fish in the area.

FARM

Just a stone's throw away from the Kids' Club. Children may feed the donkey, goat and hens, and even have a pony ride on Marilou.

COOKING CLASS

At the trattoria Mia Cucina, chef Rocco gives cookery classes for children and adults where you'll learn how to make *focaccia*, *taralli* and other specialities. Participants receive an apron and recipe book at the end of the session so as to take a little bit of Puglia home with them!

SWIMMING

Heated indoor and outdoor pools, or the hotel's private beach, Cala Masciola, accessible by shuttle service in an 18-seat golf cart that leaves every 15 minutes from the entrance of the village.

WATER SPORTS

At the beach, Pippo, manager of the water sports' club, steers guests towards the activities available each day according to the weather: kayaking, windsurfing, jet skiing, paddle skiing, snorkeling, fishing, beach volley, to name just few...

From May to September, four small boats are available for excursions to the coastal towns of Monopoli and Polignano a Mare (don't miss the caves). Remember to book with the local advisor 24h beforehand!

EXCURSIONS

Alberobello and its *trulli*. Welcomed by local craftsmen, you can taste Apulian cuisine, let your children attend a doll-making workshop, or pick wildflowers in the surrounding fields to show them the different species of local flora, before climbing up the slopes of Alberobello covered in *trulli*.

DID YOU KNOW?

Puglia has 4 million inhabitants and 3 million olive trees, which represent 13% of the world's production of olive oil.



GETTING THERE

A 2-hour flight from Paris to Bari or Brindisi, then a 60-minute transfer.

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