

Trulli Donatella

Region: Puglia Sleeps: 6 - 9

Overview

Trulli Donatella is superbly positioned in the heart of the Valle d'Itria – a landscape in southern Italy's Puglia region characterised by wooded slopes, sun-kissed vineyards and endless rows of olive groves punctuated by the coned roofs of trulli houses which are unique to the area.

Bordered by the Adriatic Sea to the east and Ionian Sea to the southeast, Puglia is known for its splendid coastline framed by limestone cliffs and azure sea, as well as charming towns, excellent cuisine and rural landscape boasting hectares of vineyards from where some of Italy's most prized wine comes from.

Combining world-class design with the warmth and originality of the area, Trulli Donatella is a typical Puglian masseria composed of sun-bleached cubist houses with a couple of grey trulli structures. Spread across a single floor and formed by several buildings, it's been tastefully decorated and furnished with great care. Soaring and elegant, the three bedrooms have traditional stone underfoot, earthy colour palette and rugged walls that keep the interiors refreshingly cool, no matter how hard the sun is shining outside.

Step outside to the finely manicured lawn fenced by dry-stone walls to take in the harmonious scent of lavender, sage and rosemary bushes before retreating to the pool. Framed by a polished terrace with sun loungers and steps for easy access, it's the perfect hotspot for a sundowner. The shaded pergola will provide a much-needed escape from the blazing sun when hosting al-fresco lunches, while hidden corners make for the cosiest reading nooks. When not napping in the shade of olive trees, you can admire the farm buildings and pitched roofs that decorate the Valle d'Itria landscape, as well as the estate itself – wildly pretty during the day when the harsh Puglian sun hits the mellow tuff stone.

The closest village, Martina Franca is only a 5-minute drive away, and it has a well-conserved old town surrounded by stone walls and prominent Baroque gates leading to characterful piazzas and pretty winding streets full of trattorias, delis and authentic cafés. When you don't feel like cooking, the closest restaurant serving traditional dishes alongside typical Mediterranean delicacies is also only a 5-minute walk away.

Drive for around 50 minutes to reach the city of Taranto, a coastal city and the



capital of the Province of Taranto with an important commercial port and Italian naval base. The 'city of two seas' is full of notable historic landmarks such as the 15th-century Aragonese Castle alongside cobbled squares full of pretty shops, bars and restaurants.

If Puglia's bucolic backwaters get slightly too tranquil at times, the region's capital city Bari can be reached in just one hour by car. Full of trendy hotels, bars and sandy lidos with shallow waters, it offers the best of Italy's culture in one place.

Facilities

Private Pool • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Walk to Restaurant • BBQ • Hairdryer • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Walking/Hiking Paths • Tennis Nearby • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interior (180m2)

Ground Floor

- Open plan area with a sofa, TV, dining area and kitchen with a fridge, freezer, hob, oven, kettle, toaster, microwave, blender, dishwasher and coffee machine
- Living area with a fireplace, two sofas/sofa beds (suitable for two guests) and armchairs
- Family bathroom with a shower and WC
- One master bedroom with a king size bed, pull-out chair bed (suitable for one guest), walk-in wardrobe and en-suite bathroom with a shower and WC
- Bedroom with a double bed and en-suite bathroom with a shower and WC
- Bedroom with a double bed

Outside Grounds (3000m2)

- Swimming pool with wide steps (5m x 13m, max. depth: 2.40m). Open approximately April to October)
- Garden
- Pool terrace with pergola, sun loungers, deck chairs and parasols
- Outdoor shower
- Changing room with a shower and WC
- Laundry and storage room
- Barbecue
- Covered parking

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Heating/air-conditioning floor system
- TV
- Fireplace
- Washing machine
- Hairdryer
- Dryer
- Iron and ironing board
- Mosquito nets



Location & Local Information

Nestled in Puglia's idyllic backcountry between the Ionian and Adriatic coast, Trulli Donatella benefits from a comfortable location in the middle of the Valle d'Itria, making it easy to reach the most desirable cultural destinations in the region.

Close by, the local village Martina Franca and its Baroque town centre is a convenient base for soaking up Italian culture – think endless scoops of gelato while walking around cobbled piazzas and rummaging through boutiques and souvenir shops. In summer, Festival della Valle d'Itria takes place in the outdoor courtyard of the 17th century Palazzo Ducale, with opera performances people can watch from the Piazza Roma – the largest square in the old town with a green space in the centre.

Apart from having a rich coastline, scrubby farmland and many romantic towns, the Puglia region is also tied with Sicily as the second biggest wine region in Italy. Its sun-flooded slopes with fertile soil and diverse geography are advantageous for grape growers, producing famous wines such as Primitivo.

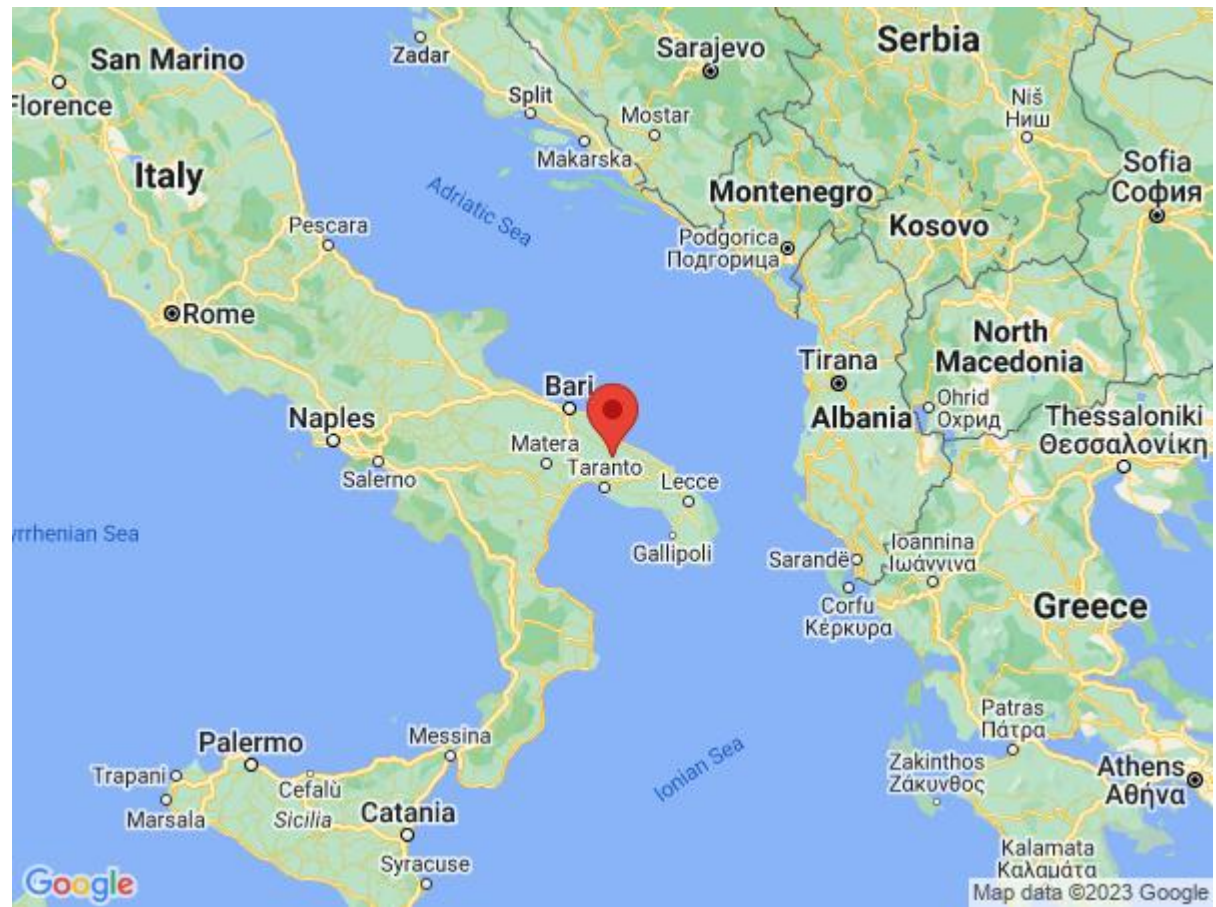
In just 50 minutes by car, you can reach the city of Taranto – stroll around its promenade gardens overlooking the harbour and parks such as Giardini Ten.Giorgio Tagliente and Giardini Virgilio. Other notable landmarks worth visiting include the archeological Parco Archeologico di Collepasso and 8th and 19th-century palaces such as Palazzo Magnini and Palazzo delle Poste among many others.

Only 20 minutes by car, the UNESCO World Heritage Site Alberobello is a must-see village formed by hundreds of conical-shaped trulli housing wineries, restaurants and shops.

Ostuni, also called 'the white city' is an ancient citadel built atop a hill with a famous cathedral that combines Gothic, Romanesque and Byzantine elements. The most impressive landmark is the 15th-century cathedral – visit the city on a Saturday to stock up on fresh ingredients from the farmer's market for making delicious meals.

The Adriatic coastline is known for its limestone cliffs towering high above the sea, as well as cobbled towns and villages where one can forget the sense of time. Notably Polignano a Mare is perched atop a 20-metre limestone cliff with a postcard-friendly beach in the middle, while Monopoli is full of coves and fun spots for diving.

Walking and hiking enthusiasts will love exploring the Parco Naturale



Regionale Terra delle Gravine – an extensive regional nature park known for dramatic ravines with forests, wetlands, ponds and wildlife.

If you're looking for some hustle and bustle, drive for one hour to the region's capital city Bari to find more bars and beaches to unwind in or pay a visit to the 11th-century Basilica di San Nicola, a key pilgrimage site.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Brindisi (63km)
Nearest Airport 2	Bari (89km)
Nearest Village	(3km)
Nearest Restaurant	(750m)
Nearest Supermarket	(3.5km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	(3km)
Nearest Golf	Egnathia Golf Club (25km)
Nearest Tennis	Circolo Tennis Cisternino (9km)
Nearest Beach	Spiaggia di Torre Canne/Lido Sabbia d'Oro (22km)
Nearest City	Taranto (36km)

What we love

- The authentic estate is composed of white-washed buildings and typical Puglian trulli houses, meaning you don't have to travel anywhere to explore the region's unique character
- There are many traditional features throughout, such as thick stone walls, arches and robust wooden doors, creating a rustic-chic atmosphere
- The nearest village is only 3km away and boasts supermarkets, restaurants and bars
- The stunning coastal towns of Monopoli and Polignano a Mare with their breathtaking shores are only 30 minutes away by car

What you should know...

- Trulli Donatella comfortably sleeps 6 guests, whilst an extra 3 guests can be accommodated on two sofa beds and a pull-out chair bed. Please see the 'Features' tab for further details.
- Please note that families with small children should take care around the property's many steps and uneven stone surfaces.
- Please note that hiring a car is highly encouraged to be able to visit all the ancient towns, forests and landmarks in the area.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €1000 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation one month before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- Changeover day: Friday or Saturday in June & July 2023. Saturday during all other periods.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Extra €200 paid in cash to the owner upon arrival. However, guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- Pool opening dates?: The pool is open approximately April to October. Please note that pool opening dates are subject to local weather conditions and pool maintenance requirements and that cooler months may not be suitable for swimming.
- Insurance: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, loss of personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.
- Tax: Italian Visitors Tax payable locally in cash (typically costs €1-€5 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges.