

Porta Antica

Region: Puglia Sleeps: 10

Overview

Surrounded by fragrant lavender and orange groves in lush Puglian countryside you will discover Porta Antica, a delightful 5-bedroom home. With villages close by, plus historic towns and plenty of beaches within easy reach, this is a brilliant base for your holiday.

This spacious villa is a period building filled with vaulted ceilings, local stone and tiles plus feature fireplaces. The owners have done a wonderful job of combining quality furnishings and antiques with elegant colour palettes, a modern kitchen and bathrooms to create a relaxing environment.

As you enter the home you will walk into an open plan living space which flows through to the fully-fitted kitchen. When it is time for dinner, choose to eat in the indoor dining room or al-fresco under the covered pergola. As the daylight dwindles you can choose between five lovely bedrooms to get a good night's sleep. There is a room with bunk beds which is ideal for kids, plus 2 bedrooms with double beds and en-suite bathrooms. In the main house there is another serene double bedroom and the final double en-suite room can be accessed privately from the garden, perfect for those who like a little more privacy.

The garden at Porta Antica is a great feature. The home sits in an acre of grounds, though you are likely to spend most of your time in the stunning walled courtyard. Here you can swim in the L-shaped pool, cook on the barbecue or relax with a good book on the comfy seating, all while the children are happily entertained on the climbing frame or playing basketball.

When you need to pick up some groceries or grab a morning coffee there are two towns nearby. Oria is 4.5km away and is a gorgeous medieval town which was first settled by shipwrecked Greeks. Explore the winding cobbled streets on foot to soak up the history and the atmosphere of the place. Visitors can view the imposing castle and its towers or the cathedral with its fascinating crypt filled with mummies! Alternatively, why not grab some pastries and visit Montalbano Park for a relaxing picnic in the sun.

The other nearby town is called Latiano and it is just 5km away from the villa. This town is not well known by tourists so is a good spot for an authentic Puglian meal in a little trattoria. You can also see the town hall, ancient churches, museums and centuries-old palaces which line the pretty streets filled with floral displays and fountains. If you are in town on a Friday then you



can pick up some fresh produce and homewares at the thriving market or pop in to some of artisan shops where you can purchase a jar of the local honey.

If you would like to spend the day at the seaside, you do not have to travel far to find some stunning sandy beaches - Specchiolla beach is 30km away and Costa Merlata, which is framed by pretty cliffs, is 40km away. The stretch of coastline between these beaches has everything from chic private beach clubs to small swimming coves there is something to suit everyone in your party.

If you don't mind driving a little further for a day trip, the famous White City of Ostuni is 33km away and the port city Brindisi is 30km away.

Facilities

Private Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens
• Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Pets on Request • <1hr to Airport • BBQ •
Hairdryer • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Smart TV • Bicycles Provided •
Outdoor Games • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Cot(s) •
High Chair(s) • Fenced Grounds • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting •
Golf Nearby • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding
Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages •
Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interior (175 m2)

Main Villa

- Living area with sofas, smart TV and fireplace
- Fully-fitted kitchen with oven, hob, fridge freezer, dishwasher, microwave, toaster, Nespresso machine, kettle and blender
- Dining room with table seating 6 guests and garden access
- 2 x bedrooms with double beds and en-suite bathrooms with showers and WCs
- Bedroom with double bed
- Bedroom with bunk-beds (best suited to children) and extra pull out bed
- Bathroom with shower and WC

Annexe

- Bedroom with double bed and en-suite bathroom with shower and WC

Outside Grounds (1 acre)

- L-shaped swimming pool with shallow children's section (8m x 4m, max depth: 1.5m)
- Private landscaped garden with 200m2 courtyard, established trees and lawned areas
- Poolside sun loungers
- Covered al-fresco dining table seating 10 guests
- Outdoor sofas
- Children's climbing frame, slide and swings
- Basketball hoop
- Barbecue
- Parking spaces

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning
- Central heating
- Smart TV
- Washing machine
- Iron and ironing board



Location & Local Information

Puglia is located in Italy's heel, in the south of the country. Dotted with historic hill towns, with rolling countryside and lined by the dazzling Adriatic Sea, it is hard to imagine a more idyllic holiday destination.

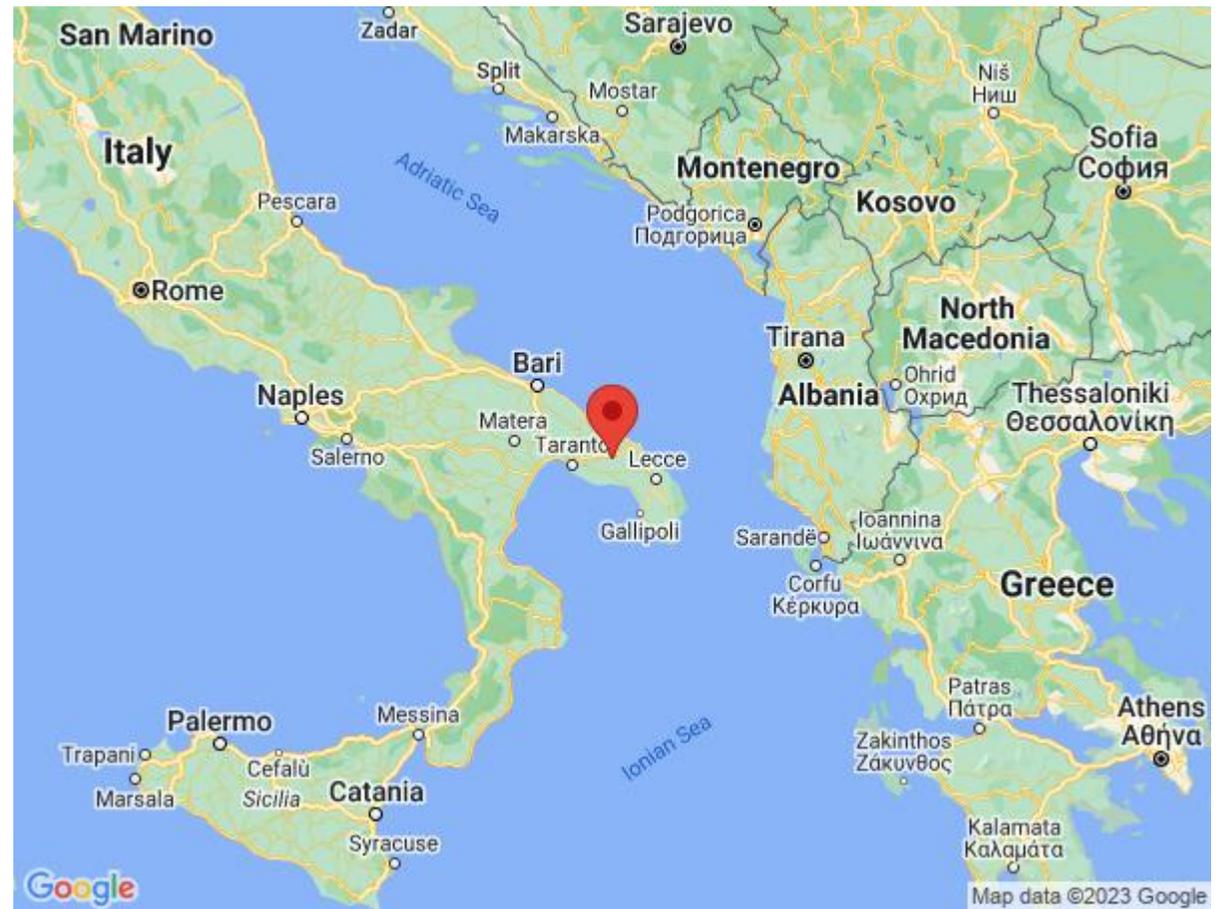
The villa is rurally located and is nestled amongst verdant farmland with famous towns and sandy beaches easily accessed by car.

You will find the nearest amenities in Oria which is a picturesque historical town, a mere 4.5km away from the villa. With a wealth of shops, cafés and restaurants, this is a great place to have so close. In under a 10-minute drive you can be sitting in a pretty piazza tucking into pasta and a glass of local wine! Oria also has a number of historical buildings to explore; settled by ancient Greeks but later ruled by Romans, the town has a long history and as you wander around today you will notice that most of the buildings hail from the middle-ages. One place you can visit is the Baroque cathedral which is filled with intricate carvings and artwork, though many people tend to visit to see the amazing collection of mummies which are kept downstairs.

For something a little different why not walk around the Jewish quarter. Firstly, head through the Porta di Ebrei which is the 15th century gate that leads into this once bustling settlement. If you are visiting Oria in August then make sure to look out for the Torneo dei Rioni, a horse race in which riders from the town's 4 different districts compete against each other. Alongside the horse racing there is a parade with participants wearing full medieval style costumes and the whole town is packed with events, shows and food festivals.

The coastline which stretches between Bari and Brindisi is filled with an astounding array of beaches, the closest of which is around 30km from the villa by car. Specchiolla beach is a long sandy beach with clear water, ideal for a family trip, while the much-loved Costa Merlata beach is 40km away. As you drive along the shore there are countless tiny coves and swimming spots for you to discover, or if you would prefer a beach club with sun loungers and an on-site bar and showers, then you will find plenty of these too.

A brilliant place for a day out and top of many Puglian itineraries is Ostuni. This enchanting white washed city is like something from a post card. If you would like to learn more about the city then a good way to explore is by booking on to a walking tour with a local guide. Alternatively set off on a stroll with your group and see one of Italy's most beautiful locations for yourself. Inside the town's historic walls there is a Gothic cathedral, civic museum, medieval gates and atmospheric churches. There is also a fantastic archaeological park filled with ruins from as far back as the Neolithic era which is located just outside of the centre and is a good escape on a busy day. Ostuni also has lots of bars and eateries so you can spend a full day here and



experience the breath-taking sunset as you enjoy your evening meal.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Brindisi (36km)
Nearest Airport 2	Bari (136km)
Nearest Ferry Port	Bari (140km)
Nearest Train Station	Oria (local)/Brindisi (mainline) (4km/36km)
Nearest Village	Oria (3km)
Nearest Supermarket	Oria (3km)
Nearest Restaurant	Oria (3km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	Oria (3km)
Nearest Town/City	Brindisi (36km)
Nearest Tennis	Oria (3km)
Nearest Golf	San Domenico Golf (63km)
Nearest Beach	Spiaggia di Specchiolla (30km)

What we love

- Porta Antica is a spacious, elegant home which has been recently restored though maintains its original charm
- The garden, with pretty walled courtyard is an idyllic place to dine al-fresco or take a dip in the inviting private pool
- This home is perfectly set up for those with children; there is a fantastic bedroom with bunk beds and outside there is a climbing frame, slide and swings and the owners have even provided kids bikes!
- The villa is set amidst typical Puglian countryside which is dotted with orange trees, lavender and olive groves.
- There are lots of beautiful villages and towns to visit in this area, including Oria which is 4.5km away and Latiano which is 5km away

What you should know...

- One of the serene bedrooms is accessed privately from the garden and has its own bathroom, making it perfect for those travelling with grandparents or a couple wishing for a little privacy from the main group.
- Due to the stunning rural location, a car is recommended for exploring Puglia's towns and coastline and there is parking available for guests.
- The house is all on one floor which is fantastic for those with little ones or guests who struggle with stairs.
- A pull out bed is available to sleep an additional guest on request. Please refer to the 'Features' tab for full details.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €750 charged to client's credit card by the owner 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.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- Pool opening dates?: 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.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes. 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.
- Pets welcome?: On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- Smoking Allowed?: No.
- Changeover day: Flexible in June and September. Saturday during all other periods.
- Minimum stay: 5 nights approximately June and September. 7 nights during all other periods.
- Tax: Italian Visitors Tax payable locally in cash (typically costs €1-€5 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- Internet access?: Wi-Fi internet access included.
- 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.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
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