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MASSERIA LAMA

Immersed in a 25-acre olive estate, and without a neighbour in site, Masseria Lama is perfect for those looking to relax to the gentle rhythms of Puglian country life. The owners have breathed new life into this remarkable home, artfully blending the many original features with a stylish mix of antique furniture, mid-century-modern pieces and contemporary lighting. And with Otranto and a selection of glorious beaches nearby, there's plenty to see and do when the time comes to explore.



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Service

Features

A private 25-acre estate

Space galore, inside and out

A beautiful, sensitive and stylish restoration

A gated infinity pool

Seclusion, tranquillity and peace

Great beaches nearby

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ABOUT THE VILLA

9 GUESTS 5 BEDROOMS 5 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Masseria Lama is arranged over a main house, a *pajaru* (a traditional Salentine construction similar to a *trullo*), and a separate guest wing located on the far side of a large central courtyard. The property, which dates back to the late 19th century, was originally a farm producing cheese, olive oil, and a variety of other agricultural produce.

The main entrance leads into a voluminous, welcoming hallway where the property's splendid proportions and inspiring restoration is on full show. Soaring, star-vaulted ceilings rise above pristine walls, and dove-grey, polished concrete flooring runs freely, uniting each space with a calming aura. Exposed stone door surrounds hint at the fabric of the building, and wide, arched windows allow easy access to the surrounding terraces and courtyards.

The entrance hall also shows off the property's alluring interior design, which features a winning mix of impressive antique furniture, classic summery touches, and contemporary lighting. In the centre is a late 19th-century Karabakh rug; to one side is a large, glass-fronted cherry-wood dresser and a pair of easy chairs; to the other is an old wooden trunk topped with local white ceramics.

All the features described above return as motifs throughout Masseria Lama, demonstrating the clear aesthetic vision that has brought the property into the 21st century while at the same time anchoring it in its past life.

To the right of the hallway is the generously spacious kitchen, which features a central island bar with six stools, a double-sized, stainless steel fridge with wine cooler, plenty of work-top space, and access to the surrounding terraces.

To the left of the hallway, meanwhile, is the convivial dining room. Sitting in pride of place at the centre is a bespoke table in chestnut wood and iron surrounded by Eames plastic side chairs from the 1950s. A monumental fireplace provides another focal point, an extra-large, glass-fronted country dresser surveys the scene, and glass doors open out onto the terraces. The

guest WC is just off this room.

An opening to one side of the dining room allows the space to keep on flowing, this time into the living room, whose church-like proportions are inspiring. Doors on either side bring in the light and allow easy access to the courtyard and the surrounding terraces.

The space is divided into two parts: in the first, a pair of mid-century-modern accent chairs sit either side of the entrance, looking across to a pair of comfortable sofas. In the second, a large fireplace, seemingly hewn into the walls, is surrounded by a soft-edged, 1970s designer sofa and a pair of matching easy chairs. Behind the sofa is an agricultural curiosity - a reclaimed, wooden egg incubator.

At the end of the magisterial space, double doors open into a suite, which comprises:

- a sitting area with a sofa and access to the main courtyard and the surrounding terraces
- the master bedroom, a double with a centrally positioned wrought-iron bed, a wall of wardrobes, access to the main courtyard, and an en-suite bathroom with a large sunken tub and rainfall shower, and wall-to-wall windows looking out into and accessing a private walled courtyard

The *pajaru*, which is just across a terrace from the dining room, hosts a bright bedroom with a small double bed, and a highly original, circular en-suite shower room with a central rainfall shower suspended from the lofty conical ceiling.

Accommodation is completed by a guest wing accessed from the central courtyard. Here there is:

- an independent suite with lofty, white-washed beamed ceilings, a double bedroom with a grand, decorative fireplace, a round dining table and chairs, a well-equipped kitchen, and an en-suite shower room
- two more independently accessed bedrooms, a double and a double-twin, each with its own en-suite shower room

Outside: located at the centre of a private 25-acre estate, Masseria Lama is fabulously secluded and an oasis of calm and tranquillity that guests are welcome to explore.

The main house and the guest wing look out onto and access a central courtyard, whose centre has been left in a natural, minimally curated state. Large rosemary bushes and low-lying shrubs perfume the air, prickly pear cacti adopt striking poses, and small trees temper the original, well-worn, aged stone centre. Running around the periphery of the courtyard is a free-flowing stone terrace, part of which, accessed directly from the kitchen and the central hallway, is a shaded al fresco dining and lounge area.

Beyond the courtyard, the accommodation is encircled by gravel terraces, a series of courtyards linked by bespoke wrought-iron gates and secluded by dry-stone walling, and grassy areas. One such, located beyond the guest wing, is given over to the lovely infinity pool, which comes with a shady pergola and wide-open views over the part of the estate.

The guest suite opens out onto one of the courtyards, where there is a shaded area, and the *pajaru* has its own al fresco sitting area.

Last but not least, an externally accessed staircase outside the kitchen leads up to the large roof terrace, which boasts spellbinding, 360-degree vistas over the estate and the surrounding countryside.

CONSIDERATIONS

Due to the nature of the property, which includes terraces, low walls, uneven surfaces and several drops around the grounds, children must be supervised at all times.

The uneven, old stone of the property's courtyards and gardens might make it unsuitable for people with limited mobility.

This property is on a large private estate which includes olive groves and open countryside. Some areas are unfenced and may include drops so we recommend that younger children are supervised by an adult when exploring the grounds.

The discreet caretaker lives in a separate property on the grounds.

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Amenities		
Accommodates (max)	9	
Bedrooms	5	
Double beds	3	
Flexible (double or twin)	1	
Single beds	1	
Bathrooms	5	
... of which en suite	5	
Gated infinity pool	10x7m	
Barbecue		✓
Private parking		✓
Fast Internet connection		✓
Air conditioning		✓
Fireplace		✓
Smart TV		✓
Hairdryer		✓
Iron		✓

Washing machine	✓
Dishwasher	✓
Microwave	✓
Staff on the grounds ¹	✓
Safe	✓

¹ Masseria Lama's discreet caretaker lives in a small detached room in the garden, just opposite the kitchen

✓ = yes/present

— = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Situated in eastern Salento, just a few kilometres inland from the charming, historic seafront town of **Otranto** Masseria Lama is extremely well-placed for visiting all that's best about the south of Puglia.

Otranto itself has a little bit of everything, including a fine castle, a picturesque network of streets, a sublime cathedral, a sandy beach, boutiques, and a host of bars, restaurants and pizzerie.

Apart from the beach of Otranto, the Adriatic coast nearby has plenty of others to try, including those of Baia dei Turchi, Spiaggia Alimini and Torre dell'Orso

The area surrounding Masseria Lama is home to lots of lovely small towns and villages, such as Minervino, Muro Leccese and Maglie, whose old centres are blessed with beautiful architecture, independent shops and some great local trattorie.

The stunning UNESCO heritage centre of **Lecce** and the fortified island town of **Gallipoli** are both easy day trips, as are the white sand beaches of the Ionian coast.

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Distances

Brindisi Airport: 86km-54miles-1hr5

Bari Airport: 205km-127miles-2hr20

Nearest restaurants, shops and amenities: in Canole - 4km-2.5mile-8mins

Nearest beaches: Baia dei Turchi - 11km-7miles-15mins; Otranto: 11.5km-7.1miles-14mins; Spiaggia Alimini - 12.6km-7.8miles-14mins;

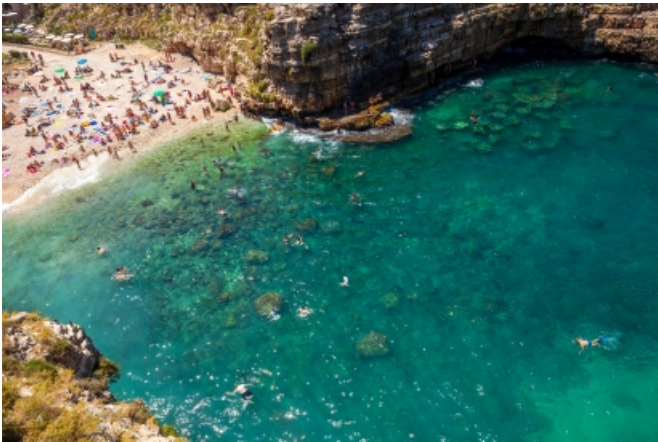
Otranto (historic centre, castle, shops, restaurants, beach etc): 11.5km-7.1miles-14mins

Maglie: 14km-8.77miles-20mins

Lecce: 35km-22miles-35mins

Galatina: 24.5km-15.3miles-30mins

Gallipoli: 59km-38miles-50mins



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GALLERY

