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SPECCHIA GALLONE, PUGLIA

PALAZZO COLUCCI

Palazzo Colucci Berarducci-Vives is a beautifully restored palazzo with a large garden and pool set in the unique surroundings of a mediaeval borgo in the heart of Puglia's Salento peninsula. Originally built on a Norman watch tower, the twelfth century construction is still visible on the side of the current building. An added bonus is that the delightful seaside town of Otranto is just 7 miles away...



**PRICES, AVAILABILITY
AND BOOKING**



Service

Mid-week clean and weekly linen change

Features

Historic palazzo in an authentic medieval village

Mature garden with pool

Cafés, shops and restaurants on your doorstep

Nearby

Adriatic coast

Typical towns & villages

Sandy Beaches

Restaurants

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ABOUT THE VILLA

8 GUESTS 4 BEDROOMS 4 BATHROOMS

Inside: Palazzo Colucci is situated on the first floor of a historic aristocratic palazzo. The original wide stone staircase leads up from street level to the apartment's entrance.

Inside is a reception room and a dining room with garden views. To one side of the reception area is a superbly spacious kitchen mixing the functionality of induction cooking with the memories of the original cucina. Next to the kitchen is a laundry room. On the other side of the reception room is a large sitting room with sofas, TV and a terrace overlooking the garden.

The four bedrooms (three doubles and one double-twin) are accessed from the four corners of this sitting room. All the bedrooms have their own en-suite bathrooms (three with shower, one with tub and shower attachment). Two of the bedrooms have garden views, the other two have views towards the village.

Outside: the garden and the pool are accessed via a flight of stairs leading down from a corner in the living room. The mature garden is contained by the original high walls, and features lawns, trees, a large variety of plants and a wonderful swimming pool.

There is a shady al fresco dining area served by a barbecue and an outdoor kitchen (a couple of hobs, a sink and a fridge), and plenty of shady spots for relaxing in this green oasis.

Palazzo Colucci is set in the centre of the tiny "borgo" of Specchia Gallone, the most important buildings of which date from between the 13th and 17th centuries. Just outside the gates, take a stroll through the streets of the typical small town, admire the Capella di Sant'Anna or the Palazzo Baronale, stop for an espresso at the bar, dine or have a good beer at the local alehouse, or wander down to a couple of local restaurants in the neighbouring town of Minervino about a mile away.

CONSIDERATIONS

Palazzo Colucci's building is home to two other apartments, one on the first floor and one on the ground floor (this latter is only occasionally occupied - generally a few weeks over the summer). It remains nonetheless completely private and the gardens and pool are exclusively for the use of our guests.

The number of steps that must be negotiated to get into this property might make it unsuitable for people with mobility problems.

You may also wish to know that the pool has a single depth of 1.4m.

Although this property is located within walking distance of some shops and restaurants, we strongly recommend that you hire a car.

There is no private parking at this villa, though public parking is available nearby.

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Amenities

Accommodates (max)	8
Bedrooms	4
Double beds	3
Flexible (double or twin)	1
Bathrooms	4
... of which en suite	4
Daily maid service	—
Optional cook	—
Pool (LxW in m)	12x4
Air conditioning	✓
Heating	✓
Safe(s)	✓
Washing machine	✓
Dishwasher	✓
Microwave oven	✓
Smart TV	✓
Bluetooth speakers	✓
Fibre Internet connection	✓
Outdoor kitchen ¹	✓
Barbecue	✓
Shopping service	—
Cookery classes	—
Walking distance to restaurant(s)	✓
Walking distance to shop(s)	✓
The Thinking Traveller local support	✓

¹ in the garden there is an outdoor kitchen with a couple of hobs, a sink and a fridge (as well as a barbecue)

Pool open from April to end of October

✓ = yes/present

— = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

The charming borgo of Specchia Gallone is well situated in rolling countryside dotted with authentic towns and villages, and is just 15 to 20 minutes drive from a selection of beautiful coastal locations including the fishing village of Porto Badisco, the walled fortress port of **Otranto** and the cliff top castle of Castro. There are plenty of opportunities locally for exploring the historic and rural culture of this area of Salento, and small towns such as Uggiano, Minervino, Muro Leccese, Maglie and Poggiardo are blessed with beautiful architecture, centuries old traditions and some great local trattorie. The stunning UNESCO heritage centre of **Lecce** and **Gallipoli** are both easy day trips, as are the white sand beaches of the Ionic coast. All in all, Specchia Gallone is strategically situated for an in depth exploration of the best that the Salento peninsular has to offer.

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Distances

Brindisi Airport: 90km-56miles-1hr20

Bari Airport: 200km-124miles-2hr30

Pub specialising in beer and street food in Specchia Gallone: easy walking distance

Restaurants in Minervino: 1.5km

Bar in Specchia Gallone: opposite the palazzo

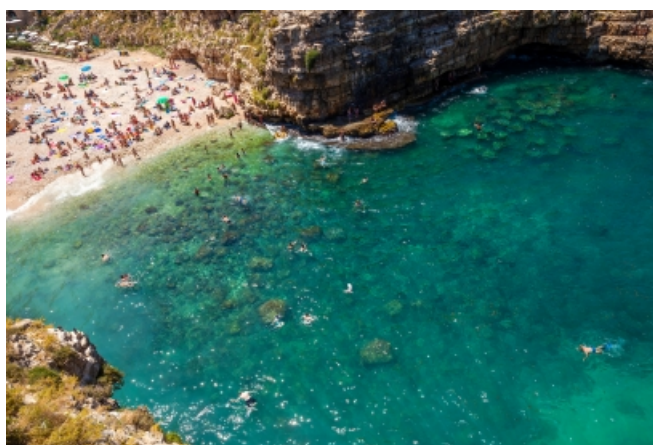
Otranto: 11km-7miles-18mins

Sandy beaches at Torre S. Stefano: 16km-10miles-25mins

Porto Badisco cove and beach: 9km-5.5miles-15mins

Lecce: 40km - 25miles - 40mins

Gallipoli: 44km - 27miles - 1hr



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GALLERY

