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PALAZZO DUCALE GUARINI

The ground floor suites of historic Palazzo Ducale Guarini, parts of which date back to the 14th century, has been beautifully restored to offer an extremely high standard of accommodation. The elegant interiors, the mature, beautifully tended walled gardens and the inviting pool all make for a privileged, refined atmosphere.





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Service

Daily maid service and mid-week linen change

Features

Historic palazzo in a charming town
Enchanting private gardens
Beautiful pool
Short walk to shops and restaurants

Nearby

Shops and Restaurants
Beaches at Otranto
Maglie and Lecce

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ABOUT THE VILLA

16 GUESTS 8 BEDROOMS 6 BATHROOMS

Inside: guest accommodation is on the ground floor of Palazzo Ducale Guarini with most rooms directly accessing the wonderful gardens.

The main entrance takes one into a generously proportioned hall, whose high vaulted ceilings, pristine white walls and immaculate finish set the tone for the rest of the property. Five broad steps lead up to an elegant, luminous drawing room with French windows opening out into the gardens.

A small hallway accessed from the drawing room leads to the first bedroom, Foglia, a double-twin with an en-suite shower room and doors leading out to the gardens. Back in the drawing room a second door leads to the 14th century heart of the palazzo, now home to a voluminous living area with open fireplace and an inviting TV corner.

The living area flows into the impressive barrel-vaulted dining room, which is served by a well-equipped kitchen. A corridor leads from the dining room to an internal winter garden, which provides access to two more bedrooms. To the left is Stella, a double with en-suite shower room and a sitting area in front of a fireplace, while to the right, up a few steps, is Luna, a suite comprising a double-twin bedroom and a sitting room leading to an en-suite shower room. The sitting room, which also accesses the garden, may be transformed into a twin (the fourth bedroom) and is suitable for children whose parents are staying in Luna.

The fifth bedroom, Seme, is a double-twin with en-suite shower room, accessed only from the gardens. A stone spiral staircase leads from Seme to the sixth bedroom, a twin with low ceilings, suitable for children whose parents are sleeping below.

Just behind the outdoor kitchen, there is a dépendance with an impressive glass roofed vestibule and two bedrooms, Fiore and Petalo, both beautiful double-twin bedrooms with en-suite shower rooms.

Outside: much of your time at Palazzo Ducale Guarini will undoubtedly be spent in the superb private garden, which is very much at the centre of life. It is an historic garden based on the original 19th-century plan and features a vast array of trees and plants, including some unexpected and rare species.

Following the paths between the trees and flowering plants one soon comes across an antique fountain, a vegetable garden, from which you may pluck produce for your meals, and the lovely pool, built where there was once an irrigation basin.

Near to the pool is a dining area, an outdoor kitchen and a large shaded sitting area. Breakfast may be taken at the wrought iron tables in the shade of the citrus trees to one side of the house.

Walk out of Palazzo Ducale Guarini and you're in the middle of Scorrano, a charming town to explore.

CONSIDERATIONS

Between 4th-9th July the centre of Scorrano plays host to a spectacular festival of illuminations in celebration of Santa Domenica. Famous for its production of decorative lights used in hundreds of towns and villages all over Italy for local celebrations, Scorrano's festival is quite something. Apart from the illuminations, there is food, wine, processions, music and a great atmosphere.

Depending on the direction of the wind, traffic noise may occasionally be audible in certain areas of the grounds.

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

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

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

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Amenities	
Accommodates (max)	16
Bedrooms	8
Double beds	3
Twin beds	2
Flexible (double or twin)	3
Bathrooms	6
... of which en suite	4
Pool	12x6m
Walking distance to restaurant(s)	✓
Walking distance to shop(s)	✓
Daily maid service	✓
Barbecue	✓
Vegetable garden	✓
Fibre Wi-Fi Internet	✓
Cookery classes	–
Optional cook [1]	–
Air conditioning [2]	✓
Heating	✓
Shopping delivery service	–

Smart TV	✓
Bluetooth speakers	✓
Hairdryer	✓
Iron	✓
Washing machine	✓
Dishwasher	✓
Microwave	✓
Staff on the grounds [3]	✓
Safe	✓

[1] the cook can provide breakfasts, lunches and dinners on request and depending on availability,

[2] in the bedrooms

[3] The owners of the Palazzo live in the private apartment upstairs, which has a completely independent entrance. They are very discreet, so you will most likely be unaware of their presence.

Pool open from Easter to end of October.

✓ = yes/present

– = optional/on request

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THINK ABOUT

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

One of the great attractions of Palazzo Ducale Guarini is its location in the centre of the town of Scorrano, which has a charming square, a market, an osteria/restaurant and assorted bars and shops. Scorrano itself is in an excellent position for exploring all that Salento has to offer. It's just twenty minutes drive from the fortress city of **Otranto** on the Adriatic coast, and half an hour from "the capital of Baroque" that is **Lecce**. The neighbouring town of Maglie, just 3km up the road, is a jewel of Baroque in itself, and famous locally for its evening passeggiata and all the fashionable activity that goes with that. The Ionian cost is not far either, with the stunning town of **Gallipoli** just 40 minutes drive away.

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Distances

Brindisi Airport: 84km - 52miles - 1hr10

Bari Airport: 199km - 125miles - 2hr25

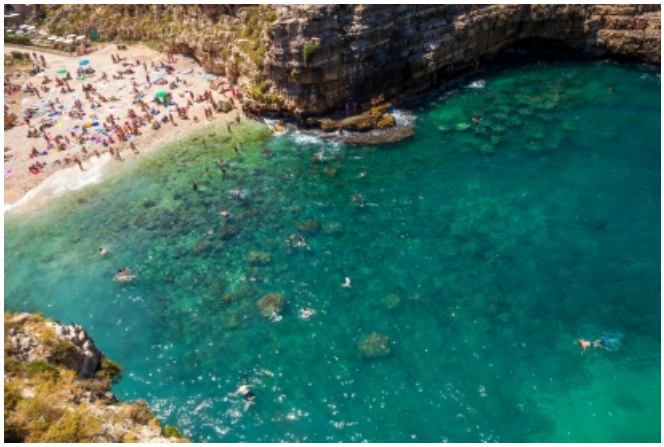
Beaches at Otranto: 20km - 12miles - 20mins

Maglie: 3km - 2miles - 8mins

Lecce: 34km - 21miles - 30mins

Gallipoli: 31km - 19miles - 40mins





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GALLERY







