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With its far-reaching views across gently undulating countryside, a garden of whispering olive trees, Zen-inspired interiors and a pulse-slowing infinity pool, Montaltini invites repose. After a couple of days of resting, however, you might like to take advantage of the property's strategic location and explore the area, from the beaches and towns of the Adriatic coast to the manifold charms of the Valle d'Itria.





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Service

Mid-week clean and linen change

Features

Contemporary design

Beautiful pool

Wide-open countryside views

Nearby

The caves of Castellana Grotte

Polignano a Mare

Beaches

Alberobello and the Valle d'Itria

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ABOUT THE VILLA

10 GUESTS 5 BEDROOMS 3 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Montaltini is spread over a contemporary main house and a lovingly restored trullo. The former is L-shaped and has been conceived to echo certain architectural features of the trullo, not least the white-bordered honey-coloured stone walls perforated by small windows. These aspects are subtly juxtaposed with modern elements: dark wood cladding, large sliding glass doors, smooth polished concrete floors, and a zen-inspired minimalist palette of greys and browns that makes for a very restful, serene ambience.

The entrance to the main house takes one into an open-concept space at the right angle of the L, comprising a living area and a kitchen-diner. The living area is furnished with leather and steel armchairs and a sofa gathered around a decorative fireplace, which is part of a horizontal recess hewn from the wall. The stylish U-shaped kitchen is topped by a luminous skylight and serves a long dining table looking out over the grounds.

The wings of the main house's L are given over to two separate sleeping quarters, each comprising a double bedroom, a double-twin bedroom and a shared shower room. Each bedroom has its own access to the surrounding gardens and a shaded sitting area.

The trullo, which is situated about 20m across the gardens from the main house, has three distinct cone-topped rooms. The central cone at the entrance is furnished with a divan bed and provides access to the other cones, one on each side. The first hosts a double bedroom while the other is divided between a bathroom with WC and sink and an open (ie there is no door) shower room with sunken shower.

Outside: the grounds of Montaltini are a classic synthesis of Puglian country living with a modernist touch. Sun-baked earth, planted with age-old olive and almond trees, is crisscrossed by white concrete paths connecting the two houses and a series of terraces. Dry-stone walls delimit the property and aromatic Mediterranean plants and shrubs scent the air.

Accessed from the living area of the main house is a polished concrete terrace, furnished with easy chairs. At one end of the house is a great outdoor kitchen with barbecue, sink and work counters. A few steps away along one of the paths is the dreamy, well-shaded al fresco dining and lounge area, which overlooks the pool. The tempting infinity pool is bordered by wooden decking and sink-in sunloungers and offers wonderful views over the surrounding countryside.

All the bedrooms in the main house have their own external access and shady sitting areas, as does the trullo.

CONSIDERATIONS

Montaltini features a fantastic infinity pool, offering swimmers great views while in the pool. There is a drop of the infinity side so precautions should be taken here. Please refer to our **general safety page** if you would like more information about infinity pools.

The depth of the pool ranges from 0.3m to 1.7m.

Depending on the direction of the wind, the railway, which is 500m away, may very occasionally be heard in certain areas of the grounds (though not from inside).

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Amenities

Accommodates (max)	10
Bedrooms	5
Double beds	3
Flexible (double or twin)	2
Bathrooms	3
... of which en suite	1
Infinity pool [2]	12x4m
Outdoor kitchen	✓
Daily maid service	–
Barbecue	✓
Private parking	✓
Optional cook [1]	–
Air conditioning [3]	✓
Satellite Wi-Fi Internet [6]	✓
Fireplace [5]	✓
Shopping delivery service	–
Underfloor heating [4]	✓
Smart TV	✓
Hairdryer	✓
Iron	✓
Washing machine	✓
Dishwasher	✓
Microwave	✓
Safe	✓

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

[2] salt water pool

[3] in the bedrooms of the main house only

[4] in the main house only

[5] decorative only

[6] please note that the Wi-Fi in the trullo has a poor connection, due to the thick stone walls.

✓ = yes/present

– = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Montaltini sits between the small towns of Castellana Grotte - renowned for its stunning cave complex - and Conversano. A short drive east will take you to the Adriatic coast and the gorgeous towns of **Polignano a Mare** and **Monopoli**. Both have lovely old town centres and the former is famous for its little beach, carved out from the surrounding cliffs. Monopoli has a lovely street market and some fine historical buildings. The underground complex of nearby Castellana Grotte comprises over 3km of subterranean paths, cathedral-high caves, stalactites and much more, all running about 60m below ground. A short drive inland will take you to the gentle hills of the Valle d'Itria, where you might visit the beautiful towns of **Alberobello** (a UNESCO Heritage Site thanks to its wonderful trulli-laden centre), **Cisternino** and, further south, the white city of **Ostuni**. All offer plenty to see, regular markets, as well as a good selection of bars, shops, restaurants and trattorie. World class sites a little further afield include the stunning baroque centre of **Lecce**. For golf enthusiasts, Montalitini is only 30km from an 18-hole golf course near Savelletri.

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Distances

Brindisi Airport: 84km-52miles-1hr

Bari Airport: 58km-36miles- 50mins

Nearest shops and restaurants: in Castellana Grotte, 5km-3.2miles-10mins; Conversano, 8km-5miles-13mins; Putignano, 12.5km-8miles-15mins; Polignano a Mare, 14km-8.5miles-25mins; or Monopoli,, 17km-10.5miles-25mins

Nearest beaches: Polignano a Mare, 14km-8.5miles-25mins; or Cala Paradiso near Monopoli, 17km-10.5miles-25mins

Nearest golf courses: in Savelletri, 30km-19miles-35mins

Polignano a Mare (incl. beach): 14km-8.5miles-25mins

The caves of Castellana Grotte: 5km-3.2miles-10mins

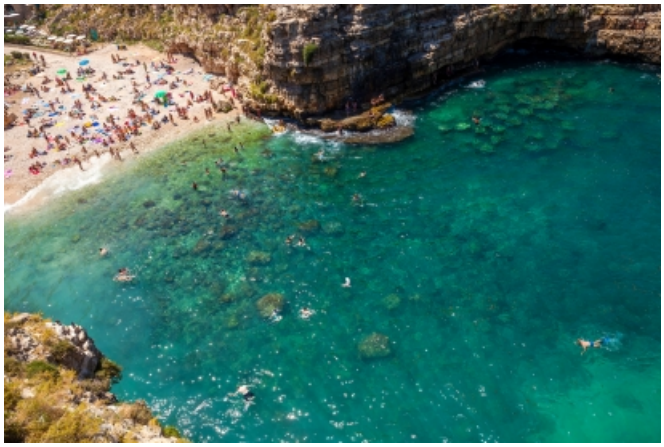
Alberobello: 19km-12miles-25mins

Locorotondo: 28km-17miles-35mins

Ostuni: 56km-35miles-55mins

Lecce: 125km-76miles-1hr30





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