

THE THINKING TRAVELLER

CAROVIGNO, PUGLIA

CORTE GEA

An artfully designed home immersed in a venerable landscape of centuries-old olive trees, grassy fields, drystone walls and evocative *trulli*, Corte Gea is an irresistible option for those in search of a stylish and thoroughly relaxing rural retreat. Once arrived, you may wish never to leave, but part of the property's many charms is its proximity to a host of postcard-pretty towns and idyllic beaches.



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Service

Features

- Alluring contemporary design
- Heatable infinity pool
- Extensive grounds
- Tranquil pastoral atmosphere

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ABOUT THE VILLA

6 GUESTS 3 BEDROOMS 3 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Corte Gea is all on one floor, and one of the three bedrooms is accessed externally.

The main entrance leads into a bright hallway, off which the accommodation flows. Turning right through a wide opening, one enters a luminous living area, whose smooth grey polished concrete floors, pale, blanched almond hues, walls of sliding glass doors and slightly barrel-vaulted ceilings offer a neat synthesis of the architectural and interior design motifs of the whole property. To one side is a super-sized, white, L-shaped contemporary sofa, while to the other is an easy chair and a sculptural, curvaceous (and decorative) fireplace suspended from the ceiling. Everything is at once contemporary and cool with hints of rural tranquillity, thanks in large part to the views outside of the olive trees and greenery of the gardens.

A couple of steps lead down through a wide opening and into the kitchen-diner, whose dark wood cabinetry is echoed in the central dining table. Extremely well-equipped and with a fireplace, this convivial space opens out via a large sliding glass door onto a shaded terrace and the gardens beyond.

Back in the entrance hallway and turning left, one comes to the first two bedrooms, both doubles with en-suite shower rooms, garden views and sliding glass doors opening out on to the surrounding terraces.

The third and final bedroom, also a double with en-suite shower room, garden views and sliding glass doors, is accessed independently from the terraces.

Outside: simplicity is key to al fresco living at Corte Gea. All rooms open out onto a smooth, polished concrete terrace that runs around all sides of the house, and each bedroom has its own little furnished sitting area.

This wrap-around terrace gives way to the gardens, which have been left in a semi-natural state, with grass, wild flowers, fragrant herbs, prickly pears and olive trees creating an idyllic, quintessentially Puglian scene. Adding to this are

the drystone walls (echoed in the stone cladding of the kitchen-diner) and carefully conserved remnants of *trulli*, all evocative reminders of the property's former agricultural life. The gardens merge almost seamlessly with the surrounding countryside, giving the impression that they are one and the same.

Most al fresco life is played out on the section of terrace outside and between the kitchen-diner and the living area. Here there is an al fresco dining area and a lounge area with well-cushioned built-in seating gathered around an outdoor fireplace (the mirror of the fireplace in the kitchen).

Just a few steps away is the graceful, cobalt pool, whose three infinity edges are raised just above the gardens.

A hop across the grass from the terrace outside the kitchen-diner, meanwhile, is an al fresco dining area, served by a barbecue-cooking area with sink in an evocative circle of stone, the restored remains of a *trullo*.

CONSIDERATIONS

Corte Gea features a fantastic infinity pool, offering swimmers stunning views while in the pool. Please refer to our **general safety page** if you would like more information about infinity pools.

This property is surrounded by countryside, some of which is unfenced and may include drops or steep slopes. We therefore recommend that younger children are supervised by an adult when exploring the grounds.

Due to the nature of this property, we cannot accept bookings with children.

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Amenities		
Accommodates (max)	6	
Bedrooms	3	
Doubles	3	
Bathrooms	3	
... of which en suite	3	
Daily maid service	—	
Cook	—	
Heatable infinity pool (LxW in m) ¹	11x3.5	
Air conditioning	✓	
Underfloor heating	✓	
Fireplace/log burner ³	✓	
Safe(s)	✓	
Wine cooler	✓	
Tumble dryer	✓	
Washing machine	✓	
Dishwasher	✓	
Microwave oven	✓	
Smart TV	✓	

Bluetooth speakers ✓

Fast Internet connection [i] ² ✓

Outdoor fireplace/fire pit ✓

Barbecue ✓

Private Parking ✓

Electric car charging point ✓

The Thinking Traveller local support ✓

¹ the pool heating is available on request in May and June, and then in September and October, and there is an extra charge of €525 per week

² Starlink space X satellite Wi-Fi

³ the fireplace is decorative only

✓ = yes/present

— = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Corte Gea sits at the end of a country lane in a fabulously tranquil setting, just over 2km outside charming Carovigno. Apart from its historic centre (complete with 15th-century castle), the town offers a great selection of bars, cafés, restaurants, pizzerie and shops. 11km north, meanwhile, is **Ostuni**, a beautifully restored mediaeval and baroque town with stunning panoramic views and much to discover.

If you're looking for beaches, the Adriatic coast has plenty of options, as well as some well recommended lidos. A drive of around 20 minutes will take you to a series of sandy bays and the long sandy beaches of the Torre Guaceto nature reserve.

The Valle d'Itria is probably best known for its *trulli*, and nowhere are these more in evidence than in the picture-postcard UNESCO town of **Alberobello**. **Locorotondo**, **Cisternino**, **Martina Franca** and Ceglie Messapica are also well worth a visit for their picture-perfect historic centres, their gastronomic specialities and their inimitable traditions.

Further afield, **Lecce**, **Gallipoli**, **Otranto** and Monopoli are justly famous towns waiting for you to unlock their secrets.

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Distances

Brindisi Airport: 33km-21miles-35mins

Bari Airport: 113km-70.5miles-1hr25

Carovigno (nearest shops, restaurants
and amenities): 2.5km-1.7miles-6mins

Nearest beaches: several beaches on
the Adriatic coast, including those at
Guaceto and Torre Pozzelle, are about
20 minutes' drive away

Ostuni: 11km-6.8miles-18mins

Ceglie Messapica: 20km-12.5miles-
25mins

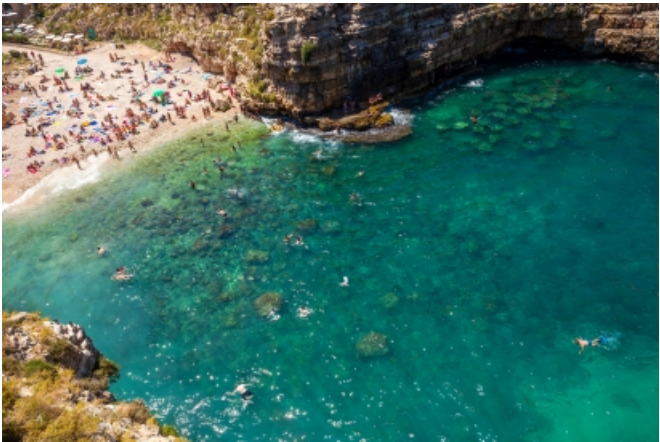
Cisternino: 27.5km-17miles-35mins

Martina Franca: 39km-21miles-40mins

Locorotondo: 37km-23miles-50mins

Alberobello: 61km-38miles-1hr

Lecce: 71km-44miles-1hr



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GALLERY

