Masseria Villa Gioia

Region: Puglia **Sleeps:** 24

Overview

Masseria Villa Gioia is the perfect choice for a holiday in Puglia. This vast, former palace is an absolutely beautiful property offering nine bedrooms to sleep up to 24 guests. Whether hosting a special event or simply planning a holiday with your extended family, Masseria Villa Gioia has everything you need in an idyllic country setting.

Masseria Villa Gioia is nestled within an impressive 5 hectares of private grounds dotted with fruit trees. As you approach the house through a private boulevard, you will glimpse the dazzling white palace decked with pretty purple wisteria flowers. Hailing from the late 1800s, this home is built in a gorgeous French, palatial style that works harmoniously with the verdant green garden.

Inside, the accommodation is spread over three floors and an additional annexe. Therefore, the layout is great for larger groups and offers plenty of flexibility. The ground floor is the heart of the home, where you will enter expansive living and dining rooms. If you are planning to host a birthday party or an intimate wedding here during your trip, you can organise this with the homeowners and use the incredible event space and the grounds. On the ground floor, you will also discover the fully fitted kitchen and two lovely bedrooms.

Four more bedrooms are on the first floor, boasting a welcoming living area with a grand piano. The final bedroom in the main villa is located on the second floor. In addition to the main home, Masseria Villa Gioia also has an adjoining annexe which can accommodate seven guests between the living space and two bedrooms.

Outdoors you can find a private swimming pool, many seating areas and dining tables with country views. Leading out from the garden, you also have access to the private parkland which envelops the house, the ideal place for a morning stroll. If you prefer a long hike or mountain biking, drive to the Alta Murgia National Park or head to the coast for a scenic walk.

Within 10km of the house, you can visit the town of Corato and the city of Andria, while just a little further out, there are horse riding centres, beaches, vineyards, castles and caves.

Facilities

Ideal for Kids • Weddings • Villa • Boat Trips • Cycling • Tennis Nearby • Historical Sites • Watersports • Horse Riding • <1hr to Airport • Walking/Hiking Paths • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Private Pool • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Air-Con • Catering Available • Chef/Cook Available • Ideal for Teens • Maid Service Available • Pets on Request •

Cots (Cribs) • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Coffee Machine • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Hairdryer • Tourist Towns & Villages • Indoor Games • Dishwasher • Microwave • Smart TV • Cooking Classes Available • Yoga Classes Available • Spa Treatments Available • Wine-Tasting Available • Transfers Available • Breakfast Available • Babysitting Available • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interior (1300m2)

Main Villa

Ground Floor

- Entrance hall
- Event space with dining tables
- Living room with multiple sitting areas, fireplace and large Smart TV
- Dining room with table seating 16 guests
- Fully-fitted kitchen with oven, hob, fridge freezer, dishwasher, microwave, blender, toaster, kettle and coffee machine
- 2 x bedrooms each with a king-sized bed and a single bed, and an en-suite bathroom with shower, sink, bidet and WC
- Guest WC

First Floor

- Sitting room with sofas, piano and record player
- Bedroom with king-sized bed and en-suite bathroom with bath, shower, sink, bidet and WC
- Bedroom with king-sized bed and en-suite bathroom with shower, sink, bidet and WC
- Bedroom with three single beds
- Bedroom with two single beds
- Bathroom with bath, shower, sink, bidet and WC

Second Floor

- Bedroom with two single beds and en-suite bathroom with shower, sink and WC

Annexe

- Open-plan room with kitchenette, dining table, king-sized sofa bed and single sofa bed
- 2 x bedrooms with king-sized beds and en-suite bathrooms with showers, sinks, bidets and WCs
- Guest WC

Outside Grounds (40,000m2)

- Swimming pool (12m x 5m, depth: 1.4m) open approximately April-end of October
- Vast landscaped garden within 5 hectares of grounds
- Citrus and olive groves
- Outdoor living room with sofas
- Poolside sun loungers
- Covered al-fresco dining tables
- Wood burning oven
- Barbecue
- Parking

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning (featured only in the bedrooms and the event hall)
- Smart TVs
- Bose sound system
- Washing machine
- Iron and ironing board
- Fireplaces
- Piano
- Record player
- Board games
- Hairdryers

Location & Local Information

Masseria Villa Gioia is an elegant home which sits within a patchwork of fields and private parkland, which you and your party can utilise for walks and picnics. Despite the rural setting, you can find a range of villages and towns within easy reach, including Corato, 4km away and Andria, 10km away.

The closest amenities to the villa can be found in Corato, a mere 4km away by car. Corato was founded in the 15th century by Norman settlers but later came under Spanish rule. As you stroll around the bustling town, you will see the influence of these settlers on the architecture of medieval buildings, such as the wide range of historic churches. The town also offers a wealth of cafes, restaurants and shops so it is handy to have so near the villa. You can also book tours of local farms and vineyards near the town to sample the homemade wines and olive oils that the region is so famous for.

If you would like to visit a historic city packed with even more amenities and attractions, Andria is just 10km away by car. The city has a long and rich history and is packed with Byzantine and Romanesque buildings overlooking pretty piazzas. You can easily spend a whole day here getting lost in the narrow lanes which lead to atmospheric churches like the stunning Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta. This is just one of the historic buildings you can visit; other highlights include the clock tower and the Ducal Palace. You can also explore many impressive caves, museums, parks and gardens outside the city centre.

One of the area's star attractions is Castel del Monte, a vast 13th-century castle constructed by Emperor Frederick II. The castle is a UNESCO World Heritage Centre and unique octagonal building with influences from Classical Greek and Islamic architecture. Castel del Monte is one of the most impressive in Italy and should not be missed. As it will take you roughly an hour to look around, afterwards, you could head out on a walk in the nearby Alta Murgia National Park. Both of these attractions are around 25km away from the house.

In addition to these amazing towns, cities and historical attractions, Masseria Villa Gioia is located within easy reach of Puglia's coastline and idyllic beaches. The beautiful town of Trani is lined with numerous beaches you can visit, which are around 17km away from the villa. Here you can make the most of the fabulous climate, sunbathe on the sandy beaches, and take refreshing dips in the sea. You will find the perfect beach whether you are looking for a quiet cove or water sports.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Bari International Airport (47km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Brindisi Airport (166km)**
Nearest Airport 3	**Naples International Airport (220km)**

Nearest Town	**Corato (4km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Corato (4km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Corato (4km)**
Nearest Bar/Pub	**Corato (4km)**
Nearest Beach	**Spiaggia del Macello (20km)**
Nearest Golf	**Barialto Golf Club (69km)**

What we love

- Masseria Villa Gioia is a palatial home sitting on five hectares of private grounds, close to the mountainous landscape of the Alta Murgia National Park and a range of beaches
- This beautifully decorated 19th-century home can accommodate up to 24 guests, making it ideal for a special occasion or a holiday with a large group of friends
- You can dine al-fresco or swim in the private pool surrounded by citrus and olive groves
- Although the home enjoys a rural setting, the closest town, Corato, is just 4km away, and the city of Andria is 10km away, so you will have plenty of amenities nearby
- Such a romantic and authentic venue for a wedding - say your vowels beneath the century-old trees before dancing the night away in the old winery

What you should know...

- This property has nine bedrooms and can comfortably sleep 24 guests. However, please note that three guests will be accommodated on sofa beds in the living area in the annexe. Please check the features tab for the full layout of the property.
- The bedrooms and the event hall boast air conditioning, while the historic metre-thick walls keep the rest of the house cool.
- You will need a car to discover the nearby towns and beaches.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €800 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation at least 2 weeks prior to arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.

- **Arrival time:** 4.00 p.m. Check-in outside this time, if approved by owner, may be subject to an extra cost. Please enquire for more details.

- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.

- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.

- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. Please note that air conditioning is featured in the bedrooms and event hall only.

- **Changeover day:** Flexible.

- **End of stay cleaning:** Extra €700, payable to Oliver's Travels with the balance payment. Guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.

- **Smoking Allowed?:** Outside only.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights from mid-July to end-August. 5 nights in June and September. 4 nights during all other periods.

- **Tax:** Italian Visitors Tax is included.

- **Internet access?:** Wi-Fi internet access included.

- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.

- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open from approximately April to end-October. Please note that pool opening dates are subject to local weather conditions and pool maintenance requirements and that cooler months may not be suitable for swimming.