Castello Salentina

Region: Puglia **Sleeps:** 22

Overview

Located atop the scenic St. Elia Ridge, Castello Salentina offers an enchanting escape into the heart of Puglia. Located on Via Andrano, affectionately known by locals as "the Vale of Health" for its reputedly fresh, health-giving air, this stunning estate is just fifteen minutes from Lecce, often called "The Florence of the South". The Ionian and Adriatic seas are within a short drive, providing easy access to Puglia's breathtaking coastlines. Castello Salentina is a gorgeous retreat that can accommodate up to 22 guests in four distinct areas: the Castle, Cottage, Tower, and Masseria.

As you step through the grand entrance, the interior of the Castle immediately embraces you with its blend of historical elegance and modern comfort. The Castle features two expansive open-space lounges, perfect for relaxation and socialising. The Beckstein Grand piano stands ready for those inclined to make music, creating an impromptu concert for fellow guests. It also boasts a fully equipped kitchen, ideal for culinary enthusiasts and a sophisticated dining room for shared meals.

Entertainment is elevated with a private cinema, while an office space caters to any work needs. There is even a rooftop terrace, which offers stunning views and a serene spot to unwind. Each of the four uniquely designed suites exudes charm and sophistication. The super king-sized 'Arketipo' beds promise restful nights with their aloe vera-infused mattresses and pure linen bedding. In the bathrooms, luxurious rainfall showers and Carrara marble bathtubs beckon for a soothing retreat. Modern touches like Bluetooth-enabled Marshall speakers and discrete mirror TVs keep you connected and entertained.

The Cottage, just next door, provides a cosy retreat with a comfortable lounge. It includes two bedrooms, each with a king-sized bed and an ensuite bathroom featuring a rainfall shower, offering privacy and relaxation. The adjacent Tower provides two more exquisite suites with a heated pool and lush landscapes. The additional buildings ensure that larger groups can share in the magic of Castello Salentina, making it a perfect venue for gatherings and celebrations. Finally, you will find the last two bedrooms at the Masseria.

Outside, the estate's thirty-seven acres unfold in a tapestry of olive groves, citrus trees, and meticulously maintained Italian gardens. The two stone-clad pools glisten invitingly, with one featuring a shallow area ideal for lounging with a glass of vino bianco. Antique shaded gazebos, swinging Globo chairs, and hammocks provide serene spots to unwind. With its sunken stone seating, the large jacuzzi offers a perfect end to a day of exploring or simply enjoying the tranquil surroundings.

Dining at Castello Salentina is a delight. The on-site restaurant serves authentic Pugliese cuisine from breakfast through dinner. As evening falls, the rooftop terrace bar becomes the ideal spot to witness the spectacular Salento sunsets, cocktail in hand.

Facilities

Ideal for Kids • Weddings • Villa • Chateaux & Castles • Boat Trips • Cycling • Historical Sites • Watersports • Horse Riding • <1hr to Airport • Walking/Hiking Paths • Private Pool • Wine Tasting • Recommended • Air-Con • Heated Pool • Quirky (Unique) • Wow Factor • Ideal for Teens • Chef/Cook Available • Pets on Request • Cots (Cribs) • Instagrammable • Beach Nearby • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Parking Space • Walk to Restaurant • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Coffee Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Hairdryer • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Table Tennis • Lift • Indoor Games • Bicycles Provided • Hot Tub • Dishwasher • Safety Deposit Box • Smart TV • Home Cinema • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Cooking Classes Available • Spa Treatments Available • Wine-Tasting Available • Transfers Available • Board games • Breakfast Included • Laundry Service • Bikes • Boules/Petanque • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interiors

The Castle (sleeps 8 guests)

- Two open space lounges
- Fully equipped kitchen with dishwasher, oven, toaster, fridge-freezer and coffee machines
- Dining room
- Private cinema
- Office
- 2 x bedrooms with king-sized beds and ensuite bathrooms with rainfall showers and marble bathtubs
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The Cottage (sleeps 4 –5 guests)

- Lounge
- 2 x bedrooms with king-sized beds and ensuite bathrooms with rainfall showers

The Tower (sleeps 4 guests)

- Bedroom with super king size bed with ensuite bathroom with rainfall shower and sunken bath and access to private garden
- Bedroom with super-sized round bed (240cm), fireplace and ensuite bathroom with rainfall shower

The Masseria (sleeps 4-5 guests)

- Suite across two floors – ground floor with fireplace and sofabed, upper floor with king size bed and ensuite bathroom with sunken bath and rainfall shower
- Bedroom with super king size bed and ensuite bathroom with sandstone bathtub and rainfall shower

Outside Grounds

- 37 acres of private woodland
- Rooftop bar (opens every evening)
- Castle Infinity heated swimming pool (70m2, max depth: 1.4m), open from approximately beginning-April until end-October
- Tower heated swimming pool (40m2, max depth: 1.4m), open from approximately beginning-April until end-October
- Cottage Jacuzzi
- 2 x alfresco bathtubs
- Outdoor showers
- Terraces and gardens with sun beds, gazebos, swinging Globo chairs and hammocks
- External sound system
- Pizza oven
- Parking

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air conditioning
- Smart TVs
- Heating
- Fireplaces
- Piano
- Private cinema
- Music speakers
- Lift
- Hairdryers
- Safes
- Bicycles
- Table tennis
- Boules
- Board games

Location & Local Information

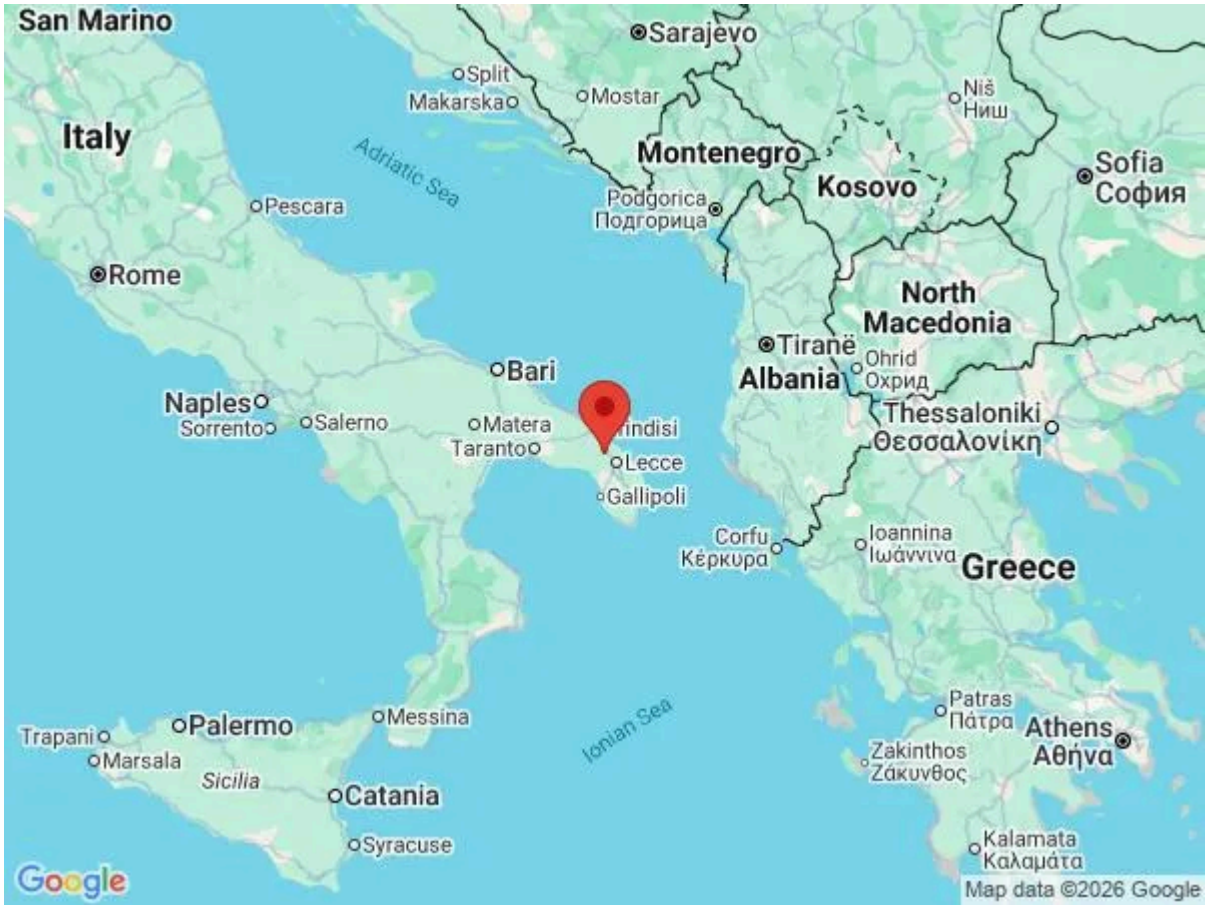
Located in the heart of Puglia, Castello Salentina offers a unique holiday destination that captures the essence of southern Italy. Perched atop St. Elia Ridge, the estate is on Via Andrano, a scenic area renowned for its exceptionally fresh and health-giving air. This prime location places guests within easy reach of both the Ionian and Adriatic coasts, offering a variety of stunning beaches and coastal activities just ten to twenty minutes away.

The historic city of Lecce, often called "The Florence of the South" for its baroque architecture and rich cultural heritage, is only a fifteen-minute drive from the Castle. Castello Salentina's central position in Puglia makes it an excellent base for exploring the region's picturesque towns and villages, including Ostuni, Otranto, Gallipoli, and Nardo. The nearby Brindisi airport is a convenient thirty minutes away, while Bari airport can be reached in about an hour and forty-five minutes.

Surrounded by thirty-seven acres of private woodlands, olive groves, and citrus orchards, Castello Salentina offers both seclusion and accessibility, making it an ideal retreat for those looking to immerse themselves in Puglia's natural beauty and cultural richness.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Brindisi Airport (40km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Bari International Airport (160km)**
Nearest Village	**Squinzano (2km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**(Onsite)**
Nearest Bar/Pub	**Squinzano (2km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Squinzano (2km)**
Nearest Golf	**Acaya Golf Club (32km)**
Nearest Beach	**Casalabate (13km)**
Nearest City	**Lecce (20km)**



What we love

- Restored 19th-century Castle set on 37 acres of private woodland and gardens.
- Castello Salentina offers stunning views and serene spots for yoga and meditation.
- Close proximity to the historic city of Lecce, known for its Baroque architecture.
- Short drive to the Adriatic Sea, providing access to beautiful beaches.

What you should know...

- Whilst this property can comfortably accommodate up to 22 guests, please note that 2 guests will be accommodated on sofa beds at an extra cost: one in the Masseria and one in the Cottage.
- This estate is perfect for several families on holiday as it is split across four different buildings: the Castle (sleeps 8 guests), the Cottage (sleeps 4-5 guests), the Tower (sleeps 4 guests), and the Masseria (sleeps 4-5 guests).
- We recommend hiring a car to explore this beautiful region.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** No security deposit is required for this villa. Please be aware that guests are still required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival.

- **Arrival time:** 3.00 p.m. Check-in outside this time may be subject to an extra cost. Please enquire for more details.

- **Departure time:** 11.00 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 home security devices are installed at the villa, please enquire for further information.

- **Changeover day:** Flexible.

- **End of stay cleaning:** Standard changeover clean included in the price. 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.

- **Other 2:** Please note that published rates are only valid for the current year. Any bookings for subsequent years will be on request only and correct rates will be confirmed at the time of booking.
 Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner or their property manager.

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- **Minimum stay:** 2 nights. All other durations on request.

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

- **Pool heating charge?:** No, included. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.

- **Tax:** Italian Visitors Tax payable locally in cash (typically costs €1-€10 per person per night - please enquire if exact amount is required).

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

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

- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open from approximately beginning-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.