

## Bishops Palace – Luxury Boutique Hotel: Puglia

### Summary

This luxury boutique hotel was once the opulent palace of the Bishop of Otranto. Now lovingly restored, the small luxury hotel in the heart of the baroque town of Galatina in the south of Puglia, offers sumptuous guest rooms with dramatic interiors. The elegant palazzo retains its original features and a real sense of grandeur and makes an excellent base from which to explore the many nearby art galleries and designer shops. Tranquil lakes, sandy beaches and rocky coastlines are all within easy reach.

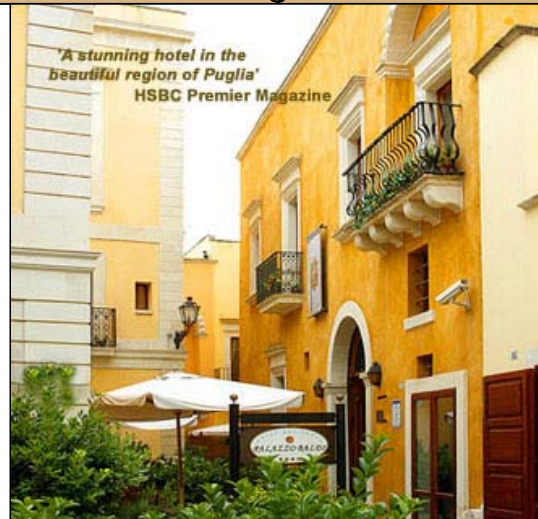
### Details

The 16th century Palace is built around a flowered courtyard, a tranquil spot where guests can sunbathe. The guest rooms are decorated with a Mediterranean feel, using ornate wooden and wrought iron pieces and sumptuous soft furnishings. Many rooms have vaulted ceilings, exposed stone walls and arches and one suite still preserves the frescoed ceiling of the bishop's chapel. The hotel is riddled with many hidden passages and cubby holes (used by both escaping priests and secret lovers), and in the entrance hall you can still look through the glass floor to the startlingly clear waters of the spring on which the town was founded.

Galatina is famous for its art and the hotel displays original pieces for the local artists and sculptors. Indeed, guests can take a guided tour of their studios, and private master-classes can also be organised. Many designer brands have outlet shops in the area so a day's shopping is a must. The area is also famous for its wedding couture houses and any brides-to-be should certainly take an excursion to the many bridal shops for designer dresses and accessories at bargain prices.

The Bishop's Palace offers a stylish stay in the heart Puglia's Salento region. Its proximity to the town of Otranto on the rocky Adriatic and the baroque town of Gallipoli on the sandy Ionian coast makes it the perfect town and coastal location.

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### Facts & Figures

15 Stylish Guest Rooms:

- Double/Twin – some with balcony
- Junior Suite – bedroom, adjoining sitting room & kitchenette, most with balcony
- Suite – large bedroom, sitting room & kitchenette, most with balcony or terrace. One with preserved frescoed ceiling of the Bishop's Chapel

*All rooms have: Ensuite bathrooms – TV – Minibar – Telephone – Air-Con – Safes*

Hotel Facilities: Garden – Terrace – Restaurant – Bar – Mountain bikes

Also Available (extra cost): Art Masterclasses, - Tour of artists' studios - Shopping excursions to designer outlets and wedding couture houses

*Available for event hire*

### Regional Highlights

- Lecce, known as "The Florence of the South" and Galatina (with its famous frescoed basilica) both medieval towns with florid baroque architecture
- An evening's opera performance in Lecce's stunning piazza
- Golf at one of the Puglia's 5 PGA coastal courses
- Visits to baroque Gallipoli and a day at the beach on the sandy Ionian coast
- Scuba diving on the rocky Adriatic Coast, and visit to Otranto, with its oriental trading links
- Day trips to Ostuni, Cisternino, Fasano and Martina Franca: all typical hilltop white-washed towns packed with sights of historic and cultural importance
- Day trip to Alberobello, the fairytale town composed entirely of Puglia's characteristic conical peasant houses
- Swimming and biking at the Alimini Lakes near Otranto
- Shopping excursions to designer outlets and wedding couture houses

### Location

Nearest airports:

Brindisi (c. 1hours drive)  
Bari (c. 1.5 hours drive)

Domestic flight connections:

Rome, Venice, Milan

Nearest Direct flight from London:

Brindisi

Nearest train station:

Galatina (c. 5 min drive)

Beach:

c. 30 min drive

Nearest shops and restaurants:

Doorstep

