

Whitestone Ranch – Boutique Hotel: Puglia

Summary

This gorgeous boutique hotel is just outside the pretty port of Otranto (the gateway to the Orient), close to the sandy bays and rocky outcrops of southern Puglia. The trademark white stone building glimmers among silvery olive groves and the zero-entry pool, surrounded by decadent cabanas, is an inviting escape. The setting is ravishing, just far enough off the beaten track to enjoy this unspoilt region of Puglia without feeling too remote. The boutique hotel is a gloriously tranquil and romantic retreat for luxury holidays in Puglia ... without a price tag to match.

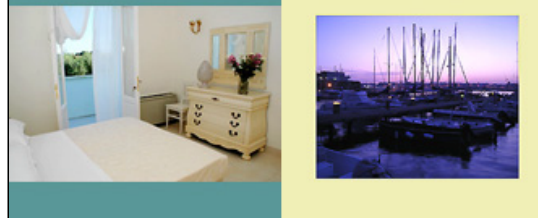
Details

Holidays here are the perfect mix of poolside indulgence and cultural exploration of this untouched region. Pristine gardens and terraces surround the central turquoise pool and pergola restaurant. Guest rooms, all with their own balcony or terrace, are decorated in pared down simple style, with pale colours lending a serene feel.

The region is ideal for mountain biking, horse-riding and trekking. From Otranto, the nearby fishing port, you can also take scuba diving or snorkelling trips to explore the fascinating coastline, or try jetskiing and paragliding. Sandy bays await you on less active days at the beach. Inland, the baroque towns of Lecce (known as the "Florence of the South") and Galatina are well worth a day trip, as is Maglie, renowned for its shopping. The inland towns like Melpignano and Calimera (which are still heavily influenced by Greek culture) stage the "Taranta", the August festival of traditional folklore.

Pretty fishing ports like Porto Badisco, and the thermal spa towns of Santa Cesarea Terme and Castro are dotted along the coastline and are packed with cultural interest. Guided gastronomic tours can be organised to take in the sights and delicious food of the region.

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Facts & Figures

37 Guest Rooms:

- Standard Double – Comfortable rooms with independent ground floor entrance and private patio
- Classic Double – Direct access from 1st floor with private balcony
- Superior Double – On the ground and 1st floor with large private terrace (some can be interconnecting)
- Suite – Double bedroom with separate sitting room and large balcony

All rooms have: *Ensuite bathroom – LCD Sat TV – Telephone & Internet Connection – Minibar – Air Con/Heating – Safe – Hairdryers*

Hotel Facilities: Pool with Jacuzzi (pool towels provided) - Gardens and Terrace – Drinks Service – Restaurant (breakfast & lunch every day; dinner every day in High Season and on request in Low/Mid Season) – Beauty Treatments and Massages available - Parking

Also Available At and Around the Hotel (extra cost): Mountain bikes - Horse riding Golf (20kms) - Boat trips – Boat Hire - Watersports (Scuba, Snorkelling, Jetski, Paragliding) – Baby-Sitting

Regional Highlights

- Scuba diving and watersports nearby; sandy bays and rocky outcrops
- Horse-riding and mountain biking in the beautiful countryside
- Visit to Otranto, with its oriental trading links and the spa towns of the southern coast
- 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
- 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

Location

Nearest airports:	Brindisi (1hr); Bari (c.1.5hr)
Domestic flight connections:	Rome, Venice, Milan
Nearest direct flight from London:	Brindisi
Nearest train station:	Lecce (c.30mins)
Beach:	Otranto c.1.5kms
Nearest shops and restaurants:	Otranto c.1.5kms

