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as your base to
experience Puglia*

Villa Pizzorusso

Mesagne, Puglia

Exceptional luxury in the heart of Puglia, this historic Masseria has been restored with style and integrity...every modern comfort combined with an authentic Puglian experience.

Villa Pizzorusso is a historic “masseria” located in the heart of Puglia within easy reach of Lecce, the Ionian and Adriatic coastlines and the famous white villages. This impressive property is situated on 15 acres in the midst of olive groves and five minutes from the town of Mesagne with medieval castle, butchers, bakers, cafes and restaurants.

Masserias are particularly evocative of this region, being one the two indigenous architectural structures of Puglia, along with the conical “trulli”. The oldest part of the house dates from the 1500’s, when masserias were flourishing – at that time they were built as protected, self-sustaining farm compounds and walled to keep out invaders. In the 1800’s masserias entered a more refined stage of development. The landed gentry moved to their country properties from the nearby towns and expanded and rebuilt them to meet their tastes. Pizzorusso’s Moorish design elements, intricate tile work, frescoed ceilings and grand arched windows date from this era.

Villa Pizzorusso has been a true restoration of love by its American/Italian owners and every detail has been thought of to create an atmospheric yet highly luxurious home. One enters into Villa Pizzorusso through the grand arched entry portal and beyond to the barrel-vaulted foyer with large fireplace and a cantina/wine cellar that was discovered during renovation and is accessible through a trap door in the floor. The vast salone is the most glorious room – once the former stables the salone is the main indoor living space, with an open kitchen, dining table for 16, and living area with a large couch and comfortable chairs around the fireplace. A part of an old olive press that was found in this room has been incorporated as a decorative element as the mantle over the fireplace. Three large French doors flood this room with light and connect it with the farmland surrounding the villa.

Each of the bedrooms is spacious and steeped in character, some with star vault ceilings and ancient stone floors and fabulous bathrooms combine ancient with modern such as the grand master bathroom with its iconic modern bathtub

(Spoon by Agape) and a shower that has been built inside one the small turrets that mark each corner of the building. The second floor of the house was created in the 1700s, when the noble owners created living space for themselves in their country estates. This level has 5 rooms plus a large terrace. A central sitting room connects to 4 symmetrical rooms – 2 bedrooms, a bath and the entry room. The ceilings contain what could be saved from the original frescoes and the distinctive floor tiles are made from the original tile patterns used when this part of the villa was built. The expansive terrace, with views over the countryside, is perfect for morning coffee, an evening aperitif, or a dinner party for 50!

Within the vast interior courtyard is the spectacular 25 meter swimming pool, an “aranceto” (orange grove) and ancient wood oven as well as large terrace and garden areas. The courtyard is over ½ acre and enclosed by the original 12-foot high wall made from varieties of local stone. There is a fabulous vegetable garden and numerous mature trees including fig, acacia, laurel, cacti, pomegranate and

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pear as well as Roman columns. Beneath the fabulous wisteria covered pergola is a large dining table and chairs providing the perfect location for breakfast, a long lingering al fresco lunch or dinner on a typical balmy Puglian evening. Outside the impressive entrance of the villa provides another yet location for dining in the evening and the garden lighting is subtly positioned to create an even more magical ambience.

Villa Pizzorusso is an immersion into the soul of Puglia. Living in an historic masseria is a distinctive opportunity to viscerally connect with the rhythms and the landscapes of Puglia. For over 600 years masserias were at the centre of the agricultural life of the region. Only a few of these historic treasures have been brought back to life. Villa Pizzorusso was abandoned for 50 years, when its restoration began three years ago. Its fundamental integrity has been preserved and brought up to date with modern amenities. Villa Pizzorusso is authentic Puglia — a glorious place to linger, live and serve as your base to experience all that is Puglia.



Highly recommended – Merrion is delighted to include Villa Pizzorusso in her portfolio of luxury properties in Puglia.



Information

Sleeps: 12/14

Service:

- Maid service 4 hours per day, 5 days per week
- Cook service on request

Accommodation:

Ground Floor:

- Entrance Hall
- Two double bedrooms (queen beds) with shower rooms en suite (both with additional sofa bed)
- Large Foyer with fireplace
- Huge Kitchen/Living/Dining room
- Study/TV room with sofa bed
- Large Cloakroom (with shower)

First Floor:

- Upper foyer (onto terrace)
- Sitting rooms (with balcony on each side)
- Two double bedrooms (queen beds) – one leading onto large roof terrace
- Bathroom with bath & separate walk-in shower

Courtyard Annexe:

- Double bedroom with fireplace, en suite bathroom and roof terrace
- Double bedroom/studio with queen bed, single bed, kitchenette and en suite shower room
- Laundry

General:

- Private Pool 25m x 4m (chlorine)
- Dishwasher
- Washing machine
- DVD, TV
- Sound system
- Orange grove
- Outdoor shower
- Outdoor wood oven and sink area
- Air conditioning throughout



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Attractions nearby:

- Shops, bars & restaurants in Mesagne and Latiano 5 minutes
- Lecce 45km
- Ostuni 30km
- Torre Guaceto (beach, Adriatic) 25 km
- Campomarino (beach, Ionian) 40 km
- Savalletri (golf) 65 km
- Alberobello 65 km
- Grottaglie 35 km
- Otranto 98 km
- Martina Franca 53 km
- Brinidisi 15km
- Oria 20 km
- Gallipoli 85 km
- Porto Selvaggio 60 km



- Manduria 30 km
- Castellana Grotte 90 km
- Matera 125 km

Transport:

- Brindisi Airport 21 km
- Bari Airport 140 km

