

# MASSERIA SAN NICOLA

An ancient farm at the gateway to the Salento region  
that remains deeply-rooted in the land and its traditions

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Salentoshire, or the charm of ancient farmhouses of Puglia transformed into dream residences. It's an apt description of the Masseria San Nicola, built by the Prince of Carbonelli and summer home for the Camicia family until the 19th century. We're at the gateway to Salento, in the Savelletri district, a part of Puglia where the natural surroundings remain untouched and life still has strong links with traditions. Here, in the farm estate that has now been transformed into a guesthouse, it's almost possible to reach out and touch the sea. Guests stay in the spacious owners' residence. The six rooms are all different, but share a sober elegance and strong links with the surrounding area. These are the distinctive benefits of the estate, and are also featured by the social spaces - double lounge, kitchen, large dining room, terrace and private garden with swimming pool. There are four villas around the main house, the old farm buildings -

THE MAGICAL ATMOSPHERE OF THIS ANCIENT ESTATE ALSO CASTS ITS SPELL OVER THE YOUNG COUPLES WHO CHOOSE THE MASSERIA SAN NICOLA FOR THE MOST WONDERFUL DAY IN THEIR LIFE. PERFUMES AND COLOURS, A BEAUTIFUL SETTING AND FLAWLESS HOSPITALITY CREATE THE PERFECT BACKDROP FOR THAT TIMELESS "I DO"

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Fico d'India, Bouganville, Oleandro and Gelso - that retain the rustic charm of the typical whitewashed stone buildings of the Puglian countryside. They are totally independent, with well-equipped kitchen, large bedrooms, lounge and verandah or terrace, but each has its own personality so guests enjoy privacy and luxury while spending their free time exactly as they wish, allowing life's natural rhythms to reassert their soothing effect. The dazzling white Casa Fico with its retro appeal, and the fresh, romantic Casa Bouganville are ideal for couples dreaming of somewhere faraway from the normal destinations, in a land rich in history and traditions, with sunshine, sea and relaxation. Casa Oleandro, bright and boasting a vaulted tuff stone ceiling, and Casa Gelso, which has retained the colours and atmosphere of Puglian tradition, are perfect for families looking for a seaside holiday close to nature and free from restrictive timetables. The Masseria San Nicola offers the unique feeling of being totally at home, while at the same time being able to enjoy the "made-to-measure" services of a luxury hotel, starting with the personalisable breakfasts - the crostate are simply too good to resist - or the shopping, in-villa chef, babysitting and dogsitting services. Not forgetting the wellbeing treatments and massages in the "Relax Room". The complex nestles within a garden with two swimming pools, surrounded by walls in the traditional manner and redolent with the aromas of Mediterranean plants and flowers. The walls ensure privacy for all guests and safety for the smallest children, so parents can relax with total peace of mind. No wonder many young couples choose Masseria San Nicola as a venue for their wedding. The magical setting and skilfully-created design details make the day even more special - and the enchantment continues if the bride and groom choose to stay for two or three nights with their closest friends and family.

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