

## Borgo Egnazia, Puglia: Nowhere Else



Borgo Egnazia is located in Savelletri di Fasano, in Puglia, where the hills of the Itria Valley gently fall away to the blue Adriatic Sea. Nestled amongst millennial-old olive trees, this multi-award-winning property is inspired by the shapes, materials and colours of a typical Puglian village.

All year round, through every season, Borgo Egnazia embodies a different concept of hospitality and wellbeing based on local, authentic experiences in the incomparable beauty of the Puglian countryside.

At Borgo Egnazia wellbeing is everywhere. Whether it is a relaxing but powerful walk in the morning sun, an afternoon dedicated to discovering the natural beauty of the countryside on a cycle tour, a glass of wine by the sea or a delicious meal prepared with local produce. In this heart-warming place, nestled amongst millennial-old olive trees, everyone is free to find his own equilibrium according to his own taste and needs and everything is designed to ensure guests spend their precious time at their own pace, synchronizing with the Puglian rhythm and the welcoming joy of local people.

It is a miniature world of homemade breakfasts prepared by Puglian *Massaie*, delicious food experiences, both gourmet and traditional, strongly related to the Mediterranean Diet and then *Vair*, the Puglian Spa, a balance between tradition and innovation, the heart of the new wellbeing area dedicated to body and mind. Also, two beautiful private beaches (*Cala Masciola* and *La Fonte*) and the scenic *San Domenico Golf* surrounded by ancient olive trees with views that stretch to the sea. Everything is enriched by the tailored, friendly and caring attentions of the *Local Advisers*, always ready to attend to a guests' every need.

Since 2010 Borgo Egnazia has been part of the *Leading Hotels of the World* and has received prestigious accolades such as “Best Hotel of the Year” by *Virtuoso* in 2016 and “Most Life Changing Experience” by *Condè Nast UK* in 2017. In July 2019 Borgo Egnazia was recognized, for the second year in a row, by the 24° edition of *Travel + Leisure* “World’s Best Awards” in the prestigious rankings “Top Italian Resort”, “Top 10 European Resort Hotels” and “Top 100 Hotels Overall”. In October 2019 Borgo Egnazia is included in the “Top 30 Resorts in Europe” of *Condè Nast Traveler’s Readers’ Choice Awards 2020* and in January 2020 it has been officially recognised as a Company Certified *Top Employer Italy 2020*.

### La Corte, il Borgo, Le Ville: three different ways to live a unique experience

Born in 2010 from the innovative project of **Pino Brescia**, a local designer who brought to life the visionary concept created by the **Melpignano family**, Borgo Egnazia is a **tribute to traditional architecture** which incorporates materials (local stone and hand-cut “tufo” stone), shapes and colors.

Borgo Egnazia features three different types of accommodation, varied in scope and size, all a harmonious blend of tradition and innovation, modernity and authenticity: **La Corte** is the main building, a contemporary reinterpretation of a traditional *Masseria*, with 63 rooms divided into three categories; the famous **Borgo**, inspired by ancient rural villages, with its entrance arches, narrow streets with Puglian names, the amazing *Piazza*, the iconic clock tower and 92 “casette” (townhouses), is set in the heart of the property; finally there are 28 **Villas**, sophisticated and cozy, with private gardens and pools, perfect for families and for those who want absolute privacy.

### Puglian flavours and Mediterranean culture of food: traditional dishes and gourmet tastings

The great Mediterranean culture of food, the delicious local produce, a careful selection of raw materials and the whole Puglian culinary tradition: these are all the fundamental elements of Borgo Egnazia’s gastronomic offering which feature six restaurants, coordinated by the **Chef Domingo Schingaro**, with the consultation of the Chef Andrea Ribaldone.

Dishes are made with the best locally sourced ingredients: from the vegetables grown in the property’s fields to the Puglian meats. From the fish caught in the Adriatic Sea to the extra-virgin olive oil made by Masseria San Domenico. All the ingredients are transformed in a surprising way into dishes signed by Domingo Schingaro at **Due Camini**, the gourmet restaurant awarded in November 2018 with its first **Michelin Star**, then reconfirmed for 2020. The same raw ingredients on the other hand are found in some of the more rustic, traditional Mediterranean dishes that are served at **La Frasca** restaurant and at **Mia Cucina**, where guests can discover the homely cuisine of this region. For sea lovers, **Cala**

**Masciola** is a beautiful seafront culinary restaurant, located at the private beach club of Borgo Egnazia with a breathtaking view on the crystal-blue sea. Guests can pick up fish from the market stall and have it weighed and cooked at their wish or enjoy it according to the Puglian tradition of “crudo” (raw).

All the menus of Borgo Egnazia propose a skilful balance between taste and health. All dishes are prepared using only local and genuine ingredients, following healthy cooking methods and combining nutritional elements in order to enhance flavours in full respect of their nutritional values.

### Vair Spa: true wellbeing

The atmosphere is the amber light of hundreds of candles, caressing walls of “tufo” and local stone flooring. The spaces are quiet and softly silent, and the waters are a beating heart that comforts and heals. This is *Vair* (‘true’ in local dialect) the wonderful Puglian Spa, nestled in the heart of Borgo Egnazia, awarded by *Condé Nast UK* as “the most life-changing experience” in 2017. A place where travellers can explore themselves and come out renewed, conscious, joyful.

Here an extraordinary team of talented therapists-artists, musicians and local dancers are ready to guide guests in poetic tailor-made experiences, inspired by the “Science of Happiness”.

Vair features the beauty area with its Nail Lab, the fitness area with the gym and heated indoor pool, the wet area with sauna, steam bath and the ice fountain, the relax area with the Spa bistro and the most precious Roman Baths deep in the heart of the Spa.

Everything is calibrated to cuddle, soften, and soothe with treatments inspired by Puglia, an ancient and authentic land, the pure beauty of its olive trees and the clean power of the sea breeze. A wonderful journey to re-establish your personal compass and discover a renewed happiness.

All the names are inspired by the land of Puglia: dialect terms, initially mysterious for guests who approach *Vair*, that then reveal the key during the unique and personal journey, creating a **light and playful vision of life**. ([www.vairspa.com](http://www.vairspa.com)).

### Tailored in every aspect, even for family holidays

Borgo Egnazia proposes tailor-made experiences to every guest, especially families and children. For them there is the **Trullalleri** kid's club (up to 7 years old), the **Marinai** junior club (for those aged from 8-12 years old) and for the oldest there is the **Tarantari** teen club. Aside from swimming and games, these offer experiences around the local area as well as workshops to discover ancient traditions: cooking classes to prepare "taralli" and "focaccia", sessions to discover how to decorate ceramics but also surprising treasure hunts and fun moments to take care of animals in the "Fattoria di Emma e Maria". Borgo Egnazia offers also a food experience dedicated to children in the restaurant **Da Frisella**, where every detail and piece of furniture, from chairs to tables or the buffet, is sized to children, who will enjoy great moments of joyful playing and natural and simple dishes that change every day.

***SAN DOMENICO HOTELS GROUP** - Strong Puglian identity combined with tailored service at the highest level: this is San Domenico Hotels Group, a miniature world of hospitality that takes the everyday to another reality. The group was founded with **Masseria San Domenico**, a traditional and timelessly fascinating historic farmhouse that boasts one of the best Thalassotherapy spas in Italy. **Masseria Cimino** is a boutique small farmhouse, well-known for its natural and healthy cuisine and contemporary design. **Borgo Egnazia** is a visionary interpretation of a typical Puglian village built in "tufo" stone and surrounded by millennia-old olive groves. It is home to **Vair**, the poetic Spa fully dedicated to the care of body and soul. **San Domenico Golf** is a scenic 18 holes golf course among Mediterranean gardens, olive trees and spectacular sea views. **Masseria Le Carrube** at the foot of the hills of Ostuni immerses guests in nature and tradition. Lastly, **San Domenico House** is a refined townhouse in the heart of Chelsea, London.*

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