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Top 5 Unique Places to Stay in Lecce City Centre, Puglia

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Lecce, Puglia

Since moving to live in Puglia, specifically Lecce, in early 2024, I took on a mission to find the best hidden gems spots, and places that offer unique Pugliese authentic experiences.

During the summer of 2024, I collaborated with the top and unique stays in Lecce's historic city centre, and today I am sharing those unique stays in this article.



Roman Amphitheatre, Lecce, Puglia, Italy



Chiesa di San Marco, Lecce, Puglia, Italy

Where is Lecce

[Lecce](#) is a city located in South Italy, in the Puglia region. Italians call Lecce, the "Florence of the South" because the architecture of Lecce is phenomenal with all Baroque Facades from the medieval ears.

How to get to Lecce

The good news is that Lecce is a well-connected city internationally and regionally and there are several ways to get to [Lecce](#).

By Air

Brindisi International Airport

Lecce's closest airport is [Brindisi Airport](#) which is around 40-minute drive. Brindisi airport connects south of Puglia with many international flights, and currently, there are expansion plans to connect Brindisi airport with the rest of the world.

Brindisi airport is reached by regular bus services with various main cities in Puglia and also to the main train station in Brindisi which is less than 10-minute drive from the airport.

You can buy the bus tickets directly from the café or the Tabaccheria at the arrival airport building, which costs under \$3.

Bari International Airport

The other closest airport is [Bari](#) International Airport which is 2-hour drive from Lecce. Given that [Bari](#) is the capital of Puglia, the airport is bigger and serves a wider destinations choice.

By Train

Lecce is well-connected by [train](#) to the main Italian cities and nearby coastal towns in Salento.

Furthermore, currently, there are plans to update the train tracks and add sleeper trains to connect Lecce (South Italy) to Milan (North Italy) and vice versa.

Using the [Trainline application](#), you can book your train journey smoothly without the need to print the train tickets.

By Bus

Similar to train links, Lecce is well connected to other Italian main cities by bus, you can book online directly your bus from Flexibus or check [OMIO](#) for other options.

By Car – Car Rentals

Italy is known for its highways connecting all of Italy with well-service roads, some highways are paid roads (Tolls roads, you can pay by card or cash, however, it is advised to have cash at all times when travelling in Italy).

In my opinion, if you want to explore Italy and nearby towns, especially if you are visiting the South of Italy, I recommend [renting a car](#).

Car rental offices are found at the airports and city centres, I use [rental car application](#) to book all my car rentals when I roam around Italy, it is quick, efficient, and easy to book and cancel your booking for free should you need to do so.

Best Time to Visit Lecce

Since Italy is located in the Northern Hemisphere, Italy enjoys 4 seasons a year. Summertime is from June to August, Autumntime is from September to November, Wintertime is from December to February and Springtime is from March to May.

Bonus Tip: Italy is such a long and big country Northern regions' weather is colder during winter than Southern regions, therefore, be sure to check the weather of the cities you are visiting in every season, as the temperatures change and the weather can vary a lot between North and South.

Wintertime

Given its location in South Italy, [Lecce](#) enjoys milder winters in comparison to Northern Europe, which makes it the perfect season for sightseeing tours during wintertime, that is between December and February.

Bonus Tip: Please be mindful that from January until the end of February, Salento (South Puglia) small towns are empty, and most restaurants and stays are closed.



Ionian Sea Beaches, Puglia, Italy



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Summertime

Summertime in Lecce, from June until August, [Lecce](#) can be very hot and humid, in all honesty, if you are visiting Lecce during this time, I recommend visiting the crystal-clear beaches that are less than a 30-minute drive from Lecce's centre.

Lecce's strategic location to both the Ionian Sea and the Adriatic Sea makes it the perfect destination to explore both sides of beaches from soft sand white beaches to cliff turquoise ones, you can explore my top Salento Beaches in my other article.

Spring and Autumn Seasons

Springtime and Autumntime are the best times to go sightseeing and perhaps visit the beaches in Puglia.

During these seasons, Puglia has fewer tourists and enjoys warm and sunny days, and slightly cooler evenings, perfect for sitting outdoors.

Unique Places to Stay in Lecce

There are many options to choose from if you are staying in Lecce, from hostels, B&B, boutique hotels, and luxury accommodations.

In this article, I chose the top 5 unique places to stay in the heart of Lecce city centre, each one of those 5 stays offers a unique experience and true Salentino hospitality that will complement your holiday in Lecce and make your stay memorable.

Top Unique Place to Stay in Lecce Number 5: La Fiermontina Family Collection– Luxury 5 Stars Hotel

[La Fiermontina Family Collection's](#) story started in Lecce in 2015 when the grandchildren of Antonia Fiermontina and her brother Enzo Fiermonte decided to honour their lives and create a luxury stay that “celebrates the harmonious blend of art and the pleasure of living.”

La Fiermontina Family Collection – Lecce

La Fiermontina Family Collection in Lecce consists of 3 different stays at Lecce City Centre, each offering a unique experience that exudes the Salentino artistic hospitality.



Those 3 Stays are:

First Stay: La Fiermontina Luxury Home – Masseria

[La Fiermontina Luxury Home](#) is a Masseria built-in Lecce City in the 17th century. Today the Masseria consists of 19 rooms and suites in a style called Albergo Difuso.

Top Reasons to Stay at La Fiermontina Luxury Home

- La Fiermontina Luxury Home has a beautiful, lush, and tranquil Garden with one of the biggest swimming pools you can find in Lecce City Centre.
- There is also a café and world-class restaurant to make your stay memorable, the restaurant's name is [Zéphyr Restaurant](#) by Chef Alessandro Pascali. Described as “A fusion of cultures that create a unique, innovative cuisine with local roots”.

- All La Fiermontina guests get to enjoy all the facilities that each one of those 3 stays offers, such as free access to the museum, rooftop swimming pool, Gardens and the biggest swimming pool. ,



Bonus Info: Albergo Difuso is a form of Italian hospitality created in the 1980s, it is a hotel in the form of various buildings nearby, usually this term is used to revive the historic city centres of Italian towns.

Bonus Info: A Masseria is an Italian term used for lands and establishments that produce farm products whether these products are animals or agricultural.

Second Stay: Fiermonte Museum

[The Fiermonte Museum](#) stay is without a doubt the most unique stay experience you will ever find in Lecce! It features artworks by Antonia Fiermonte, Jacques Zwobada, René Letourneur,

The Fiermonte Museum hosts 4 suites, and each one of those suites offers a different artistic experience inside the suite itself.



Top Reasons to Stay at the Fiermonte Museum Stay

- In each of those suites, the guests will find artistic kits to unleash their artistic side, whether it is clay or watercolour painting kits, it is a pure art experience.
- Also, given the suites are situated above the museum, the guests of the museum suites are provided with flashlights to experience the museum after dark hours, I mean, how cool is this!
- All the activities the La Fiermontina hosts, such as the private cooking classes, and art classes are hosted at the Museum grounds.

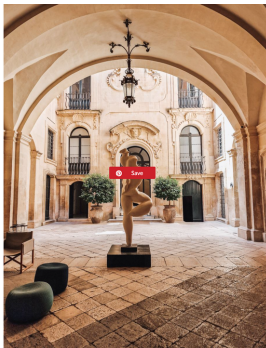


Third Stay: La Fiermontina Palazzo Bozzi Corso

[La Fiermontina Palazzo Bozzi Corso](#) was built in 1775 and is a few steps from the famous Basilica di Santa Croce.

Palazzo Bozzi Corso hosts 10 suites, each suite offers a different style whilst maintaining the artistic luxury around.

What caught my eye at the Palazzo was the mix of art deco interior blended with the original wooden interior features of the Palazzo, this vibe gave me the feel of lush and took my senses to the Great Gatsby era.



La Fiermontina Palazzo Bozzi Corso Entrance, Lobby, Page

Top Reasons to Stay at La Fiermontina Palazzo Bozzi Corso

- The vintage and art-deco Palace and relaxation lounges areas
- Rooftop Haven has a small plunge pool with a spacious garden makes it the perfect escape for signature sunset cocktails served on the rooftop.
- Each room has its own style and features which



Bonus Tip: It is worth mentioning that all guests of La Fiermontina Home Collection can enjoy the facilities of the other stays within Lecce, such as visiting the museum, using the swimming pool, priority for booking Zefyer restaurant and the rooftop pool and garden at the Palazzo.

Final Say...

While you are staying at one of those unique hotels in Lecce, you can read through my other articles about [Puglia](#) where you want to explore the most beautiful Towns to Visit in Puglia or discover the [top beaches in Salento](#). I got you covered!

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