

A PLACE IN THE SUN

Holiday rentals offer an ideal way to enjoy an Italian break at your own pace and in your own space. We've put together a selection of options across the country to help inspire your next holiday...

MASSERIA MONTENAPOLEONE

In the countryside between Ostuni and Fasano you'll find Masseria Montenapoleone. A pathway through the trees leads to a well-kept garden and then to the beautiful *masseria* itself, which looks out to both hills and sea. Giuliano Monteneve spent many years in the south of France before bringing his ideas back to

served, from jam tarts to dried figs and marmalade.

Masseria Montenapoleone was erected on a rocky settlement and after 60 years of abandonment it was recovered through years of work, which juxtaposed beautiful pieces from the past with new and innovative elements. There are luxurious antique floors, and brave

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Puglia and working them into an adaptation that also respects the deepest-rooted local traditions.

The *masseria* used to produce wheat, figs and almonds; today that farming atmosphere is preserved and is strengthened by the presence of home-made tables and lamps (produced by the Monteneve family with the help of local artists), real hanging tomatoes in one of the common rooms and a dining room built in the site of the former stables. This is a country oasis where only home-made products are

harmonies between the antique and the contemporary, traditional southern Italian furniture and Provençal influences. Outside, you find an untouched natural setting: a large garden, a patio for yoga classes, events and concerts, the nearby sea (visible from the windows) and the green of the surrounding countryside of Pezze di Greco, Fasano.

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PIAN DEL COLOMBAIO

Pian del Colombaio is a 300-year-old farmhouse surrounded by vineyards and olive groves in the UNESCO protected Val d'Orcia in southern Tuscany. Rescued from near-ruin, it has been sympathetically restored to a high standard.

There are three self-catering apartments, two

The surrounding area boasts many highlights: the Maremma National Park, Monte Amiata (Tuscany's highest peak) and the fortified Renaissance towns of Montalcino, Pienza and Montepulciano. Rome, Florence, Siena and Pisa are all within easy reach as well. Eating out here is a pleasure too, with a range of restaurants nearby.

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that are able to accommodate four guests in two double bedrooms, and another that has one double bed, and a sofa bed in the living room. All the apartments have been modernised with new kitchen areas and bathrooms, and they open out to a generous, southwest-facing terrace leading to the pool and a second covered terrace where al fresco meals can be taken. Dining here, watching the sun set over the olive grove is a particularly memorable experience.

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TRULLO BELLISSIMO

Trullo Bellissimo offers a bijou holiday experience, with a unique blend of luxury and local charm. The 250-year-old buildings have been sympathetically restored

to explore the culture, food and people of Puglia. It is close to the sea (18km) and only 5km-25km from five historic hill-towns. The local area has a Norman influence dating back

whitewashed houses. Pugliese food will astonish you with its unique, fresh flavours cultivated through the region's deep-rooted culinary tradition, composed mostly of simple dishes made with local products.

for the bedroom and living areas. Soft furnishings include beadwork, crocheted bedspreads and curtains, complemented by Indian wall hangings, antique pictures and more.

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to reveal stone walls, arches, and conical and vaulted ceilings. Set in its own olive grove, with stunning terraces, views, gardens and private swimming pool, Bellissimo is the ideal base

before the crusades, which can be seen everywhere, in fortified cities and watchtowers intended to repel the Saracens. Nearby Ostuni is one of the most stunning cities in southern Italy, famous for its fortifications and

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Personal arrangements are available for special occasions (honeymoons, birthdays, anniversaries etc). The tranquil setting, close to all amenities, makes this place perfect for romantic getaways, honeymooners, young families, professionals and retired couples – the ideal holiday location!



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PURE AND AUTHENTIC



Pure and Authentic will help you find the perfect holiday home, whether you are looking for a traditional Tuscan cottage buried deep in the woods, among wild deer and boar, a romantic

The company caters for all sizes of party, with a selection ranging from single flats and townhouses up to opulent villas and estates. Each holiday home has been carefully selected to

"Our two weeks in Tuscany were everything we hoped for and more. We will be sure to recommend you to all our friends. Thank you so much!"

fairytale villa (decorated by a leading fashion designer) in a Sicilian nature sanctuary, or perhaps a luxury barn conversion overlooking the Chianti vineyards...

represent the best in its class, with authenticity in its décor and styling, together with the best-placed locations for exploring your chosen corner of Italy. Go online to look through

the selection, or call to discuss the perfect holiday home for you. Pure and Authentic will be happy to guide you in your choice – giving you the benefit of their local knowledge – and will be on hand at all times to ensure you experience the true magic of Italy.

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