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"A 16th-century farmhouse repurposed into a sophisticated eight-suite hotel with verdant walled gardens. That it's the only hotel in Italy to have Aesop products speaks volumes of its considered attention to detail. Head straight for your room's al fresco bath."

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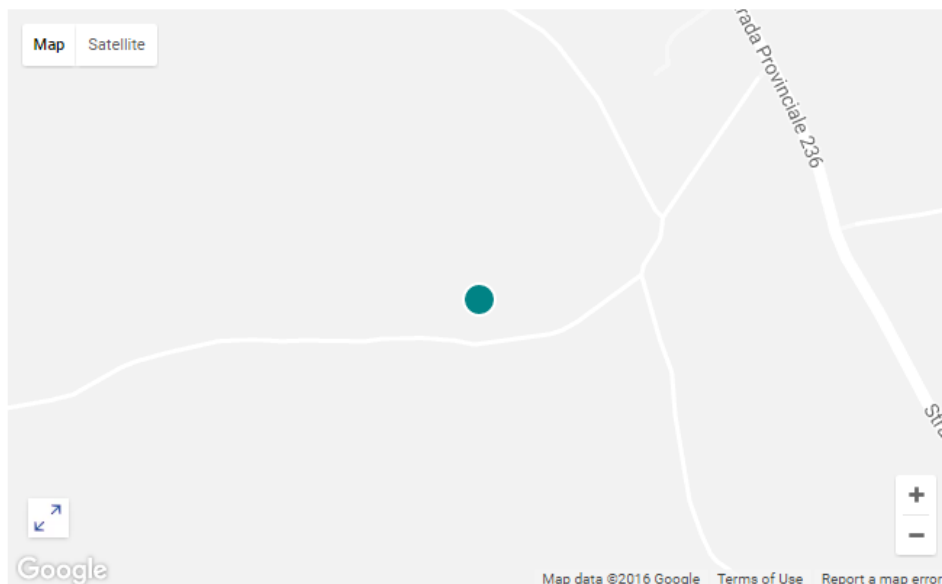
Telegraph Review



By **Jade Conroy**, CONTENT EDITOR - HOTELS

8/10 Location

Set amid olive groves just north of a little town called Surbo. It's about 20 minutes by car to Lecce, with its Baroque churches and bustling streets. Brindisi airport is 30 minutes away. Make sure to get directions from the hotel - there are signs in Surbo but they are easy to miss.



9/10 **Style & character**

The restoration of Trapanà has remained faithful to the bones of the old building. The original taupe, tufo stone and arched ceilings are modernised through the use of glass walls, huge fresh flower displays, thick-pile colourful rugs, coffee-table books, snazzy Moroccan cushions and music blaring out across the main courtyard all day long. It's all in the detail: pom pom-edged towels in rooms, striped throws by the pool, umbrellas by the door – everything in the signature stamp of tangerine orange.

Six walled gardens, verdant with cacti, ferns and more than 500 orange and lemon trees, are dotted with colourful hammocks, a serene pool, fire pit and croquet lawn (floppy sunhats are available).

8/10 **Service & facilities**

The peaceful swimming pool is surrounded by large daybeds and shaded by plum trees. Waiter service, by ever-smiling Giorgio, is frequent – but there's also a pool phone should you require another Trapanà Sunset (vodka with blood orange from the hotel's gardens).

Lovely manager Giuseppe or spritely owner Rob can give you countless local recommendations, including nearby beach clubs in San Foca, or restaurants (and where to park) in Lecce.

There's also a small chapel where, during renovations, original frescoes were discovered. Yoga and cooking classes are also available. There are plans for a spa to be built in the vaults which still holds the masseria's original olive press.

- ✔ Bar
- ✔ Laundry
- ✔ Parking
- ✔ Pool
- ✔ Room service
- ✔ Wi-Fi

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Rooms

There are eight suites and two rooms. All have the same arched ceilings and stone walls, which keep them cool in summer, though there's a fireplace and underfloor heating for autumnal nights.

Wrought-iron four-poster beds, patterned rugs, squidgy white sofas, portable Bose speaker, Sky TV and USB plugs complete the picture. Complimentary bottled water and treats are offered at turndown.

Bathrooms deserve a special mention – most are huge, with sliding doors that lead to an al fresco shower and a huge tub for two. Ours – in the Sydney suite – was shaded by a fig tree. All but two rooms have the outdoor baths.

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Food & drink

Hotel cook Maria Carla serves the region's cucina povera (peasant cooking) to high acclaim. Her rotating menu, which changes with seasonality, might include the likes of golden hand-cut orichiette pasta with peppery olive oil and chickpeas, courgette flowers stuffed with ricotta or the must-try fave e cicori, a smooth fava bean puree topped with stewed chicory. Pizza night is fun, when you can choose your own fresh toppings and watch it cook in the stone-bake oven.

The lunch menu offers dishes such caprese salads, sandwiches and lighter pastas, while breakfast is a traditional continental spread, with Italian cakes, breads and fruits. There's no bar, as such, but guests congregate around the firepit with local wines and cocktails before dinner.

7/10

Value for money

Garden rooms start from €350 (£315) in low season (April and October); from €550 (£495) in mid-season (March, May to mid-July and September); and from €750 (£675) in high (mid July to end of August). Breakfast included. Free Wi-Fi.

Access for guests with disabilities?

No accessible rooms due to the nature of the building.

Family-friendly?

This hotel is adults-only.

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