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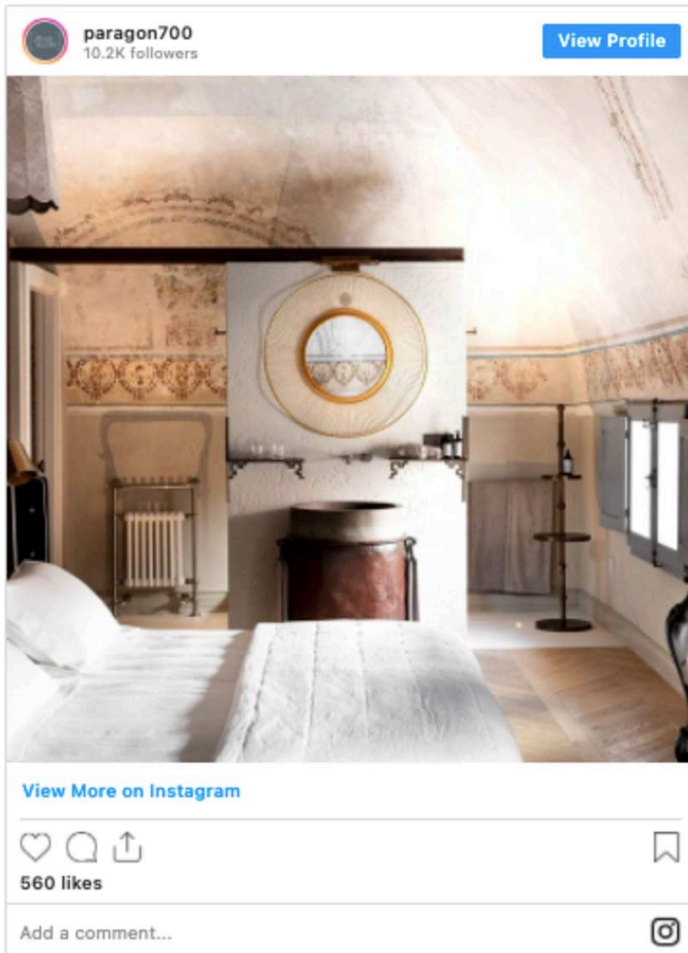
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8 of the best luxury hotels
in Puglia we will be visiting
when international travel
returns

7. Paragon 700 Boutique Hotel & Spa



Location:
Ostuni

What to expect:

Located within the spectacular 'white city' of Ostuni, Paragon 700 Boutique Hotel & Spa sets itself apart for a number of reasons. Initially, for its striking and contrasting facade of red rusticated stone; secondly for what lies inside. Created and designed by interior designers and partners Pascale Lauber and Ulrike Bauschke, it's instantly clear that this hotel does not fall short of innovative, yet tasteful and respectful design.

The hotel offers 11 individually designed rooms, fitted with frescoes ceilings, warm and relaxed lighting fixtures, and stonewashed linen sheets. If relaxation within one of the region's busiest cities is your goal, Paragon 700's spa is not one to miss. Built into the underground caves and reachable by glass elevator, it features a hydromassage basin, a Turkish bath, a Himalayan salt wall, and even a natural whirlpool dug deeper into the ground. Talk about indulgent.

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For anyone who currently resides in Australia, the thought of international travel feels like a harsh, distant memory. For the better part of the last two years, we've spent more hours than we would ever admit scrolling through our camera rolls romanticising the smell of airports and overpriced transfers all in the hope that one day we will be reliving these moments again. Thankfully, as our vaccination numbers continue to rise, talk of international travel is becoming a reality once more. And while the details on an exact timeline are still a little hazy, it's definitely not too early to start planning – or at least mood boarding – your return as a globe trotter.

Although, when that time finally comes, we'll all be travelling for different reasons, here at *RUSSH* it will be to catch a goddamn break. There's nothing we're desperately craving more than to switch off our phones and travel far, far away to a place where the beach, great food, wine and luxury stays are right on our doorstep. Puglia, in Italy's south is the obvious choice, and thankfully, the town happens to be home to some of the best hotels in the country.

For those not as familiar with the destination, you wouldn't be alone. For many years – and up until recently – Puglia remained a little known treasure to many outside of Italy. The southern region forms the 'heel' of Italy's boot, and is renowned for its instantly recognisable whitewashed hill towns, centuries-old farmland and hundreds of kilometres of Mediterranean coastline.

Where food is concerned, if you're an avid lover of seafood, a trip to Puglia is essential. Given that it spans both the Adriatic and Ionian seas; a lunch of remarkably fresh fish, sea urchin and octopus is not a rarity.

With so much to offer and even more to discover, it's not hard to see why Puglia has become one of the most in-demand Mediterranean vacation spots. The question now of course, is not if – but when – you will book your trip. The most important place to start, naturally, is with where you plan to stay. A benefit of our own research is that we can share our finds with you; and here they are. 10 of the best hotels in Puglia to book now for an idyllic Mediterranean getaway.

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