GUEST AREA

Guest guide

Everything you need to get here and enjoy Monopoli and the surrounding area.

Getting to your accommodation

Palazzo Cesare Apartments

- Via Lepanto 4, 70043 Monopoli
- Check-in from 15:00
- Check-out by 10:00
- Self check-in: please arrive by 23:00
- Recycling: please separate plastic, paper, glass and organic waste
- Losing the key card incurs a €50 fee
- Close doors and windows before going out; switch off the lights when you go to the terrace
- Please leave the apartment and kitchen tidy: extra cleaning will be charged
- At check-out you can leave the key card on the table: send us a message when you leave

When you arrive, press the «reception» button next to the intercom: we will open the main door remotely. The key card for the main door and apartment is waiting for you inside.

Parking: there is often free parking in front of the building (white lines); blue lines are paid parking.

Air conditioning: if the thermostat shows «too hot», check that the windows are closed.

Urania – Polignano a Mare

- Via Principe Amedeo 9, 70044 Polignano a Mare
- Check-in from 15:00
- Check-out by 10:00

Dimora Almadia

Via Insanguine 7, 70043 Monopoli

Check-in from 15:00

Check-out by 10:00

Please arrive by 23:00

Recycling: please separate plastic, paper, glass and organic waste



The entrance

Casa Nonna Pina

Chiasso Portanuova 30, 70043 Monopoli

Check-in from 15:00

Check-out by 10:00

Please arrive by 23:00

Recycling: please separate plastic, paper, glass and organic waste

Casa Nonna Pina is in the alley of Chiasso Portanuova: the door is on the right, with the light-blue «Casa di Nonna Pina» sign.



The entrance

Access codes and the Wi-Fi password are sent to you personally before you arrive.

Getting here

By plane

The nearest airport is **Bari** (about 50 km, 45 minutes by car). **Brindisi** is an alternative (about 75 km, 50 minutes). From both you can rent a car, book a transfer or take the train.

By train

Monopoli and Polignano a Mare both have a station on the Bari–Lecce line. From Bari Centrale the journey takes about half an hour. From Monopoli station the old town is a short walk or taxi ride away.

By car

Take the SS16 Adriatica road and exit at Monopoli (or Polignano a Mare). Parts of the old towns are limited traffic zones (ZTL): **message us before driving in** and we'll tell you where to park.

During your stay

- **Wi-Fi**: the password is sent to you together with your access instructions.
- **Recycling**: waste is sorted in Monopoli. Please follow the instructions you find in your apartment.
- **Neighbours**: our buildings are lived in, so please keep noise down in the evening and in the early afternoon.
- **Check-out**: please leave by the time indicated, close windows, switch off lights and leave the keys as instructed.

Monopoli's beaches

Approximate distances from Palazzo Cesare.

- **Cala Porta Vecchia** (about 200 m, on foot): a small beach below the old town walls, with shallow crystal-clear water. Quieter in the morning.
- **Cala Porto Bianco** (about 400 m): sand and shallow water, great for families.
- **Cala Porto Rosso** (about 500 m): one of the largest, with fine sand and cool water from underwater springs.
- **Cala Perla Nera** (about 600 m): a small natural "swimming pool" among the rocks.
- **Porto Ghiacciolo** (about 1.5 km, best by car): below the abbey of Santo Stefano, with clear and always chilly water.

Discover Monopoli

- **The old town**: white stone alleys, little squares and sea views. Perfect for a sunset walk.
- **The Cathedral of the Madonna della Madia**: a baroque church dedicated to the town's patron saint. Legend says her icon arrived from the sea on a raft in 1117.
- **Charles V Castle**: a seafront fortress hosting exhibitions and events.
- **The old harbour**: the blue fishing boats, called "gozzi", are the symbol of the town.

Day trips

Approximate driving times from Monopoli.

- **Polignano a Mare** (15 min, also by train): the clifftop village and Lama Monachile beach.
- **Castellana Caves** (20 min): spectacular limestone caves with guided tours. Booking is recommended.
- **Egnazia Archaeological Park** (20 min): remains of an ancient Messapian and Roman town by the sea.
- **Alberobello** (30 min): the trulli, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- **Itria Valley** (30–40 min): Locorotondo and Cisternino, white villages among olive groves and vineyards.
- **Ostuni** (35 min): the “White City” on the hill.

Where to eat

Our favourite places, with walking times from Palazzo Cesare.

- **Il Guazzetto** (old town, 10 min): excellent seafood, starters and pasta. Booking recommended. – map
- **Lido Bianco** (7 min): seafood restaurant by the sea. – map
- **Filo d’olio** (3 min): Apulian cooking and pizza. – map
- **Carlo Quinto** (10 min): food and drinks; try the seafood carbonara. – map
- **Cime di Tapas** (8 min): local dishes with Apulian produce. – map
- **Ristorante Piazza Palmieri** (8 min). – map

Groceries and local shops

- **Supermarkets** RossoTono Easy (4 min walk) and Shop Sette (7 min). – map
- **L’angolo della Mozzarella** (2 min): fresh dairy. – map
- **Salumeria Lepanto** (3 min): deli. – map
- **Panificio dello Studente** (2 min): bread and focaccia. – map
- **Fruit and vegetables** (2 min): Gianluca will be happy to advise you. – map
- **Catch of the day** (harbour, 10 min): bought straight from the fishing boats. – map

Experiences

Wander through the alleys to the old harbour, visit Charles V Castle, swim in the coves and end the day with a seafood dinner. Or try:

- **Pugliamare** : sea experiences to book. – map
- **Pescaturismo** (harbour, 16 min walk): a day at sea with local fishermen. – map
- **Puglia Buggy** : buggy tours among ancient olive groves. – map

Useful numbers

- **Emergencies**: 112 (European emergency number).
- **Anything you need during your stay**: message us on WhatsApp.

Need help during your stay?

Message us on WhatsApp and we'll reply as soon as possible.

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