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BORGO EGNAZIA PUGLIA, ITALY

by April Hutchinson

Borgo Egnazia is the latest project from the Melpignano family, already owners of two "masseria" hotels – Cimino and San Domenico – and a major golf course in Puglia, as well as a hotel in London, San Domenico House.

Under the watchful managerial eye of son Aldo – who has spent time working with hotel greats such as Ian Schrager – Borgo Egnazia is on course to becoming one of Europe's best-known all-round luxury resorts.

The main hotel at Borgo Egnazia is a triumph of creamy stone, turrets, stark cacti, flickering lights and an almost monastic feel, but a place where you know you could sip fine wines into the small hours and have fun by the pool with the fashionable guests. It has 63 rooms and a modern restaurant.

And as if that wasn't enough, just opening for the summer is an entire "village", or borgo, built from scratch and based on the many traditional Apulian towns of the area. Ideal for families, the borgo is filled with idyllic little buildings nestled as if in a sleepy hillside village. There are 93 rustic-designed rooms in the village, a cooking school and impressive new Trullini Kids Club.

Also part of the Borgo Egnazia resort are 28 beautiful villas – in more traditional classical Italian style – with oodles of space and private pools.

Meanwhile, the rest of Italy's "heel" awaits, home to towns such as Alberobello, known for its architecturally unique "trulli" houses, protected by Unesco, and Lecce, known as the "Florence of the south". Guests will need a car though to get around this sleepy corner of Italy.

The resort is many things, but it is not directly on the beach. However, it has bagged itself a beach-club patch at Capitolo, the popular coastal stretch nearby, and drives guests to and from there so they can get the sea air. In summer months, it creates its own little beach looking out over the Adriatic on the other side of the golf course. A short drive in the other direction is the tiny fishing village of Savalletri, which comes alive in the summer with great fish restaurants.

HOW TO SELL IT

- Families: they'll love the new village section of the resort with its Trullini Kids Club.
- Spa fans: this is the best spa in the region with its own pool and spa product line.
- Weddings: the resort can plan a beautiful Italian event and has a huge honeymoon suite.
- Cuisine: from the stylish Due Camini at Borgo, to the rustic dishes at Masseria Cimino.

How to book it

W&O Travel offers seven nights at Borgo Egnazia from £2,099pp sharing a Borgo deluxe townhouse on half-board, and including flights with British Airways and return transfers.
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COWORTH PARK BERKSHIRE, UK

by Jo Reeder

Coworth Park, the latest addition to the Dorchester Group, is one of a new breed of country house hotels offering understated glamour in luxurious surroundings.

Opened last September, it is a multi-million pound venture that has it all – green credentials, including 12 acres of carbon-neutral willow used to fuel the hotel's biomass boiler; the only polo field within a hotel in the UK; and a magnificent eco-luxury spa that rises out of a hillside. The spa comes with a rooftop herb-garden, 100% organic treatments and a Spatisserie serving breakfast, afternoon tea and decadent champagne, echoing the modern take on a spa first introduced at the Dorchester.

Coworth sits in 240 acres of beautiful woodland and encourages its guests to make the most of the surroundings, offering Pashely bikes, tennis courts, horse riding and Jacques croquet on the lawn.

There are 70 guestrooms: 30 in the main house and 40 in the converted stables and cottages dotted around the grounds. Anyone with £5,000 spare for a night should consider the Grade II-listed Dower House, a private residence with three bedrooms, kitchen, dining room, lounge, snug, garden, stream and a family of swans.

Back inside the main house, contemporary horse-themed artwork adorns the walls and bedrooms are furnished with wrought iron four-poster beds inspired by trees, linens embroidered with riding motifs, Bang & Olufsen TVs that rise out of a cupboard at the end of the bed and Nespresso coffee

machines. Bathrooms boast copper roll-top bathtubs and waterfall showers.

Huge windows and mirrors make the fine-dining restaurant feel grand and airy, and Michelin-starred chef John Campbell doesn't fail to delight. The eight-course tasting menu is a real treat, with sommelier suggestions to match each dish. The Barn restaurant offers a more laidback dining option where muddy wellies are welcome.

Coworth is a wonderful country house hotel where understated luxury mixes with fantastic service in beautiful surroundings.
Tel: 01344 87600, coworthpark.com

HOW TO BOOK IT

Rooms start from £215 + VAT for stable superior room, based on two sharing.

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