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One of the most glamorous newcomers to the luxury hotel scene, Borgo Egnazia in Puglia has already earned a place as one of the Mediterranean's hottest retreats. Only two hours' flying time from the UK, but a world away from grey skies and winter blues, this spectacular five-star snuggles beautifully into its rural surroundings of rolling hills and olive groves, just steps from the sea in southern Italy.

Designed like a traditional *borgo* (little village) and built with hand-cut limestone using local artisan techniques, Borgo Egnazia blends age-old aesthetics with modern luxury to stunning effect. There's the elegant hotel, with 63 sumptuous cream-coloured suites. Or you could stay in one of 28 private villas – each has its own garden and pool. Lazy days can be spent flitting between the restaurants and bars, swimming pools and spa, an enormous

Roman bath-style shrine to pampering. And then there's the Borgo, a charming hamlet echoing the style of the nearby hill towns, with cobbled streets and a pretty piazza, as well as a church, kids' club and Italian cookery school.

With so much on offer, you need never leave the resort's gorgeous grounds. However, there's also plenty to see and do nearby. Tee off on the San Domenico championship golf course, perfect your serve at the tennis academy or spend an afternoon sunbathing at the Beach Club. The resort can also arrange various special activities, including sailing, windsurfing and horse-riding. For day trips, the ancient village of Lecce, famous for its stunning Baroque architecture, is within easy reach. Or explore the caves in Castellana – among the deepest in the world – and the Unesco World Heritage town of Alberobello, with its traditional conical-roofed 'trulli' houses.

You wouldn't expect this level of luxury on a budget, but we're offering *Travel* readers an exclusive early-booking discount on holidays at Borgo Egnazia taken during 2011. Simply book a stay at the resort before April 30 2011 and you can enjoy up to 20 per cent off the regular published rates.*

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