



RISORGIMENTO RESORT
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RISORGIMENTO RESORT*****L, a Splendid Baroque Dream

The Risorgimento Resort and Lecce

The Risorgimento Resort, an elegant historic building in the heart of Lecce, next to Piazza Sant'Oronzo, is the ideal location for your stay to discover the city of Baroque. Lecce, with its sumptuous facades, the papier machè workshops, the warm white tufa stone and the intricately carved balconies of the palaces of titled families, The Risorgimento Resort has been the home of the city's social life for over a century. Since 1880 it has been the elegant hotel in Lecce, the location for high-life parties, cultural events, and has welcomed prestigious national and international guests.

Rebirth of the Risorgimento Resort

The Risorgimento Resort has preserved the building's 19th century façade, yet inside it is very contemporary with a special trait –the idealized dream of the city of Lecce, with elegant cutting-edge architecture. Luca Scacchetti is the architect who was assigned the task of granting the Hotel Risorgimento a precious and sophisticated allure.

Luxury and character

The entrance is spectacular. Sumptuous chandeliers lead the guests to the *conciergerie*. A sacred shrine is set in the bright red wall, featuring the local papier machè artwork, as if wanting to evoke the prestigious craftsmanship of Salento. The shopping gallery, next to the entrance, showcases the contemporary local handicraft work. The reading room offers a selection of prestigious culture, design, travel and art publications. Past the *conciergerie* is the lobby with austere white sofas and minimalist red tables. Glass walls enclose a *small-space garden* which separates the lobby from the 'Janet Ross' American Bar, designed to convert into a meeting room.

Room for harmony

The 47 rooms – 14 Deluxe, 12 Superior, 15 Executive, 1 Duomo Suite, 1 Junior Suite, 1 Garden Suite, 2 Penthouse Suites with a Jacuzzi on a private terrace, 1 Presidential Suite, named after 'Tito Schipa' – perfectly express the concept of luxury which characterizes the Risorgimento Resort. The luxury of tranquility, of time restored, respect for privacy, accuracy for details, and of a multisensory aesthetic pleasure. Each room has its own identity offering our guests a unique place to regenerate. Great accuracy also in the design of the ample bathrooms, which offer every comfort.

Yet, all the rooms have something in common, namely the large canvases depicting details of Lecce's Baroque architecture, in a modern representation of the old splendor. This is meant to be an invitation to go out and explore the city which is awaiting its guests. The colors chosen are red, meant to evoke the soil and the warm climate, white, to recall the *Leccese* stone and the white sandy beaches on the Ionian coast, and green, to symbolize the centenarian olive groves.

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The cuisine of Chef Cosimo Simmini, merging the past and the future

The cuisine is the pride and glory of the Risorgimento Resort. Chef Cosimo Simmini is the extraordinary performer of Apulian and Salento culinary traditions, with a creative and innovative touch. Simmini is a versatile chef, who will offer also national and international cuisine, with a remarkably high quality. Commended by influential culinary critics, Chef Simmini runs the Quattro Spezierie Restaurant as well as the Roof Garden, where the kitchen stoves are 'visible', and cocktails and dinners are served overlooking the stunning outline of the magical and secret side of the city.

A broad selection of wines is offered at the Risorgimento Resort's wine bar, which is set in an amazing cellar.

Wellness

The Salus per Aquam Spa, located on the first floor of the hotel, is the ideal place to unwind and regenerate, selecting customized and exclusive wellness menus. The guests can ask for personalized advice provided by trained staff which will meet the individual needs. Our suggestions aim at a wellness for mind and body. Facial and body programs can be customized. A well equipped workout room offers Technogym equipment.

A Curiosity: Tito Schipa in Lecce

In the 20th century, the Risorgimento Resort hosted many important guests as Renato Carosone, Wanda Osiris and entrepreneur Adriano Olivetti. Nevertheless, the character which has left the strongest sign is Tito Schipa. When the Maestro returned to his hometown he stayed at the Risorgimento Resort. These reminiscences in the hotel are well represented by his stage costume displayed on site and the Presidential Suite which bears his name. This suite is decorated in a different style, with antique furniture harmoniously coexisting with modern design pieces. The private terrace overlooks the magnificent Roman Amphitheater and the classy street below. The remembrance of Tito Schipa is still very much felt by Vestas Hotels & Resorts. The Group, in fact, has been collaborating for many years with Tito Schipa Jr sponsoring opera projects taking inspiration from the great tenor.

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