

DESTINATIONS

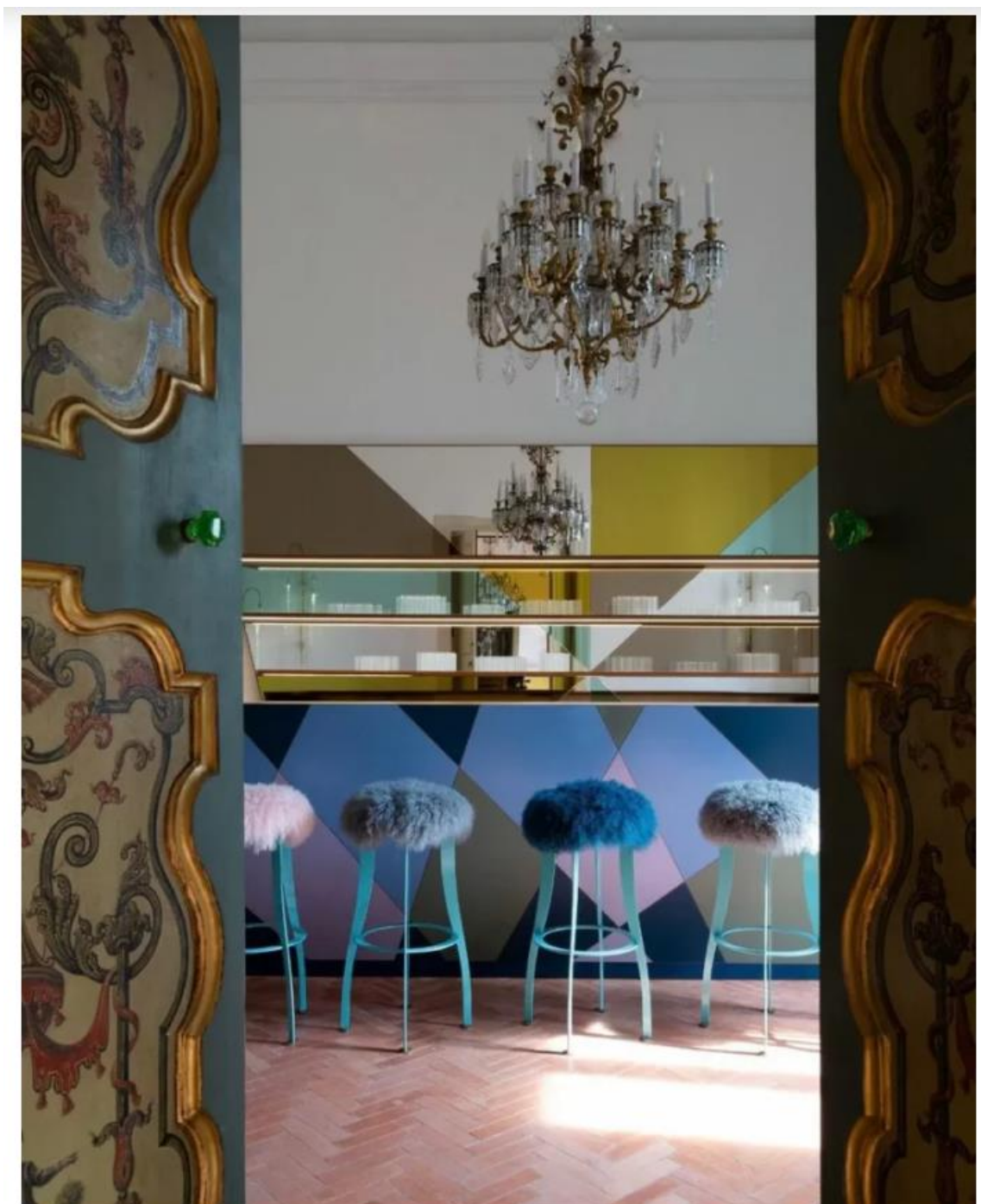
Where to Visit in Puglia

The heel of Italy's boot, Puglia is a favorite summer destination for Italians and savvy travelers who flock to its pristine beaches. But there's much more to this region than just the seaside—there are charming whitewashed villages, a rustic landscape dotted by olive trees and vineyards, and culinary specialties worth digging into. Here's our curated guide to six places not to miss.

Lecce



Sometimes called the Florence of the South because of its architectural and artistic treasures, Lecce is certainly worth exploring. The city has a soft golden hue thanks to the kind of limestone used to construct its buildings, many of which are Baroque masterpieces. Lecce also has a strong artistic heritage, with lots of artists and artisans selling handmade jewelry, artwork, and much more.



Where to Stay: Palazzo Luce

Housed in a historic palazzo in the center of Lecce, this seven-room boutique hotel has an impressive collection of 20th-century furniture by the likes of Gio Ponti and contemporary art by William Kentridge, Marina Abramovic, Vanessa Beecroft, and other artists.