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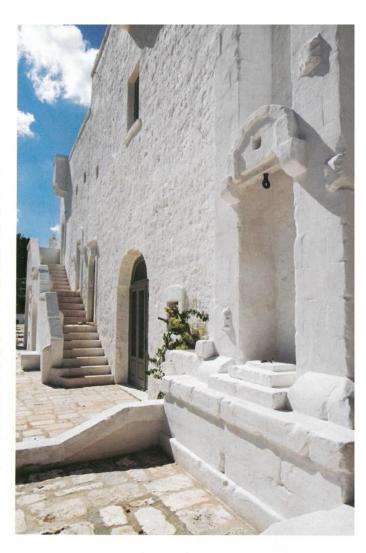


Puglia.

EST KNOWN AS Italy's heel, the peninsular region of Puglia has always had the trappings-picturesque beaches, baroque towns, rolling vineyards-of a top tourist destination. With the recent arrival of a few elite-level hotels, the region appears to be finally getting its due. Last June, La Fiermontina (lafiermontina.com) opened in a historic palazzo in charming Lecce with 16 guest rooms, a swimming pool, and a sculpture garden. Masseria Trapanà (masonrose.com), located just outside of town in a restored 16th-century farmhouse, followed in October with six gardens, nine suites, and a bijou chapel adorned with sixth-century frescoes. This March, the 19-room Masseria Le Carrube (masseriale carrubeostuni.it)—a sprawling chalk-white manse on the outskirts of Ostuni-will bring further proof that the spotlight is shifting to Puglia. Not to be left behind is the property that started it all: Borgo Egnazia (borgo egnazia.com), a 49-acre resort that itself resembles a Puglian town, recently debuted the region's most overthe-top accommodation, the seven-bedroom Villa Padronale. — R.K.



NLY IN THE past decade has tourism overtaken sugarcane production as St. Kitts's biggest industry. Still relatively unsung compared with much of the Caribbean, the lush West Indies isle is seeing careful development that promises to attract discerning travelers. The \$600 million community Kittitian Hill (kittitianhill.com), which debuted in late 2014, currently includes a hotel, an organic farm, 76 vacation homes, and an "edible" golf course called Irie Fields. On the southern end of the island, the 2,500-acre Christophe Harbour (christopheharbour.com) opened its superyacht marina last February and is expanding to include 300 berths, a Tom Fazio-designed golf course, and the forthcoming 125-room Park Hyatt St. Kitts (park.hyatt.com). Welcoming all of the island's VIP visitors is the RLB International Airport's new Yu Lounge, a private terminal offering expedited customs clearance and Porsche Cayenne transfers. —ELAINE GLUSAC



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