

Se-Art Residency
Baroque Blue 2026

THE NACHIRI ROUTES
BIODIVERSITY AND LANDSCAPE



ABOUT US

PRIMO PIANO LIVINGALLERY is a cultural management founded in 2014 after eleven years as a contemporary art gallery in Lecce.

The team has around thirty years of artistic experience and plans exhibitions and art residencies in Italy and abroad with a visionary approach and a focus on excellence.

Primo Piano LivinGallery contributes with its projects to a thriving global artistic ecology, promoting artistic practices through education, beauty, attention to the natural environment, territory, dialogue between cultures, encouraging collaboration and exchange between artists and communities.

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TORRE DELL'ORSO
19 SEPTEMBER - 03 OCTOBER 2026



ON-SITE ART CURATOR



The founder and Art Director of Baroque Blue is **Dores Sacquegna**. She lived in Rome, travelled and worked in various parts of the world, and in 2022 she returned to Salento to create **Baroque Blue**, an eco-experiential project exploring the dialogue between myth, territory, shamanism, ecology, and contemporary art. In addition to her curatorial work, she teaches traditional and experimental printmaking techniques.

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WHERE WE ARE - BAROQUE BLUE 2026



BAROQUE BLUE 2026 RUNS IN TORRE DELL'ORSO IN TERRA D'OTRANTO FROM SEPTEMBER 19 TO OCTOBER 3. KNOWN AS THE PEARL OF THE SOUTH AND WITH A SEA CALLED "THE CARIBBEAN OF SALENTO," THE MARINA IS ON THE ADRIATIC COAST WITH A SANDY BAY AND NOT FAR FROM THE "DUE SORELLE/TWO SISTERS" ROCKS AND OTHER PARADISIACAL LANDSCAPES.

TORRE DELL'ORSO IS DEEPLY LINKED TO THE MYTH OF THE **BIG DIPPER**. "ORSO" IN ENGLISH IS "BEAR". THIS PLACE IN THE HEART OF THE **TERRA D'OTRANTO** HAS BEEN CIRCUMNAVIGATED SINCE ANCIENT TIMES BY THE SAILORS, PILGRIMS AND DEVOTEES OF THE GREAT MOTHER. HERE THERE ARE PLACES WHERE HER TRACES ARE STILL VISIBLE IN BOTH SURFACE SANCTUARIES AND COASTAL GROTTO.



SALENTO | PUGLIA REGION | ITALY
TORRE DELL'ORSO (LECCE)

A frontier land, the history of **SALENTO** has intersected with that of the East thanks to the Mediterranean Sea and the meeting of civilizations that bordered it. Inhabited since the Bronze Age, Salento is rich in symbols that tell its history, culture, and traditions, but it also holds fascinating secrets and mysteries, legends, and enigmatic tales in its 101 villages in the Lecce area.

The sunsets in the land between two seas paint the sky with shades of red, orange, and purple that are reflected on the water. It is a moment of pure **MAGIC**, to be experienced firsthand.





LIVING IN AN ARTIST COMMUNITY

Primo Piano welcomes artists from all over the world who enjoy experiencing the **art of living** together in a community that respects nature and the environment.

BAROQUE BLUE SE-ART RESIDENCY is a bridge between East and West, North and South, form and content, ethics and aesthetics, past and future. It is a point of reference for international artists who wish to work in a stimulating environment to deepen their artistic practice in dialogue with the territory and Apulian artists. During the residency, artists not only live together, but share a collective vision that embraces art, culture, music, history, research, sustainability, and spiritual development.

These principles permeate all aspects of daily life within the unique and engaging model that is Baroque Blue.

Every day you can relax by the sea, take a dip in the crystal-clear waters of this **Blue Flag** area, and explore beautiful places as parks, neolithic grottoes, masseries, marine sanctuaries, megalithic monuments, fisherman villages and more...

THE NACHIRI ROUTES: BIODIVERSITY AND LANDSCAPE

BAROQUE BLUE 2026 | ART PROJECT ON SITE

An art project by Dores Sacquegna

The unspoiled landscape of **Salento** is not defined solely by the breathtaking beauty of its sea. The region is characterized and brought to life by expanses of monumental olive trees, some with anthropomorphic and zoomorphic shapes—a heritage of Puglia recognized worldwide.

The Nachiri Routes is an expression that evokes the historical and cultural paths linked to olive oil production in Salento, centered on the figure of the “Nachiro” (or helmsman). The term draws on a nautical metaphor, as the oil mill was seen as an underground ship and the nachiro as its captain. During the summer, the nachiro was on a voyage aboard his ship, and in the winter, he was the master of the underground oil mills (hypogeum).

There is a fascinating myth that links Aeneas and Salento, classical mythology with the Land of Otranto—a poetic tale, that of Virgil as narrated in the Aeneid, which identifies Torre dell'Orso, Porto Badisco, and Castro as Aeneas's landing place after his flight from Troy. The two rocks Virgil refers to are the “two sisters,” the two sea stacks located in front of the bay of Torre dell 'Orso. Nearby is the San Cristoforo grotto, known to all travellers who circumnavigated Salento, with ships carved into the rock and other shrines dedicated to sailors and the gods worshiped in this part of Italy.

This itinerary explores the sites steeped in myth, the historic crossroads between East and West, the landscape, the underground world, and the centuries-old tradition that has made Salento one of the leading producers of olive oil in the Mediterranean.

Like ancient Nachiri (sailors), You will embark on your journey following the routes that will lead them to discover your true Self. A sacred and profound journey to honour your roots and discover who you have been and who you are ready to become.

The complete project will be sent to participants.

WELCOME IN SALENTO!

The land of a thousand cultures
deep-rooted traditions and genuine artistic trends



FAQS RESIDENCY AND ELEGIBILITY

- **What is Baroque Blue for?** The art residency is an educational program run by Primo Piano and a stage for artists seeking inspiration and wishing to enjoy a unique experience in contact with nature and other artists. The residency becomes a tool for co-creation and collective action to transform the imagination.
 - **Who is Baroque Blue aimed at?** The projects are aimed at artists in all creative fields, including but **not limited to visual arts**, choreography, writing, music composition, and performance. National and international emerging and mid-career artists are welcome to apply.
 - **What does each residency project involve?** Living and working in nature means questioning the landscape and context, taking care to consider the complex relationships that exist between the environment and human settlements. The projects are conceived and directed by the curator on site [Dores Sacquegna](#). In addition to working on the proposed theme, group activities are planned (excursions, visits, workshops, boat trip, yoga or shamanism etc.) The residency includes basic materials for working on site, the final exhibition and more.
 - **What kind of accommodation does Baroque Blue offer?** Depending on the project, participants are accommodated in villas between the Ionian and Adriatic coasts. The residency allows them to live away from their daily routine and focus on production and storytelling about the places. Artists can choose between a single room, a shared room, or a double room (for couples).
 - **Can I bring a family member or friend?** The residency is open to artists only, but in exceptional cases can accommodate family members. You can share your experience with other artist friends.
 - **Do you accept artists with disabilities?** Although some of our accommodations are located on the ground floor, the projects are not entirely accessible to people with mobility issues because they include hiking and other activities.
 - **Do you help before and after the residency?** Yes. In collaboration with local providers, we help with accommodation in B&Bs or hotels (before or after the residency) and a shuttle transfer service for those arriving from the airport/train station and returning.
 - **Do all residencies include a final exhibition?** Yes, Baroque Blue is an art residency and focuses mainly on contemporary art. Our events are widely advertised in local newspapers and national magazines such as La Repubblica, Exibart, Il Quotidiano, etc. More info [here](#)
 - **I am curious to know how other artists experienced it.** You can see many of their testimonials in the feedback section of our website [here](#)
 - **Costs and Grants** – Baroque Blue is a cultural management. The cost depends on the program, accommodation, and month of the year. We are happy to assist artists seeking grants or other forms of funding in their country or institution of origin by providing a letter of invitation when an applicant is accepted.
- ❖ Further information, visit the Baroque Blue website: <https://baroqueblueresidency.com/en/>

WHAT IS INCLUDED

BAROQUE BLUE is a two-week full immersion art residency in Salento and includes a series of activities and services:

- ✓ **Accommodation in villas near the sea.** A place where the sea is not just a view, but a living presence that embraces every morning and sings every evening. Houses to share as a big family, transforming them into a place of celebration, encounter, and love. People don't just come here to sleep, but to breathe in the sea, to recognize themselves in a sunset, to let themselves be lulled by a terrace that looks out onto infinity. Not just a stay. A feeling. A memory. A sea inside.
- ✓ **Curatorial project that includes a final exhibition** of the works created during the residency. The exhibition is set up in the garden of the MAIN VILLA and curated by [Dores Sacquegna](#).
- ✓ **Basic materials and equipment** for working on site with painting, collage, drawing, installations, video, etc.
- ✓ **Guided tours** 2-3 full day to discover the places in Salento connected to the project. The tours are conducted on foot in the surrounding area, by land with private bus transfers, and by sea with boats. The tours generally last a full day and led by [curator](#) and [Primo Piano staff](#).
- ✓ **Workshop:** 2-3 days of cartapesta/papier-mâché led by [Silvia Mangia](#).
- ✓ **Yoga and Sacred Feminine:** 3 - 4 days sessions, including the final ceremony, led by our [Maria Maddalena Armenise](#).
- ✓ **Meeting** and dialogue with [Apulian artists](#).

- ✓ **Dinners** - Primo Piano works with qualified chefs, offering Mediterranean and traditional local cuisine for both vegetarians and non-vegetarians. Welcome dinner, barbecue dinner, and a final dinner is offered by Primo Piano. Please, specify your dietary requirements on the application form.
- ✓ **Breakfast and water** are provided for the first few days of arrival. All villas and/or apartments have kitchens, and food can be purchased nearby.
- ✓ **Final day** - There will be an exhibition of the works created, musical performances. During the show the artists will be awarded with a [Certificate of Recognition](#).
- ✓ **Video** and photo report.
- ✓ **Immediate release**, invitations, and press kit regarding the final exhibition.
- ✓ **Web page** - A page with biography and works will be posted on the Baroque Blue website on the [network page](#)
- ✓ **Prizes:** All the best works created during the residency will be displayed in the coming months in a dedicated exhibition at a Contemporary Art Foundation in Lecce.

The detailed day-by-day schedule and places to visit on tours will be sent only to participants.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

- Any access tickets to sites of interest. Normally they are free.
- Specific art materials: can be ordered and paid for upon arrival.
- Meals that are not mentioned, you can buy your food at the grocery.

WHAT'S ON THE PROGRAM 2026





WORKSHOP: THE MAGIC OF PAPIER-MÂCHÉ

You will learn the secrets of this ancient and fascinating paper sculpture technique, typical of the Salento region in Southern Italy, which originated in Salento, through an immersive workshop with Italian teacher SILVIA MANGIA



SALENTO TOURS & EXCURSIONS

Baroque Blue offers a calendar of tours to discover Salento, its history, myths, and folklore. Places chosen by curator DORES SACQUEGNA and connected to the project to discover and find inspiration for your own ART on site. They will be carried out on foot, by bus for long distances, and by boat to discover magical itineraries.



YOGA: CELEBRATING MOTHER EARTH

During the residency, participants are invited to reconnect with the Mother Earth who embody fertility and renewal. Practices include dance aimed at maintaining harmony with nature and its natural elements, prayers and songs, seasonal offerings and celebrations, and participation in circles, guided meditations. Sacred feminine is led by MARIA MADDALENA ARMENISE



PRIVATE BOAT TOURS TO THE SCENIC CAVES OF SALENTO

The residency includes private boat tours to the scenic caves of Salento with a swimming stop and drinks/aperitif on board.



PERFORMING ARTS & MEETING WITH APULIAN ARTISTS

Primo Piano offers moments of relaxation by engaging professionals in the fields of music, theatre, dance, and performance.



EXHIBITION AND THANKSGIVING CEREMONY

After completing the journey, the artists are ready to set up and exhibit their works during the final ceremony, and together they thank Mother Earth for inspiring them. The exhibition is open to the public and to anyone who wishes to participate freely.

TORRE DELL'ORSO BAY



HOUSING AND FEE BAROQUE BLUE

For Baroque Blue 2026 and in collaboration with our suppliers, artists in residency will be accommodated in **apartments and villas near the sea**, where they can live together as a community. The temperatures in September are excellent to enjoy pleasant swims. The sea known as the “Caribbean of Salento” has a sandy seabed. In the nearby marinas there are also areas with low cliffs.

Each artist will have the option of **choosing a single room or sharing with a friend** or an artist chosen by us. All accommodations are equipped with a kitchen, garden, or balcony and are located a short distance from the sea and from the **MAIN VILLA** where artists meet for group activities (on-site work, workshops, etc.) and social activities. The main villa is home to the on-site curator, who is always available for any needs.

Each participant will be provided with a set of keys and a set of towels. Additional bed linen or towels can be reserved two or three days in advance by contacting the on-site curator, who will then communicate with the agency.

All accommodation is provided by the real estate agency.

The cost includes art project with all services mentioned on the previous pages and housing for two weeks.

Accommodation is subject to availability, so if you are interested, apply now!



AVAILABLE ACCOMMODATIONS AND TOTAL FEE BAROQUE BLUE

MAIN VILLA OCEAN VIEW | FIRST FLOOR



This apartment of 180sqm can accommodate up to **6 people**.

The apartment is equipped with everything you need for cooking and enjoying a pleasant stay. Access to the sea (60mt). Outdoor patio to enjoy the sunrise and sunset.

The apartment has n. 4 bedrooms and n. **2 bathrooms**, hair dryer, washing machine, air conditioning in all rooms, free Wi-Fi and more.

Rooms available

[These rooms share 1 bathroom with shower](#)

- Single room (double bed) - € 2000 in total ()
- Twin room O.W. (2 separate beds) - € 1700 per person ()

[These rooms share 1 bathroom with shower](#)

- Single room (reserved)
- Single room (double bed) - € 2000 ()



MAIN VILLA OCEAN VIEW | GROUND FLOOR



This apartment can accommodate up to **2 people**.

The apartment is in the garden of the MAIN villa. Access to the sea (20mt) is via the front gate, and it has a terrace from which to enjoy the sunrise and sunset.

This apartment offering a **complete privacy** for a couple of people. The apartment has everything you need for a pleasant stay, including a fully equipped kitchen, air conditioning, a laundry room, a storage room, Wi-Fi and **1 bathroom** with shower.

Outside the house there is a table with chairs and a parasol for outdoor dining, a barbecue, and outdoor showers.

[This housing share 1 bathroom with shower](#)

Double bed (for couple) - € 3600 in total ()

AVAILABLE ACCOMMODATIONS AND TOTAL FEE BAROQUE BLUE

VILLA GOLD



This villa of 120sqm can accommodate **up to 3 people**.

It is about 150 meters on foot from the sea and the main villa. Villa Gold is located on the ground floor within a large outdoor veranda equipped with a table and chairs, barbecue and showers. The apartment consists of an entrance hall, living room with a sofa bed, and fully equipped kitchen. All rooms are close to **air conditioning**. The villa has 3 bedrooms, a laundry room, free Wi-Fi and n. **2 bathrooms** with hairdryer.

Rooms available

[These rooms share 1 bathroom with shower](#)

- Single room (double bed) - € 2000 ()
- Single Room (double bed) - € 2000 ()



VILLA STAR



This villa of 120sqm can accommodate up to **4 people**.

It is about 150 meters on foot from the sea and the main villa. It is located on the first floor within a large outdoor veranda/patio, plus, a veranda on the ground floor with barbecue, parking space, and **bicycles**. It consists of an entrance hall, living room with a sofa bed, and fully equipped kitchen, washing machine, dishwasher.

Both rooms have **air conditioning**. Free Wi-Fi.

The large covered outdoor veranda, equipped with a table and chairs. The apartment has 2 bedroom and **2 bathrooms** with hairdryer.

[This room has 1 private bathroom with a shower](#)

- Double room for couple - € 3400 total ()
- Or for 1 person - € 2200 ()

[This room share 1 bathroom with a shower](#)

- Twin room - n. 2 separate beds € 1700 per person ()



FORM APPLICATION BAROQUE BLUE 2026



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YOUR DATA - NAME (FIRST + LAST)

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH

_____ | _____

SPOUSES/PARTNER NAME (fill out only if you plan to apply as artist couple)

_____ | DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH _____

ADDRESS _____ | CITY, STATE, COUNTRY _____

AREA CODE/PREFIX WHATSAPP PHONE _____ | E-MAIL _____

WEBSITE _____ INSTAGRAM _____

DIET: REGULAR () VEGETARIAN () CELIAC () GLUTEN-FREE () LACTOSE-FREE ()

CHOOSE YOUR HOUSING: MAIN VILLA FIRST FLOOR () MAIN VILLA GROUND FLOOR () VILLA GOLD () VILLA STAR ()

DATE ____/____/____/ SIGNATURE _____ SIGNATURE PARTNER _____

Print, fill out, scan and send it via email together a **picture of you** at

primopianoexhibition01@gmail.com or primopianorecidency@gmail.com

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION BAROQUE BLUE

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FROM 19 SEPTEMBER TO 03 OCTOBER

- Participation is confirmed by paying 50% by June 30, 2026.
- The remaining 50% must be paid by July 30, 2026.

RESERVATION AND REFUNDS POLICY

- Artists will be able to cancel their registration by July 20 receiving a full refund.
- After this date, artists will not be able to cancel their registration but they will be able to take part in the 2027 art residency, with a partial refund relating only to the art project and not to accommodation.
- We will stay in touch from the signing of the contract until your departure after art residency.

P.S. Do not purchase your plane ticket until your residency has been confirmed. You will receive an email from us and can then proceed with your balance.

PAYMENT FORMULAS

The cost of the program of residency mentioned on pages 9-15 is included of housing costs according to one's needs.

❖ WIRE TRANSFER

Account Holder: PRIMO PIANO LIVINGALLERY

Bank Name: MONTE DEI PASCHI DI SIENA

BIC/SWIFT: PASCITM1L79

IBAN: IT 25 X 01030 80100 00000 18719 71

(don't put space between the numbers and write to us if you need the address of the bank).

❖ PAYPAL to PRIMO PIANO LIVINGALLERY

email: primopianoatelier@gmail.com

❖ WISE to PRIMO PIANO SPECIAL PROJECTS

email: specialprojects029@gmail.com

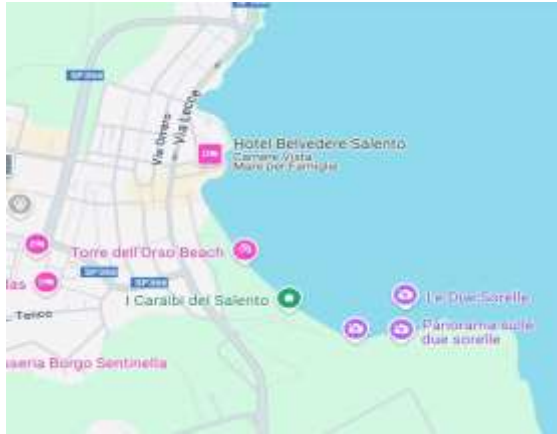
Fee must be sent in € euros currency with the following text:

BAROQUE BLUE 2026 – The Nachiri Routes

An invoice or receipt will be provided for each payment.

If interested apply before the deadline!

HOW TO GET TORRE DELL'ORSO



The residency takes place in TORRE DELL'ORSO, seaside village in Salento, in the province of Lecce. The exact directions, will be sent to participants only.

EQUIPMENT TO CARRY

Remember to bring backpack, comfortable shoes for excursion, swimsuits, summer clothes, a light jacket for the evening. There is a store in **TORRE DELL'ORSO** that sells everything for the sea in case you don't have room in your suitcase. Residents will need to bring their own materials relevant to their work such as laptop, camera, USB to name a few.

P.S. Residents, will also be able to rent car, bikes or motors in the city.

GROUP COMMUNICATIONS BY EMAIL AND WHATSAPP

After establishing the definitive number of participants, we will create a Whatsapp BAROQUE BLUE group to be all connected before your arrival and during the residency activities.

This will also serve to avoid spending money on calls for those who are out of the house and at the same time it will support the various needs of the individual and the group.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ARRIVAL

The residency begins on **SEPTEMBER 19** in the early afternoon to allow all participants to arrive on time. The nearest airport to Salento is BRINDISI (BDS). You must arrive no later than 2pm to meet up with the group and take the CRUSI VIAGGI shuttle to TORRE DELL'ORSO. If your flight arrives after this time, it is advisable to arrive in Brindisi a day earlier and stay overnight in Lecce, visiting this beautiful Baroque capital city.

The **meeting point** with the group is at 4pm in Lecce old city. You will arrive at your destination in less than an hour. The welcome dinner is at 8:30pm on SEPT 19.

How to get from Brindisi to Lecce - We can book a shuttle for you to take you to Lecce and back to the airport at the end of your stay.

For those staying in Lecce - In collaboration with our suppliers, we can assist you in finding a B&B in the heart of the city.

For all other information, we are available via email and WhatsApp, so that you can arrive and depart with maximum safety and peace of mind.

INFORMATION ABOUT DEPARTURE

The day of departure is the **03 OCTOBER** in the morning **by 10:00am**. Based on each person's flight time will be communicated to the shuttle that will take you from TORRE DELL'ORSO to Brindisi or Lecce (depending on your schedule).

CONTACTS US!

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BAROQUE BLUE IS WAITING FOR YOU

Come and live your adventure with us
and immerse your senses in the blue flag waters
of Salento in ITALY



UPCOMING EVENTS 2026

LIQUID REALITY

VISIONARY ART SHOW – PALMIERI FOUNDATION, LECCE | ITALY

CURATED BY DORES SACQUEGNA

FROM 20 NOVEMBER TO 04 DECEMBER 2026 - INFO [HERE](#)

