

LUXURIOUS LEISURE *in Tuscany*

VITIGLIANO TUSCAN RELAIS & SPA



The idea of a private hotel sprang from the belief that a new generation of hotels was needed for guests to immerse themselves in an environment of complete privacy.



Vitigliano, once a Roman hamlet, was first mentioned in historical records in the year 1085 and was later inhabited by the famous Verrazzano family for 400 years. Today it is home to one of the most exclusive country estates in Tuscany, complete with its own spa, conference room and chapel. The Vitigliano Relais & Spa is the perfect destination for a healthy-living clientele with an eye for exclusiveness and sustainable development, combining the ultimate in personal service with the chance to plan special family and friends get-togethers, management meetings and retreats devoted to sport, yoga, health and so on. Occupying a privileged site in the Chianti region midway between Florence and Siena, the unique hilltop location of the Vitigliano estate guarantees unimpeded, 360-degree views until sunset. Each of the suites can therefore promise breathtaking postcard views. All accommodation is grandly proportioned and features eye-catching materials from the Designers Guild and Kenzo along with antique Persian carpets from the owning family's own valuable collection. Guests sleep in comfortable Divan beds and freshen up in opulent bathrooms, where the extra-large shower cubicles are fitted with chrome rainshower faucets and shower trays hand finished in marble. Naturally the historic building houses state-of-the-art technology, including individually regulated air conditioning systems, flat screen LED TVs and Internet access.

One highly original touch is the chef's professional kitchen – not a partitioned-off workspace, but a warm and cosy room where diners are always welcome. In this private area, guests can watch the chef at work, engage him in conversation and draw their own inspiration. Meals are taken at a large table – individually prepared breakfasts each morning and light dishes for lunch (including vegetarian and vegan options, needless to say), with the kitchen team pleased to adapt menus to diners' wishes in the evenings. The original wine cellar (now restored) is situated in a vault below the tower provides an impressive setting for wine tasting and discussions about the exceptional Tuscan wines. Guests will also discover a lovingly assembled range of quality wines from the region, complemented by a private collection of the finest vintages from around the world. Unprecedented standards of healthy living are set courtesy of the Vitigliano Private Spa and wellness centre, the bathhouse with hamam, outdoor pool, outdoor jacuzzi, yoga plateau and gym. Mountain bikes and E-bikes are available for those wishing to explore the local area, while the detached conference room provides ample dining and seminar facilities for around thirty persons. ■

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