





Heaven Is A Place Called Vitigliano

Resting elegantly atop a hill overlooking the endless vineyards of Chianti, sits an ancient stone Borgo steeped in history, architecture and culture.

Rescued from ruin, beautifully restored and lovingly refurbished, Vitigliano magically combines its significant Tuscan heritage with super-chic contemporary interiors. With six elegantly appointed, luxurious suites and 5 hectares of lavender scented gardens, this privately-owned country house offers all the facilities of a five-star luxury resort including

wellness house, bath house, swimming pool, lounge terrace and cellar.

An inspiring blend of contemporary and classic design, Vitigliano is a secluded, hi-end hideaway, a unique 'bolt-hole' with an abundance of charm just 35 minutes from the enchanting Renaissance city of Florence. For those seeking the essence of 'luxury escapism', Vitigliano truly is, a new breed of boutique hotel.

Owner Marion Hattermer first set eyes on Vitigliano

in 2008 when searching the region for a permanent home that she could share with family, friends and discerning guests. After many years of living a transient life, moving homes and countries frequently, the time was right for putting down long-term roots and Tuscany was the place that the family truly felt connected too.

With a keen desire to find a property steeped in history, Vitigliano more than surpassed their dreams with its heritage noted in the history books as far back as 1085. Further adding to its allure, the property had



remained within the hands of the Verrazzano family for centuries giving the building a sense of family and security.

The final note of perfection was the property's outstanding hilltop location with breath-taking views of cypress trees, olive groves and vineyards. Furthermore, Vitigliano is situated near the towns of Panzano and Greve in Chianti further adding to the charm of life in the country, with Florence just a short drive away providing travel links for the family and of course guests.

In reality, it took a further 2 years for the purchase to finalise and restoration work began in earnest in 2010 and lasted 5 years, finally opening in 2015. In collaboration with a skilled local Architect, the direction of the project was led by the property itself and its inherent architectural features and historic character. A meticulous balancing act of sensitive renovations where implemented using a combination of traditional artisan techniques and hi-tech materials to create healthy, sustainable interiors.

"The best architect was, in any case, the house, or rather the ruin, itself – we really didn't want to change all that much because there's a reason for everything having been built the way it was. Our task, rather, was to find out how everything had looked originally and find a way of incorporating high technical standards, in keeping with environmentally sustainable criteria, without compromising the historic appearance. For example, we now have ventilated underflooring, underfloor heating where possible, windows that comply with the very latest energy standards, large rainwater cisterns and even biological sewage filtration."