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## Casa Marrucina

*Near Casoli, Abruzzo, Italy*

With a view of the Adriatic to the east, the Abruzzo National Park and mountains to the west and a panorama of picturesque hill-top villages to the south, Casa Marrucina is in a quite unique location, as well as being stylishly appointed for the most discerning guests.

Recently restored and refurbished by a well-known London Interior Designer, Casa Marrucina is a quite unexpected find in such a seemingly remote region. Abruzzo is steeped in history, has one of the best gastronomies in Italy and boasts truly magnificent scenery. It is fascinating, beautiful and alluring and Casa Marrucina is perfectly situated for exploring and discovering this wonderful and unexploited part of Central Italy.

Situated on the plateau of 'Piano La Roma', (in the middle of the archaeological site of 'Cluviae') Casa Marrucina looks out over panoramic views on three sides, with its own 1000-tree olive groves stretching out at the rear. Although the main house was constructed after the war (the barns are over one hundred years old) the owners have converted it into a most comfortable and spacious home – taking advantage of the high ceilings and what were previously agricultural outbuildings

to produce a truly luxurious environment whatever the time of year.

The vast kitchen/dining room is extremely well equipped and is the perfect place in which to enjoy experimenting with the really delicious fresh local produce. Bright and airy with red laquered cabinets, black granite worktops, a professional range, large central island, dining table for 12 or more, and even an office at one end, this superb room has been thoughtfully designed and furnished – the end result being a great space in which to have lots of fun. Next door is the equally spacious living room with antique stone fireplace and an effective mixture of contemporary and antique furniture. For those guests looking for some 'quiet time' then there is the book-lined study to retreat to with a book or watch a film.

Upstairs, the bedrooms enjoy excellent en suite facilities and delightful views. Each

of the rooms is spacious with luxuriously interlined curtains and best quality beds and furnishings. The master bedroom suite comprises a lobby with fitted wardrobes, a sophisticated bathroom with double basins in marble surrounds, double shower with Bizazaa mosaic tiles, and bedroom with antique mirror, linen press, and hand-sprung bed. Two further bedrooms have French windows onto terraces (one terrace with access to the ground floor swimming pool area). One of the other guest bedrooms has a charming antique Victorian half-tester double bed with bed hangings which with the twin bedroom next door, lobby and bathroom it makes an ideal family 'suite'.

Outside, the landscaped garden and pool are set adjacent to the house with views south over the village of Palombaro, the lake and 12th century tower of Casoli and on to the mountains of Roccaraso. To the north the olive groves stretch as far as the

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eye can see. Outside dining here is superb with a vine and wisteria covered pergola to provide shade, a barbecue for some al fresco cooking and a ping pong table for some additional fun. The garden has been planted with palms and oleanders, as well as a wealth of fruit trees, rosemary, lavender, cypresses and pines.

There is lots to explore in Abruzzo be it walking in the mountains of the stunning and magnificent National Parks, relaxing on the beaches just forty minutes away on the Adriatic, skiing in the southernmost resorts of the Appenines, or discovering the really untouched medieval villages where one can find some of the very best cuisine in Italy! This is the land of world famous pasta (De Cecco is produced just over the hills from Casa Marrucina) and of many superb wines including the renowned Montepulciano d'Abruzzo.

...And if you are really lucky you may see a wolf or a bear amidst this wild and beautiful land!



## Information

### Sleeps 10

#### Service:

- Maid 3 hours per day, 2 days per week
- Cook service on request

#### Accommodation:

- Kitchen/Dining room
- Living room
- Study/TV room
- Entrance hall
- Cloakroom and Utility room

#### First floor:

- Master double bedroom with shower room en suite
- Double bedroom with shower room en suite
- Twin bedroom with shower room en suite
- Double bedroom and Twin bedroom sharing lobby and bathroom en suite

#### Amenities:

- Private Pool 6m x 12m
- Satellite TV, DVD, Music system
- Washing machine, tumble dryer, dishwasher, microwave
- Gas heating
- Shop (which stores everything from tyres to vegetables!) 5 minutes

#### Local Interest:

- Casoli 5kms
- Guardiafrede 10kms
- Roccasalegna 15kms
- Lanciano 28kms
- Chieti 25kms
- Beach at Ortona 40 minutes (with private reserved place for guests of Casa Marrucina)
- Skiing at Roccaraso or Passo Lanciano 40 minutes
- Villa Maria Cookery School 40 minutes
- Hiking and Walking in the Maiella National Park 5 minutes

#### Airports:

- Pescara 40 minutes (Daily flight with Ryanair)
- Ancona 2 hours (Daily flight with Ryanair)
- Rome Ciampino 2.5hours (Ryanair, Easyjet, BA and Alitalia)

