



Maison Vernhes

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Sitting amidst the rolling hills of Val d'Orcia with only sheep as neighbours and views to die for, Maison Vernhes is an exceptional contemporary home in which to unwind and immerse oneself in nature.

Maison Vernhes is a traditional farmhouse located in the UNESCO world heritage site of Val d'Orcia in southern Tuscany. In the 1920s, part of this was purchased by Iris Origo, an Anglo-American writer (author of the classic "War in Val d'Orcia"), and her husband Antonio Origo. Their estate comprised 57 farmhouses, entrusted to tenant farmers and Maison Vernhes was one of them. Overlooking the surrounding valley from the top of a hill Maison Vernhes is accessible via a strada bianca winding between the cypresses and

expansive fields. The vast horizon from the villa is spectacular towards the summit of Mount Amiata, the hilltop villages of Pienza, Montalcino, Radicofani, San Quirico – each one steeped in history and beauty – and beyond to the west for unforgettable sunsets.

Built of rough grey stones and terracotta bricks, Maison Vernhes has been meticulously reimaged by talented Roman interior designer Ilaria Miani who has cleverly created vast spaces of light and air whilst

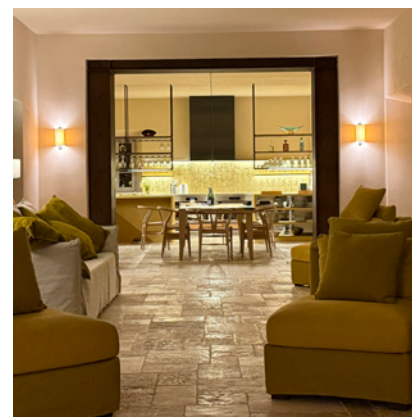
preserving the rural identity of the property. The original external features of the old farmhouse have been maintained whilst the open common spaces and spacious, light-filled guest rooms are totally modern. Guests will love the fantastic state of the art fully equipped kitchen – quite the perfect venue for those who love cooking whilst on holiday! With heaps of space and light one cannot fail to be inspired and creative. Directly outside the kitchen a long wooden table provides ample space for al

fresco dining whilst inside beyond the kitchen are the impressive and stunningly designed living areas. Gorgeous rich and vibrant fabrics combine perfectly with the natural colours on the walls and the travertine floors. Large windows give light throughout and there is a wonderful feeling of calm and tranquility together with absolute comfort. Maison Vernhes indeed lends itself perfectly to rentals throughout the year with its top of the range heating and cooling system, fireplaces, fun and intimate private cinema, numerous relaxing and dining venues.

There is one double bedroom with ensuite bathroom on the ground level and upstairs another six extremely spacious bedrooms each with its own state of the art shower room. Top of the range mattresses, linen and bath products



will delight even the most discerning of guests and each bedroom enjoys magnificent views to the glorious surrounding countryside and crete Senese. Next to the main house is the enchanting annex with its double bedroom and en suite bathroom together with living area which works perfectly as an office for those guests needing to work remotely. The annex has large windows and its own terrace from which to enjoy the



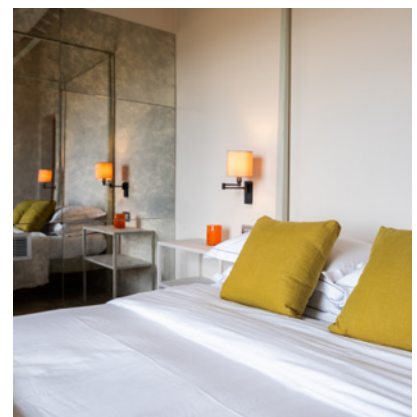
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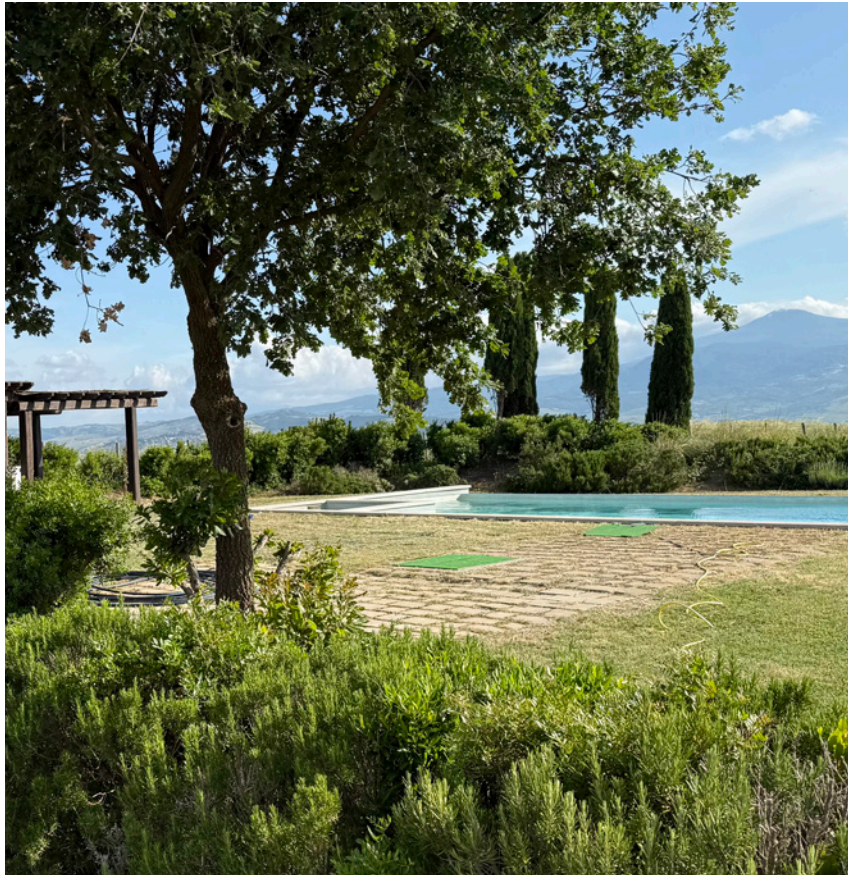
The spacious garden with private pool and 360 degree views provides the perfect location for relaxing lazy days before perhaps a private blind tasting inside the stylish and spacious hidden away cantina!

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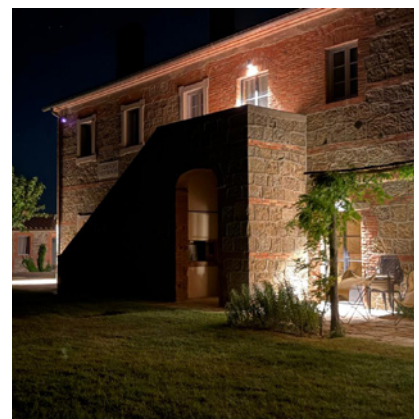


of friends or extended family wishing to relax, have fun together and immerse themselves in this area of exceptional natural beauty and history. I am delighted to be privileged to have the opportunity to include Maison Vernhes within my cherry-picked portfolio.





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Information

Sleeps

- 16

Service:

- Maid service twice a week
- Cook on request
- (No smoking. No pets allowed)

Accommodation

- Massive open plan fully equipped kitchen/dining/living area with fireplace
- Cinema room
- Guest cloakroom
- Double bedroom with en suite shower room
- Laundry/Utility area

First floor:

- Four double bedrooms with en suite bathrooms
- Two twin bedroom with en suite bathroom
- Sitting

Annexe:

- Double bedroom with en suite bathroom
- Office and living room area with fireplace

Facilities:

- Circular private pool 72m2
- Gym
- Pétanque court
- Air con & mosquito screens in all rooms
- heating
- High speed WiFi
- Barbecue
- Streaming TV, Yoga mats, Kitchen garden

Available on request

- Private wine tastings in the cantina
- Cookery demonstrations and classes.

Local Information:

- Pienza, Montalcino, Montepulciano, Bagno Vignoni, San Quirico d'Orcia, Radicofani, Siena 45mins
- Arrezzo, Orvieto, Cortona 1hr
- Assisi and Florence 1hr30
- Chiusi train station 30mins
- Winery visits
- Farm visits
- Hot Springs in Bagni San Filippo, Bagno Vignoni and San Casciano dei Bagni
- La Foce estate with famous gardens
- Fashion outlets.

Airport

- Rome 2.5hrs
- Pisa 2.5hrs
- Florence & Perugia 1.5hrs