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## UMBRIA, ITALY

On the idyllic cusp of Umbria and Tuscany, the Castello di Reschio carves out a rare profile of Italy's fertile foothills with ten medieval country manors all preserved and transformed into 21<sup>st</sup> century legends.

The effect is a castle and its resident cottages once lived in by farmers and grounds keepers, now the quarry of captains of industries and celebrities owned as second homes and used by others as vacation villa escapes.

The actual Castello di Reschio is now a lovingly preserved 36-room hotel overlooking a 3,700-acre expanse of olive groves and vineyards surrounding grand villas and estates in what might have been a familiar view in the times of the Medicis and now comprises inspiring settings for novels and films.

The land and its ancient stone residences – some dating back to the tenth century AD – became the life project for Count Antonio Bolza, then a German-based art book publisher who earlier had fled Hungary, and his Austrian architect wife Countess Angelika put down new roots on the Castello di Reschio estate. The estates were in tatters. A post-war flight from Italy rendered ancient farmhouses, granaries, mills, cowsheds useless along with fields long fallow from neglect.

The Bolza family took to restoring the fields and rebuilding the structures, often from scratch but with all the care required to turn them into their former glory. Some fifty structures are in progress – 26 of them completed and in use, with ten of those estates now available for vacationers looking to immerse themselves in the history and tales of a very storied land.

## LOCATION

Find these Reschio manors near Perugia San Francesco d'Assisi – Umbria International Airport, a 35-minute drive away. Rome is a two-and-a-half-hour drive south; Florence, to the north, can be reached in under two hours.

Nearby is Lake Trasimeno, where Hannibal crushed the Romans in the Second Punic War in 217 BC. And the valley has remained unchanged for centuries – possibly the same rolling hills that di Vinci might have gazed.

Country roads meander through stands of cypresses trees, olives groves, vineyards, Mediterranean oak and chestnut woods, dotted with the occasional farmhouse. Within an hour's drive one can be in Assisi, Arezzo, Cortona, Gubbio, Perugia and Siena, or keep it simple with lunch in a small village along the way.

Each villa estate is large with multi-bedrooms, modern kitchens, stately living areas, terraces and gardens, often a pool or tennis court or cottage annex, and privacy for as far as the eye can see.

Residents of Reschio's magnificent villas have the added benefits of being near the castle with access to Castello di Reschio's amenities, that include a horse stable for riding and lessons, tennis courts, and three man-made lakes stocked with fish and options for wild boar hunting, truffle foraging and cooking classes. Reschio's stunning underground bathhouse spa is located in the castle's old wine cellar. There is also a restaurant that serves such homemade produce as honey, olive oil, pasta and wine. There is a bar, library, pool and an organic farm on the castle grounds and a number of preserved wineries around the region for intriguing exploration. Hiking and walking trails abound through these scenic acres.

## FARMHOUSE MANORS

Ten restored farmhouses are available to rent. (PLEASE LINK EACH OF THESE TO SEPARATE DR DESCRIPTION PAGE FOR EACH)

**Arrighi** – an ancient watchtower and fortified farmhouse is now a spacious modernist house with five bedrooms in the main building and one more in a guest house, for a total of six rooms.

**Barco** – is walking distance from the center of Castello di Reschio Estate and is probably the most family friendly property with five bedrooms in the main building, and a little guest house with one bedroom.

**Brusceto** – this property is the largest at Castello di Reschio and perfect for a multi-generation party or couple of families travelling together. Find five bedrooms in the main building and two more in a guest house, for total of seven rooms.

**Noci** – this 17<sup>th</sup> century farmhouse looks across the valley to Castello di Reschio and further on to the rolling hills of Umbria. Its three bedrooms are divided between the main building -- with two rooms -- and a guest house with one bedroom.

**Palazzo** – this magnificent villa with private gym, billiard and tennis court has a total of five rooms in the same building.

**Piantaverna** – the latest home to be decorated and furnished by the Reschio Estate team features a total of four rooms, three in the main building and one in the annex.

**Spinaltermine** – a bright, spacious house, is elegantly furnished and accessed by a 1.25-mile private road. This home has four bedrooms in the main building plus one in the guest annex, for a total five bedrooms.

**Bell'Aria** – this elegant Italian Villa with private tennis court has the ease and charm of an English Country House, offering flexible accommodation divided in three distinct zones. It has a total of six bedrooms, four in the main house that is divided in a northern and a southern part, and two rooms in the Garden

**Grugliano** – one of the first houses to be restored, this beautiful property is walking distance from the center of the Reschio estate with four bedrooms in the main building, plus two in the guest for total of six bedrooms.

**Casa delle Soure** – This peaceful and very private property offers light-filled rooms and fantastic views of the rolling wooded hills around the property. It offers six bedrooms divided between the main house and guest houses.