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## Tuscan Treasure: Your Italian Farmhouse Dream Vacation Is Here

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The terrain has changed little since the 18<sup>th</sup> century, and the tall cypress trees that line the road remain as they were ages ago. Located on 98 acres of land, approximately 25 minutes southwest of Florence, **Agriturismo Casetta** is a 270-year-old farmhouse, perfectly appointed for a luxurious vacation stay. Owned by the same family for over fifty years, proprietor Xenia Lemos has preserved its venerable old world charm, but taken the utmost care to update the property to include everything modern travelers desire.



Begin your stay under the Tuscan sun with breakfast on the patio, and rest assured that Xenia personally will have curated your visit to provide a variety of ideas and activities. The morning meal will feature a country breakfast with fresh fruits, local cheeses, meats, fresh breads, cereal, yogurt, and organic preserves from the surrounding farmland. Plan the day lingering over your espresso by selecting from her customized trip itineraries, which allow you to immerse yourself in traditional Italian culture.





Xenia's newly launched "Enrichment Series" are once-in-a-lifetime, exclusive bespoke experiences. Supervised by distinguished local connoisseurs and experts, each activity surpasses the next. Perhaps you would enjoy:



**Truffle Hunting Excursion with Royalty:** Takes place in the private woods of a 400 AD castle with a member of the Strozzi family, royal Princesses who are direct descendants of the Mona Lisa. Then feast on a private, white truffle lunch paired with exclusive wine from the estate's 1,000 year-old cellars.





**Private Gallery Tours with an Art Historian:** Indulge yourself in Florence's renaissance art scene with a personally guided tour by an art historian.



**Rare Wine Journeys:** Zip around in a Ferrari at your own pace to tour local vineyards and gain access to cellars rarely seen by the public. Xenia's vast network in Tuscany allows for behind-the-scenes tastings with a curated map for travelers to follow.





**Transformative Equine Experiences:** One-on-one coaching sessions for a transcendental approach to therapy and healing with a professional facilitator and horsemanship expert.



After your excursion, take a dip in the pool, enjoy the peaceful views, or sample a homemade pizza cooked in the outdoor wood fire oven. You'll want to imbibe the signature cocktail, the *Roveta Dodici*, made with muddled raspberries and locally sourced vodka.



The in-house chef also prepares dinners utilizing the seasonal vegetables from the garden, truly farm to table. Casetta also features cooking classes, yoga, biking, and a variety of in-house beauty treatments. A private driver is also available. The hotel has five double rooms, custom made Italian linens, deluxe toiletries and WiFi. Wrap yourself in the fluffy bathrobe as you watch the stunning sun set over the countryside – exactly like it's done for hundreds of years.





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