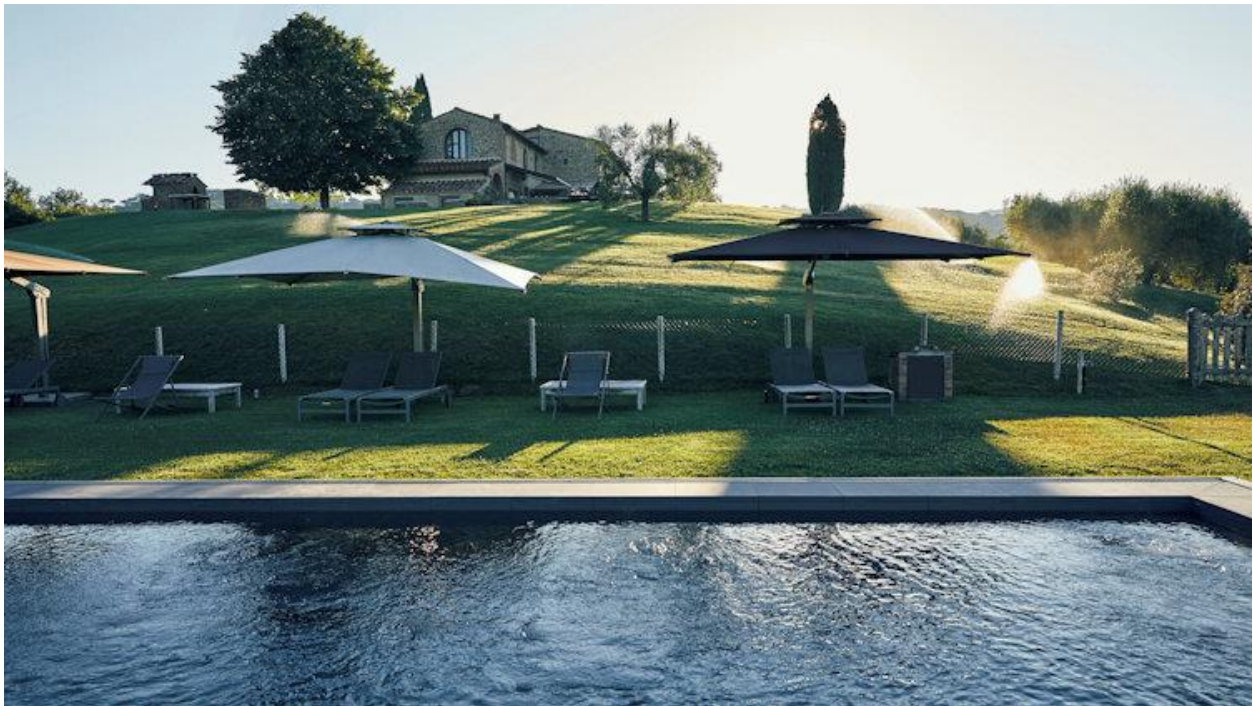


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## Escape to a 270-year-old Luxury Farmhouse Nestled in the Tuscan Countryside

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[Casetta](#) is a 270-year-old luxury farmhouse nestled in the Tuscan countryside owned by Xenia Lemos, who was born to a prominent Greek shipping family. She inherited the 90-acre farmhouse estate from her uncle and spent years revitalizing the entire property inside and out, eventually transforming it to one of Tuscany's most charming and breathtaking properties visited by clientele from around the world. This was not the career she imagined but one that has given her the most joy in welcoming guests and ensuring a delightful stay.

Xenia, who grew up in Athens and London and studied business management and economics at university in England, applied her business acumen and love of hospitality to create an Italian oasis just half an hour away from Florence. She furthered her education by enrolling in school to study enology and agriculture, as well as learning about olive oil production from neighboring farmers. The estate now features more than 1,000 olive trees and is situated near local vineyards. Guests can sample local harvests, from olive oil to Chianti to truffles, during their stay. Each detail of a guest's stay is meticulously curated by Xenia herself to craft a personalized itinerary for every traveler.

[Casetta](#) recently launched a series of Italian immersion experiences curated by Xenia and featuring female experts, including:

- **Truffle hunting during prime white truffle season 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.** Guests can then enjoy 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:** Engross yourself in Florence's Renaissance art scene with a personally guided tour by an historian and enjoy stories that are not in textbooks.
- **Transformative equine experiences.** One-on-one coaching sessions for a transcendental approach to therapy and healing with a professional facilitator and horsemanship expert.

[Casetta](#) offers five double rooms with luxurious amenities such as Italian linens and Florentine toiletries and sweeping vistas of the peaceful countryside (best enjoyed pool side, while sipping the property's signature cocktail, the Roveta Dodici, made with muddled raspberries and locally-sourced vodka). Nightly rates for the entire farmhouse starts at €1500 and includes full daily breakfast, welcome drinks, welcome dinner, Wi-Fi, and housekeeping.