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Borgo Di Vagli



It has taken 10 years of painstaking work for Fulvio Di Rosa to realise his dream of restoring and revitalizing the ancient Borgo situated a stones throw from Cortona.

Regarded by many, including best selling author and Tuscany officianado, Frances Mayes (Under the Tuscan sun etc) as being among the best in his field, in person he is the embodiment of the spirit of Borgo Di Vagli. His friendly, charming and welcoming demeanour immediately puts one at ease.

During dinner in the 600 year old Trattoria, Fulvio explains that the idea for offering fractional ownership of Borgo di Vagli was born out of his frustration and disappointment with previous projects which, when completed, were often bought by people who only used the property for occasional holidays and that over time the maintenance and upkeep was not controlled and the once 'Dream property' would, in a short period of time, become much less than Fulvio's vision. One of the great benefits of fractional ownership is that all the maintenance and repairs are done on an ongoing basis and so for both the owners and for Fulvio the Borgo will be constantly kept at the original (very) high standard, moreover, for Fulvio his pleasure at seeing his dream become a vibrant community is immeasurable.

As we chat, he is especially excited at having just found the perfect top, at the antiques market in Arrezzo, for a base unit that he bought a couple of years ago, that will now go perfectly in one particular apartment. It is this attention to detail that is most striking when, later, viewing some of the apartments, there is a sublime difference between made to measure and a 'perfect fit' and Fulvio has the eye and attention to detail of a master craftsman and has ensured that each apartment is not only unique but authentically furnished.

Our dinner is prepared by the resident cook who was actually born at Borgo di Vagli and was instrumental in bringing together the 60 plus previous owners, so that the Borgo could be sold as a whole. In keeping with tradition she serves a superb meal all freshly prepared by herself, there are no menus however the variety and quality of all that we enjoy is fantastic.

At the end of the meal we are joined by fractional owners Bob and Diane from America who are somewhat seasoned professionals in the enjoyment of fractional ownership, they spend 6 months of every year traveling around the

world staying at a multitude of properties they fractionally own. For them the joy of fractional ownership is 'Simply being able to enjoy your vacation time, knowing that when you are not there the property is being professionally managed and fully maintained'. 'The last thing I want to do on holiday' says Bob 'Is spend my time cutting grass or chasing tradesmen to mend broken stuff - life's too short! Here at Borgo Di Vagli we get to live the Tuscan dream whenever we choose but without any of the nightmares' Following a tour of the Borgo it's easy to see how so many people have literally fallen in love with it however, sales director Lee Cogher is quick to point out that 'it's not for everybody - this is a very special place, those that come here are really making a lifestyle choice and if they value the things that Borgo Di Vagli offers then it is definitely the right choice however, different people value different things and so in order to maintain the integrity of Borgo Di Vagli and ensure our guests satisfaction we always invite anyone looking for a stress free, authentic and affordable home in Tuscany to come and experience it for themselves first'.



Borgo di Vagli is part of a large rural Protected Area, which creates a naturally serene and beautiful retreat for owners.

Walking/hiking paths:
Enjoy the natural beauty of the Protected Area surrounding the Hamlet by exploring eight private circular walking and hiking paths, which vary in difficulty and distance.



Private Terraces:
Owners can escape to over 15 terraces that outlay the hillside. The numerous terraces are ideal for a relaxing afternoon with a good book, a nap in the sun, or a quiet conversation over a glass of locally produced wine.

Trattoria:
Housed at the base of the 14th century guard tower, the Hamlet's Trattoria is lit solely by candles. Here, lovers of Tuscany from around the world gather to share tales of their daily explorations and passion for Italian living over a freshly prepared traditional Tuscan meal paired with famous regional wines.

Concierge:
The Hamlet's Director will offer you tips on local attractions and festas, and assist you in arranging wine tours, direct you to local markets, arrange for transportation, coordinate bicycle rentals, book massage appointments and golf tee times, and fulfill any special requests you have.

Pre-Arrival Grocery Shopping Service:
You may request to have your favorite foods and beverages from the Hamlet's mini-market placed in your room prior to your arrival. The mini-market offers specialty beverages and cuisine produced around Italy, including the Borgo's own olive oil, as well as other necessities.

Private Staff:
To ensure that every visit is memorable and worry-free, Borgo di Vagli has an attentive, multi-lingual staff on site.

Swimming Pool:
An inviting, 66-foot (20 meter), outdoor swimming pool graces the Hamlet's top terrace, providing the perfect place to relax and enjoy the natural beauty of the area.

Some services, such as area activities and pre-arrival grocery service, require an additional fee.

For more details or to arrange a visit: www.borgodivagli.com