



*A magical and special home in an area of truly outstanding natural beauty.*

## The Hermitage

Monterosso, Cinque Terre, Liguria

A magical hideaway in the much sought after Cinque Terre, The Hermitage really is splendid. With its captivating sea views, beautiful and tasteful décor and interiors, garden with private pool and absolute tranquillity, The Hermitage is an exceptional and unusual discovery.

The Unesco Heritage site of the Cinque Terre now attracts many visitors throughout the year due to its phenomenal picturesque scenery, its fabulous walks, crystal clear sea, delicious Ligurian cuisine and, of course, fine wines of the area so Merrion is delighted to include The Hermitage within her portfolio – absolutely perfect for her discerning clientele and a unique find.

A completely private, stylish home steeped in history plus pool and gardens is a very rare find in the Cinque Terre which makes The Hermitage very special indeed. Located directly above Monterosso in an isolated position about 3kms from the town, the hermitage of St Mary Magdalene was originally dedicated to St Lorenzo in Terriccio and was the home for a community of Benedictine monks. Steeped in history, The Hermitage comprises the church to the north and the monastery to the south but by 1327 the monastery was in a state of abandon and was near to ruins so the Monterosso community entrusted it to Father Bartholomew from Vicenza, who created a community of hermits and

became their rector. In 1478, Sisto IV, ratified the joining of the hermitage to the Benedictine congregation of St. Justine in Padua in the Cervara monastery, which it remained tied to until it finally became extinct during the 18th century.

Today, The Hermitage is privately owned and has been thoughtfully and tastefully restored in keeping with its history and in keeping with the strict rules applied for an historical property in an area of great importance. The incredible care taken by the owner in its restoration can be witnessed throughout with original features all in place and an atmosphere of absolute peace, charm and tranquillity. Every attention to detail has been taken in the creation of a beautiful, stylish and extremely comfortable home whilst at the same time maintaining respect for its original creation. Guests will love the sense of history which exudes whilst, at the same time, nothing has been left wanting with regards modern amenities.

The view from The Hermitage will take one's breath away. What more could one

wish for than the glistening Tyrennian sea, the rich Mediterranean vegetation, enchanting Monterosso below and the promontory of Punta Mesco with Levanto the other side. There is even a path directly from the villa leading down to Monterosso where one can enjoy the many restaurants and bars, catch a boat to Portovenere or Portofino, walk or train between the famous Cinque Terre or take a swim in the clear, warm water. At The Hermitage there is a beautiful spacious garden with pool and many guests looking for a total escape and relaxation will certainly find it hard to pull themselves away from this magical location immersed in a vegetation of olive trees, vines, prickly pears, holm oaks, lemon trees and wild herbs.

The villa is divided into two separate wings that are united by an internal covered courtyard. Downstairs one enters into a fabulous large living room with open fireplace and stunning décor in keeping with this old stone property. Interiors throughout are not only tasteful and of the highest quality but also original and individual. There is a lovely country

style kitchen where guests can enjoy creating delicious Ligurian dishes using the fantastic fresh local ingredients whilst sipping a chilled glass of Cinque Terre D.O.C. vino! The covered courtyard is a dream venue for relaxing with a book after maybe a day hiking along one of the many fantastic marked trails of the Cinque Terre and the bedrooms are all individually furnished and decorated with charming bathrooms throughout. There is lots of space and plenty of indoor and outdoor living areas so guests can always enjoy the opportunity to come together but also relax on their own and soak in the atmosphere of this beautiful, very special place.

The Hermitage could not be better located with its easy access by car but also for those guests wishing to enjoy walking the many, varied marked paths of the area. Cook service can be organised at the villa should guests wish and The Hermitage is also an ideal venue for a wedding or private party but one does need to book well ahead!

Merrion loves the Cinque Terre and is delighted to have the opportunity to promote The Hermitage to her clients – a property which they will certainly love at any time of the year and for sure somewhere they will wish to return to. A magical and special home in an area of truly outstanding natural beauty.

## Information

**Sleeps: 10**

### Service:

- Daily maid service
- Cook service on request

### Accommodation:

Ground floor:

- Large living room with fireplace
- Dining room
- Double bedroom
- Shower room

Upstairs (main entrance):

- Courtyard
- Kitchen
- Small living room with fireplace
- Master bedroom with en suite bathroom
- Double bedroom with en suite shower room
- Extra shower room
- Small staircase leading to:
- Double bedroom



- Twin bedroom
- Shower room

### Facilities:

- Private Pool 12m X 4.5m
- WiFi, TV
- Washing machine
- Dishwasher
- Microwave

### Local Information:

- Monterosso 3 mins by car & 20 mins on foot (3kms)
- Vernazza, Corniglia, Manarola and Riomaggiore all reachable on foot or by train or boat

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- Portovenere reachable by boat from Monterosso or by car approx. 35mins
- La Spezia 20 minutes
- Levanto 20 minutes
- Portofino 1 hour 20 mins

## Airport:

- Pisa 1hr 20 mins
- Genova 1 hour 10 mins

