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Villa Emo Capodilista

Nr Padua, Veneto

The opportunity of a lifetime! To stay in this 1500s aristocratic home in the heart of the Veneto – Villa Emo Capodilista is unbelievable!

Set on the borders of the idyllic landscape of the Euganean hills south west of Padua, this magnificent villa dating back to the 1500's was once the hunting lodge of the aristocratic Capodilista family. It was fully restored in 2008, the completely revisited interior decoration is the work of Paris based interior designer Anna Guarini.

The villa, accomplished in 1568, was designed and decorated by the architect and painter Dario Varotari, a pupil of Veronese. Originally planned as a hunting lodge it was also used as a theatre because of its scenic qualities. Lately it starred as Portia's house in the 2004 movie version of Shakespeare's the Merchant of Venice with Al Pacino, Jeremy Irons and Joseph Fiennes. Today the villa belongs to a direct descendant of the family, Umberto Emo Capodilista, who meticulously restored this gem of Italian Renaissance architecture.

An Italian garden surrounds the house with the vineyards of the estate beyond. Stone lions guard the tall villa gates and the drive winds up through the

vineyards of the renowned wine estate La Montecchia. La Montecchia comprises Villa Emo Capodilista, a medieval castle, further four guest apartments, the cellars and the offices of the vineyard.

The villa is truly unique because of its perfectly square shape with 2 storeys of loggias on all four sides of the building. 4 rooms on the ground floor and identical 4 rooms on the first floor open up onto the loggias. Each room is decorated with exquisite frescoes. There is for instance the so-called "room of the villas" which depicts all the villas owned by the family.

Adjacent to the Villa Emo Capodilista is an 27 hole golf course and the Michelin star restaurant La Montecchia, dependance to the nearby Michelin 3 star Le Calandre. There is also an olympic sized pool at the Golf Club. Nearby are a plethora of fabulous cities to visit including Padua where you will not want to miss "Cappella degli Scrovegni" with wall to wall frescoes by Giotto. This work of art is considered to be the beginning of the Renaissance. The Pinacoteca of Padua

also has the Emo Capodilista collection on show which was given to the Museum by the family, one of the oldest of Padua. Wine from La Montecchia has increasingly been winning accolades from leading wine critics all over the world. In 2008 their wine Donna Daria was awarded the highest Italian qualification, the "tre bicchieri" (three glasses) by the Gambero Rosso Slow Food Guide.

Information

Sleeps: 12

Service:

- In house couple full time (10 hours) to clean villa, terraces & pool area, prepare & clear breakfast, service & clear light lunches or dinners & shopping.
- Linen change on Wednesdays.
- Additional full cook service available at €25 per hour plus cost of ingredients.
- Arrival dinner, shopping, baby sitting & laundry service available on request (please enquire for full details on all extra services available)

Accommodation:

Basement:

- Kitchen
- Breakfast room
- Bathroom
- Laundry
- Two WCs
- Changing room & shower

Upper floor:

- Drawing room with TV
- DVD and stereo sound system
- Study
- Two double bedrooms with en suite bathrooms
- One single bedroom

Ground floor:

- Living room
- Dining room
- Double bedroom with en suite bathroom
- Double bedroom with bathroom (one floor below)

Mezzanine:

- Double bedroom
- Single bedroom
- Bathroom
- Dressing room

Facilities:

- Private Pool 3m x 6m with acqua massage and counter-current system in a clearing in the grounds of the villa
- CD-stereo
- Satellite TV
- Telephone
- Air conditioning
- DVD
- Internet access
- Garage
- Baby equipment
- Washing machine
- Dishwasher
- Dryer
- Hairdryers



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Activities & Places of Interest:

- Padova, Venice, Vicenza, Verona, Ferrara, Lake Garda as well as Este, Montagnana, Monselice and Arqua' Petrarca in the immediate vicinity.

The Venetian Villas:

- Numerous Palladian villas including Villa Barbaro in Maser, Villa Emo in Fanzolo & Villa La Rotonda outside Vicenza. Villa Valmarana with frescoes by Tiepolo, Catajo castle and Villa Barbarigo with baroque garden with boxwood labyrinth.
- Spas at Abano 2kms
- 18-hole golf course adjacent to Montecchia Estate (designed by Tom McCaulay)



- Golf Frassanelle & Golf di Padova 15mins (both 18-hole), Tennis club 1km
- Wine tasting at La Montecchia

Airports:

- Venice 60 kms, Verona 90 kms

