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A rare find in this undiscovered and less known region of Italy

Imagine a place where time stands still, where there is a magic pervading the surroundings and where you really feel released from the pressures of today's frenetic world... it is Villa Bianca del Castellaro. Within the same family for four generations, Villa Bianca is the much loved home of an enchanting Italian family.

Immersed within a vast park in the green hills of Emilia, Villa Bianca dates back to 1840 and enjoys fabulous views of the surrounding countryside. Recently restored to an extremely high standard, Villa Bianca exudes luxury, elegance and charm. The impressive terrace at the front of the house provides the perfect venue for aperitivi or sitting beneath the stars on those balmy summer evenings. Here, one can relax and absorb the view and tranquility of this delightful home with the twinkling lights of Parma far beyond and the sound of the cicadas in the surrounding meadows. Set on its own to the side of the villa with magnificent views of the 'calanchi' is the large and very stylish infinity pool. Here guests will cherish those long, lazy days beneath the sun with a good book, some chilled vino

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# Villa Bianca del Castellaro Castellaro - Sala Baganza, Parma, Emila-Romagna

Elegant and enchanting , oozing in atmosphere and charm and situated in a magical location, Villa Bianca del Castellaro more than lives up to one's expectations.

and just the sounds of the birds in the breeze. Next to the pool is the perfect al fresco covered dining area where long lunches can be spent after a dip in the pool.

The vast terrace of the villa is reached either from the garden or from the living/ dining rooms which can be opened into one fantastic large salon. Decorated and furnished with exquisite taste and style, the owner has succeeded in maintaining the character of this old home whilst adding a more contemporary twist and a wonderful sense of light and space. The well equipped kitchen on the ground floor and guest bathrooms and fine pieces of antique furniture. Villa Bianca offers the possibility for guests to experience the property in its entirety. Upstairs one reaches the accommodation with each bedroom individually styled and furnished. The vellow room on the first floor is a spacious and elegant double bedroom with en suite bathroom and far reaching views and the possibility of an extra bed for a child. Opposite is the colourful book room (with en suite shower room) which can be used as either double/

twin or indeed as a very comfortable study for those guests needing to work whilst away. Up on the second floor is the fabulous and panoramic room in the sky with exposed beams and en suite shower room. A magical escape from the outside world, the room in the sky offers every comfort one could wish for. Also on the top floor is a charming double/twin with exposed beams and looking onto the impressive ancient barn of Villa Bianca. Finally on this side of the villa is the pretty pastel room, perfect for teenagers and sharing a shower room with the room over the barn. This combination of accommodation provides a great variety of choice for those guests staying at Villa Bianca with children, nannies or single friends.

For anyone who visits Villa Bianca they will find it hard to leave but one should remember that there is wealth of choice of things to do nearby be it active, cultural or gastronomic. Be it walking or cycling in nearby Boschi di Carrega Park, playing around of golf at one of the many nearby courses, visiting nearby Parmesan or Parma ham producers, a cultural tour of

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Parma or Modena or trip to the coast of Liguria and the Cinque Terre, the world is your oyster! There are restaurants galore within easy reach, the luxurious outlet store at Fidenza for those who love shopping and the Verdi Opera Festival in Parma and Busseto in the autumn for affacianados of classical music.

Villa Bianca is to be experienced to be appreciated and understood. It goes beyond what one imagines and is a rare find in this undiscovered and less known region of Italy. Easy to reach and yet a paradise of calm and tranquility, Merrion recommends her clients to experience the magical luxury of Villa Bianca.

# Information

## Sleeps: 10

#### Service:

- Maid times a week
- Cook service on request

### Accommodation:

Ground floor:

- Large living/dining room(opening onto the terrace)
- Kitchen
- Guest cloakroom

First floor:

- Double bedroom (extra bed available) with en suite bathroom (with jacuzzi)
- Double/Twin bedroom with en suite shower room

Second floor:

- Double bedroom with en suite shower room (extra bed available)
- Double/Twin bedroom
- Twin bedroom (suitable for teenagers/ children)
- Shower room

## Amenities:

- Private panoramic infinity pool 18m x 6m with integrated hot tub
- · Free high speed Wi-Fi
- Air conditioning in all bedrooms
- Tennis courts within 5 mins drive
- La Rocca Golf Club (5 minutes) & 10 other golf courses nearby









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Places of Interest nearby:
Parco Regionale dei Boschi di Carrega (fantastic for walks, cycling & running, Villages of Felino and Collecchio 2kms (famous for its salami), numerous Parmesan cheese and Parma ham farms

• Spas at Salsomaggiore, Tabiano &

Parma Giuseppe Verdi (16 km)
Bologna G. Marconi (109 km )
Verona Villafranca (124 km)
Milano Linate (132 km)

Bergamo Orio al Serio (171 km)Milano Malpensa (181 km)

Fidenza Village (luxury outlet store)
Busseto (home of Giuseppe Verdi)
Beaches at Cinque Terre & Versilia 1 hour
Cultural cities of Ferrara, Modena, Piacenza e Castellarquato, Mantova and Bologna
Milano (1 hour 20 mins) for design and

20mins

shopping.

Airports:

• Pisa (170 km)

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