



## **PALAZZO DI VARIGNANA ANNOUNCES NEW VILLA COLLECTION WITH SIX COMPLETED VILLAS NOW OPEN FOR GUESTS VISITING BOLOGNA, ITALY**

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**(BOLOGNA, ITALY) 6 February 2023:** Palazzo di Varignana is pleased to announce their new collection of luxury villas featuring six villas available for guests to book in 2023. Set within the rolling hills near Bologna, the villas range in size from four to six bedrooms and are the newest addition to the Palazzo di Varignana property, which takes its name from the local village. The 850-acre heritage estate is enveloped by botanical landscaped gardens, farmland, vineyards, and olive trees and is a quick, picturesque, 30-minute drive from the enchanting city of Bologna, the capital of the Emilia-Romagna region in Northern Italy. An enchanted place in which space and time are seemingly suspended, Palazzo di Varignana's villas are a result of the recovery of ancient country farmhouses which have been thoughtfully brought back to life, offering guests a holiday immersed in privacy and relaxation.

Guests can choose from four-bedroom Villa Rio Rosso, five-bedroom Villa Amagiola, five-bedroom Villa Santa Maria Maddalena replete with its own restored medieval chapel, five-bedroom Villa Tamburina, six-bedroom Villa Pergola and six-bedroom Villa Colombara. Each villa has its own unique look and feel, with designs varying harmoniously amongst classic, modern, and contemporary, with custom-made furnishings handmade by Italian artisans. Perfect for families, friends and larger groups celebrating milestone occasions, each villa offers a fully equipped kitchen allowing many dining options for guests during their stay, whether preparing cozy meals in-villa or arranging for a private chef or dining in one of the five nearby restaurants of the resort.

Landscaped gardens surround the villas, while many offer private infinity pools, jacuzzi, solariums and breathtaking views of olive groves, vineyards, and encompassing Bolognese hills. Given the beauty of its surroundings in all seasons, Palazzo di Varignana and its villas are open all year round. Villas can be booked with two different formulas, either with daily breakfast at the resort and a three-hour entrance to the traditional Varsana SPA path or the "Villa Only" formula which ensures absolute privacy for guests.

Together with the villas, the property boasts 150 guest rooms and suites, as well as the Oliveto sul Lago Country House which offers 12 rooms, which can be booked individually or for groups, with swimming pool, the perfect location for events. During their stay at Palazzo di Varignana, guests have access to the impressive 43,000 sq ft Varsana SPA which features 7 swimming pools (indoor and outdoor) and sprawling wellness facilities including new wellness rooms Cava d'Oro Bianco (recalling the local white clay of the area) and Grotta dei Badlands, Moroccan Hammam, Japanese Suntory, Finnish sauna, Mediterranean sauna, Turkish bath, emotional showers, music therapy pool, steam bath, ice waterfall, Kneipp circuit, and a relaxation room with herbal tea corner. Along with traditional spa programs and treatments, the property recently boosted its wellness offering with unique Wellness programs studied by Dr. Annamaria Acquaviva which focus on detoxifying, boosting immunity, and counteracting oxidative stress through a variety of medical and aesthetic personalized treatments. The wellness-themed Vital Suites which are often chosen by those visiting the resort just for the spa.

Four restaurants offer a farm-to-table concept which range from fine dining at Il Grifone to more traditional cuisine at Trattoria Le Marzoline to contemporary cuisine at Aurevo and eclectic, one-of-a-kind experiences at Treno Reale. More than 240 acres of wellness trails on site allow guests to explore the estate by bike or foot and wellness experts are on hand to encourage Nordic walking. Activities also include tennis, padel and squash courts as well as a driving range and putting green. The farm was founded in 2015 and thanks to the restoration of 370 acres of ancient varieties of native olive trees, Palazzo di Varignana proudly produces one of the most awarded and recognized extra virgin olive oils in the world with five varieties. Alongside the olive groves, there are over 100 acres of vineyards resulting in the property's Sangiovese Superiore DOC, 3,000 square meters of vegetable gardens, a vast orchard, and an original and rare crop of saffron. The property's high-quality produce has led to branded homemade products including delicious jams, fruit juices, flavored salts and more

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### **PALAZZO DI VARIGNANA**

Surrounded by the serene Bolognese rolling hills, Palazzo di Varignana dominates the town from which the property takes its name, and is a quick, picturesque, 30-minute drive from the enchanting city of Bologna, the capital of the Emilia-Romagna region in Northern Italy. The heart of the property is Palazzo Bentivoglio, an 18th century renovated castle surrounded by a contemporary village built in stone, a design which is coherent and harmonious with the encompassing landscape. The original and sustainable hospitality model boasts 150 rooms and suites and six luxury villas, which have been recently transformed from recovered old farmhouses. Guests may also book Oliveto sul Lago Country House which offers 12 rooms with swimming pool, the perfect location for events. A unique and original 43,000 sq ft Varsana SPA, which includes seven large swimming pools, interconnects East and West healing modalities in perfect balance. Four restaurants offer a farm-to-table concept which range from fine dining to more traditional cuisine and eclectic, one-of-a-kind culinary experiences. Elegant spaces dedicated to ceremonies, meetings and events are also available. More than 240 acres of wellness trails on site allow guests to explore the estate by bike or foot. The recovery and regeneration process that inspired the rebirth of Palazzo Bentivoglio also applies to the estate's farm which encompasses more than 1,200 acres of land from which high-quality products are grown. Revived ancient varieties of olive trees produce an internationally award-winning extra virgin olive oil of the highest quality.

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