

LIKE A ROLLING STONE



THE GOLDEN HILLS OF TUSCANY

L'OLMO

TUSCANY. THE NAME ALONE BEGS AND BECKONS IDEAS OF ROMANTIC GETAWAYS AND ALLURING ITALIAN COUNTRYSIDES. NOT WITHOUT REASON. TUSCANY IS RENOWNED FOR ITS WORLD-CLASS WINE, ITS PICTURESQUE MEDIEVAL HILLTOP VILLAGES, AND OF COURSE THE TUSCAN VILLAS THAT MAKE THE AREA SO ICONIC. ON OUR GETAWAY WE VISITED THREE FABULOUS VILLA-HOTELS, EACH WITH ITS OWN SPECIAL AURA WHILE REMAINING LOYAL TO THE ESSENCE OF TUSCANY.

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L'Olmo, nestled gently on the crest of a delightful hill in the Val d'Orcia and fashioned out of a 17th century Tuscan country house, makes for an exquisite stay.

Driving up to the property through the looming cypress trees and stepping out in front of the graceful farmhouse, one can begin to appreciate the atmosphere. Not until you venture through the open-air stone courtyard (where evening cocktails are served) and out to the infinity pool and back garden is one able to comprehend the true allure. As the late afternoon slowly slips into night, the golden hills of Tuscany are illuminated and caressed by the last fading tendrils of sunlight, and it is impossible not to be immersed in the magic. The nearby hilltops are dotted with other picturesque Tuscan homes, and off to the west the medieval town of Pienza hangs on the horizon as a reminder and draw to long-ago times.



This Hotel de Charme, sporting just seven deluxe suites on the premises, creates the feeling that you have rented (or purchased) your very own private villa in the Tuscan hills.

Whether you are lounging by the pool or dining al fresco under the pergola in the garden, you cannot help but feel as if you were swimming or dining in your own home.

The staff, clad all in white, glide across the grounds to tend to your every need whilst maintaining a low profile.

Within a 30-minute drive of the hotel are located multiple historic Italian villages, such as Montalcino, where Brunello di Montalcino—

one of the most prestigious wines of Italy—is produced. And on a nearby promontory sits Pienza, a UNESCO World Heritage Site described as an ideal renaissance town, and the capital of Pecorino cheese production. Each makes for an exciting day trip. Strolling through the narrow streets, taking in the breathtaking scenery, and tasting the local delicacies are a must.

Back at L'Olmo, be sure to sit out in the gardens as the golden hour descends over the landscape with your Aperol spritz in hand,

watch as the sunlight invigorates the halcyon hills to create an almost indescribable energy, and revel in the gentle breeze that flows over your body at this ethereal Tuscan getaway.

After long, hard days by the pool or indulging in fine Tuscan foodstuffs, lay your head down in style in one of the classically decorated suites, close your eyes and rest up. Who knows what delights tomorrow in Tuscany has in store!

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