

Il Rifugio





The well-known design firm in Lucca, Studio Musetti, has completely restored a classic village house in the hills, 11 km southeast of the city. The owners wanted to preserve the character of the chestnut beam and stone construction villa as much as possible. The results of 2 years of reconstruction work are outstanding.

The large but cozy living/dining area contains a stone and chestnut fireplace and alcove.



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The eat-in kitchen has stainless steel appliances, custom chestnut cabinetry, marble counters and sink. There is a powder room off the kitchen, and a full walk-in pantry/wine cellar.





“Il Rifugio” is a late 18th- early 19th century villa of approx. 3400 sq. ft. (320 sq. meters). There are 3 large bedroom suites with full baths, walk/in closets and/or dressing areas, tiled enclosed showers, custom chestnut cabinetry, and marble counters and glass bowl sinks.

The villa flooring is antique-style terracotta, laid in the traditional herring bone pattern. All windows, interior shutters, doors, and cabinets are custom built using chestnut wood. All windows have double thermal-paned glazing. The villa’s original chestnut beams have been restored and re-fitted, as have the original stone stairs.

An immense library/media room has a cathedral open chestnut-beamed ceiling, skylight, and lovely views of the neighboring hills.





The newly finished property has taken pride of place in Pieve di Compito, one of several sought-after picturesque villages within 20 minutes of Lucca. These villages attract visitors from all over the world, who come to admire the typical Tuscan-style houses, and thousands of blooming Camellias, during the Camellia Festival in March. Visitors stroll the village lanes with unsurpassed views of Monte Serra and pine covered hills.

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There are 2 terracotta brick terraces outside, one an entry, and the other, fully lit with a wisteria covered pergola-great for al fresco dining or barbeques. Both patios adjoin the gated and stone walled rose garden at the entry to the villa.

Next to the paved parking space, is a new garden/utility building with laundry area and another half bath. A state of the art Riello 2 boiler natural gas-fired furnace supplies hot water for the house, and the villa's under-floor radiant heating system. The villa has 5 individual heating zones, controlled with thermostats. Air conditioning in the summer is not needed, as the villa's 2 ft. thick walls keep the house cool, (and toasty in chilly weather).





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