

# La Rustica

**Region:** Umbria   **Sleeps:** 26

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## Overview

Perched atop a picturesque hill in the serene Niccone Valley, the La Rustica estate beckons with its enchanting charm and meticulously restored hamlet. Offering sweeping 360-degree views of the valley, this idyllic retreat is surrounded by lush forests adorned with fig, pomegranate, and olive trees.

Accommodating guests in three generously spacious and sunlit apartments and two quaint detached stone houses nestled at the hamlet's base, La Rustica exudes elegance at every corner. Each abode is tastefully adorned with local Deruta tiles, boasting expansive living areas featuring inviting open fireplaces and floors adorned with artisanal terracotta tiles. Furnished with exquisite antiques and equipped with modern conveniences such as satellite television, the apartments ensure the utmost comfort. The cosy bedrooms, all featuring en suite facilities and air conditioning, offer a haven for restful nights.

The fully equipped kitchens afford breathtaking views from every window, while an easy-to-use alarm system ensures peace of mind for all guests. Adding to the allure of La Rustica is its splendid 16x8 meter pool, offering a refreshing oasis amidst stunning valley vistas. The hamlet's erstwhile chapel has been transformed into a charming venue for delectable buffet breakfasts and intimate dinners, available upon reservation. Guests can also indulge in leisurely matches at the tennis court, unwind in the sauna, or discover secluded corners within the private grounds to savour the tranquil ambience.

With complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the hamlet and attentive yet unobtrusive staff, La Rustica promises an exceptional retreat for independent families or couples seeking a relaxed yet exclusive holiday experience. Moreover, its captivating setting makes it an ideal venue for special celebrations, ensuring unforgettable moments in a truly enchanting locale.

## Facilities

Washing Machine • Hairdryer • Historical Sites • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wi-Fi/Internet • Tennis Court • Air-Con • Recommended • Wine Tasting • Ideal for Parties • Chef/Cook Available • Table Tennis • Rural Location • Cots (Cribs) • DVD • Private Pool • Maid Service Available • Chapel on Site • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Cooking Classes Available • Wine-Tasting Available • Transfers Available • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Safety Deposit Box • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Satellite TV • Sauna/Steam • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Parking Space • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages



# Interior & Grounds

## The Borgo

### Apartment 1 (4 + 2 pax)

#### Ground floor

- Living room with fireplace and double sofa bed
- Large kitchen with dining table

#### First floor

- Large double bedroom (convertible in twin) with en-suite bathroom with bathtub and shower
- Twin bedroom (beds can be joined) with en-suite bathroom with shower

### Apartment 2 (6 + 2 pax)

#### First floor

- Sitting room with fireplace and double sofa bed
- Kitchen with dining table
- Double bedroom (convertible into a twin) with en-suite bathroom with bathtub and terrace

#### Mezzanine level

- Bathroom with shower

#### Second floor

- Large double bedroom with en-suite bathroom with bathtub
- Twin bedroom with en-suite bathroom with bathtub

### Apartment 3 (8 pax)

#### Ground floor

- Living room
- Large kitchen
- Double bedroom (convertible into a twin) with en-suite bathroom with bathtub and shower

#### First floor

- 2 double bedrooms (convertible into a twin)
- Bathroom with shower and bathtub

#### Second floor

- Large double bedroom (convertible into a twin) with en-suite bathroom with bathtub and shower

### Annexe 1 (6 pax)

#### Ground floor

- Living room with fireplace
- Kitchen with dining table, opening onto the terrace
- Bedroom with French bed and en-suite bathroom with shower
- Double bedroom (convertible into a twin) with access to the outside
- Bathroom with bathtub and shower

#### First floor (access through a spiral staircase)

- Double bedroom (convertible into a twin) with en-suite bathroom with



bathhtub and shower

## **Annexe 2 (2 pax)**

- Dining room with fireplace
- Living room
- Kitchen with windows opening onto the terrace
- Guest toilet
- Double bedroom with en-suite bathroom with bathtub and shower

## **The Chapel**

The original chapel has been converted into a magnificent dining and drawing room for guests, with outside grassy terrace with tables and chairs for dining al fresco.

The Chapel is a space used as a communal area between the hamlet's guests, as a welcome and information office, as a place where breakfasts or dinners on reservation are served, or where guests can find books, guides, tennis rackets, laptop of common use. The chapel kitchen and all its equipment in the chapel cannot be used by guests.

## **Facilities**

- Air conditioning in all bedrooms
- Wi-Fi
- Fireplace
- Satellite TV
- DVD player
- Hairdryer
- Washing machine
- Ironing facilities
- Vacuum cleaner
- Drying rack
- Windows screens
- Alarm system
- Safe in each room

## **Outside grounds**

- Swimming pool (16x8m, depth 1,40 m), open approximately from end-April to mid-October
- Garden
- Tennis court (tennis rackets and balls available)
- Sauna
- Table tennis
- Parking
- Barbecue area
- Boules set



## Location & Local Information

Perfectly located between Umbria and Tuscany, La Rustica is situated on the top of a hill with a spectacular 360 degree view of the rolling countryside overlooking the historic Niccone Valley, North of Perugia (the capital of Umbria). This historic hamlet dates back to 1433.

### *Umbria & the Niccone Valley*

Umbria well deserves its description as the 'green heart of Italy'. More lush and less developed than Tuscany, its cities and medieval hill top towns are steeped in centuries of fascinating history.

Despite being one of the smallest regions in Italy, Umbria has a wealth of attractions, with enchanting towns and beautiful countryside.

Those seeking relaxation will find it in abundance amid the tranquillity of Umbria's rolling hills, covered with vines and olives, cypresses and Aleppo pines, oaks and chestnut trees. Painters in particular will relish the seasonal splashes of colour – the brilliant red of poppies or rich yellow of sunflowers in summer, and the browns and golds of autumn. Walkers can enjoy the splendours of Umbria's mountain and hill scenery.

Few summer visitors will want to miss a visit to Lake Trasimeno, central Italy's largest lake. They may choose to relax on the beaches, enjoy the restaurants of the lakeside towns, or take a ferry to one of the lake's islands. Throughout the year, Lake Trasimeno offers particular delights to naturalists, who may observe at leisure grebe and duck or catch a glimpse of osprey. Even those with a more casual interest in wildlife may see hoopoes, or buzzards and hawks wheeling in the clear blue skies. At night, guests may enjoy occasional sightings of wild boar or porcupine and in early summer, the magic of fireflies and the song of the nightingale.

For those wishing to combine relaxation with more active pursuits, Umbria offers a fascinating history. From Etruscan through Roman, medieval and Renaissance



times, the region contains a wealth of evidence of its varied past. Assisi, Perugia and Orvieto are artistic centres renowned worldwide, but the discerning visitor may find much to enjoy in a host of smaller towns and villages, such as Gubbio, Todi, Bevagna, Spello, Citta di Castello and many more.

Home to St. Francis, Umbria holds many reminders of the Saint's presence, from the great basilica at Assisi, with its frescoes by Giotto, to the colourful fresco cycle by Benozzo Gozzoli in Montefalco. In the region's arts and crafts, past meets present, seen in the centuries-old pottery centres of Deruta, Gubbio and Gualdo Tadino, or in summer music festivals presenting symphonic or chamber concerts, opera and jazz.

A chance to meet local people and share in their love of good food and wine is provided by the numerous festivals, or sagre, held in small villages throughout the region each summer. Besides its wealth of attractions, Umbria is the ideal base for a wider exploration of central Italy. Florence, cradle of the Renaissance, and Rome are easily accessible by road or rail a couple of hours away.

The area where Borgo Bastia Creti is situated is called the Niccone Valley. The Tiber River runs through the entire length of the valley for 50 km, bestowing fertility on the soil.

The Niccone Valley is named for the stream that flows through it, spilling into the Tiber River at its eastern terminus near Umbertide. Part of the valley is in Umbria and part is in Tuscany. At either end are the Umbrian towns of Lisciano Niccone and plain Niccone. A small section from Mercatale to La Mita is in Tuscany.

The valley was a much traveled route throughout Italy's history, and evidence of its strategic position can be seen in the castles that dot the hilltops, facing off from both sides across the border.

It is in the northern-most Umbrian territory, a border zone between Umbria and Tuscany repeatedly crossed by cultural and artistic influences that have determined its

particular development in comparison to the neighbouring regions.

The entire district teems with splendid works of art and a happy balance has been achieved between ancient and modern, traditional and progressive.

Citerna, Montone, Pietralunga and Monte Santa Maria Tiberina, all deeply imbued with ancient civilization, combine the panoramic beauty of their position with sober medieval town planning. In Umbertide, S. Giustino and Lisciano Niccone, the many castles, parish churches, and abbeys bear witness to a past history of intense social upheaval and artistic and religious lifestyles. Città di Castello is a rare Umbrian example of Renaissance art and culture which harmonises perfectly with the events of national importance organised through the year.

The area is also considered a great gastronomic point, with specialties that can be tasted in the typical restaurants and trattorias of the Umbria region.

Staying in La Rustica will give guests the opportunity to visit Tuscany and its beautiful towns such as Cortona, Montepulciano, Siena, Arezzo or Sansepolcro.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Perugia (44 km)
Nearest Airport 2	Ancona (132 km)
Nearest Village	Niccone (8 km)
Nearest Town	Umbertide (12 km)
Nearest Restaurant	Niccone (8 km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	Niccone (8 km)
Nearest Supermarket	Umbertide (12 km)



## What we love

- On a hilltop in the Niccone Valley is the enchanting and marvellously restored hamlet, La Rustica estate.
- The perfect place to explore the beautiful, idyllic Umbria
- Great for foodies - not only are there wine tours nearby, but you can also visit producers of olive oil, cheese and salami!
- The English-speaking estate manager visits the property every day, in case you need help or advice.

## What you should know...

- A car is highly recommended in order to explore this amazing region.
- Please note that an additional 4 guests can sleep on the sofa beds.
- Please note that on the grounds there is a private house that is occasionally occupied, however, complete privacy is ensured.
- The tennis court is occasionally shared with nearby villa owners – there is an efficient booking system to reserve your spot on the court during your stay.
- Please note that published rates are only valid for the current year. Any bookings for subsequent years will be on request only and correct rates will be confirmed at the time of booking.
- Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner or their property manager.
- Please note home security devices may be installed at the villa, please enquire for further information.



# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1500 charged to client's credit card by the owner before/upon arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Check-in outside this time may be subject to an extra cost. Please enquire for more details.
- **Departure time:** By 10 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pets welcome?:** Small pets on request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings and celebrations are permitted on request. Please note stag/hen parties are not allowed. A travel cot is available on request, at an extra cost of €10 per day (payable locally). Foldaway single bed available on request, at an extra cost of €30 per day (payable locally). Please note that published rates are only valid for the current year. Any bookings for subsequent years will be on request only and correct rates will be confirmed at the time of booking. Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner or their property manager. Please note home security devices may be installed at the villa, please enquire for further information.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday from mid June to mid-September. Flexible during all other periods.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes. However, guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit. For wedding requests, an additional fee is required.
- **Smoking Allowed?:** Outside only.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights approximately end-June to end-August. 3 nights during all other periods only on request, please enquire for more details and pricing.
- **Heating costs included?:** Extra €5/m3, payable locally.
- **Internet access?:** Wi-Fi connection included.
- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open approximately end-April to end-October. Please note that pool opening dates are subject to local weather conditions and pool maintenance requirements and that cooler months may not be suitable for swimming.
- **Property Licence Number:** IT054056B901007991