

The Palm House – Luxury Boutique Hotel & Self-Catering Villas: Le Marche

Summary

This luxury '5 star' boutique hotel is set in the rolling hills of Le Marche and offers incomparable views from the Sibillini Mountains down to the Adriatic Sea. A handful of select suites, furnished in impeccable vintage style, are offered in the imposing main palazzo. The luxury self-catering villas, which are styled in chic contemporary fashion, are found in the pretty gardens, near the pool. With an abundance of cultural towns nearby, plus countryside to rival the best in Tuscany and a stunning coastline, this most unusual of small luxury hotels is ideal for romantic honeymoons or luxury holidays in Italy, as well as for family self-catering breaks in Italy.

Details

The Palm House takes its name from the rare giant palms, which are the centrepiece of its botanic gardens, and the grounds are also equipped with pool, sauna and fitness room. This small luxury hotel is a lovely retreat in exceptional natural surroundings and would be ideal for those who are curious to learn more about local history, culture and traditions.

Le Marche has been christened by many as the 'new Tuscany' thanks to its rich culture and unspoilt historic sights. The Palm House is ideally situated in the heart of this beautiful region, with mountains, beaches and medieval towns all within an easy drive. It is itself part of Italian heritage, with private gardens designed by the famous botanist, Ludwig Winter, and a frescoed family chapel in the grounds.

The 17th century palazzo was recently opened to guests by its aristocratic owner, Princess Guilia, who still lives in its private quarters. The Princess once worked as a fashion designer and her love of style is evident throughout. Although this luxury hotel exudes the utmost in good taste, the Princess's warm personal welcome means that it retains the informal and friendly feel of a family home.

The sumptuous salons are furnished with precious antiques and each guest suite is themed with furniture collected from all corners of the world. For those who prefer a more modern touch, the cottages in the grounds have also been converted into guest suites with clean contemporary lines. These suites are also equipped with kitchenettes for a self-catering option.

Evening meals are a delight. Cocktails and caviar are de rigueur before settling down to a butler served feast. Most ingredients are sourced from the Palm House's organic gardens and the D.O.C. wine is produced at the family cellar. The old family recipes can be tried out on the cookery courses, which are run regularly here and for those interested in learning about the artists, poets and architecture of the region, Princess Guilia, who has a passion for local culture, is happy to host guided tours. In addition, courses in Italian, art and art history are also offered here.

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"This really is the new Tuscany"
Nick Cohen, The Observer



Facts & Figures

11 Guest rooms:

- Double – in the villa or in the cottages. Cottages have 1 bedroom, lounge, open plan kitchen & terrace
- Suites – luxury period style rooms in villa, with bedroom and separate lounge.
- Executive Villa Suite– luxury 1 bedroom villa with large separate sitting room, open plan kitchen, terrace and balcony.
- Villa Junior Suites – with 1 or 2 bedrooms, 1 or 2 bathrooms, lounge, open plan kitchen, terrace

All rooms have: Ensuite bathrooms – Telephone – Sat TV – ISDN – Air-Con in Cottages – Air-Con & Fans in Villa

Hotel facilities: Historic Gardens – Terraces and Grounds – Swimming Pool (open April to October) – Sauna – Fitness Room – Restaurant – Private dining on request

Also available: Courses – Cookery, Italian, Art and History of Art – Cultural Tours of Le Marche and its Historic Gardens and Villas
Available for event hire – please ask for details

Please note that in the valley below the hotel some a low-rise retail units are visible at a distance in one direction

Regional highlights

- Palm-lined sandy beaches with great fish restaurants
- Walking and biking in the rolling hills and central Sibillini mountains of the National Park
- Medieval towns of Ascoli, Offida, Recanati and Fermo, all with fascinating art and culture to discover
- Brunch at the famous Caffè Meletti in Ascoli in the Renaissance Piazza
- Bargain hunting at the many designer outlets in the area
- At and around the hotel – cookery, art, history of art and Italian courses, plus guided tours of the art and culture of this beautiful region, led by the Princess
- For the children – the shell museum at Cupra Marittima

Location

Nearest airports:	Pescara, Ancona (c.1hr 15 min)
Domestic flight connections:	Rome
Nearest direct flight from London:	Pescara, Ancona
Nearest train station:	Ascoli (c.10 min drive)
Beach:	c. 10 min drive
Nearest shops and restaurants:	Doorstep

