

In the heart of Umbria, David and Chrissie have beautifully restored the ruins of a 16th century property and made it their home and the properties which were originally a barn, a stable and a wine cellar have today become three charming independent residences.

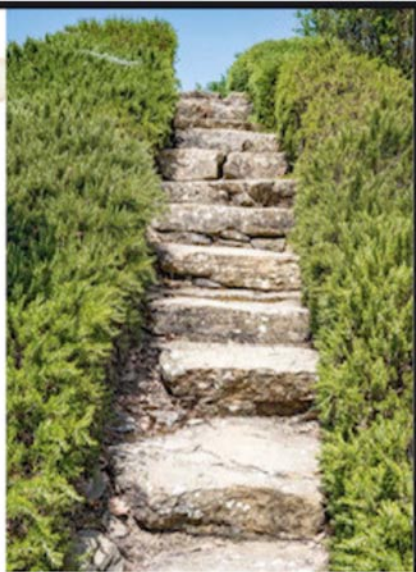


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PARADISE SAN GABRIEL

This rural complex, surrounded by greenery, can be reached when deviating from the road that connects Perugia to Umbertide, along the route that leads to the Valley of Chiesa del Carmine.

<<We chose this area for its unique beauty>> described Chrissie and David, who 20 years ago renovated the main building to make it their home. It was followed by the restoration of the outbuildings, now residences for tourists from the palate up. << In the name our love of food, wine and Italian lifestyle, we've moved here. This is what we want to convey to our guests, together with the spirit of the place, the strength of the values and the intensity of the emotions that this territory possesses>>.





In the barn, a "custom" sleeping area

The former barn looks very closely like a typical English cottage. On the ground floor, in addition to the living room with a kitchen, there is a room with a unique bunk bed (double on the lower level, single top). A comfortable sleeping area – a double that, if necessary, can be transformed into two singles- can be found on the mezzanine of the loft.



“Chrissie is originally from Cambridge, England and David is Australian grew up in the countryside of Australia, near Melbourne. Twenty years ago the couple travelled around the world looking for a ‘middle way’ between their respective families, a place to create their own nest and raise a family. It was to be Umbria, with its lush forests, vineyards, olive groves and rolling hills, the charm of ancient cities and small villages, gastronomy and its popular traditions that would ensnare them. It is anything but rare, here, to end up on steep white roads that from decent altitudes lead deep down into the valleys, and that seem to never end, while all around you are surrounded by green. Until, at a certain point, you meet paradise, in the form of an old farmhouse and small outbuildings, or even a real village, with barns and a church, in addition to the dwellings once used by farmers, today completely renovated and equipped with every comfort. Here it is, the portrait of what is today Casa San Gabriel, in the valley of Chiesa del Carmine, after the wonderful work of the recovery of the heritage of the home of the couple which was little more than a ruin dating back to 1600 when they found it. In the adjoining structures, originally used as a barn, stable and cellar, rental accommodation has been created so that now you can find three charming independent houses of different sizes, each one with a private terrace and pergola covered by wisteria to admire the extraordinary views. Casa San Gabriel is situated north of Perugia, near the hamlet of Pierantonio adjacent to the town of Sant’Orfeto and near the Tiber river that leads to Umbertide. If you were to travel a little further down the valley another great surprise would be revealed. In what was the remains of a large farmhouse, derelict 12 century church and abandoned farmland, today with the help of the couple and their English neighbours, luxury holiday accommodation has been created. Now visitors can enjoy the transformation of another farm building further down the valley into a beautiful winery where tastings and cooking workshops are the order of the day. In addition to managing the activities of Casa San Gabriel, David and Chrissie share the role of manager of this entire estate that is an unmissable attraction for guest. Visitors can also walk among the olive trees, the award-winning vineyards and the surrounding woodlands and even take part in a truffle hunt – to taste the precious fruits of the valley.”



"La Stalla" with a view

All the properties at Casa San Gabriel enjoy spectacular views of the valley although none more so than the old stables, 'La Stalla'. From your window your eye takes you down the valley to Chiesa del Carmine and the award winning winery, Vineria del Carmine, which were restored from old abandoned farm buildings and a derelict church.