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Summer In Italy Villa Della Pergola The Luxury Retreat On The Italian Riviera 3 New Suites In The “Casa Dei Giardinieri”

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Villa della Pergola in Alassio (Liguria region) is the perfect location where guests staying can feel completely at home, with the highest levels and privacy standards. News of this season: the suites are now 15 divided between the Villa, Villino, Casa del Sole and the just restored Casa dei Giardinieri. Every suite is different from the other and each is dedicated to characters who have stayed at Villa della Pergola or who have been part of the aristocratic British colony that took up residence at Alassio. The perfect destination to relax in the Jacuzzi swimming pool in the botanical park of the Villa, strolling in the typical “Budello” in Alassio or sunbathing at the beach.

THE HISTORY

Villa della Pergola has a quite unique history that is in fact intimately bound up with the English community that chose to stay on this coast in the years between 1800 and 1900 as one of their favourite wintering holiday spots.

The Villa and the garden were originally the idea of the Scottish General William Montagu Scott Mc Murdo in 1875. In the early years of the twentieth century the grounds and the Villa della Pergola passed into the hands of Virginia Woolf's cousin Sir Walter Hamilton Dairymple.

In 1922 the new owner Daniel Hanbury, second-born of Thomas, designer and owner the celebrated Hanbury gardens of La Moriola, Ventimiglia, began the work of developing the collections of plants in the grounds, drawing on the resources of the family's own botanical gardens.

For a while the gardens were largely abandoned and so deteriorated. In 2006 a string of friends guided by Silvia and Antonio Ricci, always well aware of the story of these lands and eager to safeguard, protect and restore the landscape, purchased the property at auction to save it from the developers.



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THE RETREAT

Refined collections of watercolors, Victorian and Edwardian paintings, memorabilia and antiques, will make you experience the fin de siècle taste and atmosphere. A place where history, luxury and nature blends together. A place of peace serenity, far enough to the crowds of the Riviera. Villa della Pergola distinguishes itself by offering the perfect synthesis between the concept of a house and the highest standards in hospitality. The suites, the rooms, the open spaces, were developed to make you feel like home.

Villa della Pergola has been selected to be part of the **Small Luxury Hotels of the World**, the exclusive club including small independent hotels. Hotels have been carefully selected to celebrate their unique characteristics and high standard.

The retreat is open until the end of October

THE GARDENS

Villa della Pergola is set within luxuriant gardens of 22.000 square meters where guests can enjoy the unique experience of a walk through typical Mediterranean plants that grow side by side with rare exotic flora. The gardens are also the home to botanical collections of importance such as that of the agapanthus, with 430 specimens here, a stunning collection to see in summertime - unique in Europe in terms both of scale and importance, or the collection of wisteria, citrus trees....



THE RESTAURANT

Enjoy lunch or dinner with views over the Gulf of Alassio, there among the lovely colours of Villa della Pergola. This chance should be taken to visit Ristorante NOVE, run by chef Giorgio Servetto, with its highest quality foods sourced from authentic produce of this area, and the great importance it places on seasonal freshness. In the same spirit of authenticity the chef and his team pick citrus fruits, aromatic herbs, and edible flowers from the gardens of Villa della Pergola to produce the dishes they then offer up to the guests.