



CASTELLO DI CASOLE

– in the heart of Tuscany

WHEN ONE LOOKS FOR THE PERFECT VACATION HOME, THE CHOICES ARE ENDLESS AND SOMETIMES COSTLY! IN TUSCANY, IN THE HEART OF ITALY YOU CAN PERHAPS FIND THE ANSWER TO YOUR DREAMS. HOOM GOT INVITED THERE AND TO PUT IT MILDLY WE WERE EXTREMELY ENTHUSIASTIC!

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We arrive at the airport in Pisa. It is 30 degrees Celsius and the driver from Castello di Casole greets us. When driving inland through the landscape on narrow country roads, upwards in the small mountain district and downwards in the green valleys, there is something that reminds us of Norway. It is August and a perfect summer's day. We are on our way to Siena in the direction of Florenz. And we are looking forward to scrumptious food and beverages in these sumptuous surroundings.

Castello di Casole is one Italy's largest privately owned estates of all of 4200 acres. You can buy your own share of one of these properties. That is; if there are any available of the few that are left. But don't despair. More are under way!

It is the American Timbers Resorts that provides Castello di Casole with its 29 villas, each of 5 acres of land deeded per vil-

la. These are large villas, size ranging from approximately 230 square metres to 620 sqm, with complete gardens of several acres. The various properties are separated with a nice distance and secluded in the beautiful landscape with a pretty view and astounding light conditions. Almost every property have guest houses and infinity swimming pools. All the buildings are restored from elderly ruins, and the old-fashioned Tuscan style has been kept in tact, and many have already been purchased and are inhabited. A few of the properties can be purchased in its entirety, but most of them have 12 shares, which gives you the right to use the property for a minimum of three weeks annually. If one wishes to use the villa for a longer period of time, or any of the other villas for that matter, it is possible to book time for such use when there is vacancy. One does not purchase time; one purchases an undivided interest in the villa. Everything is organized for you, and service is certainly high on their menu.

Castello di Casole also includes a hotel project. Timbers Resorts is constructing one of Europe's finest hotels here in Tuscany. The Castello will be a 5 star hotel with all kinds of imaginable facilities and their own vineyard. Villa Sant'Antonio will be an enclave of villas in connection with the hotel. These are all in the portfolio of Castello di Casole, and will be fabulously situated with a view towards the valley and sun the entire day.

So what is this concept of shares? And how do you purchase one? When purchasing you get what you see. You buy shares in luxury properties with elegant villas of several hundred square feet. The concept includes its own concierge service, a wine club and vacationing in Tuscany, home of wine, pasta, pizza and olive oil. This is a lot of space at an affordable price. We thought it was a great choice! Prices ranges from 290.000 € and upwards, depending on the property and the number of shares you purchase.

When the hotel is opening, HOOM will once again venture down to Tuscany. Hopefully we'll meet? We are certainly looking forward to their opening in the early spring of 2010, and we'll book our tickets well in advance.

For more information: www.castellodicasole.com

