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Opening year

1983 (July)

Owner

Elio D'Anna

Year of entry Relais & Chateaux

1988

Chef

Nino Mosca

LOCATION

At the foot of the green hills of Forte dei Marmi, in Montignoso, the Relais & Châteaux 'Il Bottaccio' is one of the most exclusive luxury maison in Versilia. The result of the careful restoration of an old 18th century water mill, transformed into a boutique art hotel, one step away from the beaches and shops of Forte dei Marmi.

DESCRIPTION

Water and marble. The spirit of Il Bottaccio is nourished by these two elements: the Tyrrhenian Sea, the mountain streams and torrent that turned the great wheel and gears of the olive press, and the “white gold” – statuary marble from the caves above Carrara, where Michelangelo chose the stone for his David and Pietà. Today, water has replaced the oil that once filled the great cleansing vat (the pool is now the centerpiece of the restaurant), and the marble now appears in the form of an extravagant collection of sculptures gathered by the D'Anna's themselves.

Avid patrons of the Arts, founders and owners of an exclusive English College, Il Bottaccio was for many years their family home. A drawing room for friends. And now, an intimate retreat for lovers of privacy. A haven for the gourmet traveller...

ENVIRONMENTS

All the rooms of the maison welcome the guest in an embrace, blending antique furnishings with design pieces and contemporary art. Sala Diana is made particularly fascinating by the painting of Nicolò Bambini depicting the goddess of the hunt that dominates it, and the spectacular Sala della Piscina, which houses the gourmet restaurant. The exclusive character of Il Bottaccio, its hushed and reserved dimension translate into the presence of suites with exceptional characteristics. Also in this case they share the coexistence of classic furnishing elements in harmonious contrast with design pieces and contemporary works of art.

The high antiques furniture, the precious Persian rugs laid on warm handmade terracotta floors coexist with luxurious details that touch every environment, from the particular bathtubs to the washbasins designed by artists like Mandy Volz, to the Carrara marble and the Vietri ceramics. These already meticulous details are flanked by refined bas-reliefs and exclusive collections of paintings and sculptures, all to evoke a concept of extended and timeless Beauty.

GOURMET RESTAURANT

Il Bottaccio restaurant was born from the happy union between haute cuisine and art. It is impossible for guests to distinguish and establish a clear boundary between the cuisine of Il Bottaccio and the refined impressions provided by its environment.

THE KITCHEN

The unique setting of Il Bottaccio, suspended among the sea nearby and the Apuanian Alps, contributes to its original cuisine where the sea flavours combine with the musky aromas of the woods and the mountains.

The food retains the Mediterranean light - airy and delicate, full bodied and light. The perceptions, sensations and the emotions, which the place inspires, add a unique flavour to the food - Il Bottaccio, has the quintessential qualities that turn professional catering into a form of Art.

THE CHEF

The D'Anna family entrusted Il Bottaccio to the Chef-Director Nino Mosca over 35 years ago, and has watched it grow with passion to become not only an institution, but a mecca for the devotees of fine Italian cuisine.

In Nino there is the precious gift of equilibrium, acquired from years of dedication, experience and introspection, which permits him to blend a luminous creativity with the most profound roots of Italian tradition.

The cuisine of Il Bottaccio is made not only of a physical, material food, but also of a much more subtle one – an invisible plankton made of perceptions, sensations, and emotions generated by the atmosphere and environment itself. This beauty, rhythm and poetry give the cuisine of Il Bottaccio that unique quality that transports it from being a simple trade to an art gourmet encounter to an unforgettable personal experience.

COOKING SCHOOL

Il Bottaccio organizes courses for all cooking lovers, designed on various levels and available all year round. The lessons are personalized and individual and take place in the morning, under the guidance of staff trained at the best international levels. Every day the Bottaccio Cooking School focuses on the different aspects of Italian cuisine, giving the students, who come from all over the world, the golden rules for making the most typical Italian dishes. Menus and lessons are paired with seasonal specialties, using only the freshest and top quality ingredients. Il Bottaccio offers the unique and unforgettable opportunity to be part, even if for a day, of a team of great chefs in one of the best Italian restaurants.



OTZIUM WELLNESS

The Art of living and making of oneself a masterpiece Il Bottaccio has created an oasis of being around this philosophy – a Health and Beauty Wellness for believers that the body and spirit are reflections of one another, that a healthy body creates a healthy world, and that the two should be nurtured and cared for together. Its very name, ‘Otzium,’ springs from the Latin word for ‘not doing’-‘ozio’. Here, stripped of every role, and abandoning every identification with the clamour of daily life, time is suspended, and the body begins to dream again, in contact with the truest and most sincere part of itself.

This is the real wealth, the only luxury. The mastery of the masseuse, the aromatherapy and chromo-therapy, are elements of a personally prescribed wellness path that culminates in the rare and unique Hammam – the original Turkish Bath – jewel of hundreds of years of careful study and knowledge of the secrets of the body. Crossing the threshold of the world of Otzium, you are enriched with its subtle food of perceptions, sensations and emotions, and are enabled to close every internal distance, to take life back into your hands, and to become again responsible for being healthy, happy and free – your natural birth rights.

WELLNESS TREATMENTS:

Ayurvedic Massage

Shiatsu Massage

Meridian Massage with Oil and Essences

Meridian Massage with Gua Sha Technic

Rebalancing Massage with Tibetan Bells

Four Hand Massage

Yin/Yang with Essential Oils

Hammam