

INFO SHEET

Resort **Valle del Marta**

Villa Hotel & Farmhouse

THIS INFO SHEET CONTAINS ALL THE INFORMATION YOU NEED ON THE FACILITIES AND AMENITIES AVAILABLE AT VALLE DEL MARTA (TIMES, TARIFFS, INCLUDED AND EXTRA CHARGES) AND SUGGESTIONS ABOUT WHAT TO SEE & DO IN THE AREA.

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USEFUL INFO FOR GUESTS:

bookings

- Bookings are only confirmed once Valle del Marta has sent you written confirmation and only, in any case, once we've received your deposit of 30% of the total amount due.

cancellations

- You can cancel a room without penalty, in writing, at least 48 hours before the envisaged check-in time. Cancellations after this time will incur a penalty of 30% the total amount due.

- ✦ Rooms can be occupied (**check-in**) from 2.00 p.m. onwards.
- Rooms must be vacated (**check-out**) by 11.00 at the latest each day. An extra charge of 10.00 Euro will apply if rooms are vacated after this time.
- ✦ We accept **all major credit cards**.
- ✦ In addition to breakfast, the Valle del Marta restaurant is happy to serve you **lunch and dinner** based on traditional local recipes. The average cost for a meal in the restaurant is 25.00 Euro per person. Seating capacity: 100 indoors and plenty of tables on the covered terrace.
- ✦ **Meal times:**
 - *BREAKFAST:* from 7.30 to 10.00 a.m., buffet; from 10.00 to 11.30 at the BAR.
 - *LUNCH:* from 12.30 to 3.00 p.m.
 - *DINNER:* from 7.30 to 10.00 p.m.
- ✦ **Parking (2 private car-parks):** 1 attended car-park for Hotel guests; the other car-park is unattended for Farmhouse guests; space for 80 cars; buses welcome.
- ✦ **Farm shop:** selling products from the Valle del Marta farms: jams and marmalades, oil-preserved vegetables, liqueurs, wine and sparkling wine, honey, biscuits, extra-virgin olive oil, fresh fruit and veg, herbs and spices.
- ✦ **Swimming-pool.**
- ✦ **Garden:** feel free to wander around.
- ✦ Animals not accepted.
- ✦ **Museum** with "farm equipment from days gone by" – free entry.

ACCESS FOR THE DISABLED: bearing in mind the fact that a farm naturally has a few architectural barriers and that restoration of farm buildings must, by law, be done in such a way that the original local style of architecture is not altered, Valle del Marta has trained its staff to ensure that the disabled can thoroughly enjoy their stay with us, providing assistance in the various activities and use of amenities. There are, in any case, two rooms that have been specifically designed with the disabled in mind.

SAFETY:

CERTAIN FACILITIES ON THE FARM MAY POSE HEALTH RISKS FOR YOU OR OTHERS IF DUE PRECAUTIONS ARE NOT TAKEN. FOR THIS REASON, WE APOLOGISE IN ADVANCE IF WE ARE FORCED TO ADOPT CERTAIN SAFETY RULES. SUCH RULES ARE THE ONLY RESTRICTION TO YOUR FULL ENJOYMENT OF OUR FACILITIES.

Guests of the Villa Hotel and Farmhouse may use all internal amenities indicated by the "**FREE**" sign at no extra charge. Everyone is expected to respect the rules listed outside each amenity. Please read these rules carefully. Use of the swimming-pool is subject to the **acceptance and signing** of a copy of the rules. The swimming-pool may not be used until you have received, read and signed your copy of the rules, containing the times, technical data and rules of behaviour.

What to do & see at Valle del Marta

We provide our guests with mountain bikes on request for pleasant trips around the area.

We have a hobby room, where you can sip any of the 25 different types of liqueur produced by Valle del Marta, perhaps while reading one of our books on the Etruscans. Available for guests' use: games, stereo and large flat-screen TV for watching videos and films.

You can buy our products at the Valle del Marta farm shop. We offer a special delivery service that will pack and ship your purchases directly to the address you indicate, meaning you don't need to lug them around with you for the rest of your holiday.

PLACES NOT TO BE MISSED:

- ✚ The National Etruscan Museum, 1 Km away in the town of Tarquinia. Info: +39.0766.850080 - 856036
- ✚ Etruscan tombs, 4 Km. Info: +39.0766.856308
- ✚ Historic mediaeval town of Tarquinia, 1 Km.
- ✚ Sports centre, 4 Km.
- ✚ The shops in Tarquinia are open Mon to Sat (early closing Thurs). Check with the Valle del Marta staff for opening hours.
- ✚ Sea, 6 km.
- ✚ Golf course (8 holes), 5 km: Golf Marina Velca. Tel.: +39.0766.812109
- ✚ Vulci Archaeological/Nature Park, 20 km. Tel: +39.0766.879729
- ✚ Health spa, 45 km: Terme dei Papi, Strada Bagni, 12 - 01100 Viterbo – Italy. Tel: +39.0761.3501
- ✚ Historic mediaeval town of Tuscania, 22 Km.
- ✚ Taxi service: see **"How to reach us"**

ABOUT US:

OUR GOAL

The idea of spending a holiday in the country comes from the desire to get back to nature and our roots. A farm holiday is best way to rediscover and enjoy the traditional way of life with its simple values: respect for the environment, the pleasure of good, genuine cuisine and a lifestyle where each simple act is full of age-old wisdom, not to mention a setting of historical and natural beauty. We Aim to help you achieve this.

AGRICULTURE

The mild climate and farming methods (Valle del Marta is a 100% organic farm) that respect the natural cycle of the seasons mean that our products are varied and full of natural flavour. Herbs, vegetables and fruit are used to produce our tasty jams and marmalades, oil-preserved products, liqueurs, etc.

VINEYARD

We're especially proud of our vines and wines. Careful constant care leads to a particularly aromatic grape whose wine will recall this ancient sunny land of the Etruscans. An intense sublime experience.

OIL

Widely recognised as indispensable for our health, the extra-virgin olive oil produced by Valle del Marta is 100% organic. Wise cultivation, careful harvesting of the olives and pressing at the renowned Frantoio Luzi and Frantoio Ottaviani oil press in Tarquinia and in Villa S. Giovanni in Tuscia give our oil special quality and flavour.

LIVESTOCK

All our animals are reared according to time-old tradition: maize, hay, green pastures and natural suitable stabling for top quality meat and other products.

RESTAURANT

The warm atmosphere of the restaurant is the perfect place to savour our specially prepared local dishes made using traditional Italian recipes and (mostly) our own farm produce.

Here's just a taste of some of our special dishes:

Roast Pork Shin, using a recipe from the 1800s, the ingredients including honey and wild fennel.

Acquacotta, a typical dish from the Maremma Laziale area, prepared using whatever green veg was available with toasted bread underneath, potatoes and an egg on top, once the boiling hot veg has been poured over the bread.

Dessert include hazelnut *tozzetti* to be dunked in red wine.

Valle del Marta pays a lot of attention to food intolerance, such as gluten. Please feel free to talk with Mario about a personalised gluten-free menu (he has the necessary qualifications and is the Italian Coeliac Disease Association's expert on catering).

Vegetarians are also catered for in the menu.

Restaurant hours: lunch from 12.30 to 3.00 p.m.; dinner from 7.30 to 10.00 p.m.

Open all year round.

HOSPITALITY

The care we take to ensure the right atmosphere for a farm holiday (structures that reflect traditional local rural architecture, furnishings linked to the rural way of life, etc.) also extends to the need to guarantee all those comforts that can make or break a holiday. While staying with us you can see the animals, learn about the farming methods we use and how we prepare our products.

WEDDINGS

Our guests often decide to celebrate the most important day of their life with us here at Valle del Marta.

The green valleys and the colourful countryside make the perfect backdrop. The warm, friendly atmosphere is perfect for these special family get-togethers.

Indeed, in olden times all the year's important events, from reaping to weddings were seen as an excuse to meet up and have fun. To wish good luck and enjoy a great social gathering.

ACTIVITIES

During the year we organise special courses. Guests can ask for us to arrange guided tours around the farms or guided visits to local archaeological sites to find out about the ancient pre-Roman Etruscans or to the local mediaeval towns. Your guides will be your "host" Mario, Franco or Valerio, who are sure to enrich your day with local anecdotes. Please wear comfortable walking shoes.

CONFERENCE ROOM

Conferences, courses, shows, etc. can be organised making use of a unique room that was originally an old military railway tunnel, on the Valle del Marta premises. 60m long by 6m wide, it can seat up to 250-300 people in a lovely mediaeval atmosphere. In fact, this tunnel was built in the early 1900s and has a vaulted roof made from red and yellow brick (some 60,000 were used) sitting on stone walls. The "wooden" floor has "slate" edging to make it even more special.

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

Valle del Marta is particularly aware of environmental issues and, for this reason, is a member of Italy's *Suolo e Salute* association (lit. soil and health). All farming methods are 100% organic. Moreover, Valle del Marta adopts special eco-friendly measures: restaurant waste is recycled, care is taken not to waste water (all water taps are fitted with a flow limiting device to prevent unnecessary water from simply running down the drain, a method used mainly in Arab states). Valle del Marta is currently preparing to install solar panels to generate its own electricity.

- (1) The National Etruscan Museum in Tarquinia contains several important Greek and Etruscan finds. Most of the exhibits have been found in and around Tarquinia and show how the city developed over the centuries, from its prehistoric Villanovian origins to the founding of Rome and subsequent occupation of the area (the first King of Rome, Tarquinius, came from here).
- (2) The Necropolis of Monterozzi is just 3 km the other side of town and has some 6,000 subterranean tombs (2,000 of these with painted walls and ceilings). Not to be missed: the Tomba dei Tori (Tomb of the Bulls) that depicts Troilus being besieged by Achilles.
Tel.: +39.0766.856308 Closed Mondays. Open 8.30 a.m. – 7.30 p.m.

HOW TO REACH US:

FROM THE CENTRE OF TARQUINIA: Leave the town centre from the Barriera S.Giusto and head down towards the sea, following the signs to Lido di Tarquinia (Via Valverde about 1 km) and then turn right at the roundabout (signs to Tuscania) onto the Via Aurelia Vecchia for about 1 km. We're on your left (km 93).

FROM THE NORTH (ALONG THE COAST): Take the SS1 "Aurelia" south towards to Rome. About 15 km after Montalto di Castro take the exit for Tarquinia, head towards the centre of Tarquinia and then turn left at the roundabout (signs to Tuscania/Viterbo) onto the Via Aurelia Vecchia for about 2 km. We're on your left (km 93).

FROM THE NORTH (A1 MOTORWAY): take the Orte exit and follow the signs to Viterbo, then Tuscania. Skirt around the walls of Tuscania and follow the signs to Tarquinia. Turn left towards the old centre onto Via Aurelia Vecchia and then left at the roundabout onto Via Aurelia Vecchia. We're about 200 m on your right (km 93).

FROM THE SOUTH: Take the Rome-Civitavecchia motorway and then continue north along the SS1 "Aurelia" to the second exit for Tarquinia/Tuscania. Turn right towards the old centre and then left at the roundabout onto Via Aurelia Vecchia. We're about 200 m on your right (km 93).

