Le Cerque: a haven for wine tourism and Italian hospitality

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Halfway between a villa and a farmhouse, Le Cerque is nestled in a region rich in breathtaking landscapes, culture, history, and gastronomy.

Le Cerque comprises a hectare of vineyards, two hectares of olive groves, and 22 hectares of wooded areas sitting atop a hillside between Todi and Deruta. The central part of the farmhouse dates back to the 17th century. It now houses artwork and furniture from around the world that Damiano collected while working and travelling abroad.

The **rooms and spaces of the property convey a sense of intimacy and provide a feeling of relaxation, and respect for**

the environment and its biodiversity, far from standardized tourism. Le Cerque is the ideal place to reconnect with one's self and open the door to new encounters.

Guests will also find a wide range of personally tailored experiences. Epicureans can enjoy wine and olive oil **tastings** of the farmhouse's very own products. Damiano leads the tastings, with technical information as well as more personal stories that connect listeners with the heart of the project. Tastings also provide an opportunity to discover local products, but for those seeking a deeper understanding of the region's gastronomic traditions, Le Cerque offers **cooking classes** taught by local chefs.

Hiking and biking trips can allow guests to truly experience Umbria and everything it has to offer. Damiano is inspired by the concept of slow travel in an effort to preserve the environment. It permeates everything at Le Cerque : agricultural practices, production, sales, and hospitality.

The entire production is based on **organic farming**, without the use of chemical pesticides; **native plant varieties** found in the area, from the century-old oaks, to the small wild asparagus hidden in the woods, are preserved and protected. Damiano's objective is to develop a sustainable relationship with nature.

A formula that "pays off," considering that **guests at Le Cerque come from all continents, and often repeat their visits, with the average length of stay being approximately 5 days**. Damiano likes to establish meaningful connections with the people who come to Le Cerque, that can flourish over time.

Sixty percent of the tourists who visit Le Cerque come from abroad. **Diversity is the great guiding principle of the farmhouse's project**, and the staff can accommodate specific needs, like a vegetarian diet, or a halal one.

Upon request, the facility can also host yoga retreats, as well as corporate or private events. With its 14 beds and 6 rooms, including two triples and one fully accessible room for persons with reduced mobility, Le Cerque provides the perfect, picturesque setting to reconnect with nature in the Umbrian countryside.

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