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VITAL STATISTICS: COMO CASTELLO DEL NERO, TUSCANY

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General Manager:	Edvaldo Brito
Architect and Interior Designer:	Paola Navone
Executive Chef:	Giovanni Luca Di Pirro
Location:	Chianti, Tuscany, Italy.
Getting There:	Chianti, Tuscany, Italy Florence has an international airport, Aeroporto di Firenze-Peretola (FLR), which is situated approximately 30 minutes drive away from COMO Castello Del Nero. Pisa's Galileo Galilei International Airport is approximately 75 minutes away. Trains from Rome Termini to Florence's Santa Maria Novella station take approximately 1.5 hours. Transfer by car to COMO Castello Del Nero take around 30 minutes from the station.
Accommodation:	50 rooms and suites including: 19 Estate Rooms (25–38sq m/ 269–409sq ft): These rooms are full of Tuscan charm, with white terracotta floors and high ceilings. Queen-size or twin beds are draped in Egyptian cotton, while the furnishings create a gentle counterpoint to the sunlight spilling through the windows. Views overlook the peaceful courtyard,



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dating back to the twelfth century, or formal Italian gardens.

13 Tavarnelle Rooms (36–50sq m/ 388–539sq ft): These spacious rooms overlook Tuscany's rolling hills and feature queen-size or twin beds draped in Egyptian cotton. Cream furnishings give these rooms a soothing ambience, whilst the castle's twelfth-century origins are reflected in exposed wooden beams. The seating area is flooded with sunlight, spilling through double windows onto white terracotta tiles.

10 Tavarnelle Suites (40–70sq m/ 430–646sq ft): These ample suites overlook the sun-drenched courtyard, Italian formal gardens, or rolling Tuscan hills. A separate living area with soft furnishings gives an elegant, pared-back space in which to unwind. The master bedroom is a cool-toned haven, with Egyptian cotton linens and an abundance of authentic Tuscan details. An airy bathroom is fitted with a shower and every modern convenience, including cotton bathrobes and COMO Shambhala's award-winning amenities.

3 Loft Suites (55–81sq m/ 592–871sq ft): These spacious split-level suites feature an airy living area on the lower floor and a master bedroom on the upper level. Extensive views overlook the formal gardens or the estate's Tuscan lakes. The cool-toned master bedroom is replete with queen-size bed and finest Egyptian cotton linens, providing a contemporary, peaceful retreat. In the generous bathroom, a freestanding bathtub is complemented by a separate shower and COMO Shambhala's award-winning amenities.

3 Heritage Suites (70–77sq m/ 753–829sq ft): These outstanding suites are filled with a sense of the castle's centuries-old history alongside contemporary comfort. Carefully preserved 18th-century frescoes line the walls and vaulted ceilings, rising high above the king- or queen-size bed, which is draped in finest Egyptian cotton. An original fireplace forms the centrepiece of



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the generous living room, where white terracotta flooring is offset by furniture in cool-tones. A large bathroom is replete with a freestanding bathtub, doubly vanity, and separate shower.

1 COMO Suite (90sq m/ 968sq ft): This spacious suite is located in the historic Belvedere section of the castle, with its magnificent entrance overlooking the Chianti hills and lakes. A master bedroom and second twin bedroom are complemented by a large living room. An abundance of natural light spills through large windows, whilst a shared terrace gives a more secluded area in which to enjoy uninterrupted views over the surrounding countryside. The two-bedroom, two-bathroom configuration makes this an ideal choice for families.

1 COMO Terrace Suite (90sq m/ 968sq ft): This expansive suite represents the pinnacle of contemporary accommodation combined with a deep sense of history. White terracotta tiles still bear traces of historic footfall, whilst pitched ceilings with exposed wooden beams rise high over the airy master bedroom and spacious separate living room. Muted, cool-toned furnishings provide a cocooning counterpoint to the abundance of natural light, whilst the suite's size makes this feel more like a private apartment than hotel room. An enormous terrace overlooks the surrounding countryside, offering panoramic views of the rolling hilltops and the estate's Tuscan lakes.

Room Facilities:

Access to COMO Shambhala Retreat (Thermal Suite & Gym)

Scheduled daily Pilates and Yoga Classes (booking required)

King Bed

Egyptian Cotton Bedding; Down pillows

Hypoallergenic pillows

Cotton towels with bathrobes and bedroom slippers

Evening Turndown Service

LED Samsung Television featuring on demand movies, music and International channels



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Complimentary high speed Wi-Fi
COMO Shambhala Bathroom Amenities
Coffee/Tea making facilities (Nespresso Machine & Kettle)
Minibar
In Room Yoga Mat
Climate control
Safe
Hairdryer
An extra bed or baby cot can be added upon request

Guest Services:

24-hour room service
24-hour concierge services
Hotel and airport transfers
Shuttle service to and from Florence or Siena
Laundry, dry cleaning and pressing services
Complimentary overnight shoeshine
Housekeeping (twice daily)
Complimentary Wi-Fi in public areas
Vespa or car rental
Outdoor private parking
Babysitting service
Small dogs allowed
Travel and tour assistance

Business Services:

We have three event spaces: the Sala delle Volte can seat 60 theatre-style, while the Sala Gran Camino is an impressive, light-filled space, accommodating up to 50 people (theatre-style). A more intimate space for meetings is available in the Sala Piccolo Camino.

Restaurants:

Michelin-starred La Torre restaurant is overseen by Executive Chef, Giovanni Luca Di Pirro. Ingredients are locally sourced and showcase inventive Italian cuisine at its finest.

Monday to Saturday
Dinner: 7.30pm to 10.30pm

La Taverna is a relaxed and informal restaurant in the castle's original twelfth-century kitchen, with an open fire and classic Italian dishes.



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Monday to Sunday
11.00am to 12.30am (past midnight)

Other Dining Options:

The Pavilion offers al fresco Mediterranean dining throughout the summer, overlooking the surrounding Chianti countryside.

Monday to Sunday
Buffet breakfast: 7.30am to 10.30am
12.00pm to 10.00pm

Wine, olive oil and honey tastings take place in the 12th-century wine cellars.

In-room dining is available 24 hours a day. A menu can be found in each room.

Guest Wellbeing

The vision of COMO Shambhala Retreat at COMO Castello Del Nero is to create a holistic wellness sanctuary for guests, encouraging a journey of self-discovery through the nurturing expertise of world-class staff. COMO's Asian-inspired therapeutic treatments, which are an essential part of any COMO Shambhala experience world-wide, complement Italy's long spa heritage. Thermal suites, yoga classes and the 25-metre heated outdoor pool support specific wellness-focused stays.

Treatments:

COMO Shambhala Retreat uses carefully selected products and the company's own signature brand rich in pure natural active ingredients. COMO Shambhala Retreat offers holistic treatments including: massage, body scrubs, wellness paths and Guinot facials.

Retreat Facilities:

Seven treatment rooms
25-metre heated outdoor pool (open only in summer)
Gym
Yoga
Pilates Studio
Thermal suites (gentle sauna, an aromatic steam room and a heated vitality pool)



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Invigorating ice fountain
Relaxation area

**Activities and nearby
Attractions:**

Truffle Hunting
Helicopter tour
Hot air balloon tour
Cycling and walking trails
Guided tours of Tuscan towns and cities
Wine, honey and oil tastings in the cellars
Wine tastings in the Chianti area
Cocktail making class
Stargazing experience
Horse riding
Golf
Tuscan handcraft experience
Gelato classes

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RESORT SYNOPSIS: COMO CASTELLO DEL NERO, TUSCANY

COMO Castello Del Nero, Tuscany, is located in the rolling hills of Chianti within easy driving distance of the cities of Florence and Siena. At the heart of this historic 740-acre estate is a twelfth-century castle. The castle's interiors have been recently updated with a more contemporary 'COMO' aesthetic, by Milanese designer, Paola Navone. The estate has its own vineyard, bee hives and olive groves, which supply the hotel's restaurants, including Michelin-starred La Torre. This estate-to-table approach is in line with COMO's founding philosophy to source ingredients seasonally and locally wherever possible. COMO also provides powerful wellness experiences to guests at the hotel's COMO Shambhala Retreat.

The origins of the castle, and its estate, can be traced back to the 12th century, when it was the country residence of the noble Florentine Del Nero family. The Del Nero coat of arms, featuring a rearing greyhound, as well as original frescoes can still be seen around the estate. The private family chapel, and the clock in the main tower, were both added in the late 18th century, while the garden at the entrance to the castle dates back to the 19th century. Castello Del Nero had been functioning as a private estate for centuries, until 2006, when the Italian Trotta family turned it into Castello del Nero Hotel & Spa. In November 2018, the COMO Group bought the property.

Paola Navone's approach to modern interiors complement and enhance the castle's historic terracotta flooring, frescoed walls and vaulted ceilings without taking away from its original character. There are 50 rooms and suites at COMO Castello Del Nero, redecorated in soft, cool tones.

The bedrooms are very large, each different, with the shape dictated by the building's architecture. Room types include 19 Estate Rooms and 13 Tavarnelle Rooms, which offer courtyard, or garden views, and feature queen-size or twin beds. The 10 Tavarnelle Suites and the three split-level Loft Suites all have space for a separate living room, in addition to the master bedroom. Each of the three Heritage Suites are decorated with original 18th-century frescoes which line the walls and ceilings, and an antique fireplace can be found in the living room. The luxury COMO Terrace Suite has an extensive living space and private terrace, with 180° views across the hilltops and lakes, while the spacious COMO Suite has two bedrooms, two bathrooms, far-reaching views and a shared panoramic terrace — making it the ideal space for families.

At COMO Shambhala Retreat, COMO's Asian-inspired therapies include a range of therapeutic massages, body therapies and Guinot facials — all of which are delivered by experienced practitioners, who customise treatments according to individual needs.



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Complimentary yoga and meditation classes run daily. Thermal suites offer a restorative experience, with an invigorating ice fountain, a gentle sauna, an aromatic steam room and a heated vitality pool. Guests can exercise using the tennis courts, the gym and the 25-metre heated outdoor pool, which is open throughout the summer.

Beyond our wellness offering including yoga and pilates at COMO Shambhala Retreat, COMO believes in the revitalising power of time spent in nature. Horse riding, bike tours and the four running trails around the estate provide guests with ample opportunity to immerse themselves in natural surroundings. The hotel's other more cultural activities, such as wine tastings, truffle hunting and gelato classes offer insight into the Tuscan way of life.

Dining

Michelin-starred La Torre restaurant, Executive Chef Giovanni Luca Di Pirro showcases the best of Tuscan ingredients, many sourced from local producers or the estate's kitchen-garden. Chef Di Pirro's menus explore innovative flavour combinations, from turbot fillet with cocoa beans with a vanilla-scented Jerusalem artichoke foam to Casentino lamb with a chamomile sauce. La Torre restaurant features cool grey interiors and an open fire.

La Taverna is situated in the castle's original 12th-century kitchen. This historic space is now the convivial focal point of the castle, featuring a large open fire during the winter. The restaurant offers informal dining, ideal for families, where paninis and pasta can be enjoyed in a relaxed atmosphere. Food menus revolve around local, seasonal produce, while the bar menu provides guests with an extensive choice of classic Italian and international cocktails.

During the summertime, the Pavilion restaurant offers all-day al fresco dining, with views across the surrounding Chianti countryside. Here, international favourites feature alongside COMO's signature dishes such as perfectly cooked pizza made in a wood-fired oven.

Wine tastings can be arranged in the castle's original cellars. During these 60-minute sessions, wine chosen by the sommelier will be paired with Tuscan cheeses. Tuscan olive oil and honey tastings can also take place in the cellar, giving guests the chance to learn more about some of the estate's own produce.



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About The COMO Group and COMO Hotels and Resorts

COMO Hotels and Resorts, part of the Como Group, is a multi-award-winning, family-owned business with 15 hotels and resorts worldwide — each one different to the other but sharing the same core values: a deep commitment to holistic wellness, exceptional nutrition-rich cuisine, and inspiring destinations that honour the spirit of place.

Our city hotels include COMO Metropolitan London and COMO The Halkin in London, COMO The Treasury in Perth, Australia, and COMO Metropolitan Bangkok in Thailand. Our country resorts include COMO Uma Paro and COMO Uma Punakha in Bhutan, COMO Uma Ubud and COMO Shambhala Estate in Bali, and COMO Castello Del Nero in Tuscany. COMO's beach and island portfolio encompasses COMO Parrot Cay in the Turks and Caicos, COMO Cocoa Island and COMO Maalifushi in the Maldives, COMO Point Yamu in Phuket, and COMO Uma Canggu on the Bali shore. COMO Laucala Island is the Group's newest addition: a private island resort in Fiji.

The Singapore-based COMO Group of lifestyle companies is home to businesses that seek to make a meaningful difference to customers' lives with products and services focused on quality and authenticity. Founded by Mrs Christina Ong, the COMO Group encompasses the international luxury fashion retailer Club 21, the award-winning wellness brand COMO Shambhala, our food concepts, COMO Cuisine and COMO Dempsey, the philanthropic COMO Foundation, and COMO Club. This new initiative for 2022 is a one-stop digital platform that connects customers to the different experiences in the COMO Group, as well as partner brands who share our values.

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Edvaldo Brito, General Manager: As the new General Manager of COMO Castello Del Nero, Edvaldo Brito brings with him more than 17 years of management experience in luxury hospitality brands around the world. A passionate hotelier who speaks multiple languages, he has developed his expertise in resort management throughout his career working in different resorts in Asia, Europe and the Caribbean. Edvaldo joins us from Galleria VIK Milano, a five star hotel located in the most iconic building of the city, Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II. Prior to this, Edvaldo worked with Four Seasons Resorts in Costa Rica, Malaysia, and the island of St. Kitts and Nevis.

Paola Navone, Interior Designer: Paola Navone has been at the forefront of world-class interiors for over 30 years, as well as designing products for numerous leading brands, including Driade, Gervasoni, Guzzini, Poliform and Armani Casa. Based in Milan, she has lived in Hong Kong and worked extensively in Southeast Asia including Thailand, Indonesia, and the Philippines. She is also the designer of COMO Metropolitan Miami Beach and COMO Point Yamu, Phuket.

Giovanni Luca Di Pirro, Executive Chef: Giovanni Luca di Pirro joined La Torre in 2012. Since this time, his passion for using seasonal ingredients and finding ways to add a hint of modernity to his contemporary dishes, has helped earn La Torre an outstanding reputation and a Michelin star. Above all, Chef di Pirro finds ways to exploit the flavours of his raw ingredients, many of which are sourced from the hotel's kitchen-garden.



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DESTINATION OVERVIEW: COMO CASTELLO DEL NERO, TUSCANY

The Chianti territory lies in the heart of Tuscany. During the Middle Ages, the region was highly contested by the provinces of Florence and Siena, until 1555, when the Medici family imposed their hegemony on all of Tuscany. Now, the region is renowned for its picturesque countryside and world-famous wine production.

Tuscany is also home to the Renaissance city of Florence, a city famed for its exceptional artistic heritage. From the 13th century onwards, Florence flourished as a nexus of art, culture and international trading, reaching its zenith in the fifteenth century under the Medici family. This historic city is home to some of Italy's most iconic architectural achievements, for example, the Basilica of Santa Maria del Fiore — also known as 'the Duomo' — and the Ponte Vecchio.

The Accademia Gallery and the Uffizi are also found in Florence, attracting an international crowd. The Accademia Gallery houses Michelangelo's 'David', as well as work by Botticelli. The Uffizi Gallery was founded in 1581 by Francesco I de' Medici, who collected numerous artworks in the existing building, which was designed by Vasari. Today the Uffizi contains masterpieces dating between the 13th and 18th centuries, painted by artists such as: Cimabue, Giotto, Masaccio, Beato Angelico, Leonardo da Vinci, Botticelli, Michelangelo, Piero della Francesca, Raphael, Caravaggio, Rubens, Rembrandt, Dürer, and Goya.

COMO Castello Del Nero, is also located a short drive from the medieval city of Siena – a city famed for its fan-shaped Piazza del Campo. Twice a year, a Siennese tradition called the Palio takes place. These are traditional horse races, where ten horses from different neighbourhoods, known as contrade, are ridden bareback through the square of Siena. These races can be traced back to medieval times, and take place on July 2nd and August 16th every year. Siena also features a fantastic food scene and a host of great museums to explore.

COMO Castello Del Nero's local town, Tavarnelle Val di Pesa, can be dated back as far as AD 780. It owes its name to the tabernulae – the stop-over point along the Via Regia (the Royal Highway) which links Florence to Siena, and Siena to Rome. As a result, the whole area has been enriched by numerous churches of great historical importance. In 1898 Tavarnelle became a municipality, aggregating the parishes of Sambuca and San Donato (which had previously been governed by Barberino Val d'Elsa). The municipality of Barberino Tavarnelle was established on January 1st 2019 with the merger of the municipalities of Barberino Val d'Elsa and Tavarnelle Val di Pesa.

San Gimignano, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is also in striking distance of the hotel. This little town was built in the 10th century along the Via Francigena — a road that linked Western Europe to Rome. At one point, there were over 60 towers in the town, signifying the wealth of the merchant families who lived there. Now only 13 towers remain, as well as a 12th-century cathedral.



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