

Frequently Asked Questions

Casale Dell'Amicizia – Giove, Italy

Where is Casale Dell'Amicizia located?

Casale Dell'Amicizia rests peacefully in the rolling countryside of Giove, a charming hill town in the heart of Umbria. Our olive grove and countryside views provide a tranquil escape, yet we are conveniently located for exploring the treasures of central Italy, including Rome, Orvieto, and Todi.

What is included with our stay?

Once you arrive you will be able to relax your body after your trip in our 6 person Jacuzzi. Your stay includes a welcoming Italian breakfast each morning, comfortable accommodations, access to the gardens and olive grove, and the warm hospitality that defines Casale Dell'Amicizia. Our goal is to make you feel less like a visitor and more like a welcomed guest in the Italian countryside. Once here you will feel like it is more personal and become one of our families of friends.

How do we get there from the airport?

Most guests arrive through Leonardo da Vinci–Fiumicino Airport near Rome. From there you may rent a car, take a train, or arrange private transportation. We are happy to assist you with travel suggestions so your journey to Giove is simple and stress-free.

Do we need a rental car?

While it is not absolutely necessary, we recommend a car if you wish to explore the surrounding countryside, local markets, and historic towns at your own pace. The beauty of Umbria often lies in the scenic drives between villages. We also have a driver that offers their services right in town to drive you on some of your tours for your convenience.

What is breakfast like?

In Italy breakfast is generally simple and joyful Italian tradition. Expect fresh pastries, local breads, fruit, coffee, cappuccino, and other seasonal delights. Whenever possible we include local specialties so you can begin your day the Italian way. You know the saying when in Rome.....

Are there restaurants nearby?

Yes, the nearby village of Giove offers charming local restaurants where you can enjoy authentic Umbrian cuisine. We are always happy to recommend our favorite places where locals dine and where the food is made with love. Your palette will be singing like Caruso !!!!

Do you offer art classes or creative retreats?

Yes. Casale Dell'Amicizia hosts special art experiences led by Master Artist John Robbolino Jr.. These immersive classes focus on drawing, composition, color, light, and oil painting techniques while working in the inspiring landscapes of Italy. Artists of all levels are welcome—from beginners to experienced painters. We also offer you some Italian lessons to teach you simple phrases in Italy while exploring.

What if I am traveling with someone who does not paint?

That is very common. While artists enjoy their time painting and learning, companions can explore nearby towns, visit historic sites, enjoy cafés, shop local markets, or simply relax at the Casale surrounded by the beauty of the countryside.

What can we do in the area?

Our location makes it easy to explore some of Italy's most beautiful destinations. Guests often visit the cathedral city of Orvieto, the elegant medieval town of Todi, or take a day trip to the timeless city of Rome. Wine tasting, local markets, festivals, and countryside walks are all part of the experience. You will be pleased to know the vineyards are less than 60 yards from your door. Just go to the tour section and explore on our website.

Is Casale Dell'Amicizia suitable for groups?

Yes, we welcome small groups who wish to share a meaningful experience together. Art retreats, writers groups, wellness gatherings, culinary enthusiasts, meditation groups and friends traveling together often find our home a perfect setting for connection and inspiration.

What makes Casale Dell'Amicizia special?

Casale Dell'Amicizia means "The Farmhouse of Friendship." Our vision is simple: to create a place where guests slow down, enjoy the beauty of Italy, share good conversation, discover creativity, and leave with memories that last a lifetime. And know that you now have a familiar home in Italy.

Travel Planning FAQ**Helpful Information for Guests Traveling to Italy****What airport should we fly into?**

Most of our guests arrive through Leonardo da Vinci–Fiumicino Airport near Rome. It is the largest international airport in central Italy and offers the most direct flights from the United States.

How far is Casale Dell'Amicizia from Rome?

We are located about one hour north of Rome in the peaceful countryside of Giove. The drive is scenic and relaxing as you leave the city and enter the beautiful Umbrian landscape.

What is the best way to reach the Casale?

Guests typically choose one of three options:

- Renting a car at the airport for the freedom to explore the countryside
- Taking a train from Rome to nearby stations such as Orte is convenient.
- Arranging private transportation simpler and more direct. At a great price!!

We are always happy to help guide you toward the option that works best for your travel plans.

Is Umbria safe for travelers?

Yes. Umbria is known as one of the most peaceful and authentic regions of Italy. The towns are welcoming, the pace is relaxed, and visitors often comment on how safe and comfortable they feel exploring the areas.

What time of year is best to visit?

Italy is beautiful year-round, but many guests especially love:

- Spring (April–June) when the countryside is green and flowers are blooming
- Autumn (September–October) when vineyards harvest grapes and olives and the weather is perfect for exploring.

These seasons offer wonderful light for painting and photography.

How many nights should we stay?

To truly relax and experience the region, and just visit we recommend 4–7 nights. This allows time to explore nearby towns like Orvieto and Todi while still enjoying peaceful days at Casale dell Amicizia. If you're coming to have an art experience then we recommend 10 day stay. Packages are available with savings and discounts, it's a great bargain.

Art Retreat FAQ

Painting and Learning in the Heart of Italy

Who teaches the art workshops?

All workshops are personally led by Master Artist John Robbolino Jr., who shares decades of professional experience in painting, composition, color, and classical technique.

Do I need to be an experienced artist?

Not at all. Our art retreats welcome all levels, from beginners to advanced painters. Instruction is tailored individually so each artist grows at their own pace.

What will we be painting?

Italy itself becomes our studio. Artists often paint:

- Umbrian landscapes
- Historic villages
- Olive groves and countryside views
- Atmospheric street scenes

The beauty surrounding Giove provides endless inspiration.

What mediums are taught?

The primary focus is oil painting, with instruction in drawing, composition, color harmony, glazing techniques, and creating depth and light within a painting.

Are art supplies included?

Some materials can be provided for a minimal fee, and waiting for you when you arrive. Please tell us what you would like to use and size of canvases to have waiting for you. We provide guidance beforehand so you can be prepared to create your masterpieces.

What if my partner does not paint?

No Worries, many guests travel with companions who simply enjoy Italy while artists paint. While classes are in session, companions often explore towns and take some amazing pictures like Amelia, Orvieto or relax at the Casale with a book and a glass of wine.

Can I take my finished painting home?

Yes. Your artwork becomes a lasting memory of your experience in Italy. We can help arrange safe shipping for your special paintings created here in Italy.

Before You Arrive

Helpful Tips for a Relaxed Italian Stay

What time is check-in and check-out?

Check-in typically begins in the afternoon, allowing us time to prepare the rooms properly. Check-out is in the morning. If your travel schedule requires flexibility, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate. There is no rush whether you are arriving or departing.

What should we pack?

We recommend comfortable clothing, good walking shoes for exploring historic towns, and a light jacket for cooler evenings. If attending an art retreat, bring clothing suitable for painting.

Is English spoken locally?

Yes. While Italian is the primary language, many locals in restaurants and shops speak English. Guests often enjoy learning a few simple Italian phrases along the way.

What is the local pace of life like?

Life in the countryside moves more slowly than in large cities. Shops may close briefly in the afternoon, dinners begin later in the evening, and time is often spent enjoying conversation, food, and the beauty of the surroundings.

Is Wi-Fi available?

Yes, Wi-Fi is available for guests who need to stay connected, though many visitors enjoy using their time here to disconnect and fully immerse themselves in the Italian countryside.

What makes a stay at Casale Dell'Amicizia unique?

Casale Dell'Amicizia was created to be more than a place to stay—it is a place to experience Italy authentically. Guests often leave feeling they have discovered a hidden corner of Italy, formed new friendships, and taken home memories that last a lifetime.

“Why Stay at Casale Dell'Amicizia?”

There are many places to stay in Italy—but **Casale Dell'Amicizia** offers something more than a room for the night. It offers an experience of friendship, creativity, unique tours of hidden treasures to experience and the simple beauty of Italian life.

A Peaceful Escape in the Heart of Italy

Nestled in the rolling countryside near the charming hill town of Giove, our Casale sits among olive trees, open skies, and the quiet rhythm of rural Italy. Here you can wake to birdsong, enjoy breakfast overlooking the countryside, and feel the peaceful pace of Umbria wash away the rush of everyday life.

Perfectly Located for Exploring

While the Casale feels wonderfully secluded, it is ideally located for discovering some of Italy's most beloved destinations. Spend a day wandering the historic streets of Orvieto, enjoying the elegance of Todi, or visiting the timeless wonders of Rome—all within easy reach.

A Creative Retreat for the Soul

Casale Dell'Amicizia is also a place where creativity thrives. Artists from around the world gather here for immersive workshops led by Master Artist John Robbolino Jr.. Whether you are painting, writing, meditating, or simply reflecting, the landscape and atmosphere inspire a deeper connection to creativity.

Authentic Italian Hospitality

Our home was created with a simple idea: to share the beauty of Italy with friends. Guests are welcomed not as tourists, but as part of the Casale family. Conversations over breakfast, a glass of wine at sunset, and stories shared under the Umbrian sky often become the most treasured memories of a stay here.

A Place Where Memories Are Made

Some guests arrive seeking inspiration, others come to explore Italy, and many simply wish to slow down and reconnect. Whatever brings you here, Casale Dell'Amicizia offers something rare—a place where time seems to soften, friendships grow naturally, and the experience of Italy becomes deeply personal.

*If you have additional questions while planning your visit, please feel free to reach out. We are always happy to help you prepare for a wonderful stay in Italy.

Casale Dell'Amicizia — Translates to: **The Farmhouse of Friendship.**

Where art, culture, and the spirit of Italy come together to create memories that last a lifetime.

Ci vediamo Translates to **We will see you soon.** See you're learning Italian already!