



CASTLE ELVIRA LAUNCH EXPERIENCES FOR ONCE IN A LIFETIME HOLIDAY



FROM UNIQUE PORTRAITS TO COOKING CLASSES AND PIZZA NIGHTS

Castle Elvira, a new residence which opened in Puglia this year, is delighted to launch its unique experience offering. From a one-of-a-kind portrait experience from resident artist Harvey B-Brown to life drawing classes; weekly pizza nights and traditional pasta making classes, each is designed to create memories that last a lifetime.

Whilst Puglia is often considered a summer destination, guests can visit an array of incredible restaurants and sights all year round, alongside the new offering. With original wood burning fireplaces making for cosy atmospheres, underfloor heating and a heated swimming and hydro massage pool for relaxing soaks, Castle Elvira is the perfect destination for an Autumn / Winter escape.

In addition to the bookable experiences, Castle Elvira now holds regular events including daily sunset cocktails on the roof terrace, weekly pizza nights and movie nights in the Castle's private cinema.

Beyond the curated experiences on offer within the Elvira estate, the team can also arrange a number of exciting excursions in Lecce and in the surrounding areas. Elvira's expert team is on hand to advise guests on the best restaurants, and beach clubs to visit during your stay.



Adored and Adorned portrait experience

Castle Elvira invites you and your friends to take part in a one-of-a-kind artistic experience. For a minimum of three nights, you will have the unique opportunity to live with artists Harvey B-Brown & David Scheinmann whilst you help create your own Adored & Adorned portrait. Part painting, photography, collage and digital art, these unique meta portraits are precious heirlooms that celebrate a moment of history.

Starting by taking photographs, the images are adorned using materials and techniques that tell a story about the person while playfully referring to familiar contemporary iconography. Photographic prints are transformed into three dimensions using paints, inks, collage and sculptural techniques and then further augmented with post production technology. Whilst you enjoy your stay at Castle Elvira, guests are encouraged to collect mementos and memorabilia to become a part of your portrait.

From €10,000 for three nights for up to four guests

Pugliese Pasta Making Classes

Join Castle Elvira's experienced private chef Fabiana and learn how to make traditional pugliese pasta. From orecchiette to tria, get stuck into making your own pugliese pasta. Master rolling and shaping techniques and learn your 00 flours from semolina so you can become a pro-pasta maker. Indulge in your delicious pasta with a choice of homemade sauces cooked by chef Fabiana after your class.

From €50 per person

Life Drawing Classes

Castle Elvira is the perfect creative oasis so whether you're a budding artist or a professional painter, these life drawing classes are a great way to practice your artistic skills or just have some fun. Hosted by resident artist Harvey B-Brown, classes take place in the Cafe and Atelier.

Each class starts with quick warm up exercises, followed by a series of short poses and one long pose for you to master your technique.

From €75 per person



Sunset Roof Terrace Experience

Travel by a red glass-lined lift to the extraordinary roof terrace and gaze at the glory of a Southern Pugliese sunset. Guests are invited to sip cocktails, sample local wines and Prosecco whilst taking in the spectacular 360-degree vistas. The wonderful Elvira team is on hand to serve rooftop aperitif under the stars.

Cocktails from €12

Elvira Pizza Nights

Join Castle Elvira for weekly pizza nights and enjoy delicious pizzas made in Elvira's very own handmade wood fire pizza oven.

From €35 per person

Elvira Movie Nights

Kick back and relax in Castle Elvira's private cinema. Choose from an array of modern or classic movies, cartoons or live action films or enjoy your favourite tv shows from super comfy, extra large sofas whilst tucking in to popcorn and cocktails.

Complimentary

Experiences will also be available for guests of Tower Elvira. Rates for double room with breakfast from €299 per night. Rates for Castle and Cottage exclusive hire for 20 guests from €22,938 per week.

- Ends -

For further information, high res imagery or to organise a press stay, please contact Charlotte Strudwick at charlotte@charlottestrudwickpr.com

About Castle Elvira

Castle Elvira is a new luxury residence opened in Puglia in Spring 2022. Original 20th century design details meet eclectic furnishing and modern technology to create the ultimate luxury experience in this design-led property.

Steve Riseley acquired Castle Elvira in 2018. With Steve's background in hospitality and his husband Harvey's career as an artist and film-maker the pair set out to create a design-led property where guests can truly relax and experience ultimate luxury.

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Fact Sheet

- Six Guest Suites (four in castle and two in groundskeeper's cottage)
- Private lounge rooms for guests
- Kitchen
- Dining Room
- eight-seat private Cinema
- Piano Room
- Rooftop aperitivo bar
- 37 acres of private parkland and gardens
- 70sqm Swimming Pool
- 10-person Jacuzzi
- 70sqm Ornamental Pond
- Cafe Restaurant serving breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Mobile Cocktail Bar, in converted Italian Piaggio Ape
- Adults only