



ELVIRA

CASTLE ELVIRA
VIA ANDRANO, TREPUSZI, ITALY



Following an extensive restoration over the past three years, Castle Elvira is a new luxury residence opening close to Lecce in Puglia in Spring 2022. Originally built in the early 20th century and abandoned for over 100 years, owners Steve Riseley and Harvey B-Brown have magnificently restored the five historic buildings within 37 acres of private parkland, stunning gardens, citrus grove and olive grove.

20th century design details meet eclectic furnishing and modern technology to create the ultimate luxury experience in this designed property. Set on St Elia Ridge in 37 acres of private parkland, Castle Elvira boasts unrivalled views of the local area, its stunning gardens, citrus grove and olive grove.

Castle Elvira's sister residence, Tower Elvira was built in the 18th Century. Thought to originally be the lookout tower for the Saint Elia Monastery the magnificent restoration of both the tower and neighbouring ancient Masseria now provides accommodation for eight guests.



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- 1 Castle exterior.
- 2 Main entrance and lobby.
- 3 Piano room.



HISTORY

Castle Elvira was originally built in the late 1800s but was sadly abandoned soon after. The property had been left decaying for almost a century until owner Steve Riseley acquired the property in 2018 and set out to carefully restore the castle and its grounds. [The Legend of Castle Elvira](#) suggests that the castle was built by two adoring parents from Naples for their daughter Elvira's 17th birthday. Elvira was enchanted by a local castle in Naples, owned by Italian actor and playwright, Eduardo Scarpetta. When Elvira passed away after accidentally eating poisonous mushrooms, her parents fled, leaving the castle behind them and it has remained unoccupied ever since.

DESIGN

Riseley has worked closely with architects Filotico & Partners and a team of specialist artisans to carefully restore the Castle. The design remains authentic, maintaining many of the castle's original features whilst introducing new elements that respect Castle Elvira's fairytale past. Whilst the castle is now equipped with modern, state of the art technology, these have been hidden behind carefully restored ceramic tile floors and retouched walls. Riseley has hand-picked a mix of antique and modern designer furnishings, custom-made lighting to create a luxurious environment for guests to enjoy. The property will feature many carefully curated art works, including a selection of new pieces by Riseley's artist husband Harvey B-Brown's [Adored and Adorned](#) collection.



FOOD & DRINK

Elvira's private chef Fabiana, from Salento, who has decades of experience cooking for many high-end palazzos and masseria kitchens, is passionate about traditional Cucina Salentina. Her daily menus, which include using our home-grown citrus fruit, pomegranates, and fresh herbs, are full of locally sourced, seasonal ingredients, to which she adds her own twists to create new takes on classic Pugliese cooking.

Fabiana's amazing dishes are served daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner in the Elvira restaurant whilst aperitif will be served daily on the roof terrace. Cocktails and snacks are available on demand from Elvira's vintage 'ape' (traditional three wheel truck) transformed into a mobile cocktail bar. Incredible private dining experiences can be arranged in the Castle's luxurious dining room, in the suites private gardens or roof terraces or amongst Elvira's luscious private parkland, citrus grove and olive grove.

	3	1 Princess Suite.
1	2	2 King Suite en-suite bathroom.
		3 Castle pool and solarium.

LUXURY GUEST SUITES

The castle features four en-suite guest bedrooms with two dedicated private salons, two spacious dining rooms (formal and informal), a bar / piano room, two lounges, cinema and business suite. The castle's spectacular roof terrace guarantees dramatic sunsets. The neighbouring cottage offers an additional two charming guest bedrooms, a private garden with sunken jacuzzi, outdoor shower and barbeque.

Tower Elvira offers four suites across the Tower and Ancient Massiera each with private gardens or an exclusive roof terrace and two with al fresco baths.

ELVIRA GROUNDS AND AMENITIES

Amenities include a 70 square meter swimming pool, a 12-person jacuzzi and an ornamental pond. The onsite cafe will provide breakfast, lunch, aperitivi and dinner, serving authentic Cucina Povera Salentina' cuisine, made with locally sourced, seasonal produce alongside ingredients grown in the property's private land.

The 37 acre estate boasts large citrus groves, olive groves and an enchanting private park interlaced with ancient pathways. The garden will offer the perfect setting for celebratory occasions from romantic picnics to wedding parties.

Tower Elvira features its own 40square meter heated swimming pool, surrounded by olive and citrus groves.





ESTATE CONFIGURATION

The Castle:

Inside The Castle you can find two open space lounges, a dining room, a private cinema, an office and the rooftop.

- **The King Suite** Executive suite for two guests
- **The Queen Suite** Executive suite for two guests
- **The Prince Suite** Suite for two guests
- **The Princess Suite** Suite for two guests

The Cottage:

The Castle and Cottage area have an exclusive infinity pool and a bigger jacuzzi pool in the outdoor green area.

- **Garden Suite for four guests.** The Cottage is just outside the Castle building and has a lounge, two independent suites and a private outdoor jacuzzi.

The Tower:

Inside the ancient Tower, located at 200m from the Castle, you can find two independent suites:

- **The Park Suite** Suite for two guests featuring a sunken bath and an outdoor private outdoor area.
- **The Tower Top Suite** Executive suite for two guests with private access to the Tower rooftop, featuring panoramic view and solarium area with outdoor bathtub and sun beds.

The Masseria:

The Tower and The Masseria have a dedicated private pool surrounded by ancient olive trees. Inside The Masseria you can find two independent garden suites;

- **The Agave Garden Suite** Garden suite for two guests.
- **The Pink Pepper Suite** Garden suite for two guests.