



**AMONG THE VINEYARDS OF COLLIO GORIZIANO
ROMANTIC STAYS
AT CASTELLO DI SPESSA GOLF WINE RESORT & SPA,
THE CASTLE OF CASANOVA**

"Romance is in our nature": romantic is the essence of Castello di Spessa of Capriva del Friuli, that with its unmistakable silhouette stands on the top of a small hill, in the heart of Collio Goriziano, land of great wines and ancient history. Immersed in the greenery of a magnificent Italian garden, surrounded by the vineyards of the estate to which it gives its name, the Maniero of medieval origin was for centuries home to the Lords of the Friulian and Triestine nobility. Among its distinguished guests (such as Lorenzo da Ponte, the famous librettist of Mozart, Emanuele Filiberto d'Aosta), there was **Giacomo Casanova**, who - hosted by the owner of that time, Count Luigi Torriani - here he found refuge and tranquillity to write, and greatly appreciated the wines, that described in his Memoirs, "of excellent quality".

A succession of noble gentlemen and illustrious characters have marked the history and vocation to the hospitality of the castle, today the heart of an elegant **Golf Wine Resort & SPA**, created by the current owners, the Pali family. Icon of refined Italian style hospitality, the resort is among the most known and appreciated symbols of *bon vivre* and hospitality of Friuli Venezia Giulia, a border land where Latin, Slavic and Germanic worlds met and intertwined, creating an extraordinary melting pot.

To pay homage to his most illustrious guest, in the historical park surrounding the castle was traced a **romantic literary walk** among centuries-old trees, arbor, balconies adorned with statues: 10 stages marked by a kind of wrought-iron book pages, where Casanova's phrases about love, women, friendship and life are engraved. Here also stands the **Teatro di Verzura**, with green grassy bleachers descending to the stage shadowed by the branches of a 100-year-old oak tree: **unique in Friuli Venezia Giulia**, it can host up to 500 spectators. It draws on the tradition of Italian Gardens, where since the 18th century people began creating theatrical spaces made entirely of vegetal elements.

All around, the vineyards of the **winery** that produces fine DOC Collio and DOC Isonzo wines, and the **18-hole golf course** whose path is intertwined with the vineyards. In the basement of the castle you can visit the **cellar**, where the aging of the wines produced by the homonymous company - famous since the fourteenth century - takes place. It represents the oldest and most scenic one of the Collio and it develops on two levels: the upper one dates back to the medieval period, the second, which is 18 meters deep, is a military bunker built in 1939, ideal for temperature and humidity to guard the barricades. In the ancient stables, there is the 2000 sqm **Vinum SPA**, which offers swimming pools, beauty treatments and wine therapy as its main focus. In the **Wine Shop Casanova** you can buy wines and grappa made by the estate and local delights.

Sleeping in the vineyards

The resort offers the possibility of staying overnight in **4 facilities**, each with its own well-defined style, among which guests can choose the preferred accommodation. The **castle** provides airy rooms and suites furnished with eighteenth-century and nineteenth-century Italian and Central European furniture, with elegant vintage details that combine discreetly with the most modern comforts.



The other rooms are located in ancient buildings of the estate. From the renovation of a farmhouse at the foot of the manor was born **La Tavernetta al Castello**, with an excellent and refined gourmet restaurant and 10 rooms with a country chic atmosphere. The apartments **Appartamenti nelle vigne** were converted from a house overlooking the green and the vineyards and afterwards furnished with warm rustic style, mostly dedicated to golfers and families. The **Casale in Collina** is the most secluded one, with a dozen rooms furnished in shabby chic style.

The restaurants of the Resort

Varied is also the culinary proposal offered by the 3 restaurants of the Resort.

La Tavernetta Al Castello - Gourmet restaurant - from the magic of Collio and the nearby Adriatic arrive on its table land and sea, vineyards and gardens, a world of flavors and scents enhanced by the skilled hands of the kitchen brigade. All, interpreted in a light and contemporary way. The menu plays in balance between meat and fish and is daily enriched by fish, molluscs and crustaceans that come fresh from Grado and Marano. Three delicious halls, over 100 seats, also suitable for hosting elegant banquets.

Il Gusto di Casanova - Bistrot del Castello - located in a delightful frescoed room inside the Castle, is a small bistrot with an intimate and reserved atmosphere, where a selection of local products is proposed in an unprecedented contemporary look. Ideal for those who stay in the elegant rooms of the castle, but also for those who want to take a tasty and surprising break to discover the delicacies of Friuli, including tasty and rare cheeses and special cold cuts. We also organize wine tastings and aperitifs in the beautiful setting of the secular Park.

Hosteria del Castello - overlooks with its verdant dehors directly on the golf course. Its interiors are reminiscent of the style of English Country clubs: sober and informal atmosphere but classy, it is ideal for a quick and appetizing lunch. Here you will enjoy an immediate cuisine, which is expressed enhancing the dishes and flavors of the territory: cold cuts and Friulian cheeses, appetizing first courses, courtyard meats but also some fish dishes from the nearby Adriatic Sea, herbs, delicious and inviting desserts, all strictly at km 0.

To complete the offer of the Resort there is **La Boatina** (near to the vinification cellar in Cormòns), a inn with 5 rooms furnished in a rustic Friulian style and a little restaurant with a large porch overlooking the vineyards.

Vinum SPA

The beneficial properties of the active ingredients of grapes and its derivatives are the basis of the treatments and cosmetics of the **Vinum SPA, entirely dedicated to wine therapy.**

Built in the area of the old stables at the entrance to the castle, it has swimming pools (internal with hydromassage and heated external) and external panoramic hydromassage with a view. Open to all wellness lovers, it adds to the offerings of the resort nestled among the vineyards of Collio, Friuli Venezia Giulia's most prized wine-growing area. Everything, in the SPA, leads back to grapes and wine: the frescoes on the walls, the vats for wine therapy, the massages with **hot stones obtained from the Collio marl** (Collio's terroir rich in salts and trace elements, from which the wines derive unique character, aromas, minerality and freshness), the names of the treatments, the essences in the saunas with the aroma of grapes and must. The treatments are carried out with natural cosmetics **created exclusively for Castello di Spessa Golf Wine Resort & SPA and made with our grapes**, as well as grape seed and grape must oil for massage, grape seed body scrub, grape, and room fragrance. A corner is dedicated to **grappa therapy**, a treatment with antioxidant, anti-inflammatory and toning action, which ends with a tasting of grappa produced using the pomace of our wines and a **honey therapy** course is also proposed.



On the **ground floor**, the itinerary begins with a large Finnish Sauna with tiled stove, Turkish Bath, Emotional showers with chromotherapy, Kneipp Path with stones from the Isonzo (the river symbolic of these lands), Showerbucket, Icefall, Private suite with vats for wine baths. Here you will also find the swimming pool with whirlpool and the relaxation area with the Herbal Tea Room, which have large windows opening onto the hills. In the **first floor**, the excitement continues in luxurious spaces dedicated to massages, all the way to the **wine therapy** area, the beating heart of the spa. Here, wine therapy is declined in all its aspects, starting with the panoramic suite "**I Tini**" with its chromotherapy whirlpools in large vats and continuing in the room dedicated to wine therapy where - after a bath in wine - you can receive beneficial and comfortable treatments on sensory beds made from fresh grapes and with cosmetics produced from the processing of grapes from the castle. Finally, one can relax, sipping a glass of wine, in the "**Le Botti**" suite, whose furnishings were made from the recovery of old barrels. In the **external area**, the beauty of the nature melds with the exclusive details: the heated swimming pool, four-poster beds, the panoramic view from the Relax Lounge, the circular hydromassage hanged up between the light-blue sky and the green of the hills and the wines of the estate.

Explore the surroundings

Throughout the year, Castello di Spessa Golf Wine Resort & SPA offers holiday packages including eighteenth-century atmospheres, refined foods, nature charms, walking and cycling, and - of course - golf for green enthusiasts. At guests disposal, bicycles and yellow Vespa of Collio, to discover the surroundings: Gorizia, the nice of Austria with its medieval castle; Cividale, Lombard city; Aquileia, second Rome and main archaeological site of northern Italy; Grado, with its Long Beach and lagoon; the places of the Great War from Gorizia to Redipuglia to the Karst.

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THE RESORT IS:



- Historical residence - Castle from the XIII century with 15 rooms
- La Tavernetta al Castello with Gourmet restaurant and 10 rooms
- Casale in Collina- 10 rooms
- Appartamenti nelle Vigne Digital Detox – 6 apartments with kitchen
- Bistrot Il Gusto di Casanova in the castle
- Hosteria del Castello
- Vinum SPA
- Golf Club 18-hole golf course with proshop Golf 'Us
- Teatro di Verzura
- Azienda vinicola DOC Collio e DOC Friuli Isonzo – 90 hectares of vineyards property of the Estate
- Medieval Wine Cellars - guided tours by reservation
- Wine shop and guided wine tastings of the castle's wines
- Meeting facilities
- Wedding & events facilities

THE HALLS OF THE CASTLE

The refined and fascinating master rooms, like the memory of Casanova that still hovers there, they open on the back of the building and overlook a large terrace from which it descends into the Italian garden.

One after the other, the Hall of the mirrors and the Green Room are drenched. The Pink Room houses the piano and leads to the hunting room which - with its vintage boiserie - has always been a fumoire. From here you pass in the Chinoiserie room and in the library room with billiards. In the oldest part are the 3 medieval salons, with vaults and the most rustic decor.

THE CELLAR

It is possible to visit the ancient medieval cellar, where takes place the aging of Castello di Spessa wines, whose vineyards surround the manor. Famous since the second half of the fourteenth century, the wines of the castle were called "of excellent quality" by Casanova in his memoirs.

Guided tours, by previous reservation, start from the video room and lead through a gallery to the barriquerie with exposed stones. Seventy steps lead to the second level of the cellar, housed in a former bunker dug 18 meters deep in 1939 for military purposes.

TASTINGS

By previous reservation, you can take part in guided tastings to discover the renowned wines of the Castello di Spessa Doc Collio and Doc Isonzo, as well as the grappa distilled with the pomace of Castello di Spessa grapes.



WINE SHOP CASANOVA

In the Casanova Wine Store, housed in the former stables adjacent to the Castle, you can buy DOC Collio and DOC Isonzo's Castello di Spessa wines, grappa, olive oil, honey and some typical products of Friuli Venezia Giulia, selected with care in a continuous search of the best the region has to offer.

COOKING COURSES

The kitchen brigade of the restaurant La Tavernetta host interesting cooking classes both in the rustic cuisine of The Hunting House, and in those technical of the Castle. Making pasta, bread and tasty treats will no longer be a feat for chefs only!

MEETING & INCENTIVE

Relaxing holidays but not only: the Castello di Spessa Golf & wine Resort is also the perfect place for high-level business customers, thanks to the exclusive and prestigious environment surrounded by an extremely suggestive context.

- Meeting room Casanova - equipped, located in the annex of the castle and can accommodate meetings up to 110 people.
- Medieval halls and Manor halls - the castle halls offer different possibilities for managing event spaces for up to 180 people.
- Hunting house - old renovated farmhouse, offers the possibility of managing event spaces for up to 50 people.

WEDDINGS & MAIN EVENTS

The Castle of Spessa is an ideal setting for weddings and unforgettable events. Weddings can be held in the private chapel in the neo-Gothic style or in the park. The rooms of the restaurant La Tavernetta Al Castello can accommodate banquets for up to 77 people. While the hunting House lends itself to small events, immersed in the golf and vineyards of the Estate.

THE HUNTER'S LODGE

The Hunter's Lodge is located in the most secluded area of the estate, where the vineyards give way to the forest. It is an old and renovated colonial house, with stone walls and a large fogolâr, symbol and heart of Friulian houses. An ideal place for meetings, parties, yoga classes, light lunch, brain storming and team building.

APIARY

Not far away, the apiary of the estate is part of an eco-sustainable project that aims to repopulation of bees on the Collio.

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