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SUMMER STARTS AT VILLA LA MASSA

Plenty of new features are announced: from dinner at Bistrot L'Oliveto to the Summer Party for American Independence Day

Candeli (FI), June 2023 – Villa La Massa, the five-star hotel near Florence, part of Villa d'Este Hotels, welcomes the start of the summer with enticing news both for hotel guests and external customers.

Firstly, **L'Oliveto** will open at night. Set in a renovated stone barn, the poolside Bistrot will welcome guests for dinner starting July 1. (To date, the restaurant had only been open at lunchtime.) Named after the multitude of olive trees in the 10 hectares of the hotel grounds, which produces choice Villa d'Este extra-virgin olive oil, L'Oliveto has a laidback and cosy atmosphere with a charming outdoor patio enveloped by the shades and scents of the countryside. Natural hues, open beams and stone details define the interior, all of which are reminiscent of Tuscan traditions.

The evening menu is inspired by local cuisine. From 7pm onwards, Saturday to Tuesday, the Bistrot turns into a traditional Tuscan trattoria with an alluring ambience conjured up by the scents of the surrounding garden. Highlights include Bistecca alla Fiorentina, pici and pappardelle pastas, and generous grazing boards of cheeses and charcuterie with *coccoli* (fried pizza dough), just to mention a few. Sweet regional treats like *zuccotto*, an ice-cream cake, and profiteroles bring dinner to a close. A short distance from the city centre, it's the perfect location for diners in search of refreshing greenery on hot summer days for a romantic Tuscan dinner for two or a night out with friends.

Villa La Massa welcomes guests on **July 4 to celebrate American Independence Day**. Bistrot L'Oliveto will come alive with live music all evening long, while guests dine out on an Italian-American menu of Tuscan antipasti, freshly baked pizzas, barbecue food and local wines.



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Villa La Massa is part of Villa d'Este Hotels, which includes Villa d'Este, the iconic five-star hotel in Cernobbio, on Lake Como, and the two four-star Palace Hotel and Hotel Barchetta Excelsior, overlooking the lake in Como city centre. Villa La Massa dates to the thirteenth century and is set in 10 hectares of grounds on the banks of the River Arno, a short distance from Florence. The hotel vaunts 54 rooms and suites divided across six villas.

The hotel has two restaurants: Il Verrocchio, which serves a traditional Italian dinner menu with contemporary flourishes centred on a selection of local produce and the estate's organic extra-virgin olive oil. Il Bistrot L'Oliveto, with a laidback and cosy atmosphere, plus a charming outdoor patio, offers delicious light dishes, including international classics at lunchtime before turning into a traditional Tuscan trattoria on summer evenings. Bar Mediceo is the perfect place to sip an aperitif or one of the signature cocktails that reveal the history of Villa La Massa and its owners, even alfresco on the terrace that looks out across the River Arno and even serves light meals. The hotel's amenities include a heated outdoor pool surrounded by scenic Chianti countryside, and the Arno SPA, set in the hotel's ancient cellars, with a relaxation area, sauna, steam bath, aromatherapy showers, Roman bath with Jacuzzi, a gym and treatment rooms. Elisa Peroli has been the General Manager of Villa La Massa since January 2023. Davide Bertilaccio is CEO of the Villa d'Este Hotels group.



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