



BIVIERE

VILLA BORGHESE

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Biviere is a place where memory and beauty are carefully preserved, where Sicily reveals itself with grace, depth, and an authentic elegance to be experienced and remembered.



*The timeless charm of
hospitality rooted in history*



In a place suspended between history and passion, a noble estate has been brought back to life by **Giangiacomo** and **Virginia Borghese**, passionate custodians of beauty who have transformed the ancestral family property into a flourishing landscape of citrus groves and light.

Historic landmarks such as the Church of St. Andrew, the Fishermen's House, the Inn, and the 17th-century Granaries create a journey through time, telling a story of respect for the past, deep connection to the land, and openness to new stories yet to be written.



Once the residence of the Princes Borghese, Biviere is a place where history, nature, and vision come together



the garden

Once a mythical lake, later a hunting and fishing reserve of the Knights Templar, and eventually agricultural land, the area became a barren landscape after the lake was drained due to malaria. From this rupture emerged an extraordinary regeneration. Today, the site is home to a three-hectare botanical park, part of the prestigious Grandi Giardini Italiani, preserving a living and flourishing memory of the land. Historic buildings-including the Church of St. Andrew, the Fishermen's House, the Inn, and the 17th-century Granaries-punctuate a landscape whose story of transformation and vision is revealed through guided tours. At the entrance, a magnificent Ficus macrophylla welcomes visitors with its dramatic aerial roots and powerful presence, while the imposing cacti adorning the façade of the Fishermen's House stand as silent guardians of the estate.

The garden alternates between iconic vistas and intimate corners: a bamboo grove, an avenue of yuccas opening onto the countryside, and two majestic South American Tabebuia trees, symbols of resilience and valued for their medicinal properties, which each spring burst into bloom with delicate pink trumpet flowers. Jasmine, cosmos, zinnias, calendulas, nasturtiums, rockroses, roses, scented geraniums, aromatic herbs, and medicinal plants complete this rich botanical tapestry.









Today, this legacy lives on, with a heart dedicated to hospitality and the care of the place. The spaces of the house, a mosaic of authentic fragments, have been completely transformed to welcome guests.

the residence

The spacious living area and six new rooms are designed to bring the garden indoors. Their elegantly understated, refined character speaks of spaces created for genuine mental well-being, featuring raw plaster, lush greenery, and constant nods to the past, with antiques, local craftsmanship, and a carefully balanced contemporary touch.





The rooms

Recently restored, the rooms preserve the authentic spirit of the estate while offering an **intimate and timeless atmosphere**, perfectly in harmony with the surrounding landscape. An experience that begins in the silence of nature and continues within welcoming spaces designed for relaxation and connection.

The restoration celebrates the **tactile beauty of natural materials**: handcrafted plaster surfaces preserve delicate botanical imprints, like fossils embedded within the walls, creating a sensory continuity between indoors and outdoors and offering guests a truly authentic experience.





*The past re-emerges through materials,
reinterpreted with a contemporary sensibility*

Antique objects, discreetly placed throughout the interiors, evoke the elegance of the past without nostalgia, naturally paired with a restrained contemporary aesthetic.

Every space opens towards the outdoors, where flower-covered pergolas lead guests through the gardens, the botanical park, and the surrounding citrus groves.





The shared living spaces—from the lounge area to the kitchen and dining room—have been conceived as fluid and welcoming environments where materials, textures, and details create a seamless dialogue between historical heritage and contemporary comfort, fostering a profound sense of warmth and harmony.



*Light,
nature &
promises*





The historic garden introduces every celebration to a more intimate and authentic dimension. Amid green architecture, natural vistas, and period details, it provides an extraordinary setting for exclusive weddings, combining elegance, privacy, and striking visual impact.





An agricultural landscape

The other soul of Biviere lies within its biodynamic citrus estate, spanning 140 hectares of organically cultivated oranges, lemons, grapefruits, and clementines, all grown in harmony with the surrounding natural environment. Certified organic since 1993 and biodynamic since 2017, the estate includes its own processing facility dedicated exclusively to the preparation and packaging of fruit destined for customers across Northern Europe.

The groves benefit from exceptional growing conditions: significant day-to-night temperature variation, the influence of Mount Etna, and remarkably fertile soil. The result is fruit of outstanding quality: healthy, authentic, and rich in flavour. Blood oranges are the jewel of the production, celebrated for their distinctive taste and exceptional nutritional properties.

Guests are invited to explore this landscape through long walks or bicycle rides between the residence and the agricultural estate, with Mount Etna providing a spectacular backdrop. An immersive experience of tranquillity, silence, and beauty in a setting designed for reconnection and renewal.



The estate enjoys a strategic location in eastern Sicily, between Catania and Syracuse, making it an ideal base from which to discover some of the island's most captivating destinations.

Catania–Fontanarossa Airport is only 20 minutes away, offering convenient international connections. From Biviere, guests can easily reach:

Catania — 30 minutes

Siracusa — 40 minutes

Noto — 50 minutes

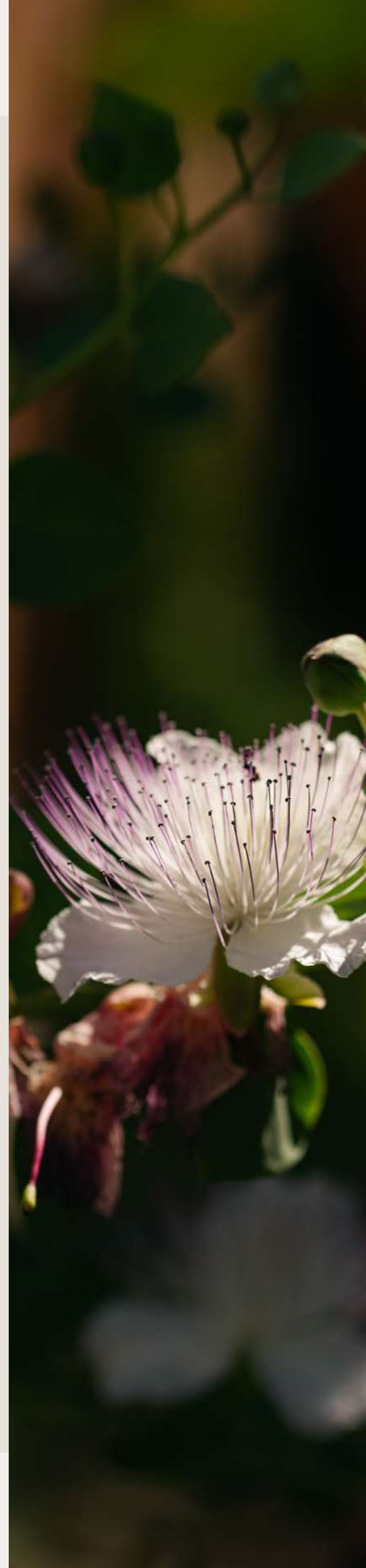
Taormina — 60 minutes

A privileged location from which to experience the richness of eastern Sicily, from the sea and Baroque towns to vibrant cities and volcanic landscapes.



Experiences

- Guided tour of the botanical garden and/or citrus estate
- Picnic or sunset aperitivo among the lemon groves or wheat fields
- Cycling through the citrus orchards
- Foraging and cooking with wild herbs
- Sicilian wine tasting
- Botanical textile printing workshop
- Workshop di ceramica “impressioni botaniche”
- Botanical ceramics workshop
- Herbal Apothecary workshop (seasonal)
- Sicilian cooking class
- Yoga and meditation sessions
- Tai Chi and Qi Gong practice
- Foot reflexology treatments





We are present in:

Biviere has been officially designated by the Italian Ministry of Culture
“as a site of exceptional historical, artistic, and architectural significance.”



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