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#### MAISON FENESTRAZ: A STORY BUILT UPON DREAMS



The story of our family is built on our dreams. It all began with Raymonde, a countryside girl with a vision: transforming an unknown mountain village into one of the most famous ski resorts in the world. And she made it. Since the 70's, together with her husband André Fenestraz, she pushed for the development of winter sports in the Tarentaise Valley and they became pioneers in the construction of luxury hotels, chalets and homes in the now renowned Courchevel.

But our story knows no boundaries and continues to be written by us, Raoul and Stéphanie Fenestraz. In the early 2000s, after consolidating the offer of hotels and private homes in the Savoy region with Hotel Alpen Ruitor, Hotel de la Loze and the Appartements d'Exception, we felt it was our time to start a new adventure. So we left the French Alps to start to build our own dream and decided to make Argentina our new home. As our motto always said: "The best thing a man can do for another is to share his dream", we have created Estancia El Colibri in Córdoba, in the heart of Argentina and House of Jasmines at the foot of the Cordillera de los Andes in Salta - both member of Relais & Châteaux - to offer our guests the opportunity to discover the infinite beauty of this country and experience its rural lifestyle with a French flair.

Our South American dream also took us all the way to Brazil, where after experiencing the hippie-chic atmosphere of the fishing village of Trancoso, in Brazil, we decided to acquire and renovate the magnificent villa "Casa Angatú".

After 20 years, our pioneer spirit didn't fade, and we decided to start to explore a new destination. When we arrived in Apulia and more precisely in the region of Salento - the heel of the boot - we found everything we were looking for: a beautiful and vivid place, with warm and welcoming people, good food and an interesting artistic and cultural ferment. Characterized by the Italian "dolce vita" the region is located between two amazing seas, but when we visited the vibrant and wild Adriatic coast, we had no more doubts: that was the place where our new dream could become reality. We visited many properties; we met their owners and experienced their "masseria" ancient farms with typical buildings of southern Italy with a strong agricultural identity - but we took some time to find the place with the energy we were looking for. When we arrived in Carpignano Salentino - in the province of Lecce - we found our new Italian Maison.

Raoul & Stéphanie FENESTRAZ





#### OU NEW ITALIAN DREAM MASSERIA DEL GIGANTE



We are living the dawn of a new life. We moved to Italy to combine our exclusive, warm and authentic art of hospitality with the strong agricultural identity of an Apulian masseria. And we made it. With much pride and excitement, Maison Fenestraz opens the doors of Masseria del Gigante and its bio farm, where we invite our guests to share our Italian dream. been designed by Stéphanie, whose fine taste characterizes all of our Maisons.

With its 5 bedrooms en suites, a large kitchen fully equipped, a bright living room - which extends to the outside thanks to a large terrace with every comfort in front of an enchanting swimming pool overlooking the mediterranean maquis - Masseria del Gigante harmoniously blends design and tradition.

#### Architecture and design

After a great renovation work carried out by Raoul & Stéphanie Fenestraz - the ancient building typical of southern Italy is now ready to welcome our guests. We restructured the original country house while maintaining the spirit of the place, thanks to the local craftsmen and the use of local materials, like Salentine fabrics and Leccese stones. The interiors have



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# The experience of Masseria del Gigante

Nestled in 10 hectares of organic lands with ancient olive groves, it's a place designed for families and groups of friends who are seeking elegant rural simplicity and a peaceful atmosphere. Our guests will experience and live unique moments here, like freshening up under a waterfall shower installed in a Trullo - a traditional Apulian dry stone "trullo" with a conical roof - renovated in total respect of its original characteristics.

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From Masseria Del Gigante it will be easy discovering also all the gems that surround it. Especially in summertime, the ancient historical centers of Lecce, Otranto and Gallipoli host a lot of folk festivals famous for gastronomic tastings and Pizzica, Taranta and Tarantella, the popular music of the region, to go wild until dawn. However, the mild climate makes Salento a pleasant region to visit all year, even during the winter breaks. Just sit around a nice fireplace, with the right music and a good glass of red wine and the atmosphere will do the rest. Whether on horseback, by bike or quad, there are so many wonders to discover in Salento. Facing the Ionian Sea to the west and the Adriatic Sea to the east, this land is a blur of sandy, stony and rocky beaches bathed by crystal clear water, where you can sunbathe, swim and eat an ice cream while enjoying the sunset. At 30 minutes from Masseria del Gigante there is the WWF Cesine Reserve, the last surviving stretch of the vast coastal marshes that once characterised the coastline from Brindisi to Otranto. Not far from there, there is also the Acaya Golf Club, one of the most beautiful golf courses in Italy.





#### « With Masseria del Gigante, we have a new Italian dream to share and whether it's on one side of the ocean or the other we are keen to welcome you. »

Raoul & Stéphanie Fenestraz



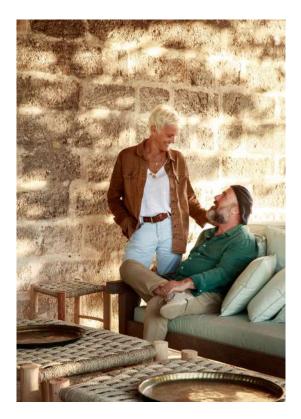
#### Our family bio farm

Nature has always been central in our lives: the French Alps, Argentina, the Brazilian tropical bays and now the Mediterranean Maquis.

Nature will be the key player also in this chapter of our lives. Respecting the seasonality of crops, on the land of the property we are cultivating the products of the earth that the generous soil of Salento offers: oranges, lemons, grapefruits, tomatoes, salads, eggplants and many more, without forgetting the flagship: authentic extra virgin olive oil from our ancient olive groves. As well as to flavor our dishes, we will use a lot of our fruits and vegetables to make delicious local products for our guests. Like for example Limoncello - a typical liqueur made with lemon peels - different kinds of jam and recipes like Cotognata Leccese - a delicious, sweet thick jelly, made of the pulp of the quince fruit.



#### **Q&A STEPHANIE & RAOUL FENESTRAZ**



### WHAT CAN YOUR GUESTS EXPECT FROM YOUR NEW MAISON?

They will love the location a few kilometers from Martano and Carpignano Salentino two beautiful small villages - and less than 10 minutes from the Adriatic sea with Sant'Andrea and its beautiful broken coast and hidden spots to go for a swim.

In Masseria del Gigante our guests and their friends and family will be able to share our Italian dream with its incredible Dolce Vita and art of good life.

## WHAT WAS YOUR INSPIRATION IN RENOVATING THIS MASSERIA?

We made the house we would have liked to find in Salento when we first came: elegant but simple, treated in detail but easygoing. Simplicity is the key in Salento, that's why we wanted to give our touch while maintaining the spirit of the place, thanks to local craftsmen, Italian fabrics and furniture. Our desire was to do a big tribute to this breathtaking province.

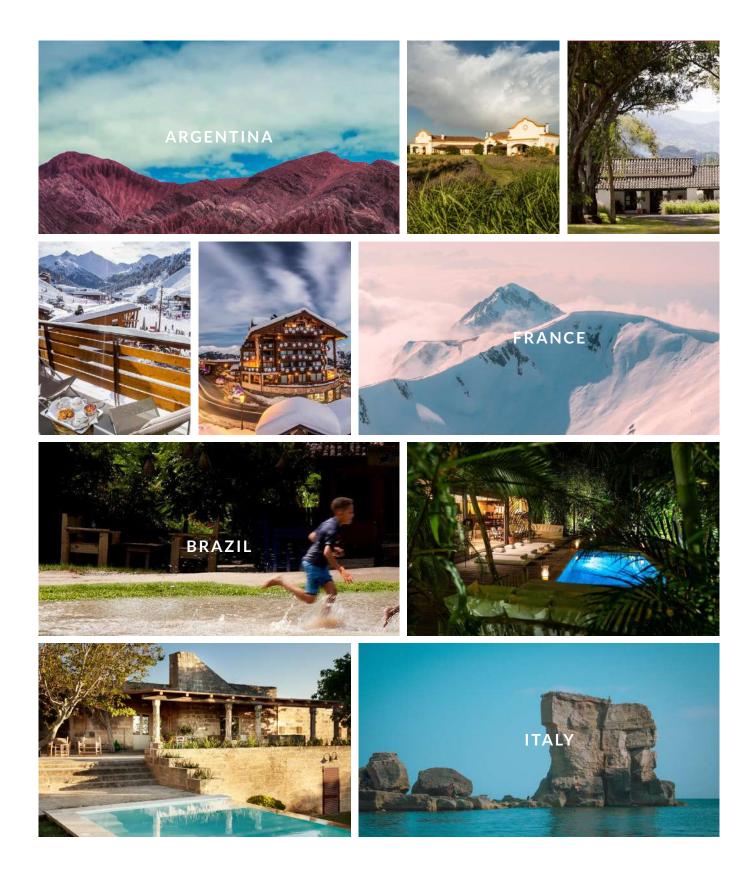
#### A MASSERIA BRINGS WITH ITSELF A LONG FARMING TRADITION. WHAT ARE YOUR OBJECTIVES WITH YOUR BIO FARM?

We want to honor and carry on the agricultural tradition of the Masseria. Our background and experience acquired in our land in Argentina allow us to face this new challenge with positivity and enthusiasm, always respecting ethical work and the environment. We have many ideas surrounding the bio farm: seasonal fruits and vegetables, extra virgin olive oil and wine. We want to enjoy our own products and of course share them with our guests.

#### IF YOU WOULD DESCRIBE MASSERIA DEL GIGANTE IN A WORD, WHICH WORD WOULD IT BE?

AUTHENTICITY. Masseria del Gigante can become your dream in the southern part of Italy. Purity, simplicity, authenticity and peace is what we invite you to discover at Masseria del Gigante.







Maison Fenestraz welcomes holidaymakers in search of exclusive, authentic and warm locations on both sides of the oceans. Hotels\*\*\*\*, Estancias R&C, Villas and Apartments.



