WELCOME!

to *il Ritiro* (*The Retreat*), nestled in the beautiful hill town of Vignale, in the centre of the UNESCO heritage listed Monferrato wine region of Piemonte.



We hope you have a wonderful stay, and that it Ritiro is truly a home away from home for you. You will find detailed information in this guest book on both the house and the region, please take the time to review it, and enjoy your time in Vignale (Vin Yah Lay).

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1. THE PROPERTY HISTORY

According to the official records the home was constructed in 1927 but during the recent renovations it was evident that the lower reaches of the house may have been built before this and been part of the neighbouring property behind us.

The home was previously owned and occupied by Mr Renata Spada (his picture is on the mantle piece) and his wife Teresa, the couple moved into the home on the passing of Mr Spada's parents who were the initial occupants (their pictures are the small ones on the mantle piece next to Renata).

Mr Spada was part of the local wine making cooperative and the infernot (cellar) was used for the production of local wines. Some of his Damigiana (demijohns) are around the home and his later paniera is in the cellar. Unfortunately his 4 oak wine barrels and original oak paniera couldn't be saved when we renovated.

Renata's old bike hangs in the front courtyard to remind us of the property history and what would have been his long and arduous days in the fields before coming home with the laden paniera on his back peddling his heavy single speed bike up the steep, windy Vignale hill, taking his grapes back to his infernot to make the wine.

In 2025 the home was bought by Sandy and Ainslie, an Australian couple from Brisbane.

We fell in love with the look and feel of the property and had already decided that the Monferrato region and Vignale in particular were of strong interest to us. The tranquillity, the surrounding hill towns, the wine, the festivals and proximity to the rest of Europe, what more could you want?

The region is perfectly positioned for travel and we love that we have had breakfast at il Retiro and then lunched at these amazing destinations; Monaco, Nice, Lake Maggiore, Lake Como, Genova, Milano, Torino, the Swiss, Italian and French Alps, and there are so many other options for you to explore.

The renovations were top to bottom and included full electrical and plumbing as well as most interior and exterior surfaces. All the windows and doors were retained and refurbished and new Piedmonte shutters were made by a local artisan for the front windows. A modern all new kitchen and bathroom were installed.

The furnishings are in the main from the local antique markets with some original art and the blue china retained from the Spada's.

Il Ritiro is now available for guest stays and we hope you enjoy your time here as much as we do. Lucia is our housekeeper and she prepares the home for your stay.

2. **THE HOME** (some practical information and tips)

2.1. Access and Locking up

When you booked you were given an access code to the lock box on the front gate. Inside were keys for the gate and the door of the home. Please be careful with the keys as we cannot guarantee Lucia's availability to let you in should you need her at short notice.

There is a 30 euro call out fee in the event you lock yourself out plus a 50 euro lost key charge.

When you finish your stay it's just a matter of returning the keys to the lock box.

There is a combination lock on the door to the infernot (cellar) and the combination is simply 0000. The main fuse board is in the cellar.

2.2. Parking

There is room on the property for 2 cars BUT to get comfortably in through the gates it will need to be a compact car (Fiat 500 type size as a guide). We find it is easiest to enter Massimo d'Azeglio via Guiseppe Manzini. You will need to 2 point turn in to get through the gates as the street is narrow, getting out is generally easier. There is a parking lay-by on the street to the right just before the property and there is a marked car parking area in Via Trento just 50 metres from the property.

2.3. Security

For your security and ours there is a motion sensor camera fitted over the front door that captures the area between the gates and the door. Audio visual is stored for 30 days and then deleted.

All ground floor windows have security bars, however there are none on the 1st or 2nd floors.

2.4. Shutters and windows

The home is fitted with classic Piedmonte shutters to all windows. These are great for insulation and to block light but their main use is to keep water out in the event of rain.

The windows keep out the wind but the shutters are what stops the rain entering the property. To this end we'd ask that you close the shutters when there is rain and also if you are leaving the property and there is forecast rain.

At the end of your stay we'd be grateful if you closed all the shutters. Lucia will have opened them prior to your arrival (unless there is inclement weather).

2.5. Electrical

The home has been fully rewired so electrical issues should be unlikely, however...

In the event of a power outage we would advise firstly looking outside to see if it is just il Ritiro or a general outage, if the street lights and neighbours lights are off then it is a general outage and there is nothing you can do. There are no candles in the house (fire risk) so we would advise using the light on your cell phone when needed.

There are battery powered sensor lights on the stairs. If any do not come on at night simply lift them off and charge on a C cable.

If it is an outage that just affects the house and is for power **and** the lights, then first check the trip switch on the main board in the kitchen on the right-hand side of the front doors. It should be in the 'UP' position.

If the kitchen switch is OK or if the outage is just for lights or power or AC's only, then go to the cellar and check the fuses in the board there. It may be that just the one circuit has tripped, again the switches should all be in the up position.

2.6. Modem, Internet & TV

The property has a wireless 5G internet modem located on the centre floor (living room). It is powered by an Iliad sim card and we find that it works reasonably well. If you have multiple devices downloading and the TV streaming you could find a lack of bandwidth.

The modem password PIN to connect is **18394535**, and it is also on the label on the device. The modem can also be paired to another device by pushing the button on it.

If you are having issues connecting or getting live online try turning the modem off for one minute then re powering it.

The TV is a smart TV and has the basic apps already loaded, you just need to log into your apps to watch your favourite shows. There is no aerial for local free to air TV.

As a note we seriously considered not having wifi or TV in the property so guests (and us) could truly escape the rat race – maybe a thought for your stay? There is a games box under the bar!

2.7. Hot Water

There are 2 separate hot water systems in the home, one services the bathroom and the other the kitchen. Both have temperature controllers that can be adjusted. They are normally left on the 'hot' setting so please be cautious as the hot water is very hot. If you have children with you, we recommend you turn the settings down.

2.8. Dishwasher

There is a built-in dishwasher to the left of the sink, there are tablets provided that are in the sink cupboard. Simply load the dishwasher, put the tablet in the holder and press start.

It would be appreciated if you could put any used dishes in the dishwasher and turn it on prior to your departure.

There is also a built-in dish rack with a drainage tray on the bottom of the left hand side wall unit that can be used when handwashing, there is dishwashing liquid in the sink cupboard.

2.9. Fridge

The fridge will have a fresh unopened bottle of milk in it for your convenience on arrival. There are also ice trays in the freezer.

We'd ask that upon departure you take all fresh and frozen food items with you as the fridge is often turned off between guest stays.

2.10. Air Conditioners

There is a 2.5KW reverse cycle air-conditioner/heater on each floor for your comfort.

They work extremely well and will bring the room to the desired temperature very quickly. We would recommend that you set the temperature on 21 degrees Celsius.

To help us keep our tariffs as low as possible we'd ask that you only have the AC units on while you are using a room as the cost of electricity here is very high.

The units are controlled by the white remotes (there are only 2 of these), turn on by pressing the button on the top left hand side and then select 'mode' - its an ice symbol for AC and a sun symbol for the heating.

2.11. Washing Machine

The washing machine is easy to operate, just turn it on (button on left hand side of dial) select the setting you want to use with the dial, and then hit the start arrow (right hand side of dial).

It has a timer to show you how long till the cycle finishes and it will sound an alarm when you can take the washing out. There are 3 drying lines, a large exterior one on the 1st floor balcony, a fold out drying rack in the bedroom robe, and a pull-out drying line in the bathroom.

There is laundry liquid in the cupboard on the left of the washing machine.

Please leave the washing machine door slightly open when not in use.

2.12. Sofa Bed

The sofa can become a very comfortable king-sized bed, and it is easy to convert.

Remove the loose cushions and then pull the lower seat forward (from the centre). It will slide forward revealing a sling under the seat that contains the linen and pillows for the bed, remove these from the sling. Fold the back forward (from the top) and then push it down so it is level with the lower seat, the rear of the backrest then becomes the 2^{nd} half of the bed.

Make the bed and enjoy a great nights sleep!

On departure please leave the used linen on top of the couch so it can be laundered after you fold the couch back up.

2.13. Bathroom

The bathroom has it's own 50 litre hot water service that should be adequate for all your needs. If there is any issue with the hot water check that the unit is plugged in and if it still does not have power check the fuse in the cellar.

The shower controls have the water flow on the left as you look at it and the temperature control on the right. The valve that controls the flow between the rainwater head and the handheld is on that upright.

There is a fan heater on the wall facing the vanity, the power button is on the top right hand side. As with the AC's please only leave it on while you're using the bathroom.

The vanity mirror has LED lighting that can be turned on by pressing the power button on the bottom right of the mirror.

You will note that there is a fixed glass shower screen as well as a shower curtain. Please ensure you draw the curtain across to stop water getting onto the main floor.

Spare towels are on the rack.

2.14. Infernot/Wine Cellar

The cellar is not part of the guest area but you may need to access it to check the fuse board.

There is a basic combination lock on the door, and if locked the code is 0000.

The cellar was an integral part of the home and used commercially by the owner who was part of the local wine making cooperative. There were 4 oak wine barrels and numerous demijohns to store the wine as it was made.

2.15. Bar items, wine and consumables

The bar in the sitting room is stocked with some basic spirits and aperitives for you to enjoy. There is also a cocktail making kit and a wine knife.

You might have noticed a bottle of local Barbera wine on the kitchen table that is a small welcome gift, please enjoy it!

The glasses on the bar are decorative (or for dessert wines etc), and the general drinking glasses are in the sideboard in the kitchen, both stemmed and non-stemmed.

We'd ask that if you utilise the bar you consider replacing what you consume, in effect pass it forward! There is a wide selection in the local Gulliver supermarket at the base of the hill (Cittadella) for beers, wines and spirits. It is open all days but only in the mornings of a Sunday.

There is an excellent wine shop (Enoteca) in Piazza del Popolo (the main piazza on top of the hill below St Bartholomeus).

2.16. Buying Food & General Supplies

In the village (a short walk) you will find a Pharmacy, Doctor, Deli, Bodega, Post Office, gift shop and a general store.

There is a good sized Gulliver supermarket a kilometre away at the base of the hill, go to the bottom round about and turn left, then it's at the fork at the bottom of the hill. You can buy all your food supplies, drinks, toiletries and general items plus there is a good sized general discount shop next door to it.

It is open till late 6 days a week plus Sunday mornings.

2.17. Linen

The master bed will be made up on your arrival and there is a second set of linen in the sling under the couch. Towels are in the bathroom on the rack and shelf.

On departure please leave all used linen out for housekeeping to launder.

2.18. General info on your departure

When you depart we'd ask that you follow this very basic check list;

- I. Makre sure you have packed all your belongings including chargers and other items you have plugged in.
- II. Put any used crockery and glassware in the dishwasher and turn it on.
- III. Make sure you have taken any of your items from the washing machine and that the door is ajar.
- IV. Ensure all food and items you brought are removed from the fridge, freezer and pantry, and either taken with you or disposed of.
- V. Leave all used linen on top of the bed or couch. Leave used towels on the chair in the bathroom.
- VI. Put all trash in the bags located in the 2nd drawer down in the kitchen, tie securely and place to the side of the house (the gate entry side).
- VII. Ensure that all AC units, the bathroom heater, TV, rangehood, stove, hotplates, appliances, and all lights are turned off.
- VIII. Once you lock the front door and gate please put the 2 keys back in the lock box and lock.
 - IX. SMS Lucia on (+39) 348 097 6339 to let her know you have vacated.

2.19. EMERGENCY CONTACTS

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3. THE REGION

3.1. The Town of Vignale

Nestled among the rolling hills of Piedmont's UNESCO-listed Monferrato region, Vignale Monferrato is a charming hilltop town that embodies the essence of authentic northern Italy. With its sweeping vineyards, historic architecture, and vibrant cultural scene, Vignale offers visitors a refined yet relaxed escape from the bustle of modern life.

The town's origins date back to medieval times, and its elevated position provides panoramic views over the surrounding countryside, dotted with castles, churches, and farmhouses. Wandering through the narrow cobblestone streets, visitors will discover elegant palazzi, centuries-old stone walls, and picturesque piazzas where locals gather for coffee and conversation. The Church of San Bartolomeo, with its striking façade and intricate interior, stands as a testament to the town's rich religious and artistic heritage.

Vignale Monferrato is at the heart of one of Italy's most renowned wine regions. The area is celebrated for producing Barbera del Monferrato, Grignolino, and other distinguished local varietals. Many family-run wineries welcome visitors for tastings, tours, and seasonal harvest experiences, offering a deep connection to the land and its traditions.

Cultural life thrives here, with the Vignale Danza Festival attracting performers and audiences from across Europe each summer. Throughout the year, the town hosts markets, food festivals, and events that highlight the best of Piedmontese gastronomy—think truffles, hazelnuts, handmade pasta, and rich local cheeses paired with exceptional wines.

Whether you're exploring on foot, cycling through vineyards, or enjoying a leisurely meal on a terrace overlooking the hills, Vignale Monferrato offers a timeless sense of place. It is an ideal destination for travellers seeking authentic Italian culture, stunning landscapes, and a warm, welcoming community. This is Piedmont at its most elegant and unspoiled.

3.2. SOME LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Palazzo Callori & Church of San Bartolomeo (in Vignale Monferrato) - Within Vignale itself, you'll find the elegant Palazzo Callori (viewable from the outside) and the 18th-century Parish Church of San Bartolomeo, with its notable façade.

The Infernot Belvedere - Unique underground wine-cellars (infernot) are part of the local (and UNESCO heritage) wine culture; the Belvedere gives views over vineyards and countryside.

Tamburello a muro / Sphaeristerium - Vignale boasts a traditional sphaeristerium, where the local "tamburello a muro" ball game is played in the village square. It's a cultural sport event that gives insight into local traditions.

Nearby scenic/historical villages

Rosignano Monferrato - Very close; known for its hilltop position, historic alleys, scenic vineyard views, "infernot," and open-air agricultural/wine-related exhibits. Great for walks, photography, tasting local wine.

Cella Monte - Recognized among "most beautiful villages of Italy," with stone architecture (pietra da cantoni), wine cellars, tranquil vibe, nice views.

Fubine Monferrato - Has a castle, parish church, neo-Gothic chapel with art (works by Bistolfi).

Treville - Offers Romanesque and 18th-century churches, scenic views (on clear days Alps visible), and more infernot experiences.

Castles, churches & heritage sites

Castello di Camino - A well-preserved Castle in Camino, with original and later additions; its interior has frescoed rooms, a theater, large park, library.

Casale Monferrato - The city is a short drive away. Notable sites: Casale Monferrato Cathedral (Duomo) — architecture, art, significant history.

Piazza Mazzini and the surrounding historic streets, museums, including Jewish Museum and artworks.

Tagliolo Monferrato Castle - Medieval castle overseeing scenic valley, part of "open castles" circuits. Good if you enjoy castles and views.

Gabiano Castle - Dating from early 13th century, offering panoramic views over the Monferrato landscape.

Culture, wine & food experiences

Wineries & wine tasting (more details further in the guide) - The Monferrato region is famous for its vineyards—Barbera del Monferrato, Grignolino, etc. Wine tours and tastings are widely available in and around Vignale.

Truffle fairs and seasonal gastronomic events - In nearby villages like Moncalvo, there are truffle fairs. Local food specialties are excellent, and festivals occur around harvest and local produce.

Scenic drives and countryside walks - The landscapes around Vignale Monferrato are ideal for driving or walking through vineyards, along panoramic roads, and visiting small hamlets.

Bike Riding - Cycling around Vignale Monferrato is one of the best ways to experience the Monferrato region's vineyards, medieval villages, and panoramic hilltop views. The gently undulating terrain offers a mix of leisurely scenic rides and more challenging hill climbs, making it suitable for both casual riders and experienced cyclists. The roads are generally quiet, well-paved, and weave through landscapes that are part of the UNESCO World Heritage wine-growing region.

3 of the most popular cycling routes

1. Vignale Monferrato Scenic Loop (Approx. 20–25 km)

Level: Easy to Moderate

A gentle loop starting in Vignale and circling through nearby villages such as Frassinello, Altavilla Monferrato, and Olivola. This route passes through rolling vineyards, charming piazzas, and offers frequent opportunities to stop for wine tastings or a local trattoria lunch.

2. Vignale - Cella Monte - Rosignano Monferrato (Approx. 35 km)

Level: Moderate

This route takes you through two of the most beautiful villages in the region. Cella Monte, known for its pietra da cantoni stone houses and underground wine cellars (infernot), and Rosignano Monferrato, with its scenic viewpoints and medieval charm. Expect a few climbs, but the rewards are spectacular views of the Monferrato hills and Alps on clear days.

3. Vignale to Casale Monferrato and Back (Approx. 45–50 km)

Level: Intermediate

This longer ride descends towards Casale Monferrato, the cultural heart of the area, where you can explore the Cathedral, Piazza Mazzini, and enjoy a gelato before returning uphill to Vignale. It's a rewarding route for those looking for a solid half-day ride.

3.3. RESTAURANTS

There are many restaurants and café's in and around Vignale. Our favourite for a morning coffee and cornetto or an afternoon aperitivo is Caffe' E Tabaccheria Della Pesa on the Piazza Mezzadra, just walk down to the end of Via Massimo d'Azeglio, then turn left into via Manzoni/Besso and veering to the right, follow it all the way to the piazza, a lovely walk and good coffee at the end.

Restaurants In Vignale Monferrato (all these are a fairly short walk from il Ritiro)

1. Trattoria Serenella - Le Tre Lasagne

In the town centre. Simple, high-quality local cooking; they also run a wine shop next door. <u>Trip.com+3Tripadvisor+3Tripadvisor+3</u>

2. Osteria della Luna (a very short walk from Il Ritiro – maybe 200m)

Piazza Italia 3, Vignale Monferrato — rustic setting (including a room carved into rock), local meats, cheeses, some craft beers. <u>osteriadellaluna+2Trip.com+2</u>

3. Ristorante Universo

A traditional, historic restaurant in the heart of Vignale.

Trip.com+3Tripadvisor+3Facebook+3

4. Trattoria Panoramica Sarroc

Via Evasio Rossi, 14, Vignale Monferrato — a local reference for Piedmontese cuisine, with nice views and a refined atmosphere.

ViaMichelin+4trattoriasarroc.net+4TheFork+4

5. Villa Morneto - Relais & Agriturismo (Restaurant)

The Villa operates a restaurant ("Gallery of Taste") combining a refined setting with local, rustic sensibilities. <u>villamorneto.it</u>

6. Agriturismo La Gaia

An agriturismo in Vignale that offers a restaurant with "cucina casalinga" using local, natural ingredients. <u>Agriturismi</u>

7. Other agriturismi in/near Vignale with dining

- o Agriturismo Le Due Cascine Agriturismi
- o Agriturismo Torrazzetta Agriturismi
- o Agriturismo La Ca' (in the area) Agriturismi

Restaurants In Surrounding Villages (short drives)

8. Trattoria al Tranvai / Trattoria del Tranvai

Altavilla Monferrato (località Cittadella) — nearby small trattoria options. <u>Pagine</u> Gialle

9. Da Carla

In Stevani (a few km out) — local spot in the surrounding area. Pagine Gialle

10. Antico Monastero

Listed in TheFork's options around Vignale as one of the notable restaurants. TheFork+2TheFork+2

11. La Miraja Agriturismo

Near Castagnole Monferrato — good choice for regional cuisine. TheFork+2TheFork+2

12. Locanda Rossignoli

Casale Monferrato area — a well recommended local restaurant in the surroundings. <u>TheFork+1</u>

13. Il Bagatto

In Grazzano Badoglio, in the broader Monferrato region — a charming regional cuisine option. <u>TheFork+1</u>

14. I Due Buoi

In Olivola, nearby — known for its gourmet cuisine and beautiful location. TheFork+2Gran Monferrato+2

15. La Magione

In Olivola — Italian / regional style, featured in TheFork listings. TheFork

16. Il Ristoro

Also listed among nearby options in TheFork listings. TheFork+1

17. Ristorante Pizzeria Laura

Cited in "What to Eat in Vignale Monferrato" listings. Trip.com

18. Pizzeria Trattoria Al Tranvai

In the area around Vignale. Trip.com

19. Il Crivello d'Oro, Vineria Porrati, Da Geppe, Il Bagatto, Le Terre

These are additional names turned up in Yelp searches near Vignale. Yelp

20. Al Tranquillo di Demartini Giovanna

In Altavilla Monferrato, just a few km away. <u>italy-villas.it</u>

21. L'Elfo di Camagna

In Camagna Monferrato region nearby. italy-villas.it

22. Il Biancospino

In San Lorenzo (nearby) — a rural option. italy-villas.it

23. Taverna di Campagna (since 1997)

Camagna Monferrato — rustic countryside tavern. italy-villas.it

24. Enobar Trat di Cappelli Maria Rosa

In Casorzo, a bit further but within reach for a day excursion. italy-villas.it

25. The "10 Restaurants with View in Monferrato"

These include: Cascina Faletta, Materia Prima (Altavilla's distillery), UvaSpina, Il Ristorante di Crea, Il Carpino, Ca' San Sebastiano, La Tana dei Sapori, Trattoria Gaia, Le Cave di Moleto. If you venture further into Monferrato hills, these are good destination restaurants with views. <u>Gran Monferrato</u>

3.4. Wineries

Vignale Monferrato and its surrounding hills are renowned for their rich winemaking heritage, offering a diverse array of wineries that cater to both seasoned connoisseurs and casual enthusiasts. This is a curated selection of notable wineries in the area:

Cantina Hic Et Nunc (a must visit!)

Vignale Monferrato, Italy

A modern, sustainable winery known for its natural wines. Offers immersive tours and tastings, including the 'In Vino Veritas' experience. Winedering

Monfrà

Vignale Monferrato, Italy

A family-run estate producing organic wines. Provides guided tours and tastings, highlighting their commitment to biodynamic practices. <u>Winedering</u>

Gaudio - Bricco Mondalino

Vignale Monferrato, Italy

Specializes in Barbera and Grignolino wines. Offers panoramic views and traditional winemaking tours. <u>Winedering</u>

Agriturismo Accornero

Vignale Monferrato, Italy

Combines agritourism with winemaking. Guests can enjoy vineyard tours followed by wine tastings paired with local delicacies. <u>Winedering</u>

CANATOVINI di Canato Marco

Vignale Monferrato, Italy

A boutique winery focusing on small-batch productions. Offers personalized tasting sessions in a rustic setting. <u>Winedering</u>

Azienda Agricola Nuova Cappelletta (they cellar their wines 100m from il Ritiro)

Vignale Monferrato, Italy

Known for its traditional methods and family-friendly atmosphere. Provides educational tours and tastings. <u>Winedering</u>

La Tommasina

Vignale Monferrato, Italy

A picturesque estate offering wine tastings amidst scenic landscapes. Ideal for leisurely visits and photography. <u>Winedering</u>

Marco Canato

Vignale Monferrato, Italy

A boutique winery focusing on small-batch productions. Offers personalized tasting sessions in a rustic setting. <u>winetourism.com</u>

These wineries provide a range of experiences, from traditional tours to modern, sustainable practices. Many offer guided tours, wine tastings, and the opportunity to purchase wines directly from the producers. It's advisable to contact the wineries in advance to confirm tour availability and any seasonal variations in offerings.

3.5. Markets

There is a small local market in the Piazza Mezzadra every Wednesday morning, and there are markets in most hill towns each week. The Moncalvo market on Thursday morning is also worth a visit.

The best fun are the main antique markets which are also the big local flea markets. This is a list of our favourites;

Alessandria

• Market: Antique Market

Location: Historic center of Alessandria

• When: First Sunday of each month

• **Hours:** Typically from 08:00 to 17:00

• **Details:** A monthly event showcasing a variety of antiques and collectibles in the heart of Alessandria. <u>casamagicapiemonte.it</u>

Casale Monferrato

Market: Antique Market

• Location: Mercato Pavia area

• When: Second Sunday of each month

• Hours: 08:00 to 17:00

 Details: One of Italy's largest and most prestigious antique markets, featuring over 300 exhibitors. tenutalaromana.it

Nizza Monferrato

Market: Vintage & Antique Market

• Location: Piazza Garibaldi

When: Third Sunday of each month

• **Hours:** 08:00 to 18:00

• **Details:** A renowned market attracting thousands of visitors, offering a wide range of antiques and collectibles. <u>sito</u>

Asti

• Market: Antique Market

• Location: Piazza Alfieri

When: Fourth Sunday of each month

• **Hours:** 08:00 to 18:00

 Details: A popular market known for its diverse selection of antiques and collectibles. <u>Dispensa Vintage</u>

Additional Noteworthy Market events

- Cherasco Antique Market (Cherasco, CN): Held on various dates throughout the year, this market is a must-visit for antique enthusiasts. <u>Monferrato</u>
- San Damiano d'Asti Creative & Antique Market (San Damiano d'Asti, AT): Held on the fifth Sunday of select months, this market combines antiques with creative crafts. https://www.visitlmr.it

4. BOOKINGS AND FEEDBACK

4.1. Book Direct

We'd love to deal direct with you and offer you special promotional rates etc when available. Just go to our web site at www.ilritiro.it and either book or register.

4.2. Spread the word if you loved your stay 🙏



We hope you enjoyed your stay at **Il Ritiro!** Your feedback is incredibly valuable to us and helps other travellers discover the unique experience we aim to provide.

If you would like to leave a review, it's simple:

- ✓ **Google:** Search for "Il Ritiro [Vignale Monferrato]" on Google and click the "Write a Review" button on the right-hand panel.
- ✓ TripAdvisor: Visit [TripAdvisor Il Ritiro page] and select "Write a Review."
- ✓ **Booking platforms:** If you booked through Booking.com or Airbnb, you can leave a review directly on the platform after your stay.
- ✓ **Email us:** You can send us an email direct at info@ilritiro.it

We'd be grateful if you could take a few moments to share what you enjoyed most during your visit. Every review helps us continue to provide the best possible experience.

Thank you again for choosing Il Ritiro, and we hope to welcome you back soon!

4.3. Let us know if there is anything we could improve for you

Again, thank you for staying at Il Ritiro. We hope you enjoyed your time with us!

If there's anything we could have done differently to make your stay even better, we would love to hear your thoughts. Your feedback helps us continually improve our guest experience.

Ciao!