

B&B Keeper – Laura – B&B Ancora del Chianti

After several years working in a 5 star hotel in the center of Florence, 18 years ago Laura decided to buy a farm with her husband and start her own B&B in the Chianti area. During these years, with the help of her family, they have managed to cultivate their own red wine and olive oil; the house and the former barns offer 8 renovated rooms, a kitchen for the guests – and a studio for art or yoga retreats! Laura feels her dream has come true. Her work allows her to combine her values and interests. The B&B represents her and her ideas -and she never stops thinking about improvements. The work is seasonal, the B&B is open from March to November, but the quiet months are spent planning and doing maintenance and improvements. When open, the priority is on the accomodation and wellbeing of the guests. Laura does all she can to make them feel relaxed and at home while staying at her place.

Because her work and home is the same place, Laura can stay with her children. However sometimes it's difficult to combine both, while there is no separation between private and public, and your kids and family have to learn to wait because your guests just arrived and have to be received!

Apart from living close to nature and enjoying the countryside, Laura appreciates being able to combine creativity with her organizational skills. But it also can be difficult, as you have to rely on yourself and trust your own decisions. So while she nowadays has somebody to help her, she believes very much in collaboration with the staff.

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