

A FOODIE FIND FOR FAMILIES IN LE MARCHE, ITALY

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25 February 2009 – Child-friendly travel company www.totstotravel.co.uk has added a new foodie retreat to its roster that'll get the whole family cooking. Casa Alberi (http://www.totstoitaly.co.uk/property_detail.php?id=0204), situated in the Tenna Valley of the rural Marche region of Italy, offers cookery classes for parents and children on site in the property's designer kitchen.

The classes or demonstrations are informal and can be adapted to a family's preference and the time of year. Seasonal produce is a big focus and can include foraging trips, like truffle hunting. The produce is brought back to the house and the family is shown how to turn simple, fresh ingredients into fabulous meals. A great option that kids will love is how to make pizza and fresh pasta. The classes are run by two seasoned local caterers who are also able to cater for any special meals guests desire.

The property has a bang up to date bright green kitchen designed for passionate cooks, with SMEG range cooker and De Longhi espresso/cappuccino maker, as well as an extensive array of pots, pans, knives and cookery implements. It also has a large dining room with a ten-seater dining room table, perfect for enjoying the masterpieces that have been prepared.

"Families rarely get a chance to cook together these days. At Casa Alberi you can, and, everyone will learn in the process. Best of all, families can choose whether they want a one off cookery session with the rest of the time lazing in the sun, or spend most of their holiday focused on food," says Wendy Shand, founder of Tots to Travel.

With 5 bedrooms, the property sleeps ten adults plus has plenty of rooms for cots. It has a large swimming pool with an electric cover for safety, magnificent rural views and easy walks to the nearby River Tenna. Like all Tots to Travel properties, it comes fully equipped with everything families with young children need including cots, highchairs, bedguards, stairgates, sterilisers, toys and plenty more.

Prices for the property range from £1325 to £2600 per week. Pasta making classes for children cost 15 Euro a head for a minimum of four children or if the family want to order a meal made by the caterers, the pasta making class is free. A morning's truffle hunt followed by bruschetta costs 15 Euro per head, while a truffle hunt followed by a cooking lesson and lunch costs 40 Euro per head.

The property is 80 minutes drive from Ancona airport, serviced by Ryanair. Contact enquiries@totstotravel.co.uk or call 0870 458 5528 for more information.

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Tots to Travel

Tots to Travel (www.totstotravel.co.uk) is the parent company of Tots to France, Tots to Italy and Tots to the UK. The company specialises in providing accommodation to meet the very specific needs of families

with babies and young children. All properties are fully equipped with a range of child-related equipment and safety features. The company also provides English-speaking babysitters and home cooked meals. All properties are personally visited and vetted to Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT) standards.

The company was set up by Wendy Shand, mum of two, in April 2006 as a holiday lettings agency with a range of family friendly properties throughout France. The concept proved enormously successful, with the company now offering over 70 French properties. Building on this success, the award-winning formula was replicated in Italy with the launch of Tots to Italy in January 2008, now featuring more than 20 vetted properties. Tots to the UK launched in February 2009, with roll outs for other countries like the Spain, Portugal and Turkey planned.

Wendy Shand won the Mother@work Best Mumpreneur Award 2007, the Enterprisenation Home Business of the Year Award 2007 and the BT Essence of the Entrepreneur Award 2007. The company was also a regional finalist in the HSBC Start Up Stars awards 2008, a finalist in the StartUps Awards 2008 and a runner up in the Everywomen Awards 2008.

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