



VILLA D'ESTE

## Villa d'Este announces the launch of its latest book, 'A Culinary Experience'



**19 September 2017:** Villa d'Este, the most iconic hotel on Lake Como, has published its latest book, 'A Culinary Experience'. Designed not just to showcase Villa d'Este's most famed dishes, but also as a collection of memories and moments one experiences at this special hotel, the book has been published by Villa d'Este in collaboration with Executive Chef, Michele Zambanini and is now available for sale exclusively in the hotel's gift shop.

'A Culinary Experience' follows on from four previous cook books, published in sequence over the past 40 years. The first book 'Cooking Ideas from Villa d'Este' was published in 1981 with cooking ideas and recipes designed to be recreated at home. 1990 saw the publication of 'The Villa d'Este Cook Book' which centred around traditional Italian recipes (this was later updated with a second edition printed in 2001), and in 2006 'Tales of Risotto' was published, featuring over 50 recipes and tips on how to create this classic Italian dish.

Brimming with stylish photography, 'A Culinary Experience' attempts to illustrate the special atmosphere of Villa d'Este, outline the stories behind the hotel's classic recipes and answer questions relating to the typical ingredients used. Readers will be taken on a culinary journey from breakfast through to post-dinner Apéritifs, with musings on Villa d'Este's three outstanding restaurants –Veranda, Grill and Il Platano - and the signature dishes of each. Chapters on the Chef's Table, cookery classes, private dining in the hotel's exclusive villas and the Chef's Garden complete the picture.

Dining has always held pride of place at Villa d'Este. Built by Cardinal Tolomeo Gallio in 1568, subsequently owned by a Napoleonic general and his La Scala ballerina wife, and later acting as the beloved home of Queen Caroline of Brunswick, the hotel has long been the location par excellence of sumptuous banquets and decadent parties. Today Villa d'Este continues to impress and inspire with its contemporary cuisine that moves with the times yet holds true to its heritage as one of the worlds most renowned hotels.

***A Culinary Experience is available to buy in the Villa d'Este gift shop and is priced at €110 Euros. It can also be ordered via email: [giftshop@villadeste.it](mailto:giftshop@villadeste.it) or telephone: +39 031 348 783***

***Stay at Villa d'Este from €590 (approx. £507) per room per night, based on two people sharing on a bed and breakfast basis. To make a reservation call +39 031 3481 or email [reservations@villadeste.it](mailto:reservations@villadeste.it). Visit [www.villadeste.com](http://www.villadeste.com)***

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### **About Villa d'Este, Lake Como**

Built in 1568, the iconic Villa d'Este is situated on the shores of Lake Como, and surrounded by 25 acres of verdant park land and renowned beautiful gardens, the hotel offers a romantic and unique setting. The hotel's 152 guest rooms are individual in size and décor, furnished with a combination of exquisite antiques and modern amenities. The Villa d'Este Sporting Club offers a fabulous selection of in-door and outdoor activities including a heated pool floating on the lake, while for dining guests can choose from three restaurants. Villa d'Este also offers four spectacular private villas: Villa Cima, Villa Garrovo, Villa Malakoff and the Mosaic House within the gates of the national park. Built in the 19th century, the villas exude a patrician elegance combined with modern luxuries and conveniences.