

## What they're saying about *Your Own Private Tuscany*:

For the nuts and bolts, *Your Own Private Tuscany: A Guide to Italian Vacation Rentals*, by Lynn Jennings ushers readers through the intricacies of finding, evaluating and renting those atmospheric, affordable farmhouses, castles and city apartments.

- *San Francisco Chronicle*

Travelling with our 15-month old is always an adventure, but having *Your Own Private Tuscany* as a resource made our planning easy. We found perfect accommodations, driving information, and family-friendly ideas to make our Italian holiday a success. Having our daughter now greet us using "Ciao" is really just a bonus! For anyone who wants a truly authentic Tuscan vacation, please start with Lynn Jennings's book, it will answer questions you never thought to ask.

- *The McNair Family: Expat travellers*

Sensible and well written, Ms. Jennings's "how-to" for renting a vacation villa in Italy is a great investment for hunting, evaluating and enjoying your vacation. As a vacation rental expert, I found every aspect of her book helpful and clearly explained. I am encouraging my clients to purchase this book for many reasons: it lays out the pros/cons of rentals, helps in choosing location and type of rental, explains the owner's perspective and offers advice on how to share a rental. The general travel advice is solid and helpful. The most useful aspects – you won't find them anywhere else – are the tutorial and check lists on how to evaluate rental properties remotely. I evaluate many properties and assure you she knows all the secret ways that owners use to disguise problems with their rentals. She also lists trustworthy rental agencies and many helpful resources.

- *Pat Byrne, Excellent Europe - Vacation Rentals in Italy*

I just wanted to say how much I have enjoyed reading, and (using!), Lynn Jennings's book *Your Own Private Tuscany: A Guide to Italian Vacation Rentals*. It is a pleasure to read and as someone who travels frequently to Italy with small groups to stay in just the kind of accommodation she talks about in detail I found the book to have excellent advice. I particularly liked the discussion on sorting out the details of staying in a rental home with a group of friends...hints on finding the 'right' place, the idea of a food kitty, sharing the cooking and going-to-market aspects. At present I have been re-reading the book – plus have sent copies to family – as we are planning a possible family reunion in France for later this year and I think that much of what Lynn writes about for Italy applies to letting rental accommodation in France. Thanks, Lynn – your book is practical and injected delightfully with a sense of wonder and humour. It was a pleasure to read - and very helpful for planning our next adventure.

- *Melissa Tharp, Calgary, Alberta*

The opening story sets the stage, telling the tale of a typical day in paradise, and the travel excitement begins. The descriptions of the rental properties – from country house to castle – the life and the food draw a vivid picture of life in Italy. Not only does the author explain in detail what to expect from your Italian rental and how to find it, but she also offers tips on dining, food shopping, traveling with kids and regions to visit. Her anecdotes on the experiences with the locals and environment describe my favourite way of travelling – living off the beaten track immersed in the culture.

I have given this book to several people; some already with plans to travel to Italy, others just to inspire them. Everyone has said the same thing – “A must read for travelling to Italy!”

*- Jill Bartlett, Tag Interactive Vancouver, B.C.*