

Villa DeVita ~ Venice Florida



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Welcome to Villa DeVita, or House of Life, and certainly this is a place where life abounds in its most majestic splendor. Pass through its natural stacked stone, secured, iron gate and imagine being transported to a pastoral landscape in Northern Italy or somewhere in Spain. Winding down the tree-lined entrance, one is awed by the natural assets and beauty sprawling over 100 acres of this fully accommodated premiere equestrian estate.

Truly one is struck upon approach by the impressive mantle of the rich brick red porcelain Spanish tile roof that punctuates the sprawling edifice of this magnificent stucco and stone home. This grand interior includes 5 bedrooms, 7 full bathrooms and 4 half baths and spaces beyond that must be seen to be fully appreciated. The main entry into the home showcases dramatically arched, custom mahogany double doors which open into the extraordinarily opulent two-story cathedral-esque space of the great room.



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A 35-foot vaulted, raftered, cedar ceiling adds an overwhelming freedom to the space that is positively liberating to the senses. The foyer and sunken floor of the great room are beautifully detailed with Tennessee sandstone. The central focus of the room is commanded by the massive, floor-to-ceiling, double-sided, white marble stone fireplace with carved, lighted niches. The space is incredibly appointed & bathed with light from arched doorways and windows throughout with intricate details abounding in the hand-carved mahogany woodwork.



The grand library is replete with window seats and double-arched glass and mahogany doors leading to its own balcony overlooking the pool and features custom floor-to-ceiling mahogany shelves and cabinets. The warm, burgundy, natural wood tones are uniquely accented with its own custom-designed micro mosaic floor medallion. The perfect place to indulge the heart and mind and set the imagination soaring while delving into a good read.

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The main floor hosts the entertainment areas of the home including the billiard room with a beautiful hand-crafted custom oak bar and plasma tv. Another popular area is the media room where one is treated to a retractable theater-sized screen, a stage area and even a cinema concession room and bar. For those who are ever conscious of staying trim and healthy, a fully-equipped exercise room is located on this level with easy access to the pool area. Next to the gym is a changing room, bath and lockers featuring rich white carerra marble.

The Master bedroom suite is a spectacular space made all the more opulent by the decorative components of natural materials, such as black slate and gold travertine tumbled marble floors, Florida hand-carved cypress rafters, mahogany arched doorways, windows and shutters and a hand-pickled mantle and stone fireplace. The bedroom salons of the home are all located off the mezzanine level and each is afforded access to their own outdoor balcony.



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The ladies master bath is a gorgeous space to behold and features a fireplace, central Jacuzzi tub, and multiple-jet shower all covered with Pakistani light onyx marble imported from Italy. The sinks and fixtures are custom-designed by Cheryl Wagner and there are many mosaic art adornments created in 24-carat glass. From the dressing area there is a cypress wood staircase giving access to the quaint widow's walk that adorns the roof of the house.

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The fabulous gourmet kitchen leaves nothing to be desired and is replete with an amazing attention to every detail. The floors are made with old-world French limestone while the walls and ceiling are finished with a patina of Venetian plaster. The rich, generous countertops are a Verdi, butterfly-polished granite and the custom-pickled cabinets offer ample storage. The central cook top island features a giant copper range-hood overhead while all appliances are hunter green, enamelcoated, Viking professional grade.

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The estate's kitchen truly is a chef's best friend with warming drawers, two dishwashers, two ovens, two Sub-Zero refrigerators and a walk-in stainless steel cooler. Additionally there are two large copper sinks and even a wood burning pizza oven. The dining area nearby features 100-year-old barn rafters from Pennsylvania and a floor-to-ceiling, white stone fireplace. Details abound throughout this enchanted space such as arched mahogany windows and arched double glass doors that open onto the Verona patio.

Nothing would be more appropriate to finish off the amenities of this lavish complex than the presence of a large swimming pool, a competition tennis court, and a giant children's playground. The spacious pool area is accessible right off the home and is surrounded by a broad, stone patio with chairs and tables aplenty for hours of relaxation and sun bathing. A fully-equipped outdoor kitchen and entertainment area rounds out the offerings and promises the ideal venue for regaling with family and friends.



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The five furlong oval track circumnavigates a central pond, one of two ponds on the property and also includes ten paddocks, a 22-stall barn with caretaker apartments, staff kitchen, dining room, offices and more. As a premier, working horse-farm every expectation for an equestrian facility has been accommodated including a fully-covered maintenance and equipment facility for tractors, vehicles and machines. The spacious two-story, 3 bedroom/2 bath guesthouse, located nearby on the grounds, features spacious quarters with every convenience.



This Tuscan-styled equestrian estate leaves nothing to the imagination except the promise of an incomparable and secure lifestyle of privacy and sheer luxury. The generosity of space and natural beauty of the land is unique by its own definition. The aesthetic attention to detail that adorns every space in both its interior and exterior speaks to the discerning eye of superior taste. Those who would be discriminating enough to know the difference between better and best know upon arrival that Villa DeVita is a place like no other.

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Villa DeVita is situated in a pristine pastoral landscape that is reminiscent of a storybook Tuscan countryside and is replete with gardens and tropical flora as well as intimate streams and ponds throughout the grounds. This expansive 100-acre equestrian estate rests deceptively within a twenty minute drive to the beautiful Venice beaches and the cultural enrichments of Sarasota proper.

You enter the compound of the main house by way of an expansive, custom-etched and stamped circular drive past an arched entry leading to an array of four, large-bay garages before arriving under the home's front portico. Both indoor and out, there is a feast for the discerning eye and no convenience left unattended for family and friends to enjoy long-lasting memories created here, at the House of Life- Villa DeVita.



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