

Property reference number: - A61-141 (near ASTI)
 Home to a couple looking to house swap in the UK and elsewhere in Europe.
 There will probably be up to 4 adults.
 Late August & September are best times for them, but are flexible.

KEY INFORMATION...

Bedrooms available:-	1 large room with a king-size bed, place for children's bed in the room 2 slightly smaller rooms: - 1 with 2 sleeping places (an extra pull-out bed if required) - 1 with 2 bunk beds but 3 sleeping places (Max 7 people in beds, but space for sleeping bags on floor or, outside, in tents!)
Children welcome?	Yes any age group are welcome.
Pets that live here:-	No dogs allowed. They have 2 house cats, 2 outdoor cats, and chickens. They will all need feeding please! Instructions will be left out. (It's not difficult.) And chickens will reward with fresh eggs. Occasional 2-day excursions away from the house are easily arranged with extra food and water for the time.



This English-speaking missionary family live near Rocchetta Tanaro, a village near Asti, in the centre of the Piedmont Region of north-west Italy. This is a beautiful, rural area with wonderful countryside, vineyards.

About 1 hour's drive from the Italian Riviera & about the same to Turin & many lovely places to visit. They live down an unpaved road, near a slow-moving

stream (sometimes completely dry, depending on the rainfall of the year) and at about 700 metres, a slow-moving shallow river. No neighbours except an occasional wild hog, pheasant, badger or fox.



Gentle wooded hills rise literally from their front yard to the Natural Park of Rocchetta Tanaro. A hundred year-old ruin is near the house and another across the slow-moving brook.



The village centre is about 3 minutes away by car or an hour on foot, and is home to an ancient family of nobility (Incisa della Rocchetta) that has called this area their home since the 1200's.

ASTI, the city about 25 minutes away, has a colourful and vibrant open-air market Wednesdays and Saturdays. Start early in

the summer to beat the heat.

Asti is famous for foods and wine, and just south (25-30 minutes by car) are the world-famous vineyards of Barolo and Barbaresco. Public transport is not great here so a car is essential. (A car may be available for house-swappers. Inquire.)



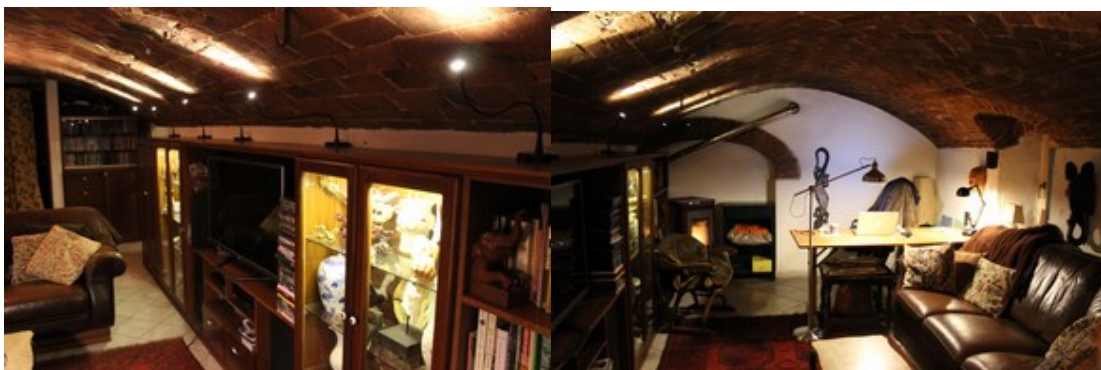
This detached cottage is about 400 hundred years old and includes an art studio and workshop, greenhouses and chicken pens.



It is described as ... 'rustic, not posh, The walls are very thick and keep the kitchen and sunken living room fresh and cool in the heat of the summer.'

There is a large, hedged garden – completely private, plus 4-5 areas under shade-cloth. They grow a lot of plants in pots, so daily watering is a must in the heat of the summer.

This is a wonderfully peaceful garden with trees, nearby brook, fields and forest, hills & rolling countryside. Al fresco eating in the cool of the evening on the covered outdoor tables is a joy. They have a small & large barbecue for house swappers to use, and plenty of seating areas.
(more photos below)



LaRocca Vineyard Church Asti is the nearest English-speaking fellowship, with services with translation in Italian and English. During the second half of July and for the month of August (when Italians take their vacations), no meetings are held in LaRocca. “We are a relatively new Vineyard Church with strongest connections to the Swiss and German Vineyard movement. Our meetings consist – at this point in time – of family-style fellowship, study, prayer and, occasionally, song and worship.
www.laroccaministries.com”

Sport and Leisure	Our village has what is called a “circolo” with tennis and football courts. Becoming a member of the circolo allows you to rent them. Swimming pools are about 25-30 minutes either to the east near Alessandria or to the west in Asti. It is possible to swim in parts of the river nearby.
Local places of interest	Our strongest points are the smaller-city ambience of Asti with its famed culinary delights. Pedestrian zones with shopping as well as open-air

	<p>cafes and restaurants make up part of the Asti experience. But not to forget the wine-growing areas just minutes away in Barbaresco and the Langue with vineyards covering hills as far as the eye can see.</p> <p>Also we are not far from the Italian Riviera (1 hour south) with its clusters of villages, palm-lined narrow streets and restaurants along the sea and Turin – a majestic city of the kings of Italy – with grand avenues, buildings, the old residences of the Savoy dynasty as well as the largest Egyptian museum outside of Egypt. Milan is 1.5 hours away. Florence is 3.5 hours away (by car, but we also have good train connections to a few destinations here in the north.)</p>
Entertainment/Arts	<p>Asti has a vibrant theatre community as well as the conservatory for music, with concerts all over the province.</p> <p>Turin and Milan offer world-class cultural events, operas, art exhibitions.</p>

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