

# BYRON BAY, NSW



These pages (from far left) The layered interiors were co-curated by Tigmi Design Studio. In the living area are sheepskin armchairs and Oushak rugs, along with a Tommaso Barbi leaf floor lamp. // Built in stone, the farmhouse is reminiscent of coastal mansions in Sicily. // A jute rug and Ligne Roset 'Togo' sofa and footstool in the self-contained studio. // The Italian-inspired pool.

**A LITTLE TASTE OF SICILY** in the hills of Byron Bay – this is the tempting tagline of luxury stay Lo Scoglio, where travel and wellbeing go hand in hand. Owned by biodynamic farmers Charlie and Angelica Arnott, the private estate set on just under a hectare in Coopers Shoot – 10 minutes from Byron – offers a welcome antidote to the daily grind. “Lo Scoglio, meaning ‘the rock’, was a name gifted to me during a quiet exchange with an elder from the Aeolian Islands,” says Angelica. “He spoke of a rock that jutted into the Tyrrhenian Sea, a meeting place where young men would gather before diving into the water below. More than a rock, it was a place of ritual and connection. That story stayed with me and became a symbol of what we hope to create here – an anchor for shared moments and lasting memories.”

Indeed, Angelica’s Italian heritage can be felt in every corner of Lo Scoglio. “My father was born on the island of Stromboli in Sicily, and this is a place where I can honour his legacy,” she continues. “To me, Italy is the ultimate destination. If I can’t get to Italy, I can always get to Lo Scoglio.”

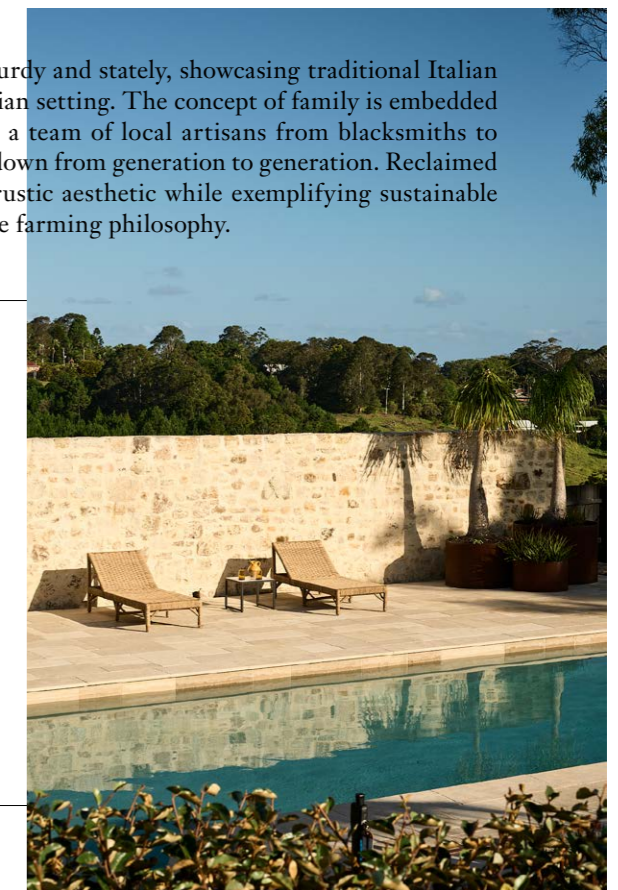
Spread across two storeys, the stone farmhouse is sturdy and stately, showcasing traditional Italian design and craftsmanship in a quintessential Australian setting. The concept of family is embedded in every inch of its build, which was completed by a team of local artisans from blacksmiths to stonemasons, each skilled in a craft that was handed down from generation to generation. Reclaimed timber, natural stone and microcement add to the rustic aesthetic while exemplifying sustainable practices in accordance with the couple’s regenerative farming philosophy.

# REST EASY

LUXURY ESTATE LO SCOGGIO IN THE BYRON HINTERLAND BLENDS RUSTIC ITALIAN TRADITION WITH MODERN SIMPLICITY FOR THE ULTIMATE RESTORATIVE ESCAPE.

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**TO PACK** Prepare for a dose of unadulterated relaxation in an idyllic setting with all the essentials. **1** Bassike x Local Supply ‘01’ sunglasses in Caramel Tortgrey, \$250, Bassike. **2** ‘Roman’ pool towel in Cedar & Sand, \$130, Baina. **3** ‘Dolce’ full-piece swimsuit in Cocoa, \$275, Fella. **4** Memo ‘Ithaque’ eau de parfum, \$46 for 75ml, Libertine Parfumerie. **5** ‘Hybrid Check-In’ large suitcase in Champagne with zipperless aluminium frame, \$655, Monos.



“It was really important for this house to evoke the feeling of having stood here for centuries and being able to endure many more,” says Angelica. “The Italians have a natural talent for blending styles and eras in a way that feels both richly layered and effortless. We aimed to recreate that timeless legacy here.” The interiors follow a similar vein, with Angelica collaborating closely with Danielle McEwan from Byron-based Tigmi Design Studio to select rugs, wall hangings, custom furniture and artworks with a strong sense of place and purpose. “Each element either had to be rooted in Italy or evoke the essence of Italian design and culture,” says Angelica.

At Lo Scoglio, guests are invited to treat the estate, which also includes a self-contained studio and sleeps 12 in total, like their second home. The atmospheric kitchen has the generosity of spirit synonymous with Sicilians, and home cooks can utilise produce from the vegie patch or a prearranged grocery delivery to rustle up an Italian feast to be enjoyed outside under the pergola. Indoor and outdoor lounge areas are designed with all the comforts required for long nights of effortless conversation, while the bedrooms – each with their own unique style and personality – are cosy sanctuaries for moments of rest and reflection.

A plethora of wellness amenities extend the invitation to relax and recharge, from the pool and spa to the yoga deck, ice bath and sauna. Guests can also book in for a massage, meditation class, acupuncture treatment or session with a nutritionist. And for the ultimate souvenir, a recently launched collection of Heritage Bowls, designed by Angelica in collaboration with ceramic studio Di Lunedi to capture the essence of Sicilian life, can be purchased as a lasting memento.

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These pages (from left) In the Principessa room, an embroidered linen bedspread and canopy by Tigmi x The Bespoke Linen Co was chosen in an earthy shade of clay. Brass wall sconces and a vintage Italian mirror add to the sense of place and history. // A roll-top bath, antique stone basins, ceramic tiles and brass fixtures bring enduring beauty to the main bathroom. // In the dining room, a vintage oak dining table and chairs by Luciano Frigerio and Tobia & Afra Scarpa set the scene for convivial meals. “Whether you’re visiting internationally or from around the corner, Lo Scoglio invites you to do as much or as little as you like,” says Angelica. “Ultimately, this is luxury and regeneration your way.”

