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FROM **0-20**, OUR
BRIDES DECIDE





French lace, chiffon and tissue-tulle dress, £8,500, bertabridal.com. Hoop earrings, £8, riverisland.com (Opposite) Chantilly-lace bodysuit, £530, and silk-chiffon skirt, £1,500, sophiakokosalaki.com. Heels, £325, Blonda Castana at libennett.com. Hoop earrings, as before →

Into the light

Here, your personal masterclass in how to elevate sheer and floaty to new chicer heights with the help of delicately embellished lace and floral appliquéd tulle

Photographs **SEAN McMENOMY** Fashion director **BRYONY TOOGOOD**





Silk-satin dress, £1,779,
ruedeseine.com. Hoop
earrings, as before
(Opposite) Guipure-lace
dress, £6,100, Riki Datal
at thewhitegallery
ramsbotom.co.uk. Hoop
earrings, as before →








Embroidered lace and silk-organza dress, from €8,850, mimi.zulibogner.com. Hoop earrings, as before
(Opposite) Silk-organza dress, JS, €25, halpernylondon.com. Hoop earrings, as before →



A woman with voluminous, wavy blonde hair is standing in a bright room, leaning her left hand against a window frame. She is wearing a sleeveless, floor-length white dress with intricate lace and sheer silk-organza details. The dress features vertical bands of lace and horizontal bands of sheer fabric. The background shows a view of greenery and a building through the window.

Silk-gulpure, lace and sheer silk-organza dress, from £2,000, Yolan Cris at mirramirror.co.uk. **Hoop earrings**, as before. *(Opposite)* **Silk-chiffon and beaded lace dress**, £3,995, suzannevillie.com. **Hoop earrings**, as before.

Hair: Josephine Mal at Unique Creatives using Sibu Yamata. **Make-up:** Anastasia Hess at Unique Creative's using Guenchy Le Makeup. **Model:** Saga Richter at Premier. **With thanks to** CastellodiCasole (castellodicasole.com) 

King *of the* castles

A regal estate, romantic interiors and the most magical of views – you don't get more fairytale than this...

The location

Castello di Casole, once the private estate of an aristocratic family, and the '60s home of glamorous Italian film director, Luchino Visconti. This restored Etruscan castle commands a hilltop position, tucked away in the picture-perfect Tuscan countryside, surrounded by cypress trees, olive groves and Chianti vineyards. It's just a short drive from the medieval town of Siena, or an hour from the coast, making it one of the best-located hotels in the area for exploring the entire region.

The look

After a meticulous restoration, the 1,000-year-old Castello is an ideal mix of stylish and rustic. The 41 suites are all about rich, earthy colours, ancient stone walls, Murano glass chandeliers and *The Princess And The Pea*-sized beds combined with huge



Sleek and chic; each suite is decorated in elegant neutrals

flat-screen TVs, with films on demand, for when the sun has taken its toll. Choose from one of the huge classic rooms in the original buildings or, if modern Italian is more your style, go for a slick Oliveto Suite just a short stroll from the main hotel.

The vibe

Elegant yet casual. Think Sophia Loren all the way – '50s-style bikinis and straw hats for



Castello di Casole provided the perfect pretty backdrop for this Brides shoot



Enjoy fine dining al-fresco at Ristorante Tosca



Take a dip in an infinity pool with this view

view doesn't blow your mind, the cocktail will ★ Learning to make pizza and pasta like a pro, alongside wine-tasting with the hotel's expert sommeliers.

Must do

Take an estate tour with Paulo the gamekeeper to see fawns, boars, pheasant and hares galore ★ Get the hotel to rent you a vintage Alfa Romeo or bright red Ferrari and explore the nearby Renaissance town of San Gimignano in jet-set style ★ Visit Siena during Palio on July 2 and August 16 to experience one of the oldest, most thrilling street horse races in the world (tuscanyexperts.it) ● A double room costs from £238 per night, B&B; castellodicasole.com (a Timbers Resort) ☑

afternoons lounging by the infinity pool, pedal pushers and gingham shirts for sightseeing, and a Dolce sundress for dinner.

We love

The estate-grown ingredients at the Michelin-worthy Ristorante Tosca – the wild boar pasta is sublime ★ The Tuscan Romance Ritual, a synchronised bath and massage for two using herbs, scents and oils, at the Essere Spa ★ A pre-dinner Viscontini on the terrace at sunset – if the

This boutique Italian castle, nestled in the rolling Tuscan hills



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