**The Baroness of the Fai Castle**

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Today, the last descendant of the house is Ingrid, grandson of the last baroness Carla De Kreiger and of Baron Eugenio de Unterrichter, the last in line of stable occupant owners of the Fai castle, since in the 1940s.

In the years 2017-2018, the niece of Eugenio and Carla, the Baroness Ingrid de Craigher, together with her family restored the apartments and the facade with skill and passion, preserving their original atmosphere and furnishings that match the rural character of the ancient residence. The three apartments obtained from the renovation, "Torre del Baron", "Residenza delle Contesse" and "Castello Fai" are located on the ground floor of the building, with direct access to the castle garden open to guests. "Torre del Baron" is 50 m2 and with its independent entrance is ideal for hosting 2 people, "Residenza delle Contesse" is a prestigious 120 m2 unit with three large rooms that can accommodate up to 6 beds, "Castello Fai ”is instead the combination of the two units for larger groups, with 170 m2 finely furnished.