



Rodino — A Private Alpine Village

A rare, fully controllable filming location in the heart of Ticino, Switzerland — just 15 minutes from Locarno, overlooking the legendary Verzasca Valley.

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The Setting: Verzasca Valley

Perched above one of Switzerland's most celebrated alpine landscapes, Rodino commands sweeping, unobstructed views of the Verzasca Valley — the same valley made internationally iconic by the breathtaking opening bungee sequence of the James Bond film *GoldenEye*, filmed at the Verzasca Dam below.

The estate basks in all-day sun, with panoramic mountain vistas stretching in every direction. The surrounding terrain provides a naturally dramatic backdrop — deep gorges, forested ridgelines, and the shimmering valley floor — giving productions an extraordinary canvas that is extraordinarily difficult to replicate anywhere else in the Alps.

The Estate at a Glance

Seven restored stone rusticos, a historic chapel, and 52,000 m² of private alpine land — a complete production environment unlike anything else in Switzerland.

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Stone Rusticos

Beautifully restored traditional
Ticino buildings

52K

m² of Land

Private, undivided grounds with
full creative control

15

Min from Locarno

Close to services, yet completely
secluded

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Private Funicular

A visually striking cinematic
access point



Authentic Ticino Stone Architecture

Built entirely in the traditional vernacular of the Ticino region, Rodino's seven stone rusticos have been meticulously refurbished to preserve their raw, weathered authenticity while quietly incorporating modern comforts. Thick granite walls, pitched slate roofs, arched doorways, and hand-laid terraces create interiors and exteriors of uncommon visual richness.

The property retains the feeling of a living, breathing alpine village — untouched by modernity in appearance, yet fully functional as a high-end production base. From intimate rustic interiors to sun-drenched terraced courtyards, each building offers its own distinct character and visual palette for cinematographers and production designers.

Interior Spaces

Warm, characterful interiors across the rusticos — exposed timber beams, stone fireplaces, arched doorways, and mountain views from every window.



Main House Living Room



Main House Kitchen & Dining



Guest Rustico Kitchen



External Kitchen



Bedroom with Mountain View



Master Bedroom



Guest House Kitchen & Dining



Main House Bathroom

Key Location Features

A rare combination of architectural variety, natural beauty, and controlled access — every element a production team could wish for.



Historic Chapel

A small but evocative stone chapel adds a layer of historical and spiritual atmosphere, ideal for period productions or intimate narrative scenes.



Wine Cellar

A traditional underground wine cellar with thick stone vaulting — a dramatic, atmospheric space with exceptional production potential for close interior scenes.



Vineyard & Orchard

Terraced vineyard rows and a working fruit orchard surround the village, offering seasonal visual variety and an authentically rustic agricultural character.



Swimming Pool

A private swimming pool set against sweeping mountain panoramas — a high-end visual asset perfect for luxury campaigns, fashion editorials, or cinematic character moments.

The Private Funicular: A Cinematic Entrance

Access to Rodino is itself a cinematic experience. A **private funicular**, along the 300 granite steps between the lower road and the village above — carries visitors and crew up the steep mountainside, arriving directly into the heart of the hamlet.

This unique access point is not merely logistically interesting; it is visually extraordinary. The funicular cart, the machinery, the ascent through the open air, and the dramatic reveal of the village at the top represent a ready-made production sequence that few locations in the world can offer.

Parking for approximately five vehicles is available at the lower station, with restaurants and local services reachable within walking distance or a brief drive.

Why It Matters for Production

- Instant visual drama — a built-in storytelling device
- Controls and limits foot traffic for seamless set security
- Adds a period or adventure-film aesthetic without construction
- Doubles as a practical equipment transport system

Complete Privacy & Creative Control

In the Alps, truly private locations are extraordinarily rare. Rodino offers something productions search years to find.

No Public Access

The estate is entirely privately owned and accessed exclusively via the private funicular and stairs. There are no public footpaths, roads, or rights of way crossing the property — giving productions complete authority over who enters the location at any time.

Controlled Environment

With 52,000 m² of contiguous private land, production teams can dress, light, and stage the entire environment without negotiating with neighbors, managing passersby, or accommodating external disruptions. The village is yours — entirely.

Extended Shooting Windows

All-day sun exposure (in summer) and an elevated position above the valley floor mean consistently excellent natural light across long shooting days. The estate's orientation maximizes golden hour from both morning and evening perspectives.

Multi-Location in One

Seven distinct buildings, three landscape typologies (village, vineyard, forest), and a range of interior atmospheres allow productions to shoot multiple scenes and settings without ever leaving the property.

Ideal Production Types

Rodino's extraordinary range of settings, architecture, and landscapes make it a natural fit for the most demanding and visually ambitious productions across multiple genres and formats.



Feature Films & TV Series

Cinematic scale, visual drama, and total privacy for high-production-value narrative work.



Period & Historical Dramas

Authentic pre-industrial stone architecture requiring minimal set dressing for any era up to the mid-20th century.



Luxury Brand & Fashion

Sophisticated alpine aesthetics, natural textures, and dramatic light perfectly suited to premium brand identity.



Commercials & Travel Campaigns

Sweeping panoramas, vineyard terraces, and the pool offer versatile, aspirational visual narratives.



Documentary Productions

Authentic Ticino village life, local wine culture, and alpine heritage provide rich documentary material.



GOLDENEYE, 1995

The Verzasca Dam Connection

A Bond Location Legacy

The Verzasca Dam — visible from the estate and just minutes away — is one of the most recognized filming locations in cinema history. Its 220-meter face was the site of the iconic bungee jump that opened *GoldenEye* (1995), widely considered one of the greatest pre-title sequences ever filmed.

The dam remains a major draw for location scouts, cinematographers, and productions seeking an instantly recognizable Swiss alpine backdrop with genuine cinematic heritage.

Proximity Advantage for Productions

Rodino's position directly above the Verzasca Valley places it within **minutes of this landmark structure**, enabling productions to combine the privacy and versatility of the estate with the visual spectacle and global recognizability of the dam itself.

For productions drawn to the region by the Bond legacy, Rodino offers a hotels, restaurants and guest accommodations nearby for cast and crew. With luxury option in Locarno and Ascona nearby.

Why Rodino Stands Apart

Rodino is not a managed filming facility or a converted hotel. It is a **living alpine hamlet** — restored with care, preserved with integrity, and offered with the kind of access that transforms a location from beautiful backdrop into total creative canvas.

→ Authenticity Without Compromise

Traditional Ticino stone architecture that requires no artifice — every surface, texture, and view is genuinely centuries old.

→ Visual Variety at Scale

From intimate wine cellar to sweeping valley panoramas, the estate delivers a full production vocabulary within a single, privately controlled site.

→ Unmatched Location Privacy

Complete isolation from the public, accessible only by private stairs— a level of set security and creative freedom almost impossible to find elsewhere in the Swiss Alps.

📄 **Location:** Verzasca Valley, Ticino, Switzerland · 15 minutes from Locarno · Accessible by private stairs and funicular · Available for feature, commercial, fashion, and documentary productions all year round.

Book Rodino

For bookings, pricing, and availability enquiries, please get in touch.



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