

THE PLACE OF WONDERS

Experience available

Monday - Friday

10:30am - 5:30pm

Average experience duration

1.5 hour

One week's notice of booking required

THE ART OF CASHMERE WITH VALBISENZIO

Marco Cini has lived and worked amongst the fibers of his seventy-year-old family cashmere business his whole life. For Marco, time spent laboring in the mill is work of the heart and of the hands. And his fabric is some of the best in the world, woven slowly and carefully on Val Bisenzio's restored antique shuttle looms for a more robust and smoother artisanal finish. Marco compares the use of these older looms versus the faster, modern versions to "bistecca cooked over a live flame instead of in an electric oven." His fabrics, made from start to finish with a 100% Italian supply chain, are more relaxed and durable than the rougher mass-produced clothing our societies have grown so dependent on. But then again, Marco, like many of the storied artisans we encounter through the Place of Wonders, reminds us that "quality needs time."



ValBisenzio's workshop is abuzz with the energy and inspiration of designers and local textile specialists who've worked with Marco for decades, their experienced fingers fluttering over every thread, ensuring that every inch of cashmere is absolutely perfect. That their clients include heritage luxury Italian brands like Brunello Cucinelli and Gucci is no surprise, given the care, quality, and loving human hands that touch every bolt of fabric from the shepherd to the store.

