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- Q.** What's the first thing you do after getting out of bed?
- A.** I would love to say 100 jumping jacks and then some yoga but I actually crawl out of bed. In Tuscany I have to say the first thing I do is fling open the shutters and take a minute to take in the view across my Tuscan valley. It is always magical.
- Q.** What is the one thing you always make time for each day?
- A.** I try hard to chat with my family everyday – we are often on different continents, I have one son in Toronto, one in Africa and if my husband is not with me in Italy he is at our television production studio in Canada. Skype has made life so much easier – and cheaper!
- Q.** Who had the biggest impact on the person you have become?
- A.** My amazing grandmother – she was young when I grew up because she had my mum at 14 and my mum had me young. She was way ahead of her time and spent 30 years buying antiques in the South of France where she lived part of the time and then she sold them to Brits at crazy prices. She was glamorous and full of life and loved telling stories. She was a granny in her 40's and was always impeccably dressed until she died at 90. She outlived my parents so I was not only close to her but wanted to emulate her.
- Q.** If you could call up anyone in the world and have a one hour conversation, who would you call?
- A.** I would probably choose Richard Branson for his authentic business acumen. My best friend Jacky in London because we have been chatting daily for 35 years or my two boys because I love nothing more than hearing their stories about their adventures.
- Q.** List one thing on your "bucket list" that you still need to do.
- A.** Strange because everyday women come to my retreat in Tuscany and tell me that visiting me at my villa has been on their bucket list. I rarely think of my own as I am living my dream now in Tuscany but I would like to spend a month on a tropical island such as Fiji just hanging out. I would love that.
- Q.** What's the last great book you read or are currently reading?
- A.** Well, I am writing this on a beach in Thailand with a pile of books. One of them is *Apple Tree Yard* which I am engrossed in. The last really great book that I could not put down was *Pillars of the Earth*.