

La Casetta Rossa

Region: Tuscany Sleeps: 5

Overview

La Casetta Rossa is a character-filled cottage which sits at the foot of the Lucchesia hills, just a short drive from beautiful medieval villages and the city of Lucca.

The cottage is in the grounds of a large estate filled with vineyards and surrounded by farmland, offering you magnificent panoramic views from inside the bright and spacious house. Sleeping up to five people across two bedrooms, the home is ideal for a family break, and the open-plan living area is perfect for an evening of chatting with a glass of wine which you can sample and buy from a local vineyard.

The garden of the house is a wonderful feature and seems to blend into the countryside as it is filled with wild-flowers and trees, providing a truly natural feel. The modern pool and covered seating areas are located amongst the vines and the grasses to create a beautiful oasis to enjoy on sunny days.

Glance up in the garden, and you will see a hilltop settlement which has been there since the fourteenth century. Today, several of the medieval buildings and defensive town walls still stand and make for a great day of exploring; visit the 13th century hillside fortress and beautiful 9th century church. Keen hikers could walk up the 3km hill and be rewarded with a delicious meal in a traditional Tuscan restaurant.

If you wish to venture further out for some day trips, then you are well-placed to do so. Tuscany is a diverse region, and you are able to enjoy hiking, horse riding and wine-tasting in the countryside near to the cottage or head into Lucca, Pisa or even Florence for all the amenities and attractions of city life.



Facilities

Wine Tasting • Private Pool • Cycling • Historical Sites • Horse Riding • Walking/Hiking Paths • Ideal for Kids • Pets on Request • Special Offer • Has Discount • Great Value • Ideal for Teens • Cots (Cribs) • <1hr to Airport • Walk to Restaurant • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interior

Ground Floor

- Open plan living/dining room with TV and seating areas
- Open-plan kitchen equipped with hobs, oven, dishwasher, fridge-freezer and filter coffee maker. Doors out to veranda
- Guest toilet

First Floor

- Bedroom with bunk bed and French-size bed and en-suite bathroom with shower
- Double bedroom with en-suite bathroom with shower

Outside Grounds

- Private pool (12m x 6m, depth: 1.30m), open approximately May to end-September
- Poolside seating area with sun loungers
- Covered veranda with outdoor dining furniture
- Barbecue
- Garden within vineyard estate
- Parking

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Fireplace
- Fans in bedrooms
- TV
- Mosquito net



Location & Local Information

Located in the northern Tuscan hills, La Casetta Rossa is perfectly situated for a holiday filled with walking in the countryside and wandering around small hamlets and villages or for a break packed with visits to all of the surrounding historic cities. You will be spoiled for choice with such a diverse region to explore.

Just 3km up the hill from the cottage is a pretty medieval hamlet which has shops, traditional eateries and some great attractions to visit. Explore the winding streets on foot to soak up the atmosphere and make time to visit the fortress and towers which dominate the landscape of the area and offer some amazing views. Make sure to pick up some wine to take back to the house for the evening as the wine in the area is rather distinctive and made from unique Tuscan grapes.

With the Renaissance walled city of Lucca just 18km away and Pisa at 40km from the house, you have endless options for days out soaking up the atmosphere and enjoying sumptuous food in these fabulous cities. Both are filled with shops, churches and museums, and a guided tour is a great way to make the most of a day trip. The magnificent city of Florence can also be reached in just over an hour by car or take the train from one of the local village train stations.

A great place to visit for the day as a family is Villa Torrigiani which is a twenty-minute drive from the house. The villa offers something for everyone with stunning gardens and parkland for strolling and eating a picnic in the shade of the trees and a sixteenth-century villa filled with art, frescos and amazing interiors.

If you prefer a day by the water, then Massaciuccoli lake is 40km away and is packed with protected natural habitats to enjoy or, you could try the seaside town of Viareggio which is nearby if you are craving a gelato on the promenade or a dip in the sea.

Local Amenities



Nearest Airport	Pisa (42 km)
Nearest Airport 2	Florence (57 km)
Nearest Village	(3 km)
Nearest Town/City	Lucca (18 km)
Nearest Restaurant	(1 km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	(1 km)
Nearest Supermarket	(3 km)
Nearest Beach	Spiaggia della Lecciona (45km)

What we love

- La Casetta Rossa is immersed in olive groves and farmland offering beautiful views from the garden
- The cottage is perfectly located to explore northern Tuscany from medieval hilltop towns and the cities of Lucca and Pisa to the sandy beaches of Viareggio
- If you are a lover of wine or olive oil, then head to the neighbouring farms and vineyards to taste their produce or go on a tour

What you should know...

- The house shares the grounds with another home which belongs to the owner, but they do not stay there when La Casetta Rossa is rented out so you have the pool and gardens to yourself!
- Please note that published rates are only valid for the current year. Any bookings for subsequent years will be on request only and correct rates will be confirmed at the time of booking
- Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner or their property manager

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €500 paid in cash to the owner upon arrival and refunded upon departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 4.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.
- **Departure time:** 9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Extra €100 per week, paid locally in cash.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior arrangement with the owner. If accepted, a pet supplement of €30 per pet per week is payable locally.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed. Please note that published rates are only valid for the current year. Any bookings for subsequent years will be on request only and correct rates will be confirmed at the time of booking. Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner or their property manager.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday from beginning of end-June to end-August. Flexible during all other periods.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Extra €120, payable locally in cash. However, guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- **Smoking Allowed?:** Outside only.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights from approximately end-June to end-August. 4 nights in end-October. 5 nights during all other periods.
- **Heating costs included?:** On request for extra €40 per week.
- **Tax:** Italy Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs approximately between €1- €10 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- **Internet access?:** Wi-Fi connection included.
- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open approximately beginning of May to end-September. Please note that pool opening dates are subject to local weather conditions and pool maintenance requirements and that cooler months may not be suitable for swimming.