La Corte Saracini

Region: Tuscany **Sleeps:** 14

Overview

In the tranquil landscapes of southern Tuscany, La Corte Saracini offers Italian charm in a superb location, close to Pienza and many other of this region's most celebrated towns.

Surrounded by the undulating hills of Val d'Orcia, the owners have transformed this farmhouse by restoring it with great care and sensitivity. They have created a beautiful holiday home which offers quality and comfort alongside authenticity with its impressive original features and picture book windows that take advantage of the glorious scenery.

Relax in the vast and characterful living and dining space downstairs, originally the stables, where you will also find a perfectly equipped large kitchen and five delightful bedrooms. Upstairs is another fantastic space for lounging and gazing at the views – the grand central fireplace is an especially wonderful feature of this splendid room. A second kitchen and two further bedrooms complete this level – each floor is self-contained making it ideal for an extended family or group of friends wanting to holiday together.

Gather together by the swimming pool, backed by terracotta pots bursting with summer colour and surrounded by gardens where children can let off steam. Enjoy your morning coffee in the large courtyard, have a picnic lunch under the shade of the old oak tree, then feast together in the evening by the barbecue and wood-fired pizza oven. The hospitable owners will even host pizza nights for a memorable and fun occasion and a chef can also be arranged.

It's only a five-minute drive to the tiny local village with its restaurant and bar or drive a little further to the









picturesque hilltop town of Pienza, famous for its Renaissance architecture and delicious pecorino cheese. The famous wine-town of Montepulciano is just 10km away where you should sample some of the excellent *vino nobile* or drive west to Montalcino with its renowned Brunello vineyards.

Val d'Orcia isn't just about idyllic Tuscan villages and historic hilltop towns – the landscapes are also tremendous with rolling hills dotted with cypress trees, endless vineyards, olive groves and wonderful woodland – perfect for long walks, horse-riding and cycling. Drive across the Umbrian border to Lake Trasimeno for yet more tranquil walks as well as summer watersports in a spectacular setting.

Whether you are a lover of wine, history, fine food or just the incredible scenery of southern Tuscany, La Corte Saracini is an authentic and beautiful home from which to enjoy this special region.

Facilities

Cycling • Walk to Village • Ideal for Kids • Walking/Hiking Paths • Horse Riding • Historical Sites • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Private Pool • Tennis Nearby • Wine Tasting • Recommended • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Weddings • Marquee Hire Permitted • Chef/Cook Available • Ideal for Teens • Has Discount • Has Offer • Special Offer • Maid Service Available • Pets on Request • Chapel on Site • Cots (Cribs) • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Outdoor Ceremony • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Flexible Catering Options • Walk to Restaurant • Wi-Fi/Internet • Allow External Caterers • Rural Location • Indoor Reception Available • Outstanding Landscapes • Hairdryer • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Satellite TV • Heating • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interiors

Ground Floor

- Living and dining room with doors opening up to terrace and garden
- Smaller lounge with fireplace
- Fully-equipped kitchen including dishwasher, oven, hob, microwave, fridge, freezer, coffee machine, blender, toaster and kettle
- Laundry room
- Two bedrooms with queen-size beds and en suite bathrooms, each with a bath tub and shower
- Two bedrooms with queen-size beds and en suite bathrooms with showers
- Twin bedroom with en suite bathroom with shower
- Bathroom with shower

First Floor (via external staircase)

- Living room with TV
- Compact, well-equipped kitchen
- Bedroom with queen-size bed and en suite bathroom with bath with hot tub features
- Bedroom with queen-size bed and en suite bathroom with shower
- Bathroom with shower

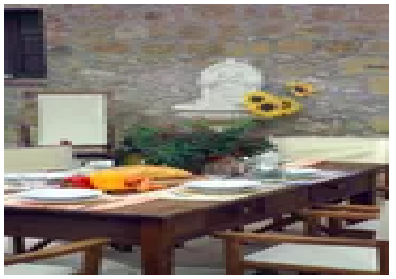
Outside Grounds

- Panoramic swimming pool (5.15m x 15m, depth: 0.9m - 1.7m), open approximately mid-May to end September
- Sun loungers and deckchairs
- Al-fresco dining area
- Annex with barbecue, wood burning oven, table and chairs
- Lawns
- Parking

Facilities









- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning
- Heating
- Telephone
- Satellite TV
- Hairdryer
- Mosquito nets
- Washing machine
- Iron and ironing board

Location & Local Information

La Corte Saracini is located in the Val d'Orcia in southern Tuscany, not far from the border with Umbria and only 7km from the delightful Tuscan town of Pienza.

There is a small medieval village/hamlet within 2km where you will find your nearest restaurant and bar or drive ten-minutes to the picturesque town of Pienza with a greater range of amenities such as restaurants, shops and a supermarket. Surrounded by beautiful landscapes, this hilltop town is most famous for its splendid renaissance architecture as well as its pecorino cheese – there are plenty of little shops where you can buy the local product or try some in a local restaurant by ordering the delicious pasta dish *pici con cacio e pepe*.

This really is a wonderful area with so many idyllic villages and famous Tuscan towns to explore. Montepulciano (10km) is also just a short distance away – a must for any wine-lovers with its *vino nobile* and plenty of opportunities to visit local wineries. The town itself is stunning – wander around and admire the old palaces and pretty squares or gaze out at the panoramic views of vineyards and Tuscan countryside around you.

The spa-town of Bagno Vignoni (12km) is another delight – you can bathe in the hot water of the pools in Parco dei Mulini or admire the main pool and hot springs in the central square. A little further west, the picture-perfect hilltop village of Montalcino (28km) is just half an hour away with its enchanting historic centre and endless vineyards producing Brunello wine in an incredible setting.

Tuscany is a paradise for walkers – the alluring Val d'Orcia offers so many magical routes between villages and towns, crossing vineyards, woodland and idyllic Tuscan landscapes. You will also find horse riding stables around a 20-minute drive away whilst golf-lovers can head north to Golf Club Valdichiana which is suitable for both amateurs and pros.

For a change of scene, head over the Umbrian border to









Lake Trasimeno (35km) for beautiful scenery, excellent walking trails and watersports such as canoeing and kayaking as well as fishing opportunities.

Alternatively, head north to the world-famous city of Siena, around an hour away, with its spectacular Duomo and magnificent square, Il Campo.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Florence (135km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Pisa (185km)**
Nearest Airport 3	**Rome Fiumicino (208km)**
Nearest Bar/Pub	**Local village/hamlet (2km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf Club Valdichiana (27km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Local village/hamlet (2km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Pienza (7km)**
Nearest Tennis	**Montepulciano (10km)**
Nearest Town	**Pienza (7km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Chiusi-Chianciano Terme (27km)**
Nearest Village	**(2km)**

What we love

- A beautifully renovated farmhouse which is full of Italian warmth and charm
- Enjoy one of the owner's pizza nights in the outdoor dining area by the wood-fired ovens
- There's a delightful medieval village just 2km away or drive to Pienza, one of southern Tuscany's most idyllic towns
- Wine-lovers are also close to the incredible vineyards of Montepulciano and Montalcino

What you should know...

- The first floor is reached via an external staircase and has its own entrance (as each floor is self-contained)
- Air-conditioning is featured in all rooms

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €800 paid in cash to the owner upon arrival and refunded upon departure, subject to full inspection.

- **Arrival time:** 3.30 p.m. - 6.30 p.m. Check-in outside this time may be subject to an extra cost. Please enquire for more details.

- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.

- **Energy costs included?:** Yes, except air-conditioning. Air-conditioning is an extra €90 per day, payable locally.

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.

- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, a pet supplement of €100 per pet per week will apply (payable locally, maximum 2 pets).

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. A cot and a highchair are available for a charge of €50 each per week (payable locally). 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. Please note home security devices may be installed at the villa, please enquire for further information.

- **Changeover day:** Saturday from approximately end-June to beginning-September. Flexible during all other periods.

- **End of stay cleaning:** Standard changeover clean included in the price. 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.

- **Other 2:** Baby equipment is available upon request. Additional charges may apply; please enquire for details.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights approximately end-June to end-August, 3 nights during all other periods.

- **Heating costs included?:** Extra cost, payable locally.

- **Tax:** Italian Visitors Tax payable locally in cash (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).

- **Internet access?:** Wi-Fi internet access included.

- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.

- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open approximately mid-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.