

# Le Celle

**Region:** Tuscany   **Sleeps:** 8

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## Overview

Le Celle has been a part of the glorious landscape in the area surrounding the historic town of Cortona for many centuries. Offering sweeping views over the unspoilt countryside to all those lucky enough to visit this idyllic hillside spot, it's the perfect place to get away from it all.

The wider area is dotted with farms and woodland; providing you with long walks and bike rides through the scenic surroundings. Nature lovers will also enjoy exploring the beautiful landscapes of nearby Lake Trasimeno Regional Park, with lots of wildlife and beaches to discover.

At the heart of this characterful villa is a tower dating back to the 14th-century. Along with the rest of the property, it underwent a recent and tasteful renovation to create spacious accommodation for up to eight people. But there's still a wealth of historic features to admire throughout Le Celle, such as wood beams and floors made with original clay and marble tiles.

Most of the four delightful bedrooms boast beautiful antique pieces and evocative art works; making you feel like you've stepped back in time as you retire for the night. Each has its own ensuite bathroom, adding an additional touch of luxury. This is especially the case with the bathroom that's home to a freestanding bath tub for total relaxation.

Before you drift off into a peaceful night's sleep, spend cosy evenings in front of the antique fireplace with a book or chat on the sofa. The dining room is a grand space to enjoy meals.

Sitting within an established estate that belonged to one of the most prominent old families in Tuscany, it's no



surprise that the grounds of Le Celle are simply stunning. After negotiating the extremely narrow road leading to the property, you will find wide areas of lush lawn home to ancient stone walls and terraces, with lemon trees and other traditional Italian flora creating a dreamy atmosphere.

Pass lazy afternoons in the swimming pool, resting on a pool-side lounger or strolling around the gardens. There are several al fresco dining areas to choose from. The main one offers plenty of shade as you take in some of the very best views.

The nearest town of Cortona is full of amenities and shops, with many selling charming homemade items and wine from the nearby vineyards of Montepulciano.

Great for longer days out are the cities of Perugia and Città di Castello, with both being less than an hour's drive away. Perugia is famous for its chocolate, with a factory that you can take a tour around and try some chocolate for yourself. Soak up centuries of history and art in the city of Città di Castello as you walk around its churches and galleries.

## Facilities

Chef/Cook Available • Weddings • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Air-Con • Cots (Cribs) • Modern • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Cooking Classes Available • Yoga Classes Available • Wine-Tasting Available • Transfers Available • Babysitting Available • Private Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Baby bath • Pushchair • Ideal for Teens • Pets on Request • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Heating • High Chair(s) • Fenced Grounds • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

# Interior & Grounds

## Villa Interiors

### *Ground Floor (split-level)*

- Living room with two sofas, open antique fireplace
- Dining room with table for eight guests
- Professional kitchen with oven, microwave, fridge, freezer, toaster, blender, coffee machine, American coffee machine
- WC

### *First Floor*

- Double bedroom with ensuite bathroom with shower and freestanding bath tub
- Two double bedrooms with ensuite bathrooms with showers

### *Second Floor*

- Double bedroom with ensuite bathroom with shower

## Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (16m x 5m, depth: 1.45m), open approximately May to October
- Covered terrace with dining table for eight guests
- Gardens
- Barbecue
- Sun loungers
- Seating areas
- Parking

## Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning
- Washing machine and dryer
- Iron and ironing board
- Hair dryer



- Children's bikes (additional cost - please enquire)
- Mosquite nets



# Location & Local Information

Around 15 minutes away by car is the historic town of Cortona (5km). It's where to go to stock up on groceries, as well as enjoy drinks and meals in its great choice of bars and restaurants. Other amenities include a pharmacy and a bank. Cortona is well-known for its shops that sell handmade items and also the famous vino nobile red wine that's produced at the vineyards in and around Montepulciano (33km).

Cortona boasts a wealth of historic, and even ancient, sites of interest. Admire Renaissance-era buildings, such as Palazzo del Popolo and the cathedral. Also explore the Etruscan Academy Museum and Archaeological Park with its 11 ancient sites. Highlights include the remains of Roman roads, city fortifications and Etruscan tombs.

The nearby city of Arezzo (36km) is full of history and stunning buildings. Must-visits include the cathedral and the Basilica di San Francesco. Other cultural highlights are the cities of Umbertide (40km) with its medieval fortress, and Città di Castello (52km). The latter is an art lover's paradise. Marvel at 15th-century frescoes created by famous Italian Renaissance painters in the Church of San Domenico, then visit Palazzo Vitelli alla Cannoniera to stroll around the Municipal Art Gallery (Pinacoteca) and discover paintings by Lorenzetti and Raphael.

Perugia (50km) is famous for its chocolate, and you can take a tour around the factory located just outside the city. You'll learn all about the chocolate-making process and even get to sample some of the sweet stuff. In the heart of the city itself are many medieval and Renaissance structures, such as the well-known Fontaine Maggiore; a marble fountain carved with zodiac signs and biblical scenes.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Perugia (60km)
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Nearest Airport 2	<b>Florence</b> <b>(130km)</b>
Nearest Town/City	<b>Cortona</b> <b>(5km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>(2km)</b>
Nearest Bar/Pub	<b>(2km)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>(2km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>(2km)</b>

## What we love

- Enjoy an array of historic features, such as the antique fireplace, marble floor tiles and stone walls
- The villa is set within extensive gardens on a lush Tuscan hillside
- Chill out and unwind in the swimming pool with peaceful views over the hills
- The town of Cortona is just a 15-minute drive away

## What you should know...

- The ground floor is split-level
- You need to drive down a very narrow road to reach the villa - please check with us before travelling if you're unsure whether your car will be suitable
- 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:** 3.00 p.m. - 6.30 p.m. Late arrivals, if agreed, will be charged €40 (paid locally).
- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Extra €150 to be paid in cash upon arrival.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.
- **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 highchair are available at an extra cost of €50, payable locally. A pushchair and baby bath are also available at an extra cost - please enquire. Children's bikes are available at an extra cost - please enquire. 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. Other changeover days on request.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Extra €200, payable locally. 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?:** Not allowed.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights. Other durations on request.
- **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 May to October. 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.