

Villa Gaiole

Region: Tuscany **Sleeps:** 14

Overview

Offering panoramic vistas over Chianti's hills and woodlands, Villa Gaiole is a serene escape in the Tuscan countryside which is also within easy reach of a range of amazing towns and cities such as Siena and Florence. Sleeping 14 guests over 7 stunning bedrooms, this historic home is a wonderful choice for those travelling in a larger group but not wishing to compromise on style or comfort.

Villa Gaiole is over 400 years old and would have started out as a rustic farmhouse in the middle of the olive groves and vineyards which have been tended to for centuries here. The villa is made up of the main building and a smaller annexe and is packed with original features such as the local stone work, exposed beams and open fireplaces. These period details now work in harmony with the more modern touches which have been added over time.

The home sits over two floors and has been renovated extensively throughout, providing every corner of the home with sumptuously decorated rooms and the highest quality furnishings and facilities. From the vast floor to ceiling windows and doors on the garden, light floods in to the living spaces, creating a warm welcome for you and your party.

The ground floor of the home is the social heart of Villa Gaiole; you will find a large living room here with comfy sofas, a feature fireplace and a TV. The dining room is just next door and has incredible views over the valley below. You can also dine in the contemporary kitchen which is fitted with everything you could need for preparing meals and drinks, unless you would prefer to arrange a catering package with the private chef that is.

In addition to the usual living spaces, this spacious home has plenty more to offer; there is a fully equipped gym, a games room, a wine cellar and an additional sitting room. This means there will always be space for everyone even when travelling in a big group.

When it is time to turn in for the night, you will have 7 bedrooms to choose from! Each of these are tastefully decorated and boast an en-suite bathroom. One of the bedrooms is fitted with two twin beds which can be converted to a double, while the remaining rooms all have king-sized beds. Two of these bedrooms are set within a separate annexe which would suit a small family who wish for a little privacy from the main party.

Outside, the property just keeps getting better! As you step in to the garden you will enter an expanse of leafy grounds, vineyards and olive groves which span 2 hectares and offer the most enchanting rural views. The icing on the cake is the gorgeous heated infinity pool, but there are also a wealth of seating areas, covered al-fresco dining spaces and plenty of sun loungers where you can read a good book in the sun.

Through the concierge team at the house, you are able to arrange plenty of fun extras and activities both at the house and further afield. These include;



pizza making classes, truffle hunting walks, guided tours and yoga classes!

Though the villa enjoys a peaceful, country location, you do not need to worry about being cut off here. The closest villages are just a few kms away, including Gaiole in Chianti which has been voted one of the best places to live in all of Europe. If you would like to visit one of Tuscany's medieval cities, Siena is a brilliant place to spend the day exploring the historic buildings and visiting some of the area's finest art galleries and museums, before tucking in to a delicious meal in the Piazza del Duomo. The city is only 28km away, so is well worth the drive.

Facilities

Laptop Friendly Workspace • Cots (Cribs) • Gym/Fitness Room • Bicycles Provided • Indoor Games • Air-Con • Games Room • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Table Tennis • Eco Friendly (Sustainable) • Villa • Maid Service Available • Chef/Cook Available • Animal farm • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Cooking Classes Available • Yoga Classes Available • Spa Treatments Available • Wine-Tasting Available • Transfers Available • Breakfast Available • Babysitting Available • On-Site Concierge • Children's videos/DVDs • Children's books • Swings • Private Pool • Pool Safety Feature • Heated Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Supports the local community (promotes local businesses) • Ideal for Kids • Committed to Renewable and Green Energy • Mattress protector • Booster seat • Plastic crockery • Bath toys • Pushchair • Ideal for Teens • Promotes Sustainable Living (Vegetable Patch) • Washing Machine • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Microwave • Coffee Machine • Hairdryer • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • TV • Wine Cellar • Outdoor Games • Table Football • Pool/Snooker • Heating • High Chair(s) • Fenced Grounds • Parking Space • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interior (800m2 over two floors)

Ground Floor

- Living room with sofas, desk fireplace and TV
- Sitting room with bookshelves and TV
- Dining room with table seating 12
- Fully-fitted kitchen with breakfast bar, oven, hob, fridge freezer, dishwasher, microwave, blender, toaster, kettle and coffee machine
- Games room with seating area, pool table and football table
- Wine cellar
- Well-equipped gym
- Bedroom with king-sized double bed, seating area and en-suite bathroom with bath, double sink and WC
- 3 x bedroom with king-sized double bed and en-suite bathroom with shower, sink and WC
- Bedroom with two twin beds or a double-sized bed and en-suite bathroom with shower, sink and WC
- Guest WC

Annexe

- 2 x bedroom with king-sized double bed and en-suite bathroom with shower, sink and WC

Outside Grounds (20,000m2)

- Private heated swimming pool, with safety cover (12m x 6m, 1-3m deep) open approximately start of April- end of October
- Two hectares of private grounds, olive groves and vineyards
- Covered dining pergola
- Al-fresco dining terrace
- Wraparound terrace with outdoor sofas
- Sun loungers and deck chairs
- Barbecue
- Pizza oven
- Parking

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning
- Underfloor heating
- Home office
- TVs
- Sound system
- Film projector
- Iron and ironing board
- Gym equipment
- Pool table
- Football table
- Board games and toys

Extra Sustainability Gems About the Property



The owners have installed solar panels and a wood pellet burner for hot water, as well as their own fresh water well (natural and treated) which they encourage guests to use as opposed to buying plastic bottles of water.

Location & Local Information

Villa Gaiole looks out over the verdant green hills of Chianti in Tuscany. On your doorstep here you have access to some of Italy's most beautiful countryside, scenic walks, medieval villages and family-run vineyards, this is the most amazing place to stay for a holiday, where you can get to know the heart of Italy at your own pace.

This historic villa is a delightful choice for those who love getting out in nature. Just paces from the house, you will find yourself in centuries-old vineyards, olive groves and tranquil walking trails. Without travelling far, you can immerse yourself in the local culture by visiting farms for olive oil sampling or wineries for tours and wine tastings. When you wish to dine out or pick up some groceries, you will have countless idyllic villages and towns to choose from nearby.

One of the closest villages to the house is Gaiole in Chianti which is 5km away. This lovely village has been named as one of the best places to live in Europe, so you should definitely pay it a visit. The area around the village is beautiful and is filled with historic buildings including a staggering five castles! Some of these are now used as wineries, while others are open to the public for tours. The village is also known for its fantastic cycling routes and its ancient ceramics industry. You can also reach Lecchi in Chianti which is 6km away and is a quaint village with a few shops, cafes and traditional Italian eateries.

A bigger town with a wider array of restaurants, shops and cafes is Radda in Chianti which is 12km away. The town has a long, rich history and was once the headquarters for a group called the Chianti League which was a military group which protected the area from neighbouring Siena in the 15th century. The labyrinth of medieval streets are a lovely place to stroll around for the afternoon and you can stop off at attractions such as the Palazzo dei Podestà and the Church of San Niccolò.

If you are interested in art and history, then make sure to spend a day visiting the enchanting city of Siena which is just 28km away from the house. The city is small in size but absolutely packed with incredible galleries, museums and atmospheric town squares. Some of the key sights include the Duomo di Siena and the Palazzo Pubblico which is the town hall. You could easily spend your time here just doing some shopping and enjoying a bit of the local café culture.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Florence or Pisa or Bologna or Perugia (51-60 km)
Nearest Village	Gaiole in Chianti
Nearest Town/City	Siena (28 km)
Nearest Restaurant	Lots within 5-7 mins drive



Nearest Bar/Pub	In the nearby Radda in Chianti
Nearest Beach	2 hours away (Over 100 km)
Nearest Golf	1.5 hours away (71-80 km)

What we love

- With 360-degree views over Chianti's rolling countryside, Villa Gaoile is the perfect base for exploring Tuscany's beauty
- This stunning home is the ideal blend of old and new, as the 400-year-old property has been fully renovated throughout, using the finest materials
- While staying here, you can visit charming villages and local farms on your doorstep or drive to some of Tuscany's most amazing cities nearby
- Ideal location for families, offering plenty of child-friendly facilities, including the pool with remote-controlled child safety cover.

What you should know...

- The inviting pool is heated for free during cooler months, there is a charge for heating it in the warmer months.
- Guests can book extra services and experiences when staying here, such as truffle hunting walks, yoga classes, a private chef, catering packages, pizza making and photography courses
- As the home is set in Chianti's rolling farmland, you will need a car in order to explore the nearby villages and towns
- You should be aware that two of the bedrooms are located in a separate annexe within the grounds.
- The pool is not fenced, so children should be supervised when outdoors.
- Quiet and non-intrusive caretaker/owner lives on-site and will be very happy to help.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** An Accidental Damage Waiver of EUR 175 will be added to each booking to protect guests for up to EUR 2,500 in accidental damages at the villa. The waiver provides a limited damage cover in case of any damage to the property or its contents (except in the case of deliberate or reckless acts) up to the value of €2,500. It is essential to report any damage during your stay for the waiver to apply. For damages of a value which is above EUR 2,500 guests will be asked to pay based upon the value of the damage caused.

- **Arrival time:** 4.00 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.

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, with mid-week linen change for one-week stays.

- **Pets welcome?:** Pets are not allowed.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Please note home security devices may be installed at the villa, please enquire for further information.
 Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner or their property manager.
 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 the use of any external caterers and/or contractors is not permitted.

- **Changeover day:** Flexible.

- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Included only for one-week stays. 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 mid-June to mid-August. 4 nights between January to April and October to December. 5 nights in all other periods.

- **Heating costs included?:** Estimated cost will be provided based on the week booked. Please enquire for exact amount, payable locally.

- **Pool heating charge?:** Included in peak months, and at an extra cost for the low season (October to April), payable locally. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.

- **Tax:** Italian Visitors Tax payable locally in cash (typically costs €1-€5 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).

- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open approximately April to end-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.

- **Property Licence Number:** CIR: 052013CAV0037 CIN: IT052013B4ARQLP4UZ