Villa Bernardone

Region: Tuscany **Sleeps:** 14

Overview

Surrounded by olive groves and lush areas of forest, Villa Bernardone is a place to come and appreciate the slower pace of life in the Tuscan countryside. The green hills and valleys of Chianti wine country are all around, with the villa's large gardens bordering unspoilt landscapes.

Dating back to the early 1800s, Villa Bernardone started life as a humble farmhouse. A loving renovation transformed it into a holiday home full of original features as well as modern facilities. Between the villa and the separate annexe, Villa Bernardone can sleep up to 12 adults and 2 children. This makes it ideal for groups of families or friends wanting a tranquil Tuscan escape.

Four of the five bedrooms within the main villa are en-suite and elegantly furnished with antique pieces and beautiful tiled floors. The fifth bedroom on the top floor features a double bed and adjoining attic bedroom, with sloping ceiling, with two single beds that can accommodate two children. This twin bedroom may be an ideal arrangement for those with younger children.

The ground floor features a series of relaxed spaces in which to take the weight off your feet, socialise and enjoy cosy dinners. Each room boasts an abundance of traditional features, whether that's the brick ceilings, terracotta-tiled floors, exposed stone walls or grand fireplaces. The sense of history is palpable as you move from one room to another, with the TV room being a contemporary bonus.

There's a mix of the modern and the historic in the annexe too, which can accommodate up to four extra guests with its two double beds and every convenient facility. The annexe also has its own dining terrace with views over the gardens.

The main al-fresco dining area is found within the extensive gardens also. You're sure to be spending lots of time here, with both seating and dining areas, as well as a wood-burning oven to cook delicious meals. A stroll through the lawned and leafy gardens will reveal a large swimming pool – perfect for cooling off on hot days.

Villa Bernardone sits within the rural landscapes of the Chianti wine region, which means wineries and historic towns are all around. And just on the doorstep is a typically laid-back Tuscan village.

Drive to nearby towns such as San Gimignano and Gambassi Terme to do some sightseeing, treat yourself to meals out and soak up centuries of history. San Gimignano is also a great starting point for hiking along country trails. Iconic Florence, Siena and Pisa can all be reached in around an hour by car, as can the coast and its sandy beaches.









Facilities

Walking/Hiking Paths • <1hr to Airport • Air-Con • Recommended • Wine Tasting • Private Pool • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Historical Sites • Ideal for Kids • EV Charger • Has Offer • Ideal for Teens • Cots (Cribs) • Has Discount • Special Offer • Maid Service Available • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Table Tennis • Satellite TV • Heating • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds









Main Villa Interiors

Sleeps up to 8 adults and 2 children (as the two single beds on the top floor are best suited for children).

Ground Floor (split-level)

- Open-plan living/dining room with sofa, armchairs, open fireplace, dining table seating up to 14 guests
- Reading room with sofas, satellite TV, fireplace, table and doors to terrace
- Kitchen with hob, oven, fridge, dishwasher, American coffee machine, Lavazza coffee machine, toaster, kettle, mixer, microwave and door to terrace
- Bathroom with shower and bathtub
- Laundry room with washing machine, drying rack, iron and ironing board

First Floor

- Bedroom with double bed, en-suite bathroom with shower
- Bedroom with double bed, en-suite bathroom with shower
- Bedroom with double bed, en-suite bathroom with shower
- Bedroom with two single beds, en-suite bathroom with shower

Second Floor

- Bedroom with two single beds (adjoins the double bedroom) that are best suited for children

Annexe Interiors

Sleeps up to four adults across the ground floor double bedroom and open mezzanine bedroom.

Ground Floor

- Open-plan living/dining space with sofa, armchairs, flat screen TV
- Open-plan kitchen with hob, oven, American coffee machine, dining table for four people, doors to covered terrace with table for four people
- Bedroom with double bed (room has disabled access)
- Bathroom with shower

Mezzanine Level (open-plan)

- Bedroom with double bed (140cm), doors to balcony

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (12m x 6m). Open approximately end-April to mid-October
- Covered terrace with dining table for up to 14 guests, sofa, seating
- Barbecue, small fridge and pizza oven
- Garden with lawn, trees, plants
- Terrace with seating
- Sun loungers, deckchairs, umbrellas
- Parking

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Reversible air conditioning
- Heating
- Hairdryers
- Alarm system
- Children's games and toys
- Electric car charger (220V)
- Table Tennis

Location & Local Information

Villa Bernardone occupies a tranquil position close to a small village within the Tuscan countryside and at the heart of Chianti wine territory. Wineries dot the area around the villa, with chances to take tours round rambling vineyards and sample delicious local wine. The closest is just a five-minute walk away. And less than a 10-minute drive from Villa Bernardone is a larger village with restaurants, shops for groceries and a post office.

Gambassi Terme is an ancient town that takes its name from the natural hot springs in the area. You can enjoy pampering treatments at spas, as well as historic sightseeing. One of the town's most beautiful buildings is the Church of Santa Maria Assunta. There's also a large park that's perfect for taking a break, as it's home to a children's playground and cafes selling drinks and snacks.

Another historic town to visit is San Gimignano, with the drive there taking around 30 minutes. Its most striking feature is the 13th-century walls that encircle the town, with an atmospheric old town to stroll around. San Gimignano is also a great place to begin hikes through the scenic surrounding countryside.

Florence is just an hour away, with the city being a must-visit for art and history lovers. It's where you can see Michelangelo's David in the Accademia Gallery and view a wealth of Renaissance art in the Uffizi Gallery.

Also offering plenty of art, history and culture are the cities of Siena and Pisa. And for a day out by the sea, head to Marina di Pisa with its sandy beach and family-friendly facilities.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Florence (50km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Pisa (65km)**
Nearest Bar/Pub	**Castelfiorentino (5km)**
Nearest City	**Florence (50km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**(1.5km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Sant'Agostino (3km)**
Nearest Town	**Gambassi Terme (5km)**









What we love

- This characterful villa offers total tranquillity in the heart of the Tuscan countryside
- All Bedrooms en-suite
- Enjoy al-fresco meals on the charming covered terrace with wood-burning stove
- The gardens feature a swimming pool for refreshing dips on hot days
- The annexe offers extra accommodation for a separate group
- Just an hour's drive away is the famous city of Florence

What you should know...

- Villa Bernardone can sleep up to 12 adults + 2 children across the main villa and annexe and is perfect for groups holidaying together. Please refer to the "Features" tab for full details of the layout of the property.
- There are some internal stairs on the ground floor of the villa.
- The top floors of both the villa and annexe have low, sloping ceilings and best suited for children.
- For larger parties it is possible to rent neighbouring property, Leccio Del Corno (https://www.oliverstravels.com/italy/tuscany/san-gimignano/leccio-del-corno/) (sleeps 10) - please follow links for more information.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €500 (€600 in 2027), 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. 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/heating payable locally upon consumption.

- **> If not included, what are they?:** Air conditioning/heating is included up to 10 kWh per day

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

- **Pets welcome?:** No.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Please note that the use of any external caterers and/or contractors must be requested, entirely at the owner's discretion. Please note that any extra guest visiting the property or staying overnight must be requested, entirely at the owner's discretion. Electric car charging point (extra cost) Please note home security devices may be installed at the villa, please enquire for further information.

- **Changeover day:** Flexible and Saturday depending on season.

- **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:** Cots and highchairs are available free of charge on request and subject to availability.

- **Other 3:** The attic twin bedroom is best suited for children. Please refer to the "Features" tab and enquire for full details.

- **Minimum stay:** 5, 6 and 7 nights depending on season.

- **Heating costs included?:** No. Extra €1,70 per cubic metre, 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. Additional pool towels available on request, €5 per piece.

- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open year round. 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.