Villa Barbera

Region: Piedmont **Sleeps:** 10

Overview

Experience endless vineyard views from this wonderful home set in a Barolo producing wine estate in the glorious Langhe hills of Piedmont.

Named after one of Piedmont's famous red grape varieties, Villa Barbera offers old-fashioned romance and true character in spectacular surroundings. It can be found at the far end of a picturesque *borgo* featuring three other houses and a heated swimming pool, backing on to the handsome vines.

The owners have filled this abode with beautiful furnishings giving Villa Barbera an old-fashioned yet elegant vibe. There's a great sense of charm with a fireplace in one of the two living areas, traditional wood beams and other pretty touches such as the antique mirror and roll-top bath in one of the bathrooms, not to mention the balconies and terraces that make the most of the far-reaching vistas. Of course, all four of the villas feature state-of-the-art appliances such as the grand temperature-controlled wine fridge, a Sonos music system and a superbly equipped professional kitchen.

Sense the aromas of rosemary and thyme in the little garden as you relax with a glass of the estate's award-winning wine before dining al-fresco on the gorgeous terrace, perhaps lit by candlelight on warm summer evenings. A chef can be arranged to serve you delectable cuisine to savour such as tajarin pasta, white truffles and Piemontese beef, of course paired with excellent wines.

As well as swimming in the heated shared pool or sunbathing on the poolside terraces, you can wander through the estate's vines and hazelnut groves to marvel at yet more stunning scenery. The *borgo's* concierge can organise a wealth of tailor-made activities such as









personalised winery visits, cookery classes, truffle-hunting expeditions or hikes through the region's vineyards with the most delicious picnic.

Dine in some of the lovely restaurants close by whether it's a traditional *osteria* within walking distance or a Michelin starred establishment near Alba, a gastronomic paradise and just 9km away. Take time to visit Farmer's markets in local medieval villages and towns and admire hilltop *castelli*, all with the backdrop of the rolling Langhe hills.

More than anything, go along with the slow pace of life and relaxed ambience whilst enjoying some of the country's finest wines and authentic cuisine in this lesser known yet totally captivating part of northern Italy.

Facilities

Golf Nearby • Ideal for Kids • Romantic • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Walk to Village • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Horse Riding • Air-Con • Historical Sites • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Weddings • Catering Available • Special Offer • Ideal for Teens • Has Discount • Has Offer • Chef/Cook Available • Cots (Cribs) • Pets on Request • Heated Pool • Shared Pool • Walk to Restaurant • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Hairdryer • Tourist Towns & Villages • Table Tennis • Bicycles Provided • Dishwasher • Satellite TV • Heating • Cooking Classes Available • Wine-Tasting Available • Transfers Available • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Baby bath • Changing mat • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interiors (200m2, 7 guests)

Two extra guests may sleep on a sofa-bed, on request and subject to a possible supplement.

Main Floor (via steps from garden)

- Living room with fireplace and dining area with table (for up to 14 guests)
- Kitchen, professionally-equipped including dishwasher, gas range stove, grill, oven, mixer, kettle, toaster, coffee makers and breakfast table (for up to 8 guests)
- Master bedroom with king-size double bed
- Bedroom with queen-size bed
- Bathroom with shower and WC
- Laundry facilities

First Floor

- Living area with sofa-bed
- Master bedroom with double bed, sofabed and en-suite bathroom with bathtub and shower
- 2 x bedrooms with king-size double bed
- Bathroom with bathtub

Lower Floor

- Garage

Villa's Outside Grounds

- Terrace with al-fresco dining table
- Outdoor kitchen and grill
- Herb garden

Outside Grounds (for use by all villas)

- Shared heated swimming pool with Jacuzzi corner (16x8m, depth: 1.2-2m). Open approximately March to end-November.
- Ping-pong table
- Electric bikes
- Access to electric car charging station
- Parking

Facilities (in the villa)

- Wi-Fi
- Fireplace
- Air-conditioning
- Sonos sound system
- Temperature controlled wine cabinet
- Security system
- Washing machine and iron









Location & Local Information

Villa Barbera is part of a beautiful wine estate, one of four villas in a *borgo* set amongst vineyards in the heart of the Piedmont region, just 9km from the idyllic town of Alba.

You can take walks through the estate's Barolo producing vineyards and hazelnut groves, reaching an altitude of 300m where you can gaze at yet more glorious landscapes of the Langhe hills. It's no surprise that this area has recently acquired UNESCO World Heritage status. This wine estate is one of four owned by the winery, which is around a 45-minute drive away and well worth a visit for wine connoisseurs.

The nearest village with a small handful of restaurants and wineries is 2km away – if you don't mind the hills you can walk there in under half an hour. Another village, around 5km by car, is home to further amenities such as a grocery store and pharmacy. Many of the local villages and towns also host wonderful Farmer's markets, a great way to pick up fresh fruit and vegetables as well as regional cheeses and meats. Look out for markets in La Morra (6km), Gallo (6km), Alba (9km) and Bra (11km).

Most of the visitors to the Piedmont are drawn to the many wine-tasting opportunities – this wine region produces the largest number of DOCG wines, the best quality you can get according to Italian law. The *borgo's* concierge can help arrange vineyard and winery visits for you, especially as many of the traditional wineries require appointments (with plenty of advance notice at certain times of year such as October). As well as sampling the Barolo and Barbaresco labels of the Langhe hills, also look out for many excellent wine-makers in the Roero and Monferrato wine regions.

Another great highlight of Piedmont is the food – this is where slow-cooking originated from so take your time over delicious meals whether dining in traditional osterie or upmarket Michelin starred restaurants. Some of the cuisine you are likely to see on the menu includes Piemontese beef, tajarin pasta, home-made agnolotti,









hazelnut based desserts and the most famous speciality of all, white truffles from Alba. Indeed, Alba is known to be the centre of gastronomy in this area and truffle-hunting can be arranged in the autumnal months.

When not making the most of the food and wine, take time to get to know this relaxed and beautiful area. Visit medieval villages, many with historic castles, cycle through the countryside, follow walking trails through the vineyards or spend rainy days visiting museums in local towns.

For a complete change of scene, spend the day in Turin (69km), the first capital of Italy and nowadays a city that has been transformed in many ways since hosting the 2006 Winter Olympics. Admire its historic sights and riverfront setting or get a feel of its vibrant cultural scene, not to mention yet more opportunities for excellent food and wine.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Turin Airport (90km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Genoa Airport (145km)**
Nearest Airport 3	**Milan Malpensa (185km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Alba (9km)**
Nearest Village	**(2km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**In the local village (2km)**
Nearest Bar/Pub	**In the local village (2km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Grocery store (5km)**
Nearest Town	**Alba (9km)**

Nearest City	**Turin (69km)**
Nearest Beach	**Savona (113km)**
Nearest Tennis	**Tennis Club Alba (12km)**
Nearest Golf	**Golf Club Cherasco (12km)**

What we love

- Be mesmerised by the views of the UNESCO World Heritage landscapes of the Piedmont wine region
- Expect stunning interiors alongside state-of-the art features
- The owner's prestigious winery produces Barolo wine from the surrounding vineyards
- Tailor made services can be arranged from private chefs and vineyard picnics to personalised wine itineraries and truffle hunting
- It's just 9km to Alba, a beautiful town famed for its white truffles

What you should know...

- Villa Barbera is part of a beautiful *borgo* with four villas sharing a swimming pool - the other three homes are Villa Nebbiolo (https://www.oliverstravels.com/italy/piedmont/villa-nebbiolo/), Villa Barbaresco (https://www.oliverstravels.com/italy/piedmont/villa-barbaresco/) and Villa Dolcetto. (https://www.oliverstravels.com/italy/piedmont/villa-dolcetto/)
- For larger groups or weddings, all four villas can be booked together - see Borgo Barolo. (https://www.oliverstravels.com/italy/piedmont/borgo-barolo/)
- Two extra guests may sleep on a sofa-bed, on request and subject to a possible supplement.
- If visiting in October or November, make sure you book any truffle-hunting activities or vineyard visits well in advance.
- The pool is not fenced, so children should be supervised when outdoors.

- 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.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1000 paid via bank transfer to the owner (or charged to client's credit card by the owner) one month before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.

- **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.

- **Pets welcome?:** Small well-behaved pets may be accepted on request only and with prior agreement with the owner.

- **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, high chair, baby bath and changing table are available upon request.
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- **Changeover day:** Flexible.

- **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.

- **Minimum stay:** 3 nights. Bookings for 1-2 night may be possible on request - please enquire.

- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.

- **Pool heating charge?:** No. 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-€3 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 March to end-November. 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.