Casale Eleganza

Region: Tuscany **Sleeps:** 10

Overview

Welcome to this luxury country retreat, a beautifully appointed farmhouse with a wonderful terrace and private pool looking out to quintessential Tuscan landscapes, just a short drive from San Gimignano.

Set amidst a 15 hectare organic vineyard and olive estate, guests can enjoy dreamy vistas from the tranquil swimming pool. The gardens are a joy with romantic wisteria draping over the arched windows, terracotta pots filled with bright geraniums and a terrace which is atmospherically lit up at night for al-fresco dining on warm Italian evenings.

The original architecture remains true to its 16th century heritage, embodying the spirit of Tuscany whilst perfectly balancing tradition and modernity. Antique handmade cotto floors, thick stone walls and high domed cotto and beamed ceilings keep Casale Eleganza beautifully cool during the radiant heat of the Italian summer.

The spacious rooms are decorated in muted, neutral tones with high-quality furnishing, harmoniously sharing the space with vintage and antique pieces which respect the history of the villa. The main house is set over two floors, four of the five en suite bedrooms are located on the first floor of the main house, the fifth is in the cottage. With a choice of double and twin bedrooms, the sleeping arrangements are ideal for multi-generational family stays. The luminous ground floor living space spills out to terraces and gardens beyond. Comprising two sitting rooms - one with a piano and one with a Smart TV, a dining room with seating for 10 guests and original ancient Tuscan fireplace, a fully fitted kitchen, a guest bathroom and laundry room.

There are hiking paths straight from your door and beyond, even as far as San Gimignano for the keenest of walkers or hop in the car and reach the idyllic medieval village, famous for its many towers, in just a few minutes. Soak up the enchanting ambience as you wander around the narrow lanes filled with pretty shops, atmospheric cafes and excellent restaurants.

Ride horses through Tuscan landscapes, potter around gorgeous hilltop villages and discover the undulating scenery via bike or even a hot air balloon. Siena and Florence are perfect for wonderful days out, as are trips to the Chianti vineyards or historic towns such as Certaldo and Volterra – there are so many ways to immerse yourselves in this glorious part of central Tuscany.









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Facilities

Ideal for Kids • Romantic • Villa • Wellness • Cycling • Historical Sites • Horse Riding • Air-Con • Private Pool • Recommended • Wine Tasting • Walking/Hiking Paths • Cots (Cribs) • Chef/Cook Available • Ideal for Teens • Has Discount • Has Offer • Special Offer • Maid Service Available • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Parking Space • Country Estate • Wi-Fi/Internet • BBQ • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Hairdryer • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • DVD • Gym/Fitness Room • Tumble Dryer • Safety Deposit Box • Sauna/Steam • Heating • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Cooking Classes Available • Wine-Tasting Available • Board games • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Pool inflatables • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds









Main Villa Interiors

Ground Floor
- Living room with stone fireplace
- Dining room with table for up to 10 guests
- TV lounge with TV and stereo
- Kitchen, well-equipped including dishwasher, fridge-freezer, gas hobs, oven, microwave, toaster, coffee machine
- Laundry room
- WC

First Floor
- Bedroom with double bed, air-conditioning and en suite bathroom with shower
- Bedroom with double bed, air-conditioning and en suite bathroom with bath
- Bedroom with four-poster double bed, air-conditioning and en suite bathroom with bath
- Bedroom with twin beds, air-conditioning and en suite bathroom with shower

Separate Annexe

- Bedroom area with double bed, fireplace, air-conditioning and en suite bathroom with walk-in shower

Separate Cantina Building

- Spa area with Finnish sauna, relaxation area, bathroom and a shower
- Fitness area with Technogym equipment and yoga equipment

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (14x7m, depth: 1-2m). Open approximately May to end-September
- Outdoor kitchen with al-fresco dining area, barbecue, pizza oven
- Garden (partly terraced with steps)
- Vast estate (35 acres including working vineyards, olive groves, woodland)
- Parking

Additional Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning (bedrooms)
- Stereo
- Pool inflatables
- DVDs
- Board games
- Cot and highchair (on request)

Location & Local Information

In the heart of central Tuscany, a short drive from San Gimignano, Casale Eleganza is set in a 35-acre estate which features a working vineyard and olive grove as well as woodland.

It's a tranquil location, the last part reached via an unmade lane that winds through the stunning landscapes that surround the villa. It's around a 5km drive from San Gimignano, even closer if you choose to walk (around 3km over the hills, suitable for keen and fit walkers only).

San Gimignano is one of Tuscany's most loved villages, famous for its many towers and historic beauty. Whilst perusing the pretty shops and dining in some charming restaurants, make sure you try the local white wine, Vernaccia, which is produced in the village's surrounding vineyards.

Poggibonsi (14km) is a useful town to have nearby with its supermarkets and some excellent local restaurants. This is also where the nearest train station is, a great way of travelling to either Siena (25-minutes) or Florence (just over an hour by train). Alternatively, the Firenze-Siena autostrada is easily picked up near Poggibonsi, taking you to Florence in around an hour whilst Siena is about 45 minutes from the villa.

The Chianti hills are also within striking distance allowing you to visit some of the region's amazing wineries and picture-perfect villages. Start off in Castellina in Chianti (28km), then head to Greve and Radda to discover these enchanting villages and surrounding vineyards.

Volterra is another popular town to visit, about half an hour away, with its fascinating Etruscan history, medieval architecture and delightful narrow lanes to explore. It's a must for art-lovers who should spend some time admiring the work in the Pinacoteca e Museo Civico di Volterra.

Local Amenities









Nearest Airport	**Florence Airport (65km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Pisa Airport (80km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Poggibonsi San Gimignano (14km)**
Nearest Village	**San Gimignano (5km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**San Gimignano (5km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Nr San Gimignano (4km)**
Nearest Town	**Poggibonsi (14km)**
Nearest City	**Siena (42km)**
Nearest Golf	**Castelfalfi Golf Club (25km)**

What we love

- With antique furnishings, beautiful fabrics, gorgeous bathrooms and even a four-poster bed, there is Italian romance all around you.
- Dine al-fresco on the picture-perfect terrace, gazing out to the estate's vineyards, olive groves and woodland.
- It's just a short drive to San Gimignano, one of Tuscany's most loved villages (keen walkers can head there on foot).
- Visit the artistic cities of Siena and Florence or spend time exploring idyllic wine villages set in idyllic Tuscan countryside.

What you should know...

- The villa features four bedrooms in the main house and one bedroom in a separate guest-house style annexe.
- Air-conditioning is featured in the bedrooms, living room and fitness area only.
- Part of a working vineyard and olive grove, you can request to partake in the autumn harvest.
- The property has an exclusive private chef offering a tailored cooking experience, available on request and at an additional cost. Kindly note that the use of external caterers and/or contractors is not permitted.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1000 paid in cash to the owner upon arrival and refunded upon departure, subject to full inspection or charged to client's credit card by the owner as a pre-authorisation upon arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.

- **Arrival time:** 5.00 p.m. Check-in outside this time might 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?:** 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. 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. Please note home security devices are installed at the villa, please enquire for further information.

- **Changeover day:** Saturday. All other changeover days on request.

- **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?:** Not allowed.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights. All other durations on request.

- **Heating costs included?:** Extra cost based on consumption, 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. Please be advised that due to the rural location of the villa, the internet connection might be intermittent.

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

- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open approximately May to end-October. Early or extended opening is on request only and subject to a supplement, payable locally. 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.