

Palazzo di Varignana - Colombara

Region: Emilia-Romagna Sleeps: 12

Overview

Nestled in the dipping hills enveloping Emilia-Romagna's capital city Bologna, in northern-central Italy, Colombara belongs to a stunning cluster of properties located in a prestigious, elegant estate. The complex features an 18th-century villa, lovingly restored with its original charm as well as crumbling vineyards, orchards and botanical landscape designed by architect Antonio Perazzi.

The fantastic position makes Colombara superb for exploring some of the region's most popular cities as well as the sunny Adriatic coastline, while allowing guests to enjoy cutting-edge facilities within the estate.

The villa has been finished to the highest standards inside and out, set to resemble a charming old farmhouse with wooden floors, terracotta tiles and exposed roofs. On the ground floor, there's a modern kitchen connected to a dining room decorated with chandeliers, wallpapers, patterned curtains and classical paintings.

Each of the six bedrooms has its own character and boasts an en-suite bathroom. The villa's garden-facing windows offer cinematic views over the estate's swooningly romantic terrain, set to bring a sense of tranquillity to the mind and soul.

Step outside and relax in the shaded pergola while looking out at the Anfiteatro della Vigna below, full of pastoral pathways that look like they've been painted into the sea of green. This is arguably the best place to watch the lingering orange-slice sunset settle behind the hills with an aperitif that matches its warm hues. As the day begins to melt into the night, retreat to your private infinity pool with a heated tub to reach the complete state of zen.

The expansive estate hosts four restaurants serving traditional Italian fare, as well as a private spa offering relaxing massages, treatments, saunas and Turkish baths alongside heated outdoor pools. Sports enthusiasts can exercise in the modern gym, practice their swing at the training golf course or play tennis, squash and basketball.

Step into a realm of unparalleled well-being with this retreat-in-villa experience. Immerse yourself in exclusive Health & Wellness Retreats, crafted around a transformative philosophy. Have a 3 to 7 night retreat, to enjoy a holistic journey to unlock your fullest psycho-physical potential. Revel in the unique fusion of diverse goals under a unified scientific approach, making your time at the villa an exquisite journey of indulgence and transformation.

Luckily, the villa's superior position makes it easy to plan trips to cities such as Florence, Pisa and even Venice, or spend the day soaking up the sunshine on the Adriatic Coast – Marina di Ravenna, Cesenatico and Rimini are all approximately an hour's drive away.



Facilities

Fishing • Ideal for Kids • Walking/Hiking Paths • Horse Riding • Historical Sites • Tennis Nearby • Private Pool • Cycling • Wine Tasting • Recommended • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Wellness • Onsite Restaurants • Excursions Available • Chef/Cook Available • Dry Hire Option • Marquee Hire Permitted • Has Discount • Special Offer • Ideal for Teens • Cots (Cribs) • Pets on Request • Outdoor Ceremony • <1hr to Airport • Walk to Restaurant • Wi-Fi/Internet • Allow Fireworks • Indoor Reception Available • Outstanding Landscapes • Hairdryer • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Safety Deposit Box • Heating • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Spa Treatments Available • Transfers Available • On-Site Concierge • Butler Available • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • High Chair(s) • Fenced Grounds

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interior (350m2)

Ground Floor

- Kitchen with fridge, freezer, oven, hob, kettle (upon request), toaster, washing -machine
- Dining area with a large table and chairs leading to an open-plan living room
- Living room and entrance hall
- Separate living room
- Bedroom with a king-size bed and en-suite bathroom
- 3 x bathrooms
- Laundry room

First Floor

- 4 x bedrooms with double beds and en-suite bathrooms
- Bedroom double bed, en-suite bathroom and balcony
- Bedroom with double bed, private living room and en-suite bathroom

Outside Grounds (1300m2)

- Private infinity pool (6m x 11.5m, depth: 1.4m). Open approximately May to September
- Garden with grassy lawns and cypress trees
- Al-fresco dining area with pergola, table and chairs
- Sun-loungers and umbrellas
- Parking

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning
- TV
- Iron and ironing board (upon request)
- Elevator



Location & Local Information

Thanks to its central location close to the region's most picturesque cities, Colombara is the ideal base for exploring the culturally rich Emilia-Romagna. On days when you don't feel like venturing far, the pristine estate provides a plethora of opportunities ranging from spa treatments and unique experiences to private picnics and dinners in its lush botanical backdrop.

Rent bikes to discover the neighbouring backwaters and admire the finely manicured gardens, immersed in the splendid scenery of the Bolognese countryside. Created by landscape architect Antonio Perazzi, it's full of low walls, terraces, fountains, as well as a collection of 76 species of oak trees. The garden is a part of the amazing Italian network Great Italian Gardens, so visiting is highly recommended.

After a walk in the wholesome surroundings, jump in a golf cart and head to one of the four on-site restaurants to enjoy a meal or drive for 5 minutes to reach the closest village. Here you can find a supermarket, local amenities and a couple of family-run restaurants and delis too. The immediate area is well known for its thermal baths, and Castel San Pietro Terme is located a 10-minute drive away boasts a popular spa facility with healing pools with waters springing from the Fegatella Spring, as well as an 18-hole golf course.

The city of Bologna is only a 30-minute drive away, perfect for soaking up Italian culture. Its skyline bristles with mediaeval towers, while the pavement is lined with museums, galleries, as well as traditional trattorias where you can truly savour what Italy is most famous for.

Alternatively, both Florence and Venice can be reached in two hours by car. Each of these beautiful cities are every romantic soul's dream, so overnight stays for couples and newly-weds are highly encouraged.

Just over 20 minutes' drive away, the mediaeval village of Dozza belongs to one of the most beautiful villages in Italy and boasts an ancient Sforza fortress alongside artistic murals decorating the city.

The turquoise waters of the Adriatic Sea are only an hour's drive away. Whether you choose Rimini, Marina di Ravenna or Cesenatico, you'll be spoiled for choice when it comes to finding the best sunny spot.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Bologna Airport (29km)
Nearest Airport 2	Florence Airport (124km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	On the estate (Less than 1km)
Nearest Beach	Ravenna (74km)



Nearest Golf	(Within the resort)
Nearest Restaurant	On the estate (Less than 1km)
Nearest Supermarket	Osteria Grande (5km)
Nearest Tennis	On the estate (Less than 1km)
Nearest Town/City	Bologna (19km)
Nearest Train Station	Bologna (large station) (25km)
Nearest Village	Osteria Grande (5km)

What we love

- The villa is situated within a sprawling private estate filled with olive groves, vineyards and stunning collection of oak trees
- The indoor lift helps all guests access the first floor easily
- Wine tasting and olive oil making experiences that can be booked at the estate's reception offer an exceptional opportunity to learn about the region
- The region's notable thermal baths and spa treatments can be found in the town of Castel San Pietro Terme, only a 10-minute drive away
- Romantic souls and equally enthusiastic history lovers will appreciate that Florence and Venice are both only 2-hours drive away

What you should know...

- Please note that the use of any of the resort facilities e.g. restaurants, spa and sporting activities is at an extra cost, payable locally.
- Prices are on request during the F1 Gran Prix, please enquire for a quote.
- Please note that small children shouldn't be left unsupervised around the lift.
- For larger parties it is possible to rent sister properties Amagioia (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/italy/emilia-romagna/Palazzo-di-Varignana---Amagioia/>) (sleeps 11), Rio Rosso (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/italy/emilia-romagna/Palazzo-di-Varignana---Rio-Rosso/>) (sleeps 8), Tamburina (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/italy/emilia-romagna/Palazzo-di-Varignana---Tamburina/>) (sleeps 10), Pergola (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/italy/emilia-romagna/Palazzo-di-Varignana---Pergola/>) (sleeps 10-12) or Villa Santa Maria Maddalena 1366 (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/italy/emilia-romagna/Palazzo-di-Varignana---Villa-Santa-Maria-Maddalena-1366/>) (sleeps 10) on the same estate - please follow links for more information.
- Hiring a car is highly recommended to best appreciate the fantastic activities the villa's surroundings have to offer.
- 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:** €900 in cash or charged to client's credit card by the owner upon arrival and refunded up to two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 3.00 p.m.
- **Departure time:** 11.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pets welcome?:** Small to medium sized pets on request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, a pet supplement of €30 per pet per day will apply (payable locally).
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Highchair and cot are available on request. 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 that the use of any of the resort facilities e.g. restaurants, spa and sporting activities is at an extra cost, payable locally. Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges.
- **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.
- **Other Cleaning:** Daily room changing included.
- **Smoking Allowed?:** Outside only.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights during July and August. 1 to 4 nights during all other periods. Please enquire for more details.
- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.
- **Tax:** Italian Visitors Tax payable locally in cash (typically costs €1-€5 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- **Internet access?:** Wi-Fi internet access included.
- **Pool towels included?:** Yes, and replaced daily.
- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open from approximately May to September. 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.