

Apartment Maria

Region: Florence Sleeps: 10

Overview

Words alone cannot do justice to how simply stunning a stay at the luxury Apartment Maria will be. This incredible property needs to be seen to be believed, located in the original marble grandeur of a restored historic building in the heart of Renaissance Florence, with every must-see iconic sight only a short walk away. Apartment Maria is exquisitely arranged over two floors, with five spacious ensuite double bedrooms, that can comfortably accommodate up to ten guests in some style, ideal for a large family or group of friends' travelling together. The piece de resistance of this property is the spectacular alfresco terrace with panoramic views over the rooftops of this medieval city.

An internal elevator gives access to Apartment Maria, which comes complete with complimentary Wi-Fi and air conditioning throughout the apartment has been beautifully decorated using only the very best materials, state of the art technology, cool marble, and fine furnishings. The original bricks and pillars have been cleverly restored to their former glory, to create large light and airy rooms, furnished in a contemporary style, and decorated with a sophisticated palette of subdued shades of grey, rich deep browns, and contrasting creamy ivory.

Walk through stately marble columned hallways, decorated with statues of Roman gods, then enter Apartment Maria at the first-floor level. Here you will find a magnificent wood timbered ceiling, home to a large light and airy, living space, liberally decorated with some serious modern art. In the seating area six funky fabric armchairs, fabulous stuffed pouffes, and a coffee table, face a wood burning fireplace. The adjacent designer dining set and sideboard is a superb spot for some impressive indoor entertaining. A wooden workstation has everything you will need to plan your day and book tours.



A separate open concept stainless steel and white kitchen is fully equipped with the latest gadgets to cook up a storm during your stay. On the same level are four beautifully appointed ensuite double bedrooms, all uniquely designed, and furnished with modern four poster wooden beds. The master suite has a king size bed, and an ensuite marble bathroom with a Turkish bath, a walk-in shower, and access to the terrace. The second suite has a king size bed with an ensuite marble bathroom with bath tub and shower, a sitting room with a fifty inch flat screen television, and access to the terrace. The third bedroom is a very stylish twin room with two single four poster beds, and the fourth has a king size bed, both have ensuite shower rooms.

Take the stairs to the second level where there is a further king size bedroom tucked under the spacious eaves with a centrepiece reclining bed, and an ensuite marble shower room. The second floor features the superlative fully furnished terrace, which is home to a large outdoor dining table, ideal for some alfresco entertaining under a Tuscan Tiepolo blue sky.

Facilities

Air-Con • Wine Tasting • City Homes & Apartments • Historical Sites • Walking/Hiking Paths • Walk to Village • Ideal for Kids • Chef/Cook Available • Special Offer • Has Discount • Ideal for Teens • Cots (Cribs) • Maid Service Available • All Bedrooms En-Suite • <1hr to Airport • Walk to Restaurant • Wi-Fi/Internet • Easy By Train • Washing Machine • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Hairdryer • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Dishwasher • Heating • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

The Apartment

First Level

- Living room
- Open concept stainless steel professionally equipped kitchen
- Master suite with a king size bed and a en-suite bathroom with a walk in shower and Turkish bath
- King bedroom with a en-suite bathroom with bathtub and wall mounted shower head, and mezzanine with sitting room with sofa
- Twin bedroom with en-suite bathroom with shower
- King bedroom with en-suite bathroom with shower

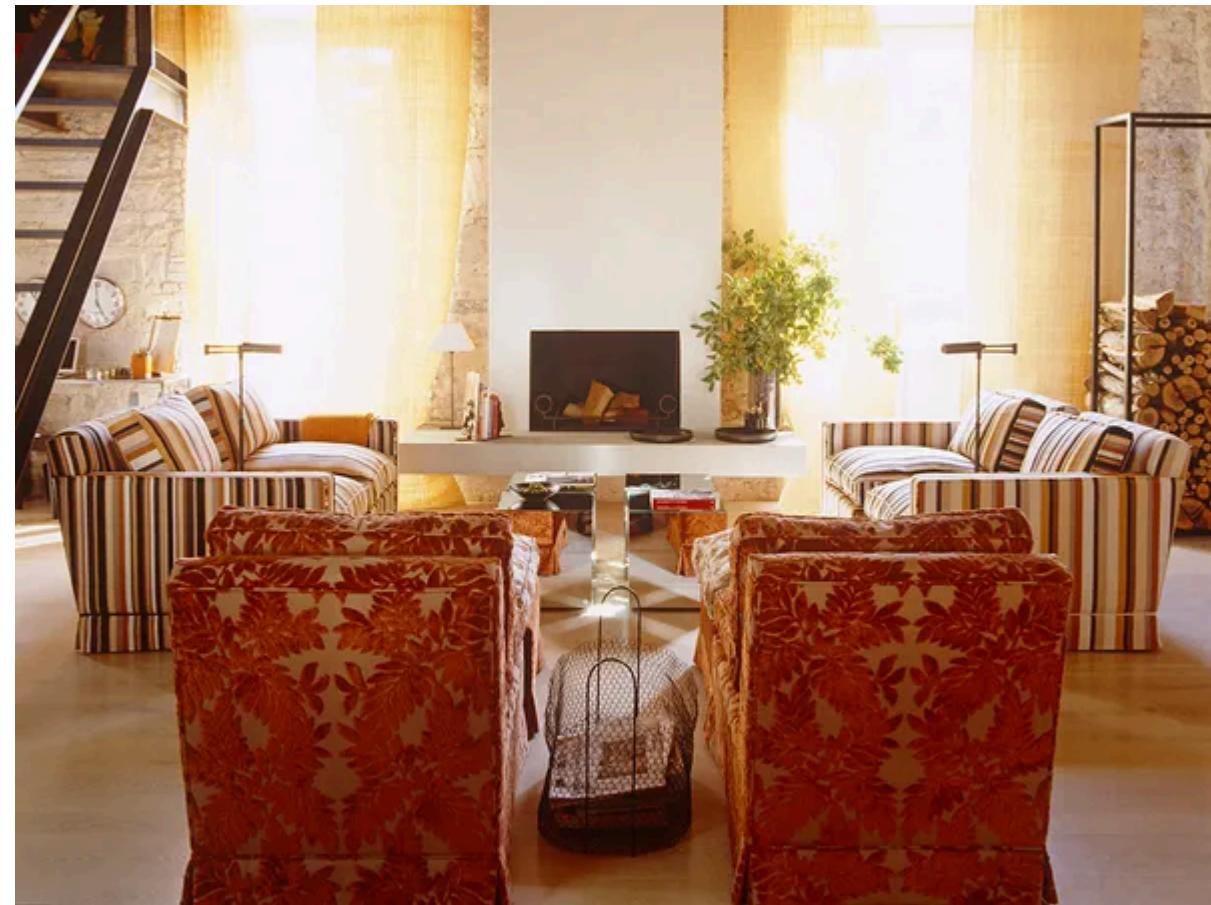


Second Level

- King bedroom with en-suite marble bathroom with shower
- Terrace with a large outdoor dining table

Additional Facilities

- Air conditioning
- Heating
- Wi-Fi
- TV
- Stereo
- Hairdryers
- Elevator
- Dishwasher
- Cot and highchair on request



Location & Local Information

Apartment Maria is ideally located in the heart of the historical medieval city of Florence, the capital of the regional area of Tuscany, in north-west Italy.

The international airport of Peretola Florence is only ten kilometres away, a short thirty-minute drive by taxi, or there is now a direct bus and tram into the city centre. The villa is situated in a prime spot, perfect for exploring this Renaissance city, now declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. All the major iconic sights are within walking distance of the villa, and as you stroll along those well-worn stone pavements, take time to absorb the atmosphere and history that is embedded in those fourteenth century walls.

Don't miss a visit to the nearby Uffizi Gallery, home to one of the world's best Renaissance art collections, housing the superb sixteenth century old masters, in an original building, designed by Vasari. Book in advance a tour of the Vasari corridor, where the original art works were hidden during the occupation in the world wars. Make your way to the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, where you can admire the ornate icons, and walk Brunelleschi's dome, Don't forget to look at in detail the doors of the San Giovanni Baptistry. See Michelangelo's David at the Academia, before visiting the church of Santa Croce to wonder at the restored Cimabue's crucifix.

After all that culture, sit down in one of the cafes in the Piazza dell Repubblica, before shopping for handmade leather goods in San Lorenzo market. If all that walking has tired you out, hop on a Vespa Tour and take a trip around the city. For the fashionistas the recently opened Gucci, and Salvatore Ferragamo Museums are a must-see. For those who prefer smells to bells, then a visit to the convent of Santa Maria Novella for their handmade soaps or partaking in a perfume masterclass, is on the cards. Cross the River Arno via the Ponte Vecchio, and stop to bargain for handcrafted goods at the local stalls.

Take a walk to the magnificent Pitti Palace, rich with



paintings by Raphael, Rubens, and Titian. Take time out and go for a stroll and a picnic in the nearby Boboli Gardens. The Brancacci Chapel and the Basilica of Santa Maria del Santo Spirito can feed your soul, whilst the Piazzale Michelangelo is perfect for a cappuccino pit stop. Foodies will be in seventh heaven with pizza, pasta, and gelato cooking classes, and even better, for the wine lovers, there is a Chianti Safari across the Tuscan countryside. In the evening dine out on the local dish of a Bistecca all Florentina, a superb sharing steak served in all the best restaurants.

For fabulous fashion at fabulous prices make your way to the out of town Barbierino Designer Outlet. And for those that fancy a day trip, take a tour to Siena, San Gimignano, the leaning tower of Pisa, or the Cinque Terre five village coastal hiking trail.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Florence Airport (9 km)
Nearest Airport 2	Pisa International Airport (82 km)
Nearest Train Station	Florence Center Train Station (1.4 km)
Nearest Supermarket	King Super Mini Market (110 m)

What we love

- The restoration, décor, and furnishings, are all second to none, from the fabulous marble column entrance hall and timbered ceiling, to the funky fun fabrics and contemporary art works, Apartment Maria delivers seven star luxury
- We especially loved all the five ensuite bedrooms in Apartment Maria, mostly because they are all unique, each one has its own personality, match the bedroom to the guests!
- The open concept stainless steel kitchen is so stylish, and equipped with everything you will need to cater for your stay
- Apartment Maria is located so that all the major sights are just a short walk away, the Ponte Vecchio and Uffizi Gallery are on the doorstep, and you won't have much further to go to see all the other iconic sights you'd like to see

What you should know...

- There are lots of extra value added services, such your own private chef, baby sitter, or limousine service, that are available at a charge
- Please no smoking in this beautiful property
- Sorry no pets please
- Please note that the use of any external caterers and/or contractors is not permitted.

Terms & Conditions

- **Arrival time:** 16:00 - 20:00
- **Departure time:** 10:00
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes, included in the rental price.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, included in the rental price.
- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.
- **Changeover day:** Flexible.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes. 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?:** Smoking & Vaping are not permitted.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- **Heating costs included?:** Yes, included in the rental price.
- **Tax:** There is a city tax due to be paid locally which is not included in the rental rate. The amount will be confirmed by your onsite representative when you arrive.
- **Internet access?:** Wi-Fi internet access included.
- **Damage Waiver:** A damage waiver of €249 is due to help you enjoy a peaceful stay. 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 €3500. It is essential to report any damage during your stay for the waiver to apply. Any damage not reported means the waiver will not be valid. Above €3500 claims will be made to recoup the extra charges incurred to repair any damage.