

# Borgo Merlo

**Region:** Tuscany   **Sleeps:** 22

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## Overview

You will find Borgo Merlo in the verdant Chianti hills in the heart of Tuscany. The accommodation here comprises three neighbouring homes that share landscaped gardens. This serene, rural base is a fantastic place to stay with a large group of friends or family and from here, you can enjoy trips to nearby villages and cities such as Florence and Siena.

This pretty hamlet of historic farmhouses is part of a vast 800-acre estate which offers guests complete privacy amidst vineyards, olive groves and dense, ancient woodlands. As well as the hamlet where you will be staying, the estate also boasts several other buildings, including an 11th-century Romanesque church and a castle now used for music events and private celebrations.

As you approach Borgo Merlo through the manicured grounds, you will find three stone homes, all close to each other, which can sleep twenty guests between them. Casa Una is the largest of the dwellings and can sleep eight guests. It has huge living areas where you can come together over evening drinks. Following these, there is a dining room where everyone can gather for dinner unless you prefer to dine al-fresco. The home also has a chic, well-equipped kitchen with everything you need to prepare meals for your party. Upstairs are two double bedrooms and one family-sized bedroom with a double bed and a sofa bed.

Just opposite is Casa Duo, which has five bedrooms, a bright and airy living room and a fully-fitted kitchen spread over two floors. The final dwelling is Casa Tre, with a gym, sauna and one double bedroom.

The garden has an inviting private pool, a jacuzzi, covered dining terraces and seating areas. There is also a vegetable garden where you can pick some fresh produce and use the pizza oven to make your own pizzas for dinner.

If you can bring yourself to leave Borgo Merlo, you can get to know the authentic heart of Tuscany by visiting nearby villages and walking scenic trails through the countryside. Some villages you could visit include Lecchi in Chianti, 5km away, Radda in Chianti, 8km away and Gaiole in Chianti, 14km away. These villages all have their own charm and character and are steeped in history.

You can also visit one of the vineyards that make up the Chianti wine region, where you can sample delicious wines, take tours of the cellars and the grounds and learn more about wine production.

Siena (32km away) and Florence (62km away) are a little further out. These magical, medieval cities are amazing places to spend the day and are filled with historical, artistic and cultural attractions.



## Facilities

Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Weddings • Villa • Coffee Machine • Hairdryer • Cycling • Tennis Nearby • Historical Sites • Horse Riding • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wi-Fi/Internet • Golf Nearby • Air-Con • Wine Tasting • Private Pool • Maid Service Available • Saltwater Pool • Quirky (Unique) • Rural Location • Gym/Fitness Room • Indoor Games • Cots (Cribs) • Outdoor Ceremony • Allow External Caterers • Heated Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Pets on Request • Hot Tub • Safety Deposit Box • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Smart TV • Sauna/Steam • Table Football • Home Cinema • Heating • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

# Interior & Grounds

## Villa Interior

### Main Building - Casa Uno (sleeps 10 guests)

#### Ground Floor

- 4 x bedrooms with double beds (160cm x 200cm) and en-suite bathroom with shower, double sink, bidet and WC

#### First Floor

- Landing with sofas, armchairs and Smart TV
- Fully-fitted kitchen with oven, hob, fridge freezer, dishwasher and coffee machine
- Bedroom with double bed (160cm x 200cm) and en-suite bathroom with shower, double sink, bidet and WC

### Main Building - Casa Due (sleeps 6-8 guests)

#### Ground Floor

- Hall and entrance with 3 chairs
- Living room with sofas, armchairs, TV, DVD player and decorative fireplace
- Sitting room with armchairs
- Dining room with table seating 18 guests
- Fully-fitted kitchen with oven, hob, fridge freezer, dishwasher, microwave and coffee machine

#### First Floor

- 2 x bedrooms with double beds (160cm x 200cm) and en-suite bathrooms with showers, double sinks, bidets and WCs
- Family bedroom with double bed (160cm x 200cm) and dressing room with a double sofa bed (160cm x 200cm) and en-suite bathroom with bath tub, shower, double sink, bidet and WC

### Annexe - Casa Tre (2-4 guests)

#### Ground Floor

- Fully equipped gym, yoga space and sauna
- Bedroom with double bed (160cm x 200cm)
- Bathroom with shower, double sink, bidet and WC

#### Mezzanine Floor:

- Double sofa bed

## Outside Grounds

- Private heated (on request) swimming pool with saltwater purifying system (12m x 7m, max depth: 1.5m-1.8m)
- Bathroom with shower and changing room
- Outside shower
- Manicured gardens with lawns, olive trees and flower beds
- Large covered dining terrace
- Outdoor seating areas



- Jacuzzi
- Poolside terrace with sun loungers
- Vegetable garden
- Barbecue
- Pizza oven, wood burning oven, ice machine
- Parking

#### **Facilities**

- Wi-Fi
- Air conditioning
- Central heating
- Home cinema setting
- Gym
- Smart TVs
- Music system
- Table football
- Board games
- Washing machine
- Dryer
- Iron and ironing board
- Hairdryers



# Location & Local Information

Borgo Merlo enjoys an idyllic countryside setting where you can walk, cycle, and take leisurely picnics on the expansive grounds and the wider estate. When you wish to head out for the day, you can choose between villages and towns such as Radda in Chianti, 8km away, or lively cities such as Siena, 32km away.

While holidaying in the Chianti area in Tuscany, it would be a shame to miss out on a visit to one of the local vineyards. The countryside enveloping the home is dotted with family-run vineyards and wineries which have produced wine for centuries. The 800-acre estate in which Borgo Merlo is set even has its own vast vineyard.

For a unique day out, why not visit Castello di Ama, 4.5km from the villa. The Castello is a stunning place with vineyards offering tours, wine tastings and a large shop to stock up on a few bottles for dinner. In addition, the Castello is also known for its art, as the estate is filled with contemporary art installations and sculptures by world-class artists.

When you wish to dine out in the evenings or pick up some fresh groceries, many towns and villages are within easy reach. The closest is Lecchi in Chianti which is just 5km away and is a small hamlet with a few rustic inns and pretty buildings on a hillside. From here, countless hiking and cycling routes through serene rolling hills can also be enjoyed on horseback.

If you are out walking in the area on a hot day, then the Pozze di Lecchi, a series of pools fed by natural springs, will be most welcome and a lovely spot for a summer dip. In the area around Lecchi, you will also find many castles erected when Florence and Siena warred over this region; some castles are Castello di Brollo and Castello di Meleto, both part of luxurious wine estates now.

For a wider range of shops, cafes and restaurants, you can drive 8km to Radda in Chianti. This rambling, medieval town is a lovely place to wander around, and you can stop off and see the Church of San Niccolò, the Palazzo dei Podestà and the restored centuries-old homes which line the atmospheric squares.

If you would like to spend a day visiting one of Tuscany's amazing cities, then why not visit Siena, which is just 32km away. To see as much as possible, you should set off early to beat the crowds at some of the best-loved attractions, such as the stunning Duomo and the Palazzo Pubblico. You can climb up the Torre del Mangia, which is 800 years old, for the best views over the city. Horse lovers visiting in July or August should attend the Palio di Siena, a horse race held in the city twice a year. The whole town comes alive for the Palio, and you will see parades with medieval costumes, plus festivities filling the streets.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Florence Airport (71km)
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Nearest Airport 2	Pisa International airport (118km)
Nearest Village	Radda in Chianti (8km)
Nearest City	Siena (30km)
Nearest Supermarket	Radda in Chianti (8km)
Nearest Restaurant	Lecchi in Chianti (5km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	Lecchi in Chianti (5km)
Nearest Golf	Le Miniere (35km)
Nearest Tennis	Tennis Club Staggia (35km)

## What we love

- Borgo Merlo is a small hamlet where you can find three attractive farmhouse-style homes which can accommodate up to twenty guests
- Set in the rolling Chianti hills in Tuscany, it is hard to imagine a more perfect base for your Italian escape
- The oasis-like garden offers guests a private pool, jacuzzi and covered dining spaces, all surrounded by lawns, cypress trees and vineyards
- The closest village is Lecchi in Chianti, 5km away, while you will find further amenities in Radda in Chianti which is a beautiful hilltop town 8km away

## What you should know...

- Borgo Merlo comprises three separate dwellings; one with three bedrooms, one with five bedrooms and one with one bedroom.
- Please note that while this property comfortably sleeps 22 guests, two guests will be accommodated on a sofa bed.
- If you are travelling for a special event with a large group, you may require further accommodation; Casa Vedetta (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/italy/tuscany/chianti-arezzo/casa-vedetta/>) is close by, shares the same owners, and can sleep 14 guests.
- As the closest village is 5km we recommend that you bring a car, there are parking spaces available by the homes.

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1000 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation one month before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 4.00 p.m.
- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. Stag/hen parties are 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?:** Outside only.
- **Minimum stay:** 4 nights. All other durations are on request.
- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.
- **Pool heating charge?:** Extra €700 per week, on request only. 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-€10 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?:** 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.
- **Property Licence Number:** CIR:052013CAV0010 CIN: IT052013B4ZVVD2A2