

# Palazzone Della Lavanda

Region: Tuscany    Sleeps: 22

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## Overview

With origins dating back to the 12th century, this historic castle in southern Tuscany is set within a beautiful 40-acre estate of lavender fields, olive groves and protected forest, only a 20-minute drive from Siena. Once a defensive outpost for Siena, later a hunting lodge and small hamlet, Palazzone Della Lavanda is today an extraordinary retreat for weddings, celebrations and gatherings with family and friends.

The estate sleeps up to 22 guests across eleven individually styled, air-conditioned bedrooms split between the castle and farmhouse. Original medieval features blend with elegant interiors, from the former chapel transformed into a luxurious suite to the tower bedrooms with sweeping countryside views. Spacious lounges, a billiard room and a charming courtyard filled with roses and jasmine create inviting spaces to relax together.

A true Tuscan experience awaits with the services of an in-house cook and helper included five evenings a week, preparing traditional local dishes to enjoy in the farmhouse dining room or by candlelight in the courtyard. Guests can also arrange continental breakfasts and wine tastings at the neighbouring winery.

Beyond the courtyard, stone steps lead to the swimming pool, which can be heated on request, while the surrounding estate offers hiking and biking trails through protected woodland rich with wildlife. Despite the peaceful setting, a local village with a restaurant and grocery shop is only 2km away, and the cultural treasures of Siena, including the famous Piazza del Campo, are within easy reach.



## Facilities

Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Weddings • Villa • Cycling • Historical Sites • Horse Riding • Wine Tasting • Walking/Hiking Paths • Romantic • Ideal for Kids • Private Pool • Ideal for Teens • Heated Pool • Cots (Cribs) • Chef/Cook Available • Marquee Hire Permitted • Has Discount • Special Offer • Pets on Request • Maid Service Available • Outdoor Ceremony • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Flexible Catering Options • Parking Space • Heritage Collection • Wi-Fi/Internet • Allow External Caterers • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Indoor Reception Available • Nearby Church/Chapel • Outstanding Landscapes • Coffee Machine • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Hairdryer • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Pool/Snooker • Table Tennis • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Indoor Games • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Microwave • Electric Car Charger • Outdoor Games • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Cooking Classes Available • Yoga Classes Available • Wine-Tasting Available • Transfers Available • Catering Available • Board games • Children's videos/DVDs • Breakfast Included • Children's books • Xbox/Playstation/Wii • Bathroom Toiletries • Boules/Petanque • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • High Chair(s)

# Interior & Grounds

## Main House Interiors

### Ground Floor

- Main entrance
- Living room with fireplace, antique billiard table (age 12+ only), sofa, armchairs and doors leading to terrace
- Kitchen, fully-equipped including dishwasher, fridge-freezer, oven, kettle, toaster, microwave, blender and coffee maker (with capsules)
- Guest WC
- Bedroom suite (in former chapel) with double bed (150x195cm), air-conditioning, garden access and en suite bathroom. Connecting antechamber (no air-conditioning) with single bed (90x180cm), small daybed (80x160cm) and en suite shower room.

*The ground floor bedroom suite can be accessed via the antechamber or via the courtyard. Please also note the antechamber room is not included in the advertised bedroom/bathroom capacity.*

### First Floor (via contemporary metal stairs or courtyard stairs)

- Landing area with desk
- Salon (via steps) with fireplace, seating, desk and dining table. Door leads to a small terrace with bench and outdoor stairs (uneven) down to courtyard
- Master bedroom suite (35.9m<sup>2</sup>) with king-size double bed (180x200cm), air-conditioning and en suite bathroom with bath and shower
- Bedroom (21.9m<sup>2</sup>) with double bed (150x195cm), fireplace, air-conditioning and en suite shower room
- Bedroom (21.9m<sup>2</sup>) with double bed (140x195cm), air-conditioning and en suite shower room

### Second Floor - Tower

- Bedroom (20.3m<sup>2</sup>) with double bed (180x195cm, can be split as twins), air-conditioning and en suite shower



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- Bedroom (12.5m<sup>2</sup>) with double bed (140x190cm), air-conditioning and en suite shower room

### *Third Floor Tower*

- Bedroom (18.9m<sup>2</sup>) with double bed (180x195cm, can be split as twins), air-conditioning and en suite shower room
- Bedroom (21.5m<sup>2</sup>) with double bed (150x195cm), air-conditioning and en suite shower room

### **Farmhouse Annexe Interiors**

- Entrance (via five steps from courtyard)
- Dining room with fireplace, side kitchen and dining table for 22 guests
- Quad bedroom (24.2m<sup>2</sup>, via three steps) with double bed (160x195cm), second double bed (160x195cm) on a raised level (via floating stairs) and air-conditioning
- Separate shared bathroom (next to family bedroom)
- Bedroom (13.7m<sup>2</sup>) with king-size double bed (180x195cm, can be split as twins) and air-conditioning (can use shared bathroom across the other side of the open-plan kitchen-diner or en suite shower room in next door's bedroom)
- Bedroom (15.8m<sup>2</sup>) with double bed (160x195cm), air-conditioning and en suite shower room

### **Outside Grounds (40 acres)**

- Swimming pool (fan shape, approx. 10x10m, depth: 1.8m, including enclosed shallow area for children) open approximately May to October. Can be heated on request (for a supplement)
- Poolside terrace with sun loungers (x14) and parasols (x2)
- Medieval courtyard with dining table and relaxation area
- Pergola for al-fresco dining near gas barbecue, wood fired pizza oven and bar area
- Front terrace with outdoor dining and seating area
- Bocce pitch and table tennis
- Gardens surrounding the palace and farmhouse (some

sloping grounds)

- Lavender fields, olive groves, vegetable garden and bee colony (part of a working organic farm)
- Woodland
- Events barn (at extra cost)
- Parking
- Electric vehicle charger (at extra cost)

### **Additional Facilities**

- Air-conditioning (bedrooms only)
- Games console (PS3 and vintage consoles)
- iPod docking station
- Ironing facilities

## Location & Local Information

Only 20 minutes from Siena, Palazzone Della Lavanda is set within a 40-acre estate surrounded by protected forests where deer, hares, wild boars and porcupines roam freely. Part of the grounds operate as an organic farm producing lavender, olive oil and honey, while guests are welcome to pick vegetables from the kitchen garden.

Walking and cycling trails begin directly from the estate, and despite the peaceful rural setting, the nearest road is just 400m away. A winery within walking distance offers tastings and tours, while a small Tuscan village 2km away features a restaurant, café-bar, pharmacy and grocery shop stocked with regional produce.

Explore the rolling hills, fortified hamlets and forests of the Montagnola Senese region, known for its rich wildlife, migratory birds and autumn truffle hunting. Nearby, guests can enjoy wild swimming in the Merse River or play at the Robert Trent Jones Jr designed Royal Golf La Bagnaia course.

Siena, just 15km away, is one of Tuscany's most celebrated cities. Discover the UNESCO-listed Piazza del Campo, Palazzo Pubblico and Siena Cathedral before wandering through charming lanes lined with trattorie, artisan shops and historic landmarks. In July and August, the famous Palio di Siena horse race brings the city spectacularly to life.

### Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Florence Airport</b> (85km)
Nearest Airport 2	<b>Pisa Airport</b> (124km)
Nearest Airport 3	<b>Perugia Airport</b> (128km)
Nearest Train Station	<b>Siena</b> (16km)



Nearest Village	<b>Small Tuscan village (2km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>In the village (2km)</b>
Nearest Shop	<b>Small grocery store with regional products (2km)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Co-op (5.7km)</b>
Nearest Town	<b>Siena (15km)</b>
Nearest City	<b>Florence (76km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Royal Golf La Bagnaia (14km)</b>
Nearest Tennis	<b>Circolo tennis La Racchetta (19km)</b>

## What we love

- Follow the lavender-lined driveway as you approach this beautiful Tuscan abode with a medieval tower dating back to the 12th century.
- It's such a unique experience to stay in such historic surroundings, so sensitively restored with ample modern amenities.
- Relax in the medieval courtyard with roses and jasmine, swim in the gorgeous swimming pool, then dine al-fresco by candlelight.
- Set in a 40-acre estate with a great variety of wildlife, surrounded by protected national forest, there are wonderful walks and cycling trails on your doorstep.
- The cook prepares delicious Tuscan feasts five evenings a week – guests only pay for the ingredients and drinks.

## What you should know...

- There are eight bedrooms and eight bathrooms in the main house/castle (plus an additional antechamber single with shower room) and three bedrooms/two bathrooms in the farmhouse annexe. Please check the 'Layout' tab for finer details about each bedroom.
- Air-conditioning is featured in the bedrooms only (excluding the antechamber single room).
- The services of a private cook and helper are included on five evenings a week when they will prepare a four-course Tuscan feast. Please note however that the cost of all food and drink is payable as an extra cost.
- Guests are asked to take extra care across this historic property with steep stairs and some uneven flooring – young children should be supervised.

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €500 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation at least 2 weeks prior to arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 5.00 - 7.00 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. There is an extra nightly fee for use of the Electric Vehicle charger, payable locally.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, a pet supplement of €25 per pet, per day, will apply (payable locally).
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Two cots and two highchairs are available on request. The cots can be placed in any of the bedrooms except the second and third floor tower rooms. The services of a private cook and helper are included five evenings a week to prepare a four-course Tuscan feast. Please note that guests have to pay the cost of all food and drink on these evenings. Air-conditioning is featured in the eleven main bedrooms only. 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 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.
- **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?:** No.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.
- **Pool heating charge?:** Pool heating is subject to an extra charge of €300 per week, payable locally (please request in advance). 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?:** The pool is open approximately May to October. 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.