

Castello Arbia

Region: Tuscany Sleeps: 16

Overview

Pass iconic cypress trees as you approach this beautiful Italian castle in the heart of Tuscany, located in the rolling hills south of Siena. Castello Arbia welcomes up to 16 guests with its private tennis court, outdoor swimming pool and historic interiors, perfect for a fine holiday or romantic wedding, and is a short drive from medieval Buonconvento, considered to be one of the region's prettiest villages.

As soon as you enter the *castello*, soak up its rich heritage as you admire its splendid living spaces with original wood beams dating back to the 16th century and frescoed ceilings. The country-style kitchen is perfectly equipped to create delicious Tuscan meals to serve in the handsome dining room or on the atmospheric terrace outside.

Guests can rest peacefully across eight double bedrooms, five of which feature king-size double beds (two can be split as twins if needed) alongside seven bath/shower rooms, mostly en suite. With traditional yet elegant décor, each room has its own story to tell – the top floor suite with panoramic valley vistas is especially romantic. Finally, the wellness area is yet another wonderful amenity with its brilliant gym and sauna.

Immerse yourself in Tuscan culture by organising wine-tasting in the castle's historic cantina, cookery lessons or pizza nights on warm summer evenings. E-bike rental can also be arranged, a wonderful way to explore the idyllic scenery of organic farmland, olive groves and vineyards beyond the castle grounds. Indeed, Castello Arbia belongs to a vast estate that has been in the same family for generations – sample the estate's wines and DOP-certified extra virgin olive oil produced using organic farming practices.



Further afield, venture to the quintessential Tuscan landscapes of Val d'Orcia and picture-perfect hilltop villages including Montalcino and its vineyards producing the world-famous Brunello wine. Not forgetting the awe-inspiring charm of Siena and its UNESCO World Heritage sites or stay closer to home and appreciate the region's beauty as you play a round of golf at the nearby Club Castiglion del Bosco with preferential rates for castle guests.

Facilities

Wine Tasting • Romantic • Walking/Hiking Paths • Horse Riding • Historical Sites • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Hairdryer • Chateaux & Castles • Wellness • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Tennis Court • Wi-Fi/Internet • Coffee Machine • Washing Machine • Weddings • Rural Location • Wow Factor • Marquee Hire Permitted • Chapel on Site • Private Pool • Cots (Cribs) • Gym/Fitness Room • Outdoor Ceremony • Flexible Catering Options • Heritage Collection • Allow External Caterers • Cooking Classes Available • Wine-Tasting Available • Board games • Children's videos/DVDs • Children's books • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Dishwasher • Microwave • Smart TV • Sauna/Steam • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

Castello Interiors (2000m2)

- Two large living rooms
- Dining room
- Two small rooms with frescoed ceilings
- Kitchen, well-equipped including oven, dishwasher, kettle, toaster, microwave, blender, coffee maker, fridge-freezer and breakfast table
- Wellness spa with sauna and gym
- 3 x bedrooms with double bed
- 3 x bedrooms with king-size double bed
- 2 x bedrooms with king-size double bed (can be split as two singles)
- 4 x bathrooms
- 3 x shower rooms

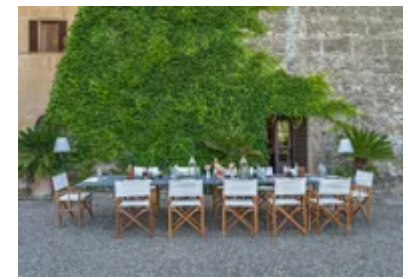
Six of the bath/shower rooms are en suite

Outside Grounds (3 hectares)

- Swimming pool (14x4m, depth: 1.2-.2m) open approximately April/May to end of the summer (8.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.)
- Poolside sun loungers
- Pergola with shower, changing area and fridge
- Outdoor dining table and chairs
- Barbecue
- Intimate outdoor seating areas
- Tennis court
- Vegetable garden
- Terraced levels and steps (including some high terraces with low walls/unprotected drops)
- Large grounds (sloping in parts)
- Parking
- There is a separate 3-bedroom cottage next to the castello, available for a supplement exclusively for weddings – please enquire

Facilities

- WiFi



- Air conditioning (featured only in the bedrooms)
- Washing machine
- Hairdryer
- Smart TV
- Fireplaces
- Iron and ironing board
- Toys
- Board games

Location & Local Information

In the heart of Tuscany, the historic Castello Arbia is set in three hectares of enclosed grounds, part of a larger family-owned estate of rolling hills, organic farmland, vineyards and olive groves. This is a superb location for embracing your rural surroundings whilst being close to Siena, Val d'Orcia, Montalcino and other beautiful attractions across the region.

The closest restaurant is around 5 minutes by car whilst the medieval village of Buonconvento is only 5km away, home to a good-sized supermarket and other useful amenities. Buonconvento is considered to be one of the prettiest villages of the area with city walls dating back to the 14th century alongside the atmospheric Via Soccini and its handsome houses. Dine out in a village restaurant – local specialities include white truffles, Chianina beef, panzanella and pappa al pomodoro as well as excellent local wines of course.

Golf lovers can make the most of special guest rates at the nearby Club Castiglion del Bosco (6.5km) and La Bagnaia Golf Resort (24km).

For wonderful days out further afield, explore the famous Tuscan landscapes of the Val d'Orcia, now classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Pass iconic cypress trees, endless vines, oak forests, olive groves, little hamlets and perched villages – the scenery is spectacular throughout the seasons.

Montalcino (20km) is a gem of a hilltop village, known for its rich heritage, art and wine – the village produces the renowned Brunello di Montalcino. Heading east, Pienza (38km) is another idyllic Tuscan spot famed for its pecorino cheese or venture further to Montepulciano (52km) so loved for its Renaissance palazzi and Vino Nobile.

Meanwhile, the beauty of medieval Siena (33km) awaits whether you wish to admire its awe-inspiring architecture (Torre del Mangia, Palazzo Comunale and the incredible



Piazza del Campo, for example), learn all about the town's Etruscan heritage or dine out in traditional osterie serving hearty Sienese fare.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Florence Airport (106km)
Nearest Airport 2	Perugia Airport (138km)
Nearest Airport 3	Pisa International Airport (149km)
Nearest Train Station	Buonconvento (5km)
Nearest Village	Buonconvento (5km)
Nearest Restaurant	Local osteria (2km)
Nearest Supermarket	Coop, Buonconvento (5km)
Nearest Town	Siena (33km)
Nearest Golf	Club Castiglion del Bosco (6.5km)
Nearest Tennis	On-site (0km)

What we love

- Stay in a beautiful castle in Tuscany with frescoed ceilings and original wood-beams dating back to the 16th century
- Such a romantic setting for your picture-perfect Italian wedding or holiday with family and friends
- Superb amenities include a private tennis court, the wellness spa with a gym and sauna as well as the gorgeous outdoor swimming pool
- Wine-tasting can be arranged at the castle's historic cantina or organise cookery classes, pizza nights and e-bike rental
- Take advantage of the special rates at the nearby golf course just a short drive away
- Buonconvento, considered to be one of the prettiest villages of the area, is just 5km by car or venture further towards Siena, Montalcino and Pienza

What you should know...

- There are two members of staff (the housekeeper and gardener) resident on site – they live in the annexes.
- Children will need to be supervised across the historic grounds with some beautiful terraces with low walls.
- Please note that air conditioning is featured in the bedrooms only.
- If planning an event, there is a little house next to the villa sleeping 6 guests across three en suite bedrooms. This can be made available exclusively for weddings for a supplement – please enquire.
- It is also useful to know that the vast estate is also home to two other properties (Casale Faggiola (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/italy/tuscany/siena/casale-faggiola/>) and Casale Barbarossa (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/italy/tuscany/siena/casale-barbarossa/>)) within a 4km drive providing additional accommodation in the case of a wedding or for groups wanting to holiday near each other.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €2500 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:** 4.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. (Arrivals after 9.00 p.m. are not possible).
- **Departure time:** By 12.00 p.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** The swimming pool is unfenced so supervision is needed at all times if staying with children. Other poolside rules will be communicated to guests before/on arrival. Two cots and two highchairs can be requested in advance. There are two members of staff (the housekeeper and gardener) resident on site – they live in the annexes. 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 home security devices may be installed at the villa, please enquire for further information.
- **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?:** Outdoor areas only.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- **Heating costs included?:** Yes.
- **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 April/May to end of summer. 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:** IT052003C2PKXTYE9U