Villa Di Piletra

Region: Tuscany **Sleeps:** 16

Overview

Villa Di Piletra is a noble residence where centuries of history echo through wood-beamed ceilings and Renaissance design. Originally commissioned for the court of Elisa Bonaparte, Napoleon's sister, this remarkable villa is one of a dozen historical estates gracing the hills outside Lucca. Today, its elegant symmetry and sweeping gardens invite guests into an authentic and atmospheric retreat, where tradition and charm are woven into every stone.

Inside, the villa blends touches of aristocratic beauty with a relaxed, lived-in character. The *Piano Nobile* is especially striking, accessed via the grand staircase and home to a formal dining room, study and impressive salon adorned with ornate ceilings. Across four floors, guests will find a variety of inviting spaces to unwind, from tranquil living corners to lively games rooms or cosy TV lounges. The interiors reflect a layered history, where original architectural features meet gentle modern touches, creating a home that feels rustic and storied yet welcoming.

Sleeping 10-16 guests, Villa Di Piletra features five attractive air-conditioned bedrooms, each with its own bathroom, alongside three charming attic rooms with low, sloping ceilings. Every corner of the home offers a moment of discovery, culminating in the top-floor loggia where panoramic views stretch across rolling hills.

Outdoors, the expansive grounds invite long, leisurely days beneath the Tuscan sun. Wander among ancient trees, cool off in the generous 18-metre swimming pool or gather for al-fresco dinners under the gazebo. As evening falls, *aperitivi* in the garden, beneath a canopy of stars, become moments to savour.

Just north of Lucca, this residence enjoys a coveted position between countryside and cultural riches. Explore the nearby opulent gardens of Villa Reale or head into Lucca's historic centre for cycling along Renaissance walls, fine dining or world-class music festivals. From the beaches of Forte dei Marmi to the galleries of Florence, this is Tuscany at its most captivating.

Whether gathering with family or friends, Villa Di Piletra is for guests seeking a rich, authentic and evocative setting where heritage and character unfold in equal measure.









Facilities

<1hr to Airport • Walking/Hiking Paths • Horse Riding • Historical Sites • Cycling • Ideal for Kids • Villa • Air-Con • Recommended • Wine Tasting • Private Pool • Ideal for Teens • Manor • Pets on Request • Has Discount • Has Offer • Special Offer • Chef/Cook Available • Parking Space • Heritage Collection • Wi-Fi/Internet • BBQ • Outstanding Landscapes •

Coffee Machine • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Hairdryer • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Pool/Snooker • Table Tennis • Lift • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Games Room • Indoor Games • Dishwasher • Table Football • Heating • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Breakfast Available • Board games • Children's books

Interior & Grounds

House Interiors (751m2)

Ground Floor

- Side entrance
- Games room with pool, table tennis and table football
- Working simple kitchen, well-equipped including dishwasher, oven, kettle, coffee machine, toaster, blender and fridge-freezer
- Lift

First Floor (Piano Nobile, via large staircase)

- Living room
- Dining room and kitchenette
- Study and WC
- TV lounge
- Lift

Second Floor

- Living room
- Bedroom 1 with double bed, air-conditioning, antechamber and en suite bathroom
- Bedroom 2 with twin beds, air-conditioning, antechamber and en suite bathroom
- Bedroom 3 with double bed, air-conditioning and en suite bathroom
- Bedroom 4 with double bed, air-conditioning (to be installed) and en suite bathroom
- Lift

Top Attic Floor (no lift access)

- TV and games lounge (low 1.2m sloping ceiling)
- Terrace/loggia with view
- Bedroom 5 with twin beds, air-conditioning (to be installed) and bathroom
- Bedroom 6 (low 1.2m sloping ceiling) with double bed, mobile air-conditioning unit and en suite bathroom
- Bedroom 7 (low 1.2m sloping ceiling) with double bed, mobile air-conditioning unit and bathroom
- Bedroom 8 (low 1.2m sloping ceiling) with twin beds, mobile air-conditioning unit and en suite bathroom

Bathrooms feature baths (x3) or showers (x5), six of which are en suite

Outside Grounds (18,840m2)

- Swimming pool (18x6m, depth: 1-2.5m)
- Poolside terrace with parasols (x2), sun beds (x3), mattresses (x2), poufs (x5), hammock and lounge area
- Gazebo with al-fresco dining area for 12 guests
- Weber barbecue
- Gazebo with seating for 6 guests (for aperitifs or yoga)
- Large grounds including olive trees and different levels (with steps)
- Entrance and back gate
- Parking area (uncovered, for up to 6 cars)
- Further parking around 100m away (for up to 50 cars)









Other Facilities

- Air-conditioning (five bedrooms only)
- Mobile air-conditioning units (three attic bedrooms)
- Lift (three floors only, not attic floor)
- Washing machine and ironing facilities (only to be used by housekeeper)

Location & Local Information

Villa Di Piletra enjoys a fine position for exploring northern Tuscany's most treasured towns and coastline, only a short drive north of Lucca and around 40 minutes from Pisa Airport.

Set in beautiful and vast grounds, it feels rural yet not too remote with neighbouring houses and easy access to local facilities near Lucca. Marlia is only 5km by car, home to a variety of shops, a handful of places to eat and the beautiful Villa Reale di Marlia, a 17th-century estate with exquisite gardens, once home to Napoleon's sister, Elisa Bonaparte – look out for events such as jazz and classical concerts.

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The enchanting city of Lucca (8km) is just a ten-minute drive away, perfect for strolling its famous Renaissance walls, exploring charming piazzas, and dining in atmospheric restaurants. Hire a bike to cycle the leafy 4km ramparts or enjoy an early morning jog before the city stirs. Don't miss Villa Grabau and Villa Oliva, or the Lucca Summer Festival, which fills the city with world-class rock concerts each July.

A little further, Pisa (26km) impresses with its iconic Leaning Tower and the striking Campo dei Miracoli. Coastal escapes await in Viareggio (31km) and chic Forte dei Marmi (42km), where golden beaches and seafood restaurants beckon.

Florence (82km), the cradle of the Renaissance, is ideal for a cultural day trip, easily reached by car (or train from Lucca). Alternatively, head north to La Spezia (83km) for a gateway to the scenic Cinque Terre, or enjoy a leisurely lunch in Lerici (72km), nestled on the Liguria's romantic coast.

Back in Tuscany, hike the dramatic peaks of the nearby Apuan Alps or follow the Strada del Vino through picturesque wine country. Villa Di Piletra's prestigious setting evokes Lucca's noble past - a superb and historic base to enjoy the best of northern Tuscany.









Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Pisa International Airport (30km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Florence Airport (74km)**

Nearest Beach	**Viareggio (32km)**
Nearest City	**Lucca (8km)**
Nearest Ferry Port	**Livorno (55km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Outskirts of Lucca (Within 5km)**
Nearest Shop	**Marlia (5km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Marlia (3km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Lucca (9km)**
Nearest Village	**Marlia (5km)**

What we love

- A historic Tuscan villa with aristocratic roots, originally built for Elisa Bonaparte's court
- Richly atmospheric interiors span four floors, with a grand Piano Nobile, elegant salon and cosy corners for every mood
- Relax in the vast gardens, take a dip in the 18-metre pool and dine al-fresco beneath the gazebo - look out for amazing fireflies in June and July
- Just a short drive from Lucca's cultural treasures, including its Renaissance walls and vibrant festivals
- Discover other highlights of the region such as Florence and Pisa or the chic beach scene at Forte dei Marmi

What you should know...

- Villa Di Piletra sleeps up to 10 guests across five bedrooms, plus an additional 6 guests across three bedrooms on the attic floor with low 1.2m sloping ceilings – please see the "Layout" tab for details.
- Air-conditioning is featured in five bedrooms and there are a/c mobile units in the three bedrooms with low ceilings.
- Staff visit daily – both the housekeeper (up to 8 hours per day, Monday to Friday only) and the Gardener (who also does check-in/out and house maintenance). Please see the "Extras" tab for more details.
- A car is highly recommended to explore the local area.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €3500 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. Check-in outside this time may be subject to an extra cost. Please enquire for more details.

- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m. Check-out outside this time may be subject to an extra cost. Please enquire for more details.

- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.

- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, a pet supplement of €100 per pet per week will apply (payable locally).

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Please note home security devices may be installed at the villa, please enquire for further information.
 Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
 Please note that the use of any external caterers and/or contractors is not permitted.

- **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.

- **Smoking Allowed?:** Outside only.

- **Other 2:** Please agree any additional services in advance with the housekeeper, to be paid to her directly (in cash). The cost of all food/drink/ingredients used will also be charged (with receipts provided) alongside a fee for the time spent shopping.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights. All other durations on request.

- **Tax:** Italian Visitors Tax payable to Oliver's Travels at the time of balance payment (typically costs €1-€10 per person 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.