

Castello Chianti

Region: Tuscany **Sleeps:** 16

Overview

Castello Chianti is situated on the edge of Chianti, surrounded by enchanting olive groves and vineyards and is the ideal place to indulge in a stay embraced by the beautiful hills. Located near Grassina and only 20km from Florence in the beautiful Tuscan countryside and wonderfully landscaped gardens lies this stylish *castello*.

The castle comprises a large complex consisting of the villa, the tower, the romantic park, French garden, the outdoor infinity swimming pool and barbecue terrace. Castello Chianti has belonged to many prestigious Florentine families over the decades and has been beautifully renovated to create a wonderful property to rent or host a wedding.

Castello Chianti can comfortably sleep up to 14 guests in 8 individually designed bedrooms. Feel like royalty yourself in this sophisticated castle which comes complete with a majestic ballroom, botanical gardens and the grand dining hall. All rooms have been designed to incorporate the castle's history with many traditional furniture pieces throughout.

The French gardens were designed by a famous landscaped architect and guests can enjoy outdoor living whilst taking in the panoramic views of the rolling hills of Chianti and the Dome of Florence Cathedral.

Explore the Chianti area and its delightful villages such as Greve, Imprueta and Panzano.

Immerse yourself in the Tuscan culture by booking one of the additional services such as a cooking class, wine cellar tours with wine, cheese and olive oil tasting, horseback riding or a yoga lesson by the swimming pool. There is plenty to choose from.

You will be sure to have an unforgettable stay at Castello Chianti, whether you are looking for a unique holiday or to have an cherished wedding in a magical location.

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Facilities

Cycling • Romantic • Walking/Hiking Paths • Ideal for Kids • Horse Riding • Historical Sites • Tennis Nearby • Chateaux & Castles • Private Pool • Weddings • Wine Tasting • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Cots (Cribs) • Ideal for Teens • Chef/Cook Available • <1hr to Airport • Heritage Collection • Wi-Fi/Internet • Outstanding Landscapes • Coffee Machine • Outdoor Pursuit

Interior & Grounds

Castello Interior

Ground Floor

- Ballroom with antique furniture, large dining table, fireplace and air-conditioning
- Sitting room with air-conditioning
- Library with wonderful views over the garden
- Fully equipped kitchen with espresso machine, kettle, oven, toaster, dishwasher, washing machine
- Bedroom with king-sized bed and en-suite bathroom with accessible shower
- Guest toilet

First Floor

- Bedroom with king-sized bed and en-suite bathroom with shower over bath
- Bedroom with king-sized bed and en-suite bathroom with shower over bath
- Bedroom with twin beds and en-suite bathroom with shower over bath

Second Floor

- Living room with treadmill
- Bedroom with king-sized bed and en-suite bathroom with bath and shower
- Bedroom with King-size bed and en-suite bathroom with shower
- x 2 Bedrooms with twin beds
- Bathroom with shower over bath shared between twin bedrooms

Outside Grounds

- Private swimming infinity pool, chlorine free (8m x 12m, depth: 1.5m) Open approximately late-May to September. Heated on request and at extra cost
- Sun loungers
- Botanical gardens
- Olive groves
- Covered and uncovered terraces
- Private parking (for 5 cars directly outside)

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning/portable air-conditioning units
- Heating
- TV
- Chairlift (from ground floor to the first floor)
- DVD player
- MP3 player
- Treadmill
- Iron and ironing board
- Mosquito screens
- Safe



Location & Local Information

Castello Chianti is located around 20km south of Florence in the rolling Chianti hills, surrounded by landscapes of vineyards and olive groves so typical of this part of Tuscany.

Discover local restaurants in nearby villages within a 5 to 10-minute drive or head a little further towards other Tuscan gems in the Chianti countryside to truly experience the charm of this region. Look out for summer events taking place in the historic town of Impruneta (15km), visit one of the olive oil presses if staying in late autumn and perhaps purchase some of the terracotta that the town is famous for.

Visit the many iconic vineyards of this area, perhaps starting off in Greve in Chianti (15km) where a wonderful market takes place on a Saturday morning or it's a fine place for lunch and a little shopping on other days of the week. Panzano (23km) is another enchanting place to explore with several atmospheric restaurants and café terraces as well as an outdoor market every Sunday morning.

Other trips include Castellina in Chianta and Radda, both around a 45-minute drive away, or venture west to Montespertoli (33km), a Tuscan hilltop village famed for its wine, truffles and olive oil. Further south is the gorgeous town of Siena (75km), ideal for an exceptional day out at one of Italy's most famous destinations, whilst San Gimignano (54 km) can be reached within an hour.

The castle can help organise wine and olive oil tasting tours as well as bike hire, a fantastic way to reach stunning villages and endless vineyards. Perhaps you may prefer to admire the glorious scenery on horse-back.

Not forgetting Florence, of course - you can catch a glimpse of Florence Cathedral's dome from the castello's panoramic terrace. Around 15km by car, it's such a beautiful city to discover as you wander around its historic lanes filled with pretty terrace cafes, boutiques and vibrant restaurants. Set off early to soak up the ambience of the bustling markets, then stop off for a coffee in one of the famous squares. As evening approaches, come across one of the many bars offering aperitivi accompanied by delicious food, or simply enjoy a glass of wine overlooking the vintage carousel on Piazza della Repubblica.

Some of the great sights of Florence include Ponte Vecchio, the Cattedrale di Santa Maria del Fiore, Il Duomo, the belltower and the Basilica of Santa Croce. If you have time, head slightly outside the city, perhaps via the historic Giardino di Boboli, and take in the incredible views from Piazzale Michelangelo.

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Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Florence Airport (30km)
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Nearest Airport 2	Pisa Airport (98km)
Nearest Train Station	Florence Santa Maria Novella (20km)
Nearest Village	(3km)
Nearest Golf	Circolo Golf dell'Ugolino (5.5km)
Nearest Restaurant	Local village (3km)
Nearest Shop	Small grocery store (3km)
Nearest Supermarket	Carrefour Express (6km)
Nearest Tennis	L'Ugolino (11km)
Nearest City	Florence (20km)

What we love

- Located in 1,500 sqm of land, Castello Chianti sits prestigiously overlooking the hills of Chianti and offers guests a wonderful location for a holiday, wedding or special event.
- Each bedroom has been individually designed with a different style. There's even a room inspired by Liz Taylor after her stay at the castle!
- The botanical gardens were designed by an excellent architect and are the ideal place to explore, soak up the sunshine, dine al fresco or host a wedding/event.
- The beautiful city of Florence is only 20km away.

What you should know...

- Quiet and non-intrusive castle owners and their dogs live in a separate part of the villa with their own entrance, they will be very happy to help. The gardens and pool are reserved exclusively for guests only.
- A ground floor bedroom can be arranged for guests with reduced mobility. Please enquire in advance should anyone in your party require this.
- Air-conditioning is featured in three of the seven bedrooms and the ground floor dining room and sitting room. The remaining four bedrooms benefit from portable air conditioning systems.
- When minimum occupancy is booked, certain rooms may not be accessible (subject to owner's discretion) - best to enquire with us beforehand.
- Due to the size of Castello Chianti, it is highly recommended to hire the maid service, available at an extra cost, payable locally.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €3000 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 p.m. Check-in outside this time may be subject to an extra cost. Please enquire for more details.
- **Departure time:** Before 11.00 a.m. Check-out outside this time will be subject to an extra cost. Please enquire for more details.
- **Energy costs included?:** Included up to 1250 kWh per week. Excess charged extra, payable locally.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, changed weekly.
- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, a pet supplement of €50 per pet per day will apply (payable locally).
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges. A cot and highchair are available on request. Quiet and non-intrusive castle owners and their dogs live in a separate part of the villa with their own entrance, they will be very happy to help. The gardens and pool are reserved exclusively for guests only. Air-conditioning is featured in three of the eight bedrooms and the ground floor dining room and sitting room. The remaining four bedrooms benefit from portable air conditioning systems. Please note that the use of any external caterers and/or contractors is not permitted.
- **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.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights in July and August. 5 nights in June, September and during Xmas/NY. 4 nights during all other periods.
- **Heating costs included?:** Extra cost, payable locally.
- **Pool heating charge?:** Available on request from October to April. Extra cost of €150/day, payable locally. 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 late-May to September. 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.