Villa Cecconi

Region: Tuscany **Sleeps:** 24

Overview

An exceptional venue for a large gathering of friends or family, Villa Cecconi combines everything you need for a week or two in Tuscany. Situated in sought-after Chianti wine country, within easy reach of Siena and Florence, this former 14th-century watchtower is not only a superb base for exploring Tuscany but an elegant retreat with enough space, style and services to delight guests of all ages.

As you turn off the country road to Villa Cecconi for the first time, you can immediately get a sense of its grandeur. Perfectly spaced, tall cypress trees and colourful rose bushes line the immaculate driveway which leads you up through the gates to a magnificent wisteria covered parking area. Sublime views sweep over vineyards to the towers of San Gimignano in the distance, and the landscaped gardens lead you down to an inviting, large pool area.

Impressive in scale, the accommodation is spread out over three stone buildings. An original medieval watchtower forms the main villa, with its long dining table for 26, the best equipped and largest kitchen, as well as seven spacious bedrooms, each with their bathroom.

Across the garden is an equally well furnished second smaller villa for eight guests, perfect for a family or young adults who appreciate their bijou kitchen and living space.

For those who prefer to avoid steps, the self-contained cottage is ideal and thoughtfully adapted for wheelchair access. Each part of the property has been carefully restored to a high level, retaining its original exposed stone walls, terracotta tiles and wooden beamed ceilings, so you have a sense of its historical routes.

A large dining table under a gazebo on the lawn is the dreamy setting for eating the most delicious Tuscan meals together, prepared for you by a local cook if so desired. Budding chefs can enjoy firing up the outdoor pizza oven, and barbecue or fabulous simple dishes can be prepared easily with an array of fresh, seasonal produce from the local markets.

After a morning taking in the sights in Siena or Florence, your private oasis awaits for a refreshing swim in the 16-metre pool or a siesta on a sun lounger. Yoga instructors, massage and beauty treatments can all be arranged for added luxury at the villa.

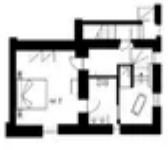
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Please note, the wooden platform has been replaced by a platform made of stone.





VILLA FIRST FLOOR



VILLA INTERMEDIATE FLOOR



COTTAGE GROUND FLOOR

Facilities

Catering Available • Villa • Eco Friendly (Sustainable) • Historical Sites • <1hr to Airport • Air-Con • Recommended • Private Pool • Ideal for Kids • Chef/Cook Available • Special Offer • Has Offer • Has Discount • Ideal for Teens • Cots (Cribs) • Maid Service Included • Outdoor Ceremony • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Nearby Church/Chapel • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Tumble Dryer • Safety Deposit Box • Satellite TV • Heating • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Cooking Classes Available • Yoga Classes Available • Transfers Available • Breakfast Available • Supports the local community (locally owned) • Supports the local community (promotes local businesses) • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Committed to Renewable and Green Energy • Promotes Sustainable Living (Recycling) • Protects and conserves local Heritage • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds









The Villa

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Main Villa

Ground floor
- Fully equipped kitchen
- Dining room with seating for up to 26 guests
- Small living room
- TV room with satellite TV
- Guest bathroom with laundry

First floor
- Seven double bedrooms with en-suite bathroom

Small Villa

Ground floor
- Fully equipped kitchen
- Guest bathroom
- Living room
- Double bedroom with en-suite bathroom

First floor
- Three double bedrooms with en-suite bathroom

Cottage

- Fully equipped kitchen with dining room
- Bathroom
- Double bedroom (wheelchair access)

Outside Grounds

- Garden
- Swimming pool (16m x 9m) with infinity edge. Open approximately 2nd Saturday in May to last Saturday of September
- Barbecue area with wood-fired oven
- Gazebo outdoor furniture
- Two private parking areas for up to 8 cars

Additional Facilities

- Satellite TV with satellite connection and channels (English & Italian)
- All bedrooms air-conditioned with individual climate control

Location & Local Information

Villa Cecconi is located in Chianti, a region which many consider is the heart of Tuscany. Famous for its delicious Chianti wine and fertile hills, the region is a magnet for wine buffs and foodies alike.

For art history lovers, a visit to Tuscany is to experience at first hand some of the most important settings and artworks from the Italian Renaissance, such as Michelangelo's David in the Accademia and Brunelleschi's Duomo.

Many villas in Tuscany take hours to find along bumpy country roads, but Villa Cecconi is easily reached just five drive minutes easy drive from the modern town of Poggibonsi where you will also find a couple of supermarkets. The more historic town of San Gimignano is just 15 minutes away for good restaurants, pizzerias and cafes.

Food plays a central role in Tuscan life so enter into the spirit, find a scenic spot, sip on a glass of Chianti Classico and be sure to try the region's best seasonal produce. From light tomato Panzanella or Fagioli bean dishes to wild boar stews and fresh pasta, all finished off with mouth-watering cantucci biscuits and Vin santo dessert wine, Tuscan cuisine cannot fail to disappoint. Be sure to visit the farmer's markets in Poggibonsi on Tuesdays or San Gimignano on Thursdays.

For a smooth ride into Florence or Siena, follow the main road from Poggibonsi or leave the car at Poggibonsi station and jump on a local train there. Florence is the larger of the two, with its amazing collection of Renaissance art and architecture, a fantastic range of boutiques and a wide selection of restaurants. Siena is nearer, just a 20-minute drive from the villa. With an array of fabulous churches, galleries, restaurants, Renaissance and Gothic architecture and a stunning central piazza, one visit will not be enough.









Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Firenze Airport (50 km)**
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Nearest Village	**Poggibonsi (3 km)**
Nearest Town/City	**Siena (30 km)**
Nearest Shop	**Shops and supermarkets (3 km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Cafes and restaurants (3 km)**
Sightseeing	**La Rocca di Staggia (15 km)**

What we love

- The fantastic location - it is a superb base for exploring the best of Tuscany by the wineries of Chianti and within easy reach of both Florence and Siena.
- The spacious accommodation and large pool means there is room for everyone to gather or find a peaceful place to relax – it's ideal for a family get together or celebration.
- Having a cook and grocery shopping service on tap is an essential way for everyone in the group to truly relax.
- The wood fired outdoor pizza oven and barbecue for memorable summer evenings together in the garden.

What you should know...

- As the accommodation is divided over three houses, bedrooms should be chosen prior to arrival so everyone has their preferred option.
- Please note that prices for 14 and 16 guests are only available during selected dates. Please enquire at the time of booking.
- When the 14-guest price is booked guests will have access to 7 bedrooms in the main villa only; when the 16-guests price is booked guests will have access to 8 bedrooms in the main villa and cottage only; when the 24-guest price is booked guests will have access to 12 bedrooms in the main villa, small villa and cottage.
- Guests who prefer step free, ground floor bedrooms can either stay in the smaller villa or the self-contained cottage which both have access for wheelchair.
- The unpaved gravel road leading to the villa is well maintained but unsuitable for low slung vehicles with luggage so hire a sturdier car.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €500 paid in cash to the owner upon arrival and refunded upon departure, subject to full inspection.

- **Arrival time:** 4.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Check-in outside this time may be subject to an extra cost. Please enquire for more details.

- **Departure time:** 9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.

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

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes, including pool towels.

- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Please note that the use of any external caterers and/or contractors is not permitted.

- **Changeover day:** Saturday.

- **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 note home security devices are installed at the villa, please enquire for further information.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights.

- **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 opening dates?:** The pool is open approximately 2nd Saturday in May to last Saturday in 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.

- **Stag & Hen Do Allowed? :** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.