Astrid Villa

Region: Tuscany **Sleeps:** 4

Overview

Astrid Villa is an incredible example of 1960s architecture, nestled in Tuscany's lush, green countryside. Cleverly converted former warehouse now offers a luxurious villa lifestyle for up to four discerning guests, just two kilometres from the small town of Montisi, near Montalcino. Located in Southern Tuscany, it's a wonderful base for exploring the delights of this popular Italian region. You're surrounded by gently rolling hills, cypress trees, vineyards, olive groves and several charming villages within reaching distance. The wine-producing town of Montepulciano is just over half an hour's drive away and Siena is well worth the hour's drive north-west, for a full day's sightseeing.

Astrid Villa was designed and lived in by two Austrian sculptors and architects. The 'box' concept of the industrial design allows huge windows for admiring the beautiful scenery and for flooding this incredible villa with light. Surround yourself with fine pieces of art, sculpture, designer furniture and open-plan living, both indoors and out.

There are two bedrooms, both featuring en-suite bathrooms which boast large rain showers, and gorgeous tiling, as well as an indulgent bathtub. The contemporary kitchen is well-equipped and leads on to the spacious living and dining areas. Beyond the large glass windows, the shaded terraces around the villa invite you to step outside.

Astrid Villa sits in generous gardens, with lawns, mature trees and total privacy. Your shaded terraces feature designer furniture and effortless style, and are the perfect place for a morning coffee or pre-dinner drink. For indulgent afternoons, make your way to your pool for lazy afternoons soaking up the Tuscan sun on a pool-side sun lounger and taking the occasional dip in the cool water. From here, you can admire the medieval ruins of Montelifrè Castle, perched on top of a nearby hill.

Serious swimmers will simply love the lap pool. It's an incredible 20 metres long and ideal for maintaining your fitness routine, and burning off the irresistible Italian cuisine and wine. For your pool-side comfort, Astrid Villa provides a luxurious outdoor shower.









Facilities

Historical Sites • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Walk to Village • Walking/Hiking Paths • <1hr to Airport • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Horse Riding • Cycling • Eco Friendly (Sustainable) • Villa • Weddings • Maid Service Available • Ideal for Teens • Has Discount • Has Offer • Special Offer • Pets on Request • Chef/Cook Available • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Shared Pool • Walk to Restaurant • Parking

Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Coffee Machine • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Hairdryer • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Indoor Games • DVD • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Sauna/Steam • Wine Cellar • Heating • Kid-friendly excursions • Transfers Available • Breakfast Available • Babysitting Available • On-Site Concierge • Supports the local community (locally owned) • Supports the local community (promotes local businesses) • Committed to Renewable and Green Energy • Promotes Sustainable Living (Recycling)

Interior & Grounds

Villa interior (220m2)

- Spacious open-plan living, dining and kitchen area with designer furniture, central fireplace and large glazed doors leading out to shaded terrace, lawn and pool
- Contemporary kitchen with dishwasher, oven, hob, coffee machine and a breakfast bar
- Bedroom with a double bed (can be twin beds) and an ensuite with a large rain shower
- Bedroom with a double bed and ensuite with a large rain shower. Shared access to bathtub and outdoor shower

Outside grounds

- Shared swimming pool (20m)
- Poolside sun loungers
- Shaded terrace and comfortable seating
- Private outdoor dining table and chairs and BBQ
- Pool-side shower
- Large lawned gardens
- Private covered parking

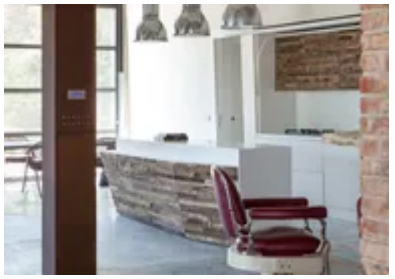
Facilities

- Air-conditioned bedrooms
- Wi-Fi
- Washing machine and dryer (shared with owners)
- Iron and ironing board (shared with owners)
- Flat Screen Television
- DVD player
- I-pod docking station
- Bluetooth Box
- Sauna
- Board games
- Highchair and cot

Extra Sustainability Gems About the Property

This property has a herb garden that customers are welcome to use, and the heating/air conditioning is generated through fotovoltaic panels and a heating pump.









Location & Local Information

The very thought of Tuscany conjures up images of cypress trees and green hills, with olives and vines growing in warm sunshine. A holiday at Astrid Villa puts you at the heart of rural Tuscany and you will be immersed in all of the above. The views from the terraces, pool and gardens are picture-perfect and the area's olives and regional red wine can be bought from the local shops in Montisi. This small, medieval town sits on top of a hill and provides a lively centre, which is often adorned with regional flags. Discover restaurants serving the regional pici pasta along the narrow streets, which open out to the old walls and breath-taking views of the surrounding countryside.

A trip to Tuscany isn't complete without a wine tasting tour. Head to Montepulciano (25km), just half-an-hour's drive from Astrid Villa, for a date with Vino Nobile; the famous red wine of Montepulciano. The wine cellars are built beneath the streets of the town, so you can wander from site to site, learning and tasting as you go.

For a full day's sightseeing, Siena (55km) will take about an hour in the car but you can easily fill the day with exploring the medieval streets, famous Piazzo del Campo and stunning Duomo di Siena. After you've climbed the four hundred steps to the top of Torre del Mangia, you may need a sit down. Pull up a chair at any one of the restaurants lining the piazza, and recharge on Sienese delicacies. For a more hands-on food experience, make sure you're here on a Wednesday to explore the morning market at La Lizza, near the old fortress. It's the largest market in Tuscany and worth an early start to beat the crowds.

For shorter trips out from Astrid Villa the, the idyllic Tuscan town of Pienza (13km) and hot thermal springs in Bagno Vignoni (29km) are wonderful to visit.

Local Amenities









Nearest Airport	**Florence Airport (124km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Pisa (175km)**
Nearest Village	**Montisi (2km)**
Nearest Town/City	**Sinalunga (12km)**
Nearest Restaurant	**Montisi (2km)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Montisi (2km)**
Nearest Golf	**Bettolle - 9 holes (14km)**

What we love

- Astrid Villa boasts such iconic architecture, designer interiors and impressive artwork, that just being here is an experience in itself
- You're perfectly located for exploring the villages and towns in Southern Tuscany, with several easily reached in under an hour
- The countryside views are quintessentially Tuscan. Feast your eyes on rolling hills, cypress trees, olive groves and vineyards
- Montisi is just two kilometres away and the tasty delights of Montepulciano lie half an hour from Astrid Villa
- The ancient town of Siena is about an hour's drive north-west but the fascinating history and famous Piazza del Campo are worthy of a visit

What you should know...

- Astrid Villa is decorated with pieces of art throughout the gardens and house, making it unsuitable for young children.
- Please note the non-intrusive owners live on-site in the right side apartment, and the pool, laundry facilities, gym and garage is sometimes shared access.
- Please note that owner's two friendly dogs reside on-site although they are not permitted indoors.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1000 paid in cash to the owner upon arrival or by Wire Transfer and refunded upon 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.

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

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

- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.

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

- **Other Cleaning:** Mid-week cleaning included

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

- **Minimum stay:** 4 days in low season and 7 nights during high season. All other durations on request.

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

- **Tax:** Italian Visitors Tax payable locally (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).

- **Internet access?:** Wi-Fi included in rental price.