

# San Colombano

Region: Tuscany   Sleeps: 14

## Overview

Filled with history and Italian charm, San Colombano is a wonderful farmhouse with beautiful gardens and a flood-lit swimming pool, set in the foothills of Monte Pisano and very close to the historic town of Lucca.

Sleeping up to 14 guests across seven classical bedrooms, each one with air-conditioning and its own en suite bathroom, this is an inviting holiday home for family and friends wanting to spend time together in spacious surroundings. The elegant living area with satellite TV, the grand domed dining room with French windows leading to the garden and the traditional Tuscan kitchen all offer everything you need for a comfortable and relaxing stay.

You can sense the heritage of the villa all around you – in the 19th century it belonged to a famous engineer who created the first working engine in his workshop in the grounds and continued his scientific studies across this home. Nowadays you are more likely to work-out in the fitness room, take advantage of the on-site chef who can prepare breakfast and lunch or dinner for you and enjoy the luxury of almost daily maid service whilst appreciating the historic importance of this beautiful *casa*.

The jasmine-covered gazebo is an enchanting spot for al-fresco lunches seeking shade from the summer sun or spend evenings dining by the flood-lit swimming pool, accompanied by fine Tuscan food and excellent local wine. Find a moment of solitude as you wander over the lake's wooden bridge to your own private island with its peaceful bench perched under a century-old tree. In the meantime, families of all ages will love the shared tennis court and football field and the owners can arrange bike hire for you all.

There is a small village and a couple of restaurants within



walking distance whilst the stunning town of Lucca is only a ten-minute drive away. Cycle or stroll along its historic walls, discover fine examples of some of Italy's most wonderful medieval and Renaissance architecture and dine in characterful restaurants found in hidden piazzas or down picturesque lanes.

Pisa and Florence are also superb for magnificent days out or spend time visiting enchanting Tuscan villages and towns filled with historic charm such as Collodi, San Miniato and Empoli. Even the blue-flagged beaches of the Versilia coastline can be reached in half an hour or cross the border into Liguria to discover the romantic villages and shores of the Cinque Terre.

If you can tear yourself away from the glorious gardens of San Colombano, there is so much to discover in this wonderful part of central Italy.

## Facilities

Private Pool • Weddings • Cycling • Tennis Nearby • Historical Sites • Horse Riding • Ideal for Kids • Walking/Hiking Paths • Golf Nearby • Air-Con • Wine Tasting • Walk to Village • Ideal for Teens • Cots (Cribs) • Maid Service Included • Has Discount • Special Offer • Chapel on Site • Chef/Cook Available • All Bedrooms En-Suite • <1hr to Airport • Parking Space • Walk to Restaurant • Wi-Fi/Internet • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Outstanding Landscapes • Hairdryer • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • DVD • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Microwave • Safety Deposit Box • Satellite TV • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Cooking Classes Available • Transfers Available • Breakfast Available • Board games • On-Site Concierge • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Football net • High Chair(s) • Fenced Grounds

# Interior & Grounds

## Villa Interiors

### Ground Floor

- Large living room with satellite TV, DVD player, desk and board games. Doors lead to gardens
- Dining room with table for up to 14 guests
- Kitchen, fully equipped including central island, oven, dishwasher, fridge-freezer, ice-maker, Nespresso machine, kettle, microwave and blender
- Laundry room
- Guest WC
- Bedroom with double bed and ensuite bathroom



### First Floor (split-level)

- Bedroom with double bed (170x200cm) and en suite bathroom with bath and shower
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- Bedroom with double bed (170x200cm) and en suite bathroom with bath/shower
- Bedroom with twin beds (80x190cm each, can be converted to a double) and en suite bathroom with shower

*Please note most bathrooms are inward facing*

*It is possible to request an extra bed (charges apply) for two of the bedrooms*

## Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (12x6m, depth: 1.5m) with flood-lighting, open approximately May to September. Can be fenced on request
- Sun-loungers and deck chairs
- Al-fresco dining terrace
- Barbecue
- Gazebo
- Large pond/lake
- Private parking
- Fenced grounds with electric gate
- Access to helicopter pad
- Access to estate's shared tennis court
- Chapel (at neighbouring villa gates)



## Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Heating
- Fireplace
- Air-conditioning (bedrooms)
- Fans
- Satellite TV

- DVD player
- Film library
- Music sound system
- Board games
- Play house

# Location & Local Information

In the foothills of Monte Pisano, with lovely views, San Colombano enjoys a fantastic setting, just 6km south of Lucca and near some of northern Tuscany's most wonderful places to visit.

There are two local restaurants within walking distance and you can also wander to a small village around 2km away. Even closer, sport fans will appreciate the estate's shared tennis court and football field.

One of the greatest highlights of this location is its proximity to the exquisite town of Lucca, 6km away. You will want to return again and again as you explore its historic centre, admiring the incredible medieval and Renaissance architecture, dining in excellent restaurants or just enjoying a coffee and *gelato* in one of the many charming cafes found in pretty squares or cobbled lanes. Walking or cycling along the historic walls is another brilliant experience – come across parks, play areas and gorgeous views.

You can also head to Lucca to catch the train to either Pisa (16km) or Florence (84km) – the owners can also arrange guided tours and private drivers. Spend an amazing day visiting historic sights, galleries and boutiques as well as experiencing city life in two of Tuscany's world-famous gems.

The little Tuscan village of Collodi (24km) is also a delight (especially for children who can enjoy the Pinocchio theme park), as is Vinci (48km), a must for art-lovers with Leonardo da Vinci's birthplace and museum.

Montecatini Terme (36km) features a number of spas and is a great place for shopping in impressive surroundings. Take the old-fashioned funicular to the pretty village of Montecatini Alto for magnificent views.

If you feel like a trip to the beach then the vibrant summer resorts of Viareggio (30km) and Forte dei Marmi (40km) are both within easy reach for watersports, lidos, fantastic



beaches and a lively ambience.

This is also a superb location for driving as far as the Ligurian coast with lovely villages and beaches along the rather romantic Golfo dei Poeti. A little further north is the renowned and very popular Cinque Terre National Park with its historic seaside villages perched above the sea and stunning scenery – it's been classified as a UNESCO World Heritage site with good reason.

The beautiful countryside of this region offers horse-riding, many cycling opportunities (guests can hire bikes from the villa's owner) as well as some wonderful walking, especially around Monte Pisano. As well as watersports along the coast, find river rafting, kayaking and canyoning around an hour north of Lucca near Garfagnana.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Pisa Airport</b> (24km)
Nearest Train Station	<b>Lucca</b> (6km)
Nearest Village	<b>(2km)</b>
Nearest Restaurant	<b>(500m)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Small supermarket</b> (4km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	<b>Local village</b> (2km)
Nearest Town/City	<b>Lucca</b> (6km)
Nearest Beach	<b>Viareggio</b> (30km)
Nearest Golf	<b>Alisei Golf &amp; Country Club</b> (36km)
Nearest Tennis	<b>(On the estate (shared))</b>

## What we love

- Dine al-fresco under the jasmine covered gazebo or overlooking the flood-lit swimming pool
- Relax under an ancient tree on your private island in the villa's small lake
- Each of the classic bedrooms features air-conditioning and has its own en suite bathroom
- The beautiful and historic town of Lucca is just 6km away whilst even closer you can walk to a couple of restaurants and a small village
- Visit Florence, Pisa and idyllic Tuscan villages as well as the lively beaches around Viareggio

## What you should know...

- San Colombano is part of a large estate featuring four holiday homes including Villa Flavus (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/italy/tuscany/lucca-pisa/villa-flavus/>) and Villa Monte Pisano (<https://www.oliverstravels.com/italy/tuscany/lucca-pisa/villa-monte-pisano/>). Each villa has its own grounds and swimming pool.
- Air-conditioning is available in the bedrooms only.
- If travelling with children, please note the gardens feature a small lake (with a bridge and island).
- An optional chef service is included to prepare breakfast and either lunch or an evening meal and guests pay a set charge to cover the cost of the food. Please see the 'Extras' tab for further details.
- Two extra beds are available for an extra charge, to be requested in advance if required.
- Please note that the use of any external caterers and/or contractors is not permitted.
- Walking distance to a restaurant however please note that some parts of the route do not have pavements

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €3000 paid via bank transfer to the owner one month before 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:** 11.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?**: Up to 750kw per week of heating/air-conditioning and other energy usage is included, any further consumption is payable locally.
- **Linen & towels included?**: Yes. Changed on a Saturday and Wednesday. Additional change of linen and towels are subject to an extra cost.
- **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. Air-conditioning is featured in the bedrooms only. A chef is included to prepare breakfast and one meal per day, excluding Wednesdays. If guests wish to take advantage of this service then they have to pay for the cost of the beverages and food. A cot and highchair can be requested for an extra charge per item per week, payable locally. Please enquire for further information. Please note that the use of any external caterers and/or contractors is not permitted. Please note home security devices may be installed at the villa, please enquire for further information.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday (June-September/Christmas and NY/Easter) or flexible at other times.
- **End of stay cleaning available?**: Yes, plus daily maid service (except Sundays). 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?**: Outside only.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights (June-September/Christmas and NY/Easter) or 3 nights at other times.
- **Heating costs included?**: Up to 750kw per week of heating/air-conditioning and other energy usage is included, any further consumption is payable locally.
- **Internet access?**: Wi-Fi internet access included.
- **Pool towels included?**: Yes.
- **Pool opening dates?**: The pool is open approximately 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.