

Casale Bertino

Region: San Gimignano **Sleeps: 16**

Overview

Set in a beautiful estate with charming hilltop villages nearby, Casale Bertino is in a prime position for exploring the very best of rural Tuscany. This carefully restored and stylish farmhouse is surrounded by scenic countryside and overlooks the estate's olive groves, vines and golf course.

Featuring both a large main house and an independent barn converted into an elegant annexe, Casale Bertino offers plenty of space for up to 16 guests to spread out across 8 bedrooms. In fact, this property can be split into three separate apartments, two in the main house and one in the annexe, each with its own private access. Each apartment has a fully equipped kitchen plus dining space and living area, with stunning original features such as vaulted ceilings, brick archways, tiled floors and stone walls running throughout the casa.

Lush greenery, grassy hillsides, rosemary and lavender plants combine to create a serene outdoor setting, filled with delicious scents and featuring views of the golf course. A poolside terrace complete with sun loungers and umbrellas frames the lovely swimming pool, while there are also many shaded spots for cooling down. Enjoy a sunlit breakfast on the sheltered terrace or fire up the pizza oven before dining al-fresco in the balmy evening air and watching dusk fall over the estate.

In the middle of the estate sits a delightful village known as the 'borgo'. It's just a 5-minute drive or 20-minute walk from Casale Bertino and features an ancient castle as well as shops and high-quality restaurants. A variety of lovely walks depart from the estate and cycling and horse-riding are also fantastic ways to explore the unspoilt landscape. There are also tennis courts available for use and the estate is home to the largest golf course in Tuscany.

The picturesque villages of Montaione and San Vivaldo are just a 15-minute drive from the house and offer medieval architecture and unbeatable views. Other wonderful places to visit include San Gimignano, with its impressive towers and walled centre, and Certaldo with its beautiful buildings and charming palazzo.



Florence is just over an hour's drive from Casale Bertino and celebrated for its art, beauty and architecture. Pisa is a great place to visit for the day and no visit would be complete without seeing the iconic Leaning Tower. Siena is another sublime city, rich in art, culture and atmosphere and it has been awarded UNESCO World Heritage status.

Facilities

Wow Factor • Modern • Private Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Pets on Request • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Hairdryer • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Satellite TV • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Fenced Grounds • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Stalking/Hunting • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interior

Ground Floor

- Open-plan kitchen/living area with oven, fridge/freezer, dining table, fireplace and doors leading outside
- Double bedroom with queen size bed, en-suite bathroom with shower
- Twin bedroom, en-suite bathroom with shower

First Floor (private access via external staircase)

- Open-plan kitchen/living area with oven, fridge/freezer, dining table and doors leading to covered balcony
- Double bedroom with queen size bed, en-suite bathroom with shower
- Double bedroom
- Twin bedroom
- Bathroom with shower

Annexe

Ground Floor

- Open-plan kitchen/living room with oven, fridge/freezer, dining table and doors leading outside
- Double bedroom with queen size bed, en-suite bathroom with shower
- Bathroom with shower

First Floor

- 2 x twin bedrooms, en-suite bathrooms with shower

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (11.5m x 3.5m, depth: 1.2m) open approximately May – September
- Poolside terrace with sun loungers and umbrellas
- Terrace with covered al-fresco dining area
- Wood burning pizza oven
- BBQ (on request)
- Fenced grounds
- Grassy lawns
- Private parking

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning
- Heating
- TV
- Washing machine and dryer (x1)
- Iron and ironing board (on request)



- Hairdryer
- Mosquito nets

Location & Local Information

Casale Bertino is one of several villas spread out over a huge estate set in the glorious Tuscan countryside. At the heart of the estate, and just a 5-minute drive or 20-minute walk from the house, sits a quaint hilltop village known as the 'borgo'. Wander through its sleepy streets, explore the ancient castle and admire the sweeping views of vineyards, olive groves and rolling hillsides. The 'borgo' also boasts a selection of boutiques and a handful of excellent restaurants serving delicious local Italian cuisine.

The estate surrounding Casale Bertino offers many fun activities allowing you to fully immerse yourself in the delights of the Tuscan countryside. Golf-lovers will be right at home here as the estate boasts the largest golf course in Tuscany. The 27-hole course is usually split into two separate courses, one more challenging course and another shorter course. There are also tennis courts available for use and many excellent walks of varying degrees of difficulty depart from the estate. Cycling and horse-riding through the vineyards and olive groves provide the chance to glimpse some of the area's wildlife including foxes, deer and even wild boar.

There are several medieval hilltop villages nearby, including San Vivaldo and Montaione, which are both just a 15-minute drive from Casale Bertino. The beautiful 14th century convent perched just outside San Vivaldo is not to be missed, especially during summer months when it serves as a stunning venue for evening concerts. Picturesque Montaione is filled with a number of great osterias and pizzerias while Gambassi Terme is known for its thermal baths.

San Gimignano is just half an hour's drive away and is definitely worth a visit for its beautiful buildings, its historic centre encircled by ancient walls and its skyline of medieval towers. At 54 metres high, Torre Grossa is the tallest of San Gimignano's towers and the only one you can climb up – it's worth it for the spectacular views at the top! Other fantastic places to visit in the area include the nearby towns of Castelfiorentino, which features Renaissance frescoes by the artist Benozzo Gozzoli, and Certaldo, with its rich history and blend of gothic and medieval architecture.



The cities of Florence and Siena are renowned worldwide for their beauty and rich artistic and cultural heritage and can be reached by car in little over an hour. No trip to Florence is complete without a stroll along the bustling, boutique-lined Ponte Vecchio or a visit to Piazza del Duomo to gaze in awe at the mighty Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore. Escape the crowds by wandering along the banks of the River Arno and seek some shade within the Uffizi Gallery whilst admiring the collection of Medici busts and Renaissance paintings. Soak up Siena's ambience by resting in a café in Piazza del Campo or climb the Tower of Mangia which overlooks the central square and provides 360-degree views over the city.

Pisa is just under an hour's drive from the house and worth a day trip to see city's the famous Leaning Tower as well as the pretty Piazza dei Miracoli. Avoid the masses by visiting the iconic bell tower later in the day and instead enjoy a walk along the banks of the River Arno to see some of the city's beautiful aristocratic houses before returning to the city centre.

Tucked away in a rural position, with medieval villages and several of Italy's most loved cities within easy driving distance, Casale Bertino boasts an outstanding setting.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Pisa (52km)
Nearest Airport 2	Florence (63km)
Nearest Train Station	Certaldo (26km)
Nearest Village	Within the estate (3km)
Nearest Restaurant	Within the estate (3km)
Nearest Shop	Within the estate (3km)
Nearest Town	San Gimignano/Certaldo (26km)
Nearest City	Pisa (52km)
Nearest Golf	(Within the estate)

Nearest Tennis

(Within the estate)

What we love

- This restored farmhouse boasts stunning original features including brick archways, vaulted ceilings, stone walls and tiled floors
- As one of the houses within the estate, guests can visit the spa and use the tennis courts and golf course at a discounted rate
- In just a 5-minute drive or 20-minute walk from the house you will find a great selection of restaurants and an ancient castle in the estate's 'borgo'
- Casale Bertino enjoys an ideal location with medieval hilltop villages close by and the much-loved cities of Pisa, Florence and Siena around an hour's drive away

What you should know...

- This house is made up of three self-contained apartments (one on the ground floor, one on the first floor and another in the the annexe), making it ideal for larger groups travelling together but also looking for some privacy
- Casale Bertino is located within a huge estate featuring a golf course, tennis courts and 'borgo' with a handful of restaurants
- The house overlooks the estate's golf course, with a couple of holes running just next to the garden and grounds
- Short-breaks may be possible on request outside end June-end August. Please enquire
- If you're looking to holiday with friends, [I Ferrioli](#) is located within the same estate - together the two houses can sleep up to 26 guests

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €1000 charged to client's credit card by the owner upon arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m. Late arrivals are subject to an additional arrival fee of €100.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Yes. If required, wood for the fireplace is also available for an extra charge of €500, payable locally.
- End of stay cleaning included?: 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.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- 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.
- Changeover day: Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights (short-breaks may be possible on request outside end June-end August).
- Pets welcome?: Small pets may be accepted on request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Internet access?: Wi-Fi internet access included.
- Tax: Italian Visitors Tax payable locally in cash (typically costs €1-€3 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
- Other Ts and Cs: Highchair, cot, barbecue, iron and ironing board are available on request only.