

# Casale Eleganza

Region: San Gimignano **Sleeps: 10**

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## Overview

Stay in elegance in this beautifully appointed farmhouse with a wonderful terrace and private pool looking out to quintessential Tuscan landscapes, just a short drive from San Gimignano.

Set on a 35-acre estate, Casale Eleganza is surrounded by working vineyards, olive groves and scenery dotted with Cypress trees, dreamy vistas which can be enjoyed from the tranquil swimming pool. The gardens are a joy with romantic wisteria draping over the arched windows, terracotta pots filled with bright geraniums and a terrace which is atmospherically lit up at night for al-fresco dining on warm Italian evenings.

Inside, peep out of the stable door of the TV lounge for yet more picture-perfect Tuscan views, hire a private chef to serve a feast in the characterful dining room with its vaulted arched ceiling or drink Chianti well into the evening as you relax by candlelight in the inviting sitting room. Upstairs, four beautiful bedrooms offer sophistication and comfort, each one with air-conditioning and en suite bathrooms, one with a stylish double shower, another with a gorgeous freestanding bath. A charming and independent guesthouse-style annexe offers a fifth en suite bedroom and living area.

There are hiking paths straight from your door and beyond, even as far as San Gimignano for the keenest of walkers or hop in the car and reach the idyllic medieval village, famous for its many towers, in just a few minutes. Soak up the enchanting ambience as you wander around the narrow lanes filled with pretty shops, atmospheric cafes and excellent restaurants.

Ride horses through Tuscan landscapes, potter around gorgeous hilltop villages and discover the undulating scenery via bike or even a hot air balloon. Siena and Florence are perfect for wonderful days out, as are trips to the Chianti vineyards or historic towns such as Certaldo and Volterra – there are so many ways to immerse yourselves in this glorious part of central Tuscany.



## Facilities

Wow Factor • **Recommended** • Private Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers

• Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • BBQ •

Safety Deposit Box • Hairdryer • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Ground Floor

Bed & Bath • TV • DVD • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Rural

Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Cycling • Horse Riding

• Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns &

Villages • Historical Sites • Romantic

# Interior & Grounds

## Main Villa Interiors

### Ground Floor

- Living room with stone fireplace
- Dining room with table for up to 10 guests
- TV lounge with TV and stereo
- Kitchen, well-equipped including dishwasher, fridge-freezer, gas hobs, oven, microwave, toaster, coffee machine
- Laundry room
- WC

### First Floor

- Bedroom with double bed, air-conditioning and en suite bathroom with shower
- Bedroom with double bed, air-conditioning and en suite bathroom with bath
- Bedroom with four-poster double bed, air-conditioning and en suite bathroom with bath
- Bedroom with twin beds, air-conditioning and en suite bathroom with shower

## Separate Annexe Interiors

- Living area with stone fireplace
- Bedroom area with double bed, air-conditioning and en suite bathroom with shower

## Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (14x7m, depth: 1-2m). Open approximately May to end-September
- Al-fresco dining area
- Barbecue
- Garden (partly terraced with steps)
- Vast estate (35 acres including working vineyards, olive groves, woodland)
- Parking

## Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Heating
- Air-conditioning (bedrooms)
- TV



- DVD player
- Stereo
- Pool inflatables
- DVDs
- Board games
- Hairdryers
- Safe
- Washing machine and dryer

## Location & Local Information

In the heart of central Tuscany, a short drive from San Gimignano, Casale Eleganza is set in a 35-acre estate which features a working vineyard and olive grove as well as woodland.

It's a tranquil location, the last part reached via an unmade lane that winds through the stunning landscapes that surround the villa. It's around a 5km drive from San Gimignano, even closer if you choose to walk (around 3km over the hills, suitable for keen and fit walkers only).

San Gimignano is one of Tuscany's most loved villages, famous for its many towers and historic beauty. Whilst perusing the pretty shops and dining in some charming restaurants, make sure you try the local white wine, Vernaccia, which is produced in the village's surrounding vineyards.

Poggibonsi (14km) is a useful town to have nearby with its supermarkets and some excellent local restaurants. This is also where the nearest train station is, a great way of travelling to either Siena (25-minutes) or Florence (just over an hour by train). Alternatively, the Firenze-Siena autostrada is easily picked up near Poggibonsi, taking you to Florence in around an hour whilst Siena is about 45 minutes from the villa.

The Chianti hills are also within striking distance allowing you to visit some of the region's amazing wineries and picture-perfect villages. Start off in Castellina in Chianti (28km), then head to Greve and Radda to discover these enchanting villages and surrounding vineyards.

Volterra is another popular town to visit, about half an hour away, with its fascinating Etruscan history, medieval architecture and delightful narrow lanes to explore. It's a must for art-lovers who should spend some time admiring the work in the Pinacoteca e Museo Civico di Volterra.

Of course, this region is perfect for hikers with paths leading straight from the estate and many other trails around San Gimignano and beyond. There is also horse-riding close by as well as various golf courses dotted across Tuscany and many cycling opportunities. A hot air balloon ride is another way to see the glorious landscapes.



## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport

**Florence Airport  
(65km)**

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| Nearest Airport 2     | <b>Pisa Airport<br/>(80km)</b>             |
| Nearest Train Station | <b>Poggibonsi San Gimignano<br/>(14km)</b> |
| Nearest Village       | <b>San Gimignano<br/>(5km)</b>             |
| Nearest Restaurant    | <b>San Gimignano<br/>(5km)</b>             |
| Nearest Supermarket   | <b>Nr San Gimignano<br/>(4km)</b>          |
| Nearest Town          | <b>Poggibonsi<br/>(14km)</b>               |
| Nearest City          | <b>Siena<br/>(42km)</b>                    |
| Nearest Golf          | <b>Castelfalfi Golf Club<br/>(25km)</b>    |

## What we love

- With antique furnishings, beautiful fabrics, gorgeous bathrooms and even a four-poster bed, there is Italian romance all around you
- Dine al-fresco on the picture-perfect terrace, gazing out to the estate's vineyards, olive groves and woodland
- It's just a short drive to San Gimignano, one of Tuscany's most loved villages (keen walkers can head there on foot)
- Visit the artistic cities of Siena and Florence or spend time exploring idyllic wine villages set in idyllic Tuscan countryside

## What you should know...

- The villa features four bedrooms in the main house and one bedroom in a separate guest-house style annexe.
- Air-conditioning is featured in the bedrooms only.
- Part of a working vineyard and olive grove, you can request to partake in the autumn harvest.

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €1000 paid in cash to the owner upon arrival and refunded upon departure, subject to full inspection or charged to client's credit card by the owner as a pre-authorisation upon arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Extra cost based on consumption, payable locally.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- 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.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Smoking Allowed?: Not allowed.
- Changeover day: Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- Pool opening dates?: The pool is open approximately May to end-October. Early or extended opening is on request only and subject to a supplement, payable locally. 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.
- Tax: Italian Visitors Tax payable locally in cash (typically costs €1-€5 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- Insurance: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
- Other Ts and Cs: A cot and highchair are available on request.
- Other Ts and Cs: Air-conditioning is available in the bedrooms only.
- Internet access?: Wi-Fi internet access included.
- Pool heating charge?: Extra charge, payable locally. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.