Villa Ace

Region: San Gimignano Sleeps: 8

Overview

Surrounded by glorious Tuscan landscapes yet benefitting from being part of a large estate with the region's largest golf course, Villa Ace is ideal for guests looking for an active yet relaxing holiday within half an hour of the enchanting village of San Gimignano.

Indeed, Villa Ace is perfectly positioned overlooking one of the 27 holes of this grand golf course and the club house with its superb restaurant is just 2km away. Other facilities of this vast resort include a historic *borgo* which features hotel-restaurants, two tennis courts and paddle located close to the Golf Club House, set beneath the olive groves as well as walking and cycling opportunities across the estate's magnificent grounds.

Admire the lavender and olive trees as you approach the gated drive of your holiday home and marvel at the gorgeous scenery from your own pretty garden and swimming pool. The al-fresco dining pergola is perfect for evening *aperitivi* perhaps followed by Italian feasts with family and friends looking out as the sun sets behind the Tuscan hills.

Inside the villa, expect elegant interiors with a spacious living room decorated with rustic yet refined style, a TV room that families will love, a perfectly equipped kitchen as well as three doubles (two of them en suite) and an attractive twin bedroom, all with French windows leading to the inviting pool, covered terrace or picturesque gardens.

Whilst there is so much to do across the huge estate, you're surely wish to venture further afield to discover yet more delights of Tuscany. Perhaps start off with a meal out in an authentic *osteria* in nearby Montaione or fall in love with the many belltowers of idyllic San Gimignano. Other historic gems to discover include San Miniato, Volterra, Certaldo or spend time in the magnificent cities of Siena and Florence.

Then there's Pisa, the mesmerising vineyards and villages of the Chianti region, not to mention tiny hilltop villages where time stands still and captivating landscapes that capture the romance of this irresistible part of Italy.









Facilities

Resort Villa • Wellness • Private Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Pets on Request • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Safety Deposit Box • Hairdryer • Tennis Court • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Spa/Massage • Wine Cellar • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Stalking/Hunting • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interiors (323m2)

- Open-plan living area with fireplace and dining table
- Kitchen, fully-equipped including fridge/freezer, dishwasher, oven, microwave, toaster, coffee maker and kettle
- TV room
- Guest WC
- 2 x bedrooms with double bed, door leading outside and en suite bathroom
- Bedroom with double bed and door leading outside
- Bedroom with twin beds and door leading outside
- Bathroom
- Laundry room (outside)

Two bathrooms have a shower, one has a bath tub

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (11.5x3m, depth: 1.8m) open seasonally approximately May to September
- Sunbeds
- Al-fresco dining loggia with views
- Barbecue
- Garden
- Parking (via steps)
- Partially enclosed grounds

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning
- Heating
- TV
- Safe
- Hairdryer
- Mosquito nets
- Washing machine and dryer









Location & Local Information

In a stunning part of Tuscany, within half an hour of San Gimignano, Villa Ace is part of a large estate which also features a golf course, spa facilities, tennis courts and a hotel-restaurant.

Villa Ace is set by itself in the large 27-hole golf course, overlooking one of the holes and with glorious views over the Tuscan landscapes, with other resort villas also dotted across this part of the estate. The actual club house (and restaurant) is just under 2km away and guests will receive a 15% discount on green fees and discounted use of the two tennis courts. The historic 'borgo' is around 3km away, the heart of the resort where you will find hotel-restaurants and spa facilities.

There are some beautiful walks across the estate as well as opportunities for horse-riding and cycling with bike hire available. Visit the estate's vineyards and learn all about their wine-making traditions or visit the cellar for wine-tasting.

The small and very pretty village of Montaione (13km) is where you will find the nearest restaurants outside the estate, as well as a small supermarket and other amenities. It's a picturesque Tuscan village 300m above sea level and local specialities include white truffles and saffron alongside wine and olive oil. A little further, Gambassi Terme (15km) is known for its thermal baths whilst closer to home the monastery at San Vivaldo (8km) is also worthy of a visit.

Admire the many towers of San Gimignano, around half an hour away, and soak up the enchanting ambience of this much-loved hilltop village with the most gorgeous views all around. Dine in one of the village's many restaurants and sample locally produced Vernaccia white wine.

The Tuscan town of Certaldo (25km) is also full of historic gems or head a little further towards the hills and vineyards of the Chianti region with old villages such as Castellina in Chianti (52km) a joy to explore.

Heading north, idyllic San Miniato (30km) is known to be one of Tuscany's prettiest villages and a little further is the birthplace of Leonardo da Vinci in Vinci (48km). Keen historians may wish to drive to Empoli (42km) whilst Volterra (35km) is another amazing place known especially for its Etruscan heritage.

Not forgetting of course the great cities of Florence and Siena with their artistic treasures. Both are over an hours drive or you may prefer to catch the train – Siena is a 35-minute train ride from Certaldo whilst Florence could be reached in under half an hour from Empoli train station. The wonderful city of Pisa is





just under an hour by car.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Pisa Airport (53km)
Nearest Airport 2	Florence Airport (63km)
Nearest Train Station	Certaldo (25km)
Nearest Restaurant	Golf Club's restaurant (2km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	In the resort's 'borgo' (3km)
Nearest Supermarket	Co-op (15km)
Nearest Village	Montaione (13km)
Nearest Town/City	Certaldo (25km)
Nearest Golf	Estate's club house (2km)
Nearest Tennis	Estate's tennis courts x2 (2km)

What we love

- A paradise for golf-lovers with Tuscany's largest course part of the vast estate (indeed, you're looking over one of the holes)!
- Guests can also make use of the estate's various facilities including spa, tennis courts and some superb restaurants.
- Take long walks through the estate's grounds, admire the Tuscan scenery on horseback or hire bikes to explore the landscapes.
- This part of Tuscany is filled with enchanting hilltop villages including San Gimignano nearby.
- Spend time visiting the grand cities of Siena, Florence and Pisa.

What you should know...

- Villa Ace is part of a vast resort and estate, overlooking the golf course (next to one of the holes), and is around 3km from the
 main 'borgo' with its reception and hotel-restaurants.
- The facilities such as tennis court, wine cellar and spa/massage are all part of the estate and payable locally.
- If travelling with friends, please note we also feature <u>Casale Bertino</u> (8 bedrooms) and <u>I Ferrioli</u> (5 bedrooms) in the same estate.
- Short breaks can be requested please see the T&Cs.

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.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes (including mid-week change).
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes and 2hrs daily maid service also included. 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.
- Tax: Italian Visitors Tax payable locally in cash (typically costs €1-€3 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- 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.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. Short breaks can be requested 5 nights in high season (late June to mid-September and Xmas/NY period) or 3 nights at other times, usually with a Saturday changeover day.
- Pets welcome?: Small pets may be accepted on request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outdoors only.
- Internet access?: Wi-Fi internet access included.
- Other Ts and Cs: A Highchair and cot are available on request only.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
- Insurance: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, personal belongings, public liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.
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