

Casa Castano

Region: Montepulciano Sleeps: 14

Overview

Nestled in the woodland and rolling hills of Tuscany and close to the amenities and thermal springs in the spa town of San Casciano Dei Bagni, this home is a rural idyll and a fantastic base from which you can explore the province of Siena.

Built in 1798, Casa Castano is an elegant and spacious home. Though the villa has been refurbished, it still contains all of its charm as the renovation used only traditional materials. The attention to detail in this house is sublime and paired with the vast garden this makes for a serene and comfortable place to stay.

Whether you are travelling with a large family group or with a few couples, this villa has room for everyone to retreat and relax in peace when they wish but come together to make memories inside the house and out! With 6 double bedrooms plus a twin bedroom there is ample space to accommodate everyone in your party in comfort. There are also 6 luxurious bathrooms and Wi-Fi, air conditioning and heating available throughout the villa.

The garden is an amazing feature; with 10,000 m2 of lawns, olive, fruit and oak trees, dining areas and a pool lined with sun loungers, you could spend your whole holiday here just taking in the vistas of the surrounding countryside or reading in the shade of an ancient oak.

The nearest shops and eateries are available in San Casciano Dei Bagni which is under 5km away, quickly reached by car. The town has a number of bakeries, restaurants and shops dotted around the winding, medieval streets. A nice place to visit, you can also find ancient churches, the town hall and a 14th century palace to visit. With architecture spanning from the Etruscans and Roman eras and stunning views of the Val d'Orcia valley this is a lovely town to have so close by.

San Casciano Dei Bagni is best known however for its thermal baths. Whether you choose to take a dip in the Bagno Grande which is in walking distance of the town and is a well-preserved historic bath or you would prefer a day of luxury at Fonteverde spa, you can enjoy the warm therapeutic waters at both.



There are also many other towns you can visit nearby such as Radicofani which is 20km away and is known for its staggering fortress. Città della Pieve is also 20km away, here you can see the paintings of the artist Perugino and enjoy cuisine which blends Tuscan and Umbrian flavours.

Elsewhere, the stunning hilltop town Pienza is 45km away, while in under an hour you could be sitting sipping the famous red wine of Montepulciano. You could even visit Siena, which is 100km away and well-worth the 90-minute drive.

Facilities

Private Pool • Heated Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Pets on Request • Walk to Restaurant • BBQ • Hairdryer • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Satellite TV • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Cycling • Stalking/Hunting • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites



Interior & Grounds

Villa Interior (350m2)

Ground Floor

- Kitchen with table seating 4, oven, hob, fridge freezer, dishwasher, microwave, coffee machine, kettle, blender
- Dining room with table seating 14, feature fireplace and doors to garden
- Living room with sofas, TV, wood burner and doors to garden
- Bedroom with Queen sized double bed and en-suite bathroom with shower, sink, WC and bidet
- Bedroom with King sized double bed and en-suite bathroom with shower, sink, WC and bidet
- Bedroom with King sized double bed and en-suite bathroom with chromotherapy shower, sink, WC and bidet, accessed from the garden
- Bedroom with super-king sized double bed and en-suite bathroom with shower, sink, WC and bidet, accessed from the garden
- Twin bedroom
- Laundry room with washing machine and dryer
- Study

First Floor

- Living room with sofas, TV, fireplace and doors to covered terrace
- Bedroom with four-poster super king sized bed and en-suite bathroom with copper bath with shower attachment, sink, WC and bidet
- Bedroom with King sized double bed and en-suite bathroom with shower, sink, WC and bidet

Outside Grounds (10,000m2)

- Heated swimming pool (15m x 8m). Open approximately mid-April to mid-October
- Large private garden with lawns and established trees
- Sun lounger
- Pergola with dining table
- Covered terrace
- Parking
- Barbecue
- Wood burning pizza oven

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning (via adjustable fan coils)
- Heating
- Satellite TVs
- DVD player

Location & Local Information

Amidst the Val d'Orcia and Val di Chiana in the rolling hills of Tuscany, Casa Castano is perfectly situated for a relaxing break. Here you can spend your time exploring the countryside and the pretty hill-top villages which surround the home.

With walking trails, cycle routes and horse riding available nearby, there are plenty of opportunities to get out in to the fresh air and sunshine. You can also enjoy walking around one of the many vineyards and discovering how the region's wine is produced, before purchasing a bottle or two for dinner. Many local wineries offer tours, tastings and even lunch.

When you wish to pick up some groceries or pop out for a bite to eat, the closest town is under 5km away. San Casciano Dei Bagni has charming shops and eateries and is a lovely place to spend the afternoon wandering around the historic streets and buildings. Make sure to see the Church of St Anthony, the medieval walls and gates and of course the views! This town is less known by tourists so you will be able to try some true Tuscan cuisine such as the Pici pasta in little family run restaurants.

Also in San Casciano Dei are the various thermal baths that the area is renowned for. Why not visit Fonteverde spa which is an award-winning spa complex with 7 thermal pools. The spa also offers many beauty treatments plus massages and places to eat, so you can make a full day of it. If you don't fancy the spa, you can still experience the thermal baths, the ancient baths in town are still in use today which is a great experience.

This area of Tuscany is filled with gorgeous hilltop towns where time seems to stand still and many of these are within easy reach by car. Cetona is one of these, 17km from the villa and recognised as one Italy's most beautiful towns. The mountain which the town is set on is known for its archaeological finds and evidence of human settlement over 40,000 years ago has been discovered here. You can see some of the artifacts in the prehistory museum or visit the archaeological park. The pretty 16th century piazza is also a relaxing place to sit down with a coffee.

Città della Pieve is 20km away, this unique brick-built town is on the border of Tuscany and Umbria and many visit just to see the paintings of the artist Perugino. You can book on to tours to see these art works plus more paintings and monuments. If you don't have time for this make sure to visit the Oratory of Bianchi where you can see a large Perugino painting. The cathedral is also stunning. If you stop for lunch this is a great spot for trying local olive oil, truffles and cured meats.

Another brilliant place to visit for a day trip is Lago Bolsena. 56km away from the villa, this is Europe's largest volcanic lake. Whether you wish to swim in



the clear waters, unwind on the lake beaches, go fishing or even go on a boat trip there is lots to do here.

Picture-perfect Montepulciano can be reached in under an hour. The town is renowned for its famous vino nobile red wine, with several wineries offering tours and tastings. If you're a fan of fine wines, there's really no better place to be!

The incredible city of Siena is 100km from the villa and takes around 90 minutes to drive to. Head out early to make the most of the day as there is plenty to keep you busy, though the city is small enough to walk around with ease. Climb to the top of the 800-year-old Torre del Mangia for unrivalled panoramic views of the city and surrounding hills. The Palazzo Publico and the Duomo are also unmissable when visiting Siena.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	San Francesco d'Assisi Airport (70km)
Nearest Village	San Casciano Dei Bagni (<5km)
Nearest Restaurant	(2km)
Nearest Shop	San Casciano Dei Bagni (<5km)
Nearest Supermarket	Tanta Roba (7km)
Nearest City	Perugia (60km)

What we love

- Casa Castano is an 18th century home which has been lovingly restored using all natural, local materials to reflect its rustic Tuscan style
- This beautiful 6-bedroom villa sits within vast, unspoilt gardens amongst fields and woodland and has a large inviting pool
- There are lots of extras that you can book to make your stay even more perfect, including; meals in the adjacent private restaurant, cookery lessons, Italian classes and horse riding!
- Enjoy the serene countryside setting without being cut off, as the town of San Casciano Dei Bagni is under 5km away and there are plenty of other towns and attractions within easy reach

What you should know...

- The twin bedroom is adjoining one of the double bedrooms and together they would make the perfect family suite.
- Two of the ground floor bedrooms are accessed from the garden and share a small living space, these rooms are ideal for those wanting a little more privacy.
- A car is recommended so that you may make the most out of this gorgeous area of Tuscany and there is parking available for guests.
- Please note that the use of any external caterers and/or contractors is not permitted.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €1000 paid in cash to the owner upon arrival and refunded upon departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Included. Air-conditioning is charged at €0.80 per kWh (2023), payable locally. Included in 2024.
- Heating costs included?: Extra €8.00 per cubic metre, payable locally. 2024: included.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Extra €250 (2023), payable locally. 2 hours of daily cleaning included (except Sunday). 2024: 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.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, including linen change on Saturday and towels change on Wednesday and Saturday.
- Pool towels included?: Yes, one per guest. Changed every 2 days.
- Pool opening dates?: Open approximately mid-April to mid-October. 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: 2024: Saturday from approximately June to mid-August. Flexible during all other periods.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights from end-April – beginning-October. 4 nights during all other periods. 2024: 7 nights from approximately June to mid-September. 3 or 4 nights during all other periods.
- Pets welcome?: A maximum of two pets may be accepted on request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, a pet supplement of €50 per pet per stay will apply (payable locally). 2024: a final cleaning charge of €100 will apply.
- Smoking Allowed?: Not allowed.
- Internet access?: Wi-Fi internet access included.
- Tax: Italian Visitors Tax payable locally in cash (typically costs €1-€5 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- Pool heating charge?: 2023: Extra €600 - €1350 for heating, payable locally and €50 - €100 for temperature maintenance per day according to season and climate, payable locally. 2024: €450 per day (May, June, September), €350 per day (July, August). Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
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