

Canossilla

Region: Lucca & Pisa Sleeps: 10

Overview

The Lunigiana is a beautiful mountainous region of Italy which encompasses areas of Tuscany and neighbouring Liguria. This rural landscape dotted with historic towns and castles is an idyllic place to stay for a relaxing break.

Canossilla is a recently restored villa within a little hamlet overlooking the surrounding hills and mountains. Other than a few nearby homes, you are in an entirely secluded location. The nearest amenities are a 5km drive away and the nearest town is 11km away.

This villa is made up of 3 suites on the ground floor and an apartment on the first floor. 10 guests can stay here in comfort and there is the option to connect the downstairs suites if you would prefer this. Canossilla is ideal for those travelling in a group but wishing for some privacy too. Each of the downstairs suites has a double bedroom, a bathroom and a small kitchen. Also on the ground floor there is a spacious living room where all guests can come together over a glass of local wine in the evening, and has two sofa beds for extra sleeping space.

Upstairs in the apartment there are 2 further bedrooms and also a large kitchen and dining space which can be utilised by the whole party. This light and airy room leads directly out on to the first-floor terrace, a great spot for your morning coffee with a view.

As well as the terrace, the house also has a vast garden with lawned areas and lush native planting. You are able to enjoy dramatic panoramas over the mountains and the valley below as you take a dip in the inviting private pool or maybe you would prefer to unwind on the sun loungers with a good book. As the sun sets why not make use of the barbecue and al-fresco dining area and cook up an Italian feast!

When you need to pick up some groceries or would like some fresh pastries for breakfast, then the closest village with a shop, restaurants and bakery is only 5km away. You can also discover a wealth of walking and hiking routes near to the villa or if you would prefer to see more of the landscape on horseback then riding is available just 3km away.

A little further afield there are plenty of larger villages and towns you can visit too such as Aulla which is 11km away from the villa. Aulla is a town which is



positioned in between two rivers on the Via Francigena pilgrim trail, it has a great range of shops, restaurants and bustling markets as well as museums, archaeological sites and a castle so there is lots to see and do.

There are countless charming villages and hill towns just a short drive away from the villa which you can visit, including Villafranca in Lunigiana which is 16km away and Bagnone which is 22km away. If you would like a day at the coast, then the famous beaches and villages of the breath-taking Cinque Terre are also just 35km away!

Facilities

Private Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens
• Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Pets on Request • BBQ • Hairdryer •
Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Smart TV • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) •
Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Cycling • Horse Riding •
Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns &
Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interior

Ground Floor

- Shared living room with two double sofa beds and smart TV

Suite 1

- Bedroom with double sized bed
- Kitchenette with fridge, hob and microwave
- Bathroom with shower, sink, bidet and WC

Suite 2

- Bedroom with double sized bed and TV
- Living room with terrace access and kitchenette with fridge, hob and microwave
- Bathroom with shower, sink, bidet and WC

Suite 3

- Bedroom with double sized bed and TV
- Living room with terrace access and kitchenette with fridge, hob and microwave
- Bathroom with shower, sink, bidet and WC

First Floor

Apartment

- Bedroom with French sized double bed and en-suite bathroom with shower, sink bidet and WC
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- Kitchen dining room with terrace access with oven, hob, fridge, freezer, dishwasher, microwave, toaster, kettle, coffee machine and dining table seating 12
- Large terrace

Outside Grounds

- Private swimming pool (14 x 4.5m, depth: 1.4m)
- Large garden with fragrant planting and lawns
- Sun loungers and parasols



- Al-fresco dining table
- Outdoor sofas
- Barbecue
- Parking

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air conditioning
- Smart TV
- Washing machine
- Iron and ironing board
- Hairdryers

Location & Local Information

Due to the unspoilt landscape of mountains and dramatic tree-filled valleys, this green region looks as if it has not changed much since it was first settled 2000 years ago. If you are searching for somewhere to stay where you can spend quality time with friends and family while immersed in nature then Canossilla is perfect for this. When you wish to see more of the surrounding areas there are many towns and beaches across Northern Tuscany and Liguria which are easily reached by car.

This villa is a great base for those who enjoy walking, hiking or cycling as you are able to join routes straight outside of the house which will take you through the surrounding hills and forested areas. Another lovely way to see more of the landscape is to take part in an organised horse trek which you can do from a farm just 3km away, this would be a memorable trip for all ages.

Another much-loved feature of this area are the cave systems which are plentiful in Tuscany and Liguria. An example of these caves can be seen 32km from the villa is a spa town called Equi Terme; you can spend the whole day exploring this magical place as there are healing hot springs and pools for bathing, amazing caves filled with archaeological sites and natural formations and also the ancient village to wander around.

As you drive around the hills and valleys you will spot lots of little hilltop villages which you can visit, you could drive to a different one each day as there are so many, each with their own characters and charm. Villafranca in Lunigiana is one such village and is 16km away from the house. This village and others like it are perfect for getting a true feel of Italian village life where many people still farm the surrounding land for cereal crops. As you wander around the streets, the medieval origins of the village will be apparent as you see the defensive walls and parts of the fortress built in the 12th century. In one of the old mill buildings there is also a museum where you can learn more about local life and village history. While here make sure to try some of the tasty delicacies such as a chestnut cake called pattona.

Though the villa is rurally located you can also reach bigger towns and beaches with ease by car. Aulla is just 11km away and has lots of restaurants and shops plus sprawling markets, archaeological ruins and an imposing 16th century castle to see. You can also be in the heart of the Cinque Terre villages within a 35km drive; this collection of 5 beautiful cliffside fishing villages are a must-visit location. The villages are traffic-free and are a wonderful place to go to walk around the colourful streets visiting artisan shops, sampling local foods and of course paying a visit to one of the picturesque beaches.



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Pisa (80km)
Nearest Airport 2	Genova (110km)
Nearest Village	Barbarasco (5km)
Nearest Restaurant	Barbarasco (5km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	Barbarasco (5km)
Nearest Supermarket	Aulla (11km)
Nearest Shop	Bakery (5km)
Nearest Beach	Carrara (30km)
Nearest Golf	Forte Dei Marmi (45km)
Nearest Train Station	Aulla (11km)

What we love

- Canossilla is a home which has been within the same family for a number of generations and has been lovingly restored in 2022
- If you wish to experience authentic Italian life then this rural home is the ideal place to stay
- Enjoy a dip in the private pool while taking in the views of the surrounding hills and forests
- The villa is set in a serene, countryside area but you can find the closest amenities such as a bakery, shop and restaurant just 5km away and the large town of Aulla is 11km away

What you should know...

- Canossilla is made up of 3 suites and an apartment which share the communal living spaces of the villa and can be connected from the main entrance. This set up is perfect for groups that wish to travel together but have a little privacy too.
- Two additional guests can be accommodated on sofa beds, on request, subject to a fee of €250 per person per week (payable locally).
- This home is in a secluded hillside hamlet with just a few other homes nearby. A car will be required for exploring more of the area.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €1000 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation one month before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- Changeover day: Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- Energy costs included?: Included up to 300 kWh per week. Excess charged at €0.50 per Kwh.
- Heating costs included?: Extra cost, 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?: 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.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Pets welcome?: On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- 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).
- Insurance: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, loss of 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.
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