

Villa Sortes

Region: Lucca & Pisa Sleeps: 14

Overview

Villa Sortes is nestled in the heart of Tuscany, surrounded by countryside and idyllic Italian villages, close to notable cities such as Florence and Pisa. The unique home is part of a large estate with several other villas.

Spread over two floors, the spacious home has four individual entrances. Elegantly furnished, there are seven bedrooms, each with a unique design and colour scheme, five of which have their own en-suite bathroom for maximum privacy. In one of the suites, you'll also find a sitting area, while many bathrooms are equipped with baths, inviting you for a pampering soak at the end of the day.

Downstairs, guests can use one of the two living rooms and relax in front of the fireplace. Dinners can be served in the ornate dining room decorated with Rococo furnishings and display cabinets, with doors opening to the stunning garden.

Outside, the large swimming pool is the perfect place to spend an afternoon taking refreshing dips in an ancient garden surrounded by magnolias, cypress and pine trees. When you find a quiet spot on the terrace, enjoy the spectacular views of the Lucca Valley below while sipping on a crisp wine, most likely produced in one of the nearby vineyards.

The Lucca Valley proposes numerous opportunities for fun holiday exploration in nature. The nearby villages of Valgiano, San Pietro Marcigliano, Batano and Segromigno are great for recharging your batteries over a plate of pasta or pizza after a long day spent travelling up and down the region.

Alternatively, enjoy a scenic 20-minute drive to Lucca, the closest city. Positioned near the Ligurian Sea and an excellent stop on your way to the coast, it used to be the home of famous Italian opera composer Puccini and has a well-preserved historic centre boasting many cobbled squares, Romanesque churches and historic fortifications.



Facilities

Villa/House • Private Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Pets on Request • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Hairdryer • Tennis Court • TV • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Parking Space • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interior (400m2)

Ground Floor

- Entrance hall
- Living room with sofas and fireplace
- Kitchen equipped with a fridge, freezer, two ovens, dishwasher, two hobs, kettle, toaster, coffee machine and kitchen table and chairs
- Adjoining dining room with a dining table and chairs
- Large dining room with a dining table and chairs
- Second living room with sofas, armchairs, and TV
- Service office

First Floor

- Bedroom with a king-size bed, lounge and en-suite bathroom with a shower/bath and WC
- Bedroom with a king-size bed and en-suite bathroom with a shower/bath and WC
- Bedroom with a double bed
- Bedroom with two single beds
- Bathroom with a bath/shower and WC
- 3 x bedrooms with double beds and en-suite bathrooms with shower/bath and WCs

Outside Grounds (100m2)

- Private pool (12m x 6m, depth: 1.4m - 1.6m), open from approximately mid-May to end-September
- Pool terrace with sun loungers
- Terrace with garden furniture
- Tennis court (shared with guests staying at neighbouring properties)
- Barbecue
- Parking

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- TV
- Fireplace
- Hair dryer
- Iron and ironing board
- Washing machine
- Fans



Location & Local Information

Nestled in the Tuscan countryside, Villa Sortes enjoys breathtaking views of rolling plains and dipping hills covered with olive trees and vineyards. Although this location is ideal for spending plenty of time outside in nature, many charming villages and towns are also nearby.

The area is well known for being home to many Palatial villas and residences, many open to visitors. They include Villa Torrigiani – a 1500s villa with an ornate, coloured facade plus a private theatre and landscaped gardens – and Villa Reale di Marlia – a charming, restored villa on the site of an ancient fortress, with impressive architecture and gardens.

The closest city Lucca is a convenient 20-minute drive away, and it's famous for its well-preserved Renaissance walls encircling the historic city centre. Benefiting from an excellent location on the Serchio River, it's home to a vibrant array of historic buildings, lively cafés, and lovely neighbourhoods. Walk around its pretty cobbled alleyways and tree-lined pathways along the tops of the massive 16th and 17th-century ramparts or hire bikes to explore the surrounding nature more conveniently.

You don't have to travel far to taste the local cuisine. The closest restaurant is only a 5-minute drive away, while a vibrant open-air market selling fresh produce and local ingredients such as fish, vegetables, and homemade jams is only 10 minutes away by car.

Sitting at the foot of the Apennines, Pistoia is a 45-minute drive away and lures many tourists for its plant nurseries, medieval ramparts and well-preserved historic centre. Visit its Saturday morning market on the main square, Piazza del Duomo, before grabbing lunch in one of the ambient trattorias around.

Another great city worth visiting is Viareggio, and it's only a 45-minute drive away. You can explore the Villa Paolina Civic museum, which houses musical instruments or Villa Puccini, dedicated to the famous Italian opera composer and based in his former lakeside residence. If you're travelling here at the end of summer, make sure to see the city's annual street carnival, popular with locals and tourists alike, full of live performances, street stalls and fireworks.

Florence can be reached in just over an hour by car and displays an enchanting old town featuring many museums, galleries, historic landmarks and palaces alongside winding streets. Whether you're a history enthusiast or not, the famous Pitti Palace, Basilica of Santa Croce, Palazzo Vecchio and the 13th-century Cattedrale di Santa Maria del Fiore should also be on your itinerary.



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Pisa International Airport (35km)
Nearest Airport 2	Florence Airport (60km)
Nearest Restaurant	Valgiano (2km)
Nearest Supermarket	Marlia (10km)
Nearest Beach	Versilia (45km)
Nearest Golf	Montecatini (20km)
Nearest Village	Segromigno (2km)
Nearest City	Lucca (12km)

What we love

- Villa Sortes is incredibly spacious, with three dining areas and two living rooms
- The house has a splendid terrace, an ideal place for lunches and dinners, with a view over the Lucca Valley
- The Ligurian coastline boasting sandy beaches, fishing towns and port cities is only a 1-hour drive away
- The villa benefits from a great location surrounded by small villages, yet within close driving distance of some of Tuscany's most popular cities

What you should know...

- Hiring a car is recommended to explore this stunning region conveniently.
- Please note that the tennis court is shared with guests staying at neighbouring properties.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €2500 paid in cash to the owner upon arrival and refunded upon departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- 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.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Extra cost, payable locally.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights from beginning-July to end-September. 4 nights during all other periods.
- Changeover day: Saturday from beginning-July to end-August. Flexible during all other periods.
- Pets welcome?: On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Tax: Italian Visitors Tax is included.
- 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.
- Internet access?: Wi-Fi internet access included.
- Pool opening dates?: The pool is open from approximately mid-May to end-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.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges.
- Other Ts and Cs: Please note that the tennis court is shared with guests staying at neighbouring properties.
- Other Ts and Cs: Two additional beds are available on request at an extra cost.