# Casa Luteus

Region: Lucca & Pisa Sleeps: 12

## **Overview**

Originally built for a farmer and property owner in the 16th century, Casa Luteus is a typical Tuscan country home with plenty of history and character. The spacious property enjoys a wonderful position surrounded by countryside with a spectacular view of the Lucca valley and olive groves and farmland so typical of this part of Tuscany.

Spread over three floors and featuring an abundance of space for large groups and families, it boasts six bedrooms sleeping up to 12 guests, two living rooms, and a sitting room for socialising. Bright, elegant and drenched in colour, the bedrooms are characterised by beds draped in floral-printed valances and sash windows that let you bask in the sun. One double bedroom can be found on the mezzanine floor, whilst the other five bedrooms are on the first floor. There are two large suites that feature two bedrooms in each one and an additional separate twin bedroom. These incredibly restful spaces are matched in comfort by the several living rooms, while mealtimes are made cosy at the large dining table under a charming wood-beamed ceiling.

The views from the pool and the terrace are simply stunning, and they offer a front-row seat to a panorama of olive and pine groves dotted with terracotta roofs of surrounding villas and farms. There is also a small pool hut with a kitchenette to enjoy your favourite meals and snacks al-fresco.

When it's time to venture outside, head to Lucca for a lovely walk around its beautiful historic centre of palazzos, squares, Romanesque churches and handsome fortifications. Here you can also find shops, restaurants and local amenities.

Tuscany's largest lake, Lago di Massaciuccoli, is also just a 45-minute drive away, fantastic for cooling down near the water on a sunny day. Full of natural scenery, it features stilt-raised walkways that lead to small huts, beaches and a green pine forest.

If you'd like to try some wonderful seafood, drive for 1 hour to visit Livorno and walk around its waterside promenade before reaching the modern harbour and finding the perfect spot to have dinner and watch the sun slip behind the horizon.

Another must-visit is Florence, the Tuscan capital famous worldwide for its wonderful art and Renaissance architecture. Easy to reach in just over one hour by car, it's filled with centuries-old buildings, prestigious statues such as Michelangelo's David, an array of world-class museums, and a bustling dining









scene.

### **Facilities**

Villa/House • Private Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Pets on Request • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Coffee Machine • Hairdryer • Tennis Court • TV • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • 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 (380m2)

#### Ground Floor

- Living room with sofas and fireplace
- Kitchen with a fridge, freezer, oven, hob, kettle, toaster, microwave,

American coffee machine and kitchen table and chairs

- Dining room with a dining table and chairs
- Living room with sofas and TV
- Sitting room with sofas, armchairs and a fireplace

#### First Floor

- Bedroom with twin beds and an en-suite bathroom with a bath/shower and WC
- 2 x Suite with a bedroom with a double bed, bedroom with twin beds and an en-suite bathroom with a bath/shower and WC

#### Mezzanine Floor

- Bedroom with a double bed and an en-suite bathroom with a bath/shower and WC

#### Outside Grounds (100m2)

- Private swimming pool (12m x 6m, depth: 0.9m 2.3m). Open from approximately mid-May to end-September
- Pool terrace with a shaded area and sun beds
- Tennis court (shared with guests staying at neighbouring properties)
- Deck chairs and benches
- Pool house with a small kitchenette with a fridge and WC
- Garden furniture
- Garden table and chairs
- Barbecue
- Parking

#### **Facilities**

- Wi-Fi
- TV - Fireplace
- Air-conditioning (featured only in the bedrooms)
- Hairdryer
- Iron and ironing board
- Washing machine









## **Location & Local Information**

Tuscany is a lovely place for a holiday spent exploring authentic Italy, as you can find unspoilt countryside and historic towns to visit all around this region. As you wander around the villa, you'll see rolling fields and dipping hills, while notable cities and towns with plenty of local amenities are a short distance away.

However, you don't have to travel to Lucca when you want to go out for a meal – the closest restaurant is only a short drive away, while a well-stocked supermarket can also be found 20 minutes by car.

Nestled on the Serchio river and known for its well-preserved Renaissance walls framing the city centre, Lucca can be reached in a mere 20 minutes by car. The city invites visitors for a stroll through its winding mediaeval streets and cobbled alleyways, as well as along the massive 16th and 17th-century ramparts. Alternatively, you can hire bikes or join a guided tour to learn more about the fascinating history, including visiting Casa di Puccini – a house in which the famous Italian opera composer Giacomo Puccini was born.

Less than a 45-minute drive away, you can find Pisa, best known for the architectural wonder that is its iconic Leaning Tower. The 56-metre-tall white marble cylinder is the bell tower of the Romanesque cathedral that rises next to it in the Piazza dei Miracoli. After exploring the city and its lively atmosphere full of restaurants and cafés, why not head to the coast, to Marina de Pisa? This laid-back seaside resort is home to the modern Port of Pisa yachting dock with its long, paved jetty. Here you can also soak up the sunshine on pebbly and sandy beaches with calm waters, with the seafront lined with gelato shops and bars luring hungry travellers in for a sweet treat. Nearby, Parco Regionale Migliarino is an excellent park for those looking to get out to nature, as it features historic estates, forested walking trails, and lush fauna and flora.

At the foot of the Apennine mountains, you can find the 'city of green', Pistoia, a mediaeval city popular with tourists for its many plant nurseries alongside mediaeval ramparts and well-preserved historic centre. Visit its Saturday morning market on the main square Piazza del Duomo to stock up on fresh produce like homemade fig jams and bread before sitting down to sip your coffee in one of the many terraced cafés spilling onto the sidewalks.

### **Local Amenities**

Nearest Airport	Pisa International Airport (45km)
Nearest Airport 2	Florence Airport (70km)









Nearest Town/City	Lucca (12km)
Nearest Restaurant	Segromigno (2km)
Nearest Supermarket	Marlia (10km)
Nearest Beach	Versilia (45km)
Nearest Golf	Montecatini (20km)

## What we love

- A charming 16th-century country house covered with climbing vines and surrounded by olive groves
- Tuscany's most wonderful cities and villages, such as Pisa, Florence, Pistoia and Prato, are a short distance away
- In just over 1-hour by car, you can taste the exceptional wines of the Chianti region in one of the many vineyards in this area

# What you should know...

- · Hiring a car is recommended to conveniently explore the stunning region and its cities, villages and landscapes.
- The property sleeps 12 guests across 6 bedrooms. There are 2 individual bedrooms and 2 suites with 2 bedrooms each.
- Please note that air-conditioning is only available in the bedrooms.
- Please note that the pool terrace is located on a hillside and the property is unfenced, therefore young children should not be left unsupervised.
- Please note that the tennis court is shared with guests staying at neighbouring properties.

## **Terms & Conditions**

- Security deposit: €1500 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, except air conditioning which is at an extra cost.
- Heating costs included?: Heating and air conditioning are at an extra cost, payable locally.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights from approximately beginning-July to end-September. 4 nights during all other periods.
- Changeover day: Saturday from approximately 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.
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