

# Re Giocondo

Region: Chianti & Arezzo Sleeps: 12 - 14

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## Overview

Nestled in expansive private grounds and overlooking the Tuscan countryside, Re Giocondo is a traditional farmhouse-style home with a modern edge. It has been renovated to the highest of standards. With space for up to 14 guests, this is an idyll for those wishing to holiday with extended family or a large group of friends.

The welcoming home is spread between the main villa and a cottage just a few steps away. The villa can sleep ten guests, with the cottage accommodating four spaces offering a neutral colour palette, high-quality furnishings and details such as fireplaces and exposed beams. You will be okay with which building you are staying in.

The villa is set over three floors; in the cellar, there is a wine-tasting area and an exhibition area for serving locally cured meats. The ground floor is the heart of the home, where you will find a large living room with comfy sofas gathered around a fireplace and a Smart TV. Adjacent is the spacious dining room where your whole party can be seated together for meals. The kitchen is fully-fitted and offers all the crockery and appliances you will need to prepare drinks and dinner. The first floor boasts five bedrooms with double beds and elegant en-suite bathrooms.

The cottage is the ideal spot for a family with two children or two couples to share. On the ground floor, there is an open-plan room with a double sofa bed, kitchenette and dining table, while on the first floor, there is a double bedroom with an en-suite bathroom.

On the grounds, guests have access to a gym which offers views over the garden, and there is also a luxurious spa area where you can book and treat yourself to a massage, use of the sauna, Turkish bath and jacuzzi.

The garden here is a beautiful place to relax, with lawned areas, flower beds, established trees and a vegetable garden. There is also a private swimming pool and numerous outdoor dining tables to make the most of the fantastic weather. Surrounding the garden is an additional 30000m2 of fenced woodland where guests can enjoy a picnic lunch in a wonderful setting or go for a stroll.

Close to the villa, you can unwind and walk the nearby hill trails. Discovering the landscape by bicycle or horseback is also possible.

Another great way to spend time outdoors is to tour a local vineyard. One



option is the Baracchi Winery, which is 20km from the villa. This centuries-old vineyard holds tours and wine-tasting events and boasts a Michelin-star restaurant and a luxurious spa, meaning you could spend a whole day there.

The closest village to the home is Foiano della Chiana, just 5km away. The pretty village has a good selection of shops and restaurants plus historic attractions you can discover. For a more extensive selection of eateries, markets, castles, museums and shops, you could visit Cortona, 21km away or Montepulciano, 27km away. The picture-postcard city of Siena should also be added to your itinerary and is set 51km away from the villa.

## Facilities

Villa/House • Wellness • Heritage Collection • Private Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Pets on Request • Hot Tub • Laptop Friendly Workspace • BBQ • Washing Machine • Dishwasher • Microwave • Coffee Machine • Hairdryer • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Satellite TV • Spa/Massage • Sauna/Steam • Gym/Fitness Room • Wine Cellar • Indoor Games • Outdoor Games • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • High Chair(s) • Fenced Grounds • Parking Space • Watersports • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

# Interior & Grounds

## Villa Interior (500m2)

### Main Villa

#### Cellar

- Wine tasting area
- Kitchen
- Guest WC

#### Ground Floor

- Living room with sofas, armchairs, satellite TV and video games
- Open-plan kitchen and dining area with garden access, kitchen island, fridge freezer, oven, hob, dishwasher, coffee machine and dining table seating 14

#### First Floor

- 5 x bedrooms with double beds and en-suite bathroom with shower, sink and WC

### Cottage

#### Ground Floor

- Living area with double sofa bed, TV, kitchenette and dining table for 4 people
- Spa area with sauna, Turkish bath, sensory shower, massage cabin and jacuzzi for 6 people (extra cost)

#### First Floor

- Bedroom with a double bed, walk-in closet and en-suite bathroom with shower, sink and WC

### Outside Grounds



- Private swimming pool (4m x 12m) open approximately mid-June to the end of September
- Gym with fitness equipment
- Five-a-side football/volleyball field
- Landscaped gardens with lawns, shrubbery and trees
- Two covered dining terraces
- Vegetable garden
- Poolside sun loungers and parasols
- Barbecue
- Parking for 6 cars

#### **Facilities**

- Wi-Fi
- Air conditioning
- Satellite TVs
- Sound system- indoor and outdoor
- Alarm and CCTV
- Washing machine
- Hairdryers

## Location & Local Information

Re Giocondo is a stunning home that accommodates 14 guests between the elegant main villa and a neighbouring cottage. Nestled in the hills near the Val di Chiana, the house offers a perfect base where you can explore authentic Tuscan villages and towns or get away from it on a walk through serene ancient woodlands.

Vast swathes of private parkland and agricultural land envelop the villa. Nearby, there are wineries you could visit for wine tastings and farms that produce rich olive oil. You can also visit Lake Trasimeno's lake beaches, just 30km away by car. This large lake is a much-loved attraction where you can paddle in the clear water, sunbathe and watch the little ones play. Boat trips are available around the lake and water sports such as paddle boarding, which is great fun for all ages.

You do not need to go far to find the closest craft shops, supermarkets and eateries located 5km away in a village called Foiano della Chiana. The village is home to the longest-running carnival in Italy, which was first held in 1539! Held between January and February each year, this five-day-long event is a beautiful thing to be part of if you happen to be staying during the cooler months. Aside from the carnival, Foiano della Chiana is known for its winding historic centre, which sits in the shadow of the Torre Civica, built in the 700s. You can also visit a former Medici family hunting lodge called the Palazzo con Logge and the town hall, which is housed in the sumptuous Palazzo Pretorio and several historic churches.

For a more extensive selection of restaurants and shops, why not drive to Cortona, 21km away? Cortona is a walled, hilltop town which sits 500 metres high, overlooking the staggering Val di Chiana. There is a lot to see and do in Cortona, an ancient town originally an Etruscan settlement. Today, the town's rich history can be seen in its architecture, which comprises medieval and Renaissance buildings. History lovers will enjoy visiting the Palazzo Casali, an 8th-century palace that now houses a local history museum. You can also see the original town gates, the Fortress del Girifalco, which Cosimo I de Medici constructed and peruse the exhibitions at the Diocesano Art Museum.

It would be a shame to visit this part of Tuscany and not spend the day getting to know the delightful city of Siena, which is 51km away and takes under an hour to drive to. As Siena is a small city that is easy to navigate on foot, you can see the highlights in a day and immerse yourself in the café culture by sipping a cappuccino al-fresco by the stunning Duomo. The Palazzo Publico town hall and its 800-year-old tower are also must-see attractions.



## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>San Francesco d'Assisi Airport (76km)</b>
Nearest Airport 2	<b>Florence (106km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>Foiano Della Chiana (5km)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>Foiano Della Chiana (5km)</b>
Nearest Shop	<b>Foiano Della Chiana (5km)</b>
Nearest Bar/Pub	<b>Foiano Della Chiana (5km)</b>
Nearest Town	<b>Cortona (21km)</b>
Nearest Town/City	<b>Siena (51km)</b>
Nearest Tennis	<b>Tennis court (8km)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Golf Club (11km)</b>
Nearest City	<b>Florence (89km)</b>
Nearest Beach	<b>Lake Trasimeno's lake beaches (30km)</b>

## What we love

- Re Giocondo is a contemporary and exclusive home in 30000m<sup>2</sup> of fenced, wooded parkland. It's the perfect place to get away from it all
- Up to fourteen guests can sleep comfortably between the main villa and an annexe in the grounds and use a gym and a spa
- The villa's garden is a lush, green oasis with a private pool and numerous dining terraces overlooking the surrounding parkland and countryside
- The nearest amenities can be found in the village of Foiano della Chiana, which is 5km away, or you could visit the hilltop town of Cortona, just 21km away

## What you should know...

- Re Giocondo comprises a main villa, which sleeps ten guests across 5 double bedrooms, and a separate cottage which sleeps four across a double bedroom and a double sofa bed. The main villa and cottage are set next to each other and share the same grounds.
- The home offers an inviting spa area which can be booked by guests for an extra cost.
- Due to the closest village being 5km away, we recommend bringing a car; the garden offers fenced parking spaces.
- Please note that published rates are only valid for the current year. Any bookings for subsequent years will be on request only and correct rates will be confirmed at the time of booking.
- Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner or their property manager.

# Terms & Conditions

- Arrival time: 5.00 p.m - 8.00 p.m
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Extra cost, payable locally.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- End of stay cleaning included?: No. €500 , payable locally. This is for a standard changeover clean. 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.
- Changeover day: Saturday.
- Minimum stay: 5 nights. All other durations on request.
- Pets welcome?: On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- 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.
- Tax: Italian Visitors Tax payable locally in cash (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night - please enquire if exact amount is required)
- Internet access?: Wi-Fi internet access included.
- Pool opening dates?: The pool is open approximately mid-June to the end of 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: Please note that published rates are only valid for the current year. Any bookings for subsequent years will be on request only and correct rates will be confirmed at the time of booking.
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- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.