

Villa Girasole

Region: Piedmont Sleeps: 6 - 8

Overview

Much like the impressive flower whose name it shares, the three-bedroomed *Villa Girasole* stands proudly in the hills of the Langue, inviting you to enjoy a sun-kissed summer break in the beautiful north Italian countryside. Up to eight guests can share a relaxed family holiday in this spacious and inviting home right in the heart of the famous winemaking territory of Piedmont.

Entertaining is made easy and sociable, with a well-equipped kitchen that opens to a dining table and lounge, along with doors to a shaded dining terrace. After a short trip into Costigliole d'Asti, relaxed lunches - including *Piemontese* delicacies like Castelmagno cheese and *Salsiccia di Bra* – are yours for the duration of your stay. There's another spacious lounge to the front of the villa, featuring a dining table and large, comfortable sofas. A smart fitness room provides an alternative, with a running machine, exercise bike and workout bench!

Each of the air-conditioned bedrooms are positioned over the villa's three storeys. The ground floor room's terrific garden view is a joy to wake to, with a large window that floods this tastefully decorated room with natural light. You'll find a cosy double bedroom on the first floor, along with an additional kitchen and walk-through room with a double sofa bed. From here, a staircase leads to the top floor, where you'll find a twin bedroom and the second of the villa's two bathrooms – each with a walk-in shower.

Immaculately-kept lawns open out around the villa, complemented by an assortment of native trees and topiary, with hedges stylishly providing privacy at the perimeter. You'll find superb dining tables to the front and rear. Just as inside, the gardens encourage you to relax and enjoy your surroundings at every turn – and where better than in and around *Villa Girasole's* fabulous eighteen-metre swimming pool? The poolside terrace is generously equipped with superb, comfortable furniture, with a corner lounge at one end - ideal for sharing lunch with a bottle of Asti wine - and shaded sun loungers at the other.

The towns and villages of this culinary heartland abound with extraordinary restaurants, artisanal bakeries and butcheries, as well as markets that proudly flaunt the region's unique food heritage. Of course, where there is food in Piedmont, wine is never far behind. You'll only be twenty minutes away from the phenomenal wineries of Canelli - birthplace of *Asti Spumante*, world-renowned Alba truffles, and just over half an hour from Bra – famed for its



piquant *Salsiccia di Bra* beef sausage.

Facilities

Villa/House • Great Value • Private Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • Laptop Friendly Workspace • BBQ • Washing Machine • Dishwasher • Coffee Machine • Hairdryer • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • TV • Gym/Fitness Room • Indoor Games • Table Football • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Fenced Grounds • Parking Space • 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 (250m²)

Ground Floor

- Lounge with sofas, armchairs, dining table, television with international channels
- Dining room
- Kitchen-diner/living room with dining table, sofa, oven, microwave, gas hob, fridge-freezer, electric coffee machine, toaster, kettle
- Bedroom with double bed and air-conditioning
- Bathroom room with shower, washbasin, WC, bidet
- Fitness room with treadmill, exercise bike, exercise bench, table football

First Floor

- Bedroom with double bed and air-conditioning
- Walk-through room with double sofa bed
- Secondary kitchen with oven, gas hob, dishwasher, small dining table
- Guest WC

Second Floor

- Bedroom with twin beds, air-conditioning and ensuite with shower, washbasin, WC, bidet

Outside grounds

- Swimming pool with salt-electrolysis pool-cleaning system (18 x 9m, depth: 1.1m-2.2m), open approximately end-March to mid-October
- Outdoor shower
- Barbecue
- Dining tables
- Sun loungers with parasols
- Parking

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning (bedrooms only)
- Heating
- Hair dryer
- Hi-Fi sound system
- Washing machine



Location & Local Information

For anyone seeking a base from which to explore Piedmont's gastronomy and viticulture, Villa Girasole's location is pretty much perfect. Surrounded by vineyards and hazelnut groves, and never too far from a top-notch restaurant, you'll be as little as twenty minutes away from some of the region's world-famous wineries. You'll be situated on the outskirts of a beautiful village whose landscape is elegantly dominated by a thirteenth-century castello. As well as phenomenal restaurants and cafés serving extraordinary Piedmontese cuisine, you'll discover artisanal stores and mini-markets with cheeses, meats, pastries and everything else you'll need to prepare tasty meals of your own, back at Villa Girasole.

Perhaps surpassing even Fiat vehicles and Lavazza coffee, wine is one of Piedmont's foremost exports. Canelli, twenty minutes from Villa Girasole, is birthplace to perhaps the most recognisable Piedmontese label of all – Asti Spumante. Wine aficionados travelling to Canelli would be well advised to make plenty of room in their car for cases of wine, as well as leaving space for dinner at one of the superb restaurants that are a hallmark of this region. Three of the wineries to the north of Canelli are particularly special, offering guided tours of their spectacular cellars, with incredible wines still produced according to long-standing traditional methods. Be sure to book ahead to enjoy this fabulous experience, where you'll have the opportunity to taste some outstanding labels – and buy some to take away and enjoy at Villa Girasole, of course!

Head twenty kilometres south west to find Alba, famous for its wild white truffles and home to Ferrero – purveyors of hazelnut based chocolate treats enjoyed worldwide. Unlike the wineries of the region, Ferrero aren't keen on revealing their production methods, so don't expect to find yourself on a tour of their factory! Another ten minutes on the road brings you to Barolo, whose wine heritage is no secret at all. As you would expect, Barolo draws in throngs of visitors year after year, but not just to the restaurants pairing locally-reared beef with bottles of the Langue's famed export. The WiMu Museo del *Vino a Barolo* invites you to explore the rich heritage of this town's very special wine, as well as the cultural, economic and social relationships brought about by its prestigious viticulture. The museum's innovative tours, in the grand setting of Barolo's castle, feature interactive elements that immerse you in Piedmont's winemaking culture, from the panoramic terrace views to the magnificent cellars beneath the Castello di Barolo.



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Turin (87km)
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Nearest Airport 2	Genova City Airport (115km)
Nearest Village	Costigliole d'Asti (1km)
Nearest Town/City	Canelli (14km)
Nearest Restaurant	Costigliole d'Asti (1km)
Nearest Shop	Costigliole d'Asti (1km)
Nearest Golf	Golf Club Città di Asti (18km)
Nearest Tennis	Campo da Tennis Parrocchiale (11km)
Nearest Beach	Marina di Varazze (90km)

What we love

- Relaxation is order of the day here, with two lounges and a superbly furnished poolside terrace
- Or, you can enjoy a gentle workout in the fitness room, followed by a brisk swim in the nineteen-metre pool
- Panoramic views of the town and countryside give guests the opportunity to take in the beautiful surroundings

What you should know...

- 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.
- Please note that for bookings with less than 8 guests, not all of the bedrooms will be available for use.
- Villa Girasole's location is perfect for a countryside family retreat, though the location will necessitate car hire.
- The villa's fabulous swimming pool isn't fenced, so children should be supervised outdoors at all times.
- This semi-detached house is adjacent to the owners' home, though all facilities - including the pool - are entirely private during your stay.
- Please note Villa Girasole comfortably sleeps 6 guests across 3 bedrooms and an additional two guests on a sofa bed in a walk-through room on the first floor. Please see the 'Features' tab for further details.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €400 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?: Yes.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Changeover day: Saturday from approximately mid-May to mid-September. Flexible during all other periods.
- 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.
- Smoking Allowed?: Not allowed.
- 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.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- Heating costs included?: Extra €30 per day, payable locally. Please note that heating is only available from start-October to end-April.
- 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 towels included?: Yes.
- Pool opening dates?: The pool is open approximately end-March 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.
- 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.
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- Other Ts and Cs: Additional sofa bed available at an extra cost of €30 per person per day, payable locally.
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