

Villa Astro

Region: Chianti & Arezzo Sleeps: 8 - 12

Overview

Set in the grounds of a beautiful vineyard in eastern Tuscany, this delightful villa captures the romantic essence of a sojourn in Italy's foremost wine-making region. Perfect for convivial family breaks, with four beautifully-appointed bedrooms, the beguiling Villa Astro is equally well-suited for couples seeking an intimate Tuscan getaway.

Up to twelve guests can choose from four double bedrooms – all with air-conditioning, dreamily comfortable beds and their own unique character. In addition to the stylish beds, you'll find beautiful furniture, whitened timber ceilings and light oak floors in all of the rooms - emblematic of the rustic-chic style that contributes hugely to this villa's warm ambience. Each of the bedrooms also features en-suite bathrooms with showers, as well as traditionally-styled shutters that open to bathe your room in natural light.

Also on the upper floor, you'll find a fabulous, airy living space with an expertly treated, vaulted timber ceiling, sofas and a television. This gorgeous lounge is reachable from two staircases – one leading to the poolside terrace, with another taking you down to the villa's kitchen area.

Villa Astro's stunning refurbishment makes creative use of the original building's configuration, with exposed stone walls, curved staircases and vaulted ceilings. There's a harmonious synergy of rural and contemporary elements here, particularly in the kitchen/dining room. In a region famed for its superior produce and rich culinary heritage, you'll have an appropriately stylish environment in which to prepare - and share - delightful meals. The seamless indoor-outdoor flow at Villa Astro is perhaps best showcased by the dining area, with a beautiful indoor dining table that's adjacent to the gorgeous outdoor living space.

The attention to detail and tasteful styling extend outdoors in impressive fashion, with a grand, immaculately furnished veranda just outside the kitchen. You'll enjoy meals at the large dining table with bench seating – fantastic for groups of all sizes. Uncork a bottle of Romignano wine and recline in the outdoor lounge, or head up to the poolside terrace for a refreshing dip. As well as sun loungers at poolside, there's a beautifully-made wooden sofa with sumptuous cushions beneath a stylish pergola – the perfect spot for morning coffee in the Tuscan sunshine.

Holidays in this picturesque region are all about effortless relaxation, and forging an intimate connection with its enchanting terroir. It's impossible to



imagine this without exploring the local viticulture, with wine production at the heart of Tuscany's economic and cultural landscapes. With Villa Astro situated on the estate of an independent winery producing fabulous Sangiovese, Super Tuscans, Pet Nats and native wines, could there be a more quintessentially Tuscan break? Aside from the obvious pleasure of enjoying a glass or two of the host's wines with dinner, you'll have the chance to sample the different types of wine produced here, by booking a tasting tour.

Just ten minutes from Villa Astro, the town of San Giustino Valdarno has superb eateries, as well as grocery stores with everything you'll need for your stay. A thirty-minute drive brings you to the Renaissance city of Arezzo, with art galleries, stunning architecture and fabulous restaurants. You'll have a wealth of exciting options to tour local wineries, with tasting tours available throughout a region famed for centuries of wine-making.

Facilities

Villa/House • Private Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • Pets on Request • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Coffee Machine • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Satellite TV • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Cot(s) • Parking Space • Rural Location • Wine Tasting • Golf Nearby • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interior (160m²)

Ground Floor

- Kitchen/dining room with gas hob, oven, toaster, kettle, fridge-freezer, electric coffee machine
- WC

First Floor

- Living room with sofas, fireplace and TV
- 4 x bedrooms with double beds (160cm), fireplaces and en-suite bathrooms with showers and WCs
- Walk-through room with sofa bed and pull-out bed
- Open gallery with two beds

Outside Grounds (500m²)

- Swimming pool (15, x 5m) with integrated paddling pool (50m²). Open approximately beginning-May to end-September
- Terraced garden
- Barbecue
- Outdoor lounge
- Covered al-fresco dining area
- Sun loungers and umbrellas
- Covered parking

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning
- Satellite TV
- Washing machine
- Iron



Location & Local Information

During your stay at Villa Astro, your nearest town for gathering general provisions is the pretty San Giustino Valdarno. In addition to all the bakeries and grocery stores you'll need for keeping stocked up, you'll find a popular pizzeria and an espresso bar that's stocked with cakes and fresh breakfast pastries each morning.

You'll also find more delightful towns nearby, on hills bedecked with olive groves and vineyards. Beautifully preserved, historic castelli stand at the top of many of these, illustrating a civic pride that's at the heart of Tuscan culture.

Just an hour from Villa Astro is the historic and picturesque city of Siena, with its winding narrow streets that open to piazzas surrounded by beautiful Gothic architecture. The thirteenth-century Piazza del Campo offers stunning views of the city from the bell tower of the Palazzo del Pubblico, with mesmerising Renaissance works offering more feasts for the eyes at the Museo dell'Opera del Duomo, along with the majestic Cathedral. Literal feasts of sensational Tuscan fare can be enjoyed in a multitude of restaurants that grace the piazzas, along with a customary glass of Classico – it's *de rigueur* when in Chianti country!

You'll reach Arezzo in around half an hour, which is as popular a destination for the keen shopper as the art aficionado. Arezzo's pretty streets are bedecked with jewellers, boutiques and antique stores aplenty – with Tuscany's foremost antiques market taking place on the Piazza Grande on the first weekend of each month. There's an artistic feel to this Renaissance city, with the Museo d'Arte Medievale e Moderna at its centre, the spectacular frescos that adorn the San Francesco church and the Piazza Grande's Vasari Loggia. Pause for lunch and enjoy local produce from nearby Casentino Valley and Valdichiana, before another wander around the artisanal stores on Arezzo's winding lanes.



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Florence Airport, Peretola (73km)
Nearest Airport 2	San Francesco D'Assisi Airport (116km)
Nearest Village	San Giustino (4km)
Nearest Town	Terranuova Bracciolini (8km)



Nearest City	Arezzo (22km)
Nearest Restaurant	(2km)
Nearest Shop	Grocery shop in local village (7km)
Nearest Golf	Golf Club Le Miniere (24km)
Nearest Tennis	Tennis Club Montevarchi (12km)
Nearest Beach	Spiagge bianche (167km)

What we love

- This is surely the perfect holiday location for wine lovers – a beautiful villa in the grounds of a vineyard!
- This lovingly restored villa is beautifully decorated – we love the rustic-chic furniture and lighting, along with the smart reconfiguration.
- The al fresco dining area provides a great opportunity to make the most of glorious summer evenings!

What you should know...

- Your pool isn't fenced, so children should be supervised when outdoors.
- There are two other villas in the complex, with a shared 30 hectare garden and meadow. However, please note that the pool and terraced garden 500m² are exclusively for your use.
- Please note that access to the house is via an unsurfaced road.
- This property sleeps 8 guests comfortable across 4 bedrooms with double beds. 4 additional guests can be accommodated on extra beds. Please refer to the Features tab and enquire for full details.
- 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

- Security deposit: €300 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.
- Heating costs included?: Extra €5 per m3, on request (payable locally).
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Minimum stay: 5 nights from mid to end-September, and from end-October. 7 nights during all other periods.
- Changeover day: Saturday from mid-May to mid-September. Flexible during all other periods.
- Pets welcome?: A maximum of 1 pet is 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 beginning-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.
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