

Villa Dardano

Region: Chianti & Arezzo Sleeps: 18

Overview

Whether seeking a holiday with family and friends in Italy or a romantic Tuscany wedding venue, this magnificent 17th century residence allows you to step back in time in the most beautiful surroundings with views towards the hilltop village of Cortona.

Follow the footsteps of royalty and dignitaries who have attended gala dinners at this historic villa which dates back to the early 1600s. Having recently undergone a sensitive restoration, up to 18 guests can stay at Villa Dardano across its nine bedrooms upstairs, many featuring original frescoes, four-poster beds and marble bathrooms, two with luxurious jacuzzi baths. A wealth of original features can be found from treasured tapestries and chandeliers to antique furnishings and terracotta floors alongside modern touches including air-conditioning.

The Tuscan ambience of warmth and elegance continues downstairs across the vast living space with vaulted ceilings, archways, chic sofas, antique billiards and a long dining table for the most delicious Tuscan feasts, ideal if you wish to hire a chef for a special meal. You may prefer to dine al-fresco by the stone-columned gazebo, set within the 6000m² enclosed estate. With flowering oleander, inviting lawns, terracotta pots of lemon trees as well as century-old trees, the gardens are truly enchanting, not to mention the impressive swimming pool.

Embrace the beauty of nearby Cortona, reached within a 10-minute drive, as you admire its medieval lanes, Renaissance buildings and Etruscan remains as well as the captivating scenery which inspired Frances Mayes' 'Under the Tuscan Sun'. Umbria's Lake Trasimeno is also a short distance away, perfect for a day out walking, cycling, picnicking on lakeside shores or enjoying boat trips – don't miss the picturesque lakeside towns of Castiglione del Lago and Passignano sul Trasimeno.

Elsewhere, sample the prestigious wines of Montepulciano, try pecorino in Pienza, enjoy delicious Umbrian fare in Perugia or discover charming osterie in Arezzo. For a truly spectacular day out, you could even venture to Siena, Florence or even Rome in this enchanting region of central Italy.



Facilities

Villa/House • Private Pool • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet
• Air-Con • Pets on Request • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Coffee Machine •
Hairdryer • TV • Pool/Snooker • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating
• Cot(s) • Fenced Grounds • Parking Space • Walking/Hiking Paths •
Wine Tasting • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Outstanding
Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages •
Historical Sites • Romantic • Chapel on Site

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interiors (1052m)

Ground Floor

- Entrance hall
- Large reception area with sofas, antique billiard table and dining table
- TV lounge
- Kitchen, fully-equipped including dishwasher, oven, kettle, toaster, microwave, blender and coffee maker
- Guest WC
- Staff WC

First Floor

- Living room
- Bedroom 1 with double bed and en suite bathroom with bath and hydro-massage shower
- Bedroom 2 with double bed and en suite bathroom with hydro-massage bath and shower
- Bedroom 3 with twin beds and en suite bathroom with shower. This bedroom is on a mezzanine level reached via a spiral staircase from a lounge area
- Bedroom 4 with double bed and en suite bathroom with bath. This bedroom is reached via the lounge area below bedroom 3
- Bedroom 5 with double bed and en suite bathroom with shower
- Bedroom 6 with double bed connecting to bedroom 7 with double bed and shared bathroom with shower

Top Floor

- Living room
- Bedroom 8 with double bed and adjacent bathroom with hydro-massage bath and shower
- Bedroom 9 with double bed and en suite bathroom with shower and access to laundry room

Outside Grounds (6000m2, enclosed)

- Swimming pool (15m x 5m, depth: 1m - 2m). Open approximately May to mid-October
- Sun loungers and parasols
- Gazebo with marble al-fresco dining table
- Barbecue
- Private chapel (part of the villa, accessed from outside)



- Garden
- Paved driveway and main gate
- Parking

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Heating
- Fireplace
- Air-conditioning (throughout excluding bathrooms)
- TV
- Board games
- Billiard table
- Mosquito nets
- Hairdryer
- Ironing facilities
- Washing machine and dryer

Location & Local Information

Villa Dardano enjoys a countryside location in southern Tuscany, just a short drive from the idyllic hilltop village of Cortona, famed for its fascinating Etruscan heritage and the setting for Frances Mayes' 'Under the Tuscan Sun'. Here you can enjoy the beauty of Tuscany whilst also being very close to Lake Trasimeno and the Umbrian border.

Surrounded by glorious landscapes of olive groves and vineyards, spend time discovering the historic charm of Cortona (4.8km) with its winding lanes, historic sites and incredible vistas from its hilltop position. Admire medieval and Renaissance buildings as you stroll along its cobbled streets, visit the town's exquisite churches and climb up to Fortezza del Girifalco for more amazing scenery. Learn all about Cortona's Etruscan past at the Museo dell'Accademia Etrusca.

Other gems of southern Tuscany include Montepulciano (30km), known for its Renaissance palaces and prestigious Vino Nobile wines, and the medieval hilltop town of Pienza (44km), now classified as a UNESCO World Heritage site. The grand city of Arezzo (33km) is also within easy reach and certainly worthy of a visit for its beautiful architecture and stunning main square, Piazza Grande.

Even closer to home, crossing the border into Umbria, the shores of Lake Trasimeno can be reached within 10km. It's a paradise for nature lovers, walkers, cyclists and beach-lovers with its pretty lakeside beaches perfect for picnics, seasonal watersports and summer swimming. The medieval lakeside towns of Castiglione del Lago and Passignano sul Trasimeno are a joy to explore and there are boat trips across the lake and to the little islands.

If you can find the time, Perugia (45km) is a wonderful University city in Umbria and a must for history, art and chocolate lovers whilst further artistic treasures can be found in Siena (70km), around an hour away by car. You could even visit the magnificent city of Florence for a superb day out, reached in a 90-minute drive or take the train (80-90 minutes) from the nearby station just a 5-minute drive away.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Perugia Airport (54km)
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Nearest Airport 2	Florence Airport (134km)
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Nearest Train Station	Camucia Cortona (4km)
Nearest Village	Small local village (1km)
Nearest Restaurant	Local area (Within 2km)
Nearest Supermarket	Near Camucia (2.5km)
Nearest Town	Cortona (4.8km)
Nearest Beach	Lake Trasimeno (10km)
Nearest Golf	Golf Club Valdichiana (22km)

What we love

- Frescoed ceilings, four-poster beds and jacuzzi baths are some of the wonderful features of this 17th century Italian villa
- Embrace the views of the Tuscan hills and Cortona as you relax in the glorious gardens with its swimming pool
- With its own private chapel, this is also a picture-perfect wedding venue in Tuscany
- Admire the beautiful nearby town of Cortona, less than 5km away
- You are well placed for sampling the Vino Nobile of Montepulciano, soaking up the history of Arezzo and enjoying boat trips across Lake Trasimeno

What you should know...

- Villa Dardano sleeps up to 18 guests across eight doubles (one of which can be made up as a twin) and a twin bedroom on a mezzanine level via a spira staircase - please see the Features tab.
- Three extra beds can also be provided at a weekly supplement – please enquire.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €2000 charged to client's credit card by the owner or paid in cash upon arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Yes.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes and daily cleaning (two maids for two hours) also included. 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.
- Pets welcome?: On request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, a pet supplement of €50.00 per pet per week will apply (payable locally).
- Tax: Italian Visitors Tax payable locally in cash (typically costs €1-€10 per person per night- please enquire if exact amount is required. Children under 12 are exempt).
- Pool opening dates?: The pool is open approximately May 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.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- Changeover day: Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Internet access?: Wi-Fi internet access included.
- Insurance: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.
- Other Ts and Cs: A cot can be requested subject to a supplement of €50 per cot per week. Up to three extra beds can also be provided subject to a further supplement - please enquire.
- 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.