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CASETTA FIRENZE

Casetta Firenze is a rare gem of a property, a soulful pastoral retreat where elegant country living plays out amongst Tuscany's rolling hills. But it also has an alter ego: it's the perfect base for exploring the myriad architectural, artistic and gastronomic wonders of Florence, which is just 30 minutes away. Head into town whenever the moment takes you, or simply relax at home, indulging in the all-encompassing hospitality of this glorious villa, its owner, and its staff.

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Service

Features

Full service
Cook service for three meals a day, ingredients included
Fabulous farmhouse restoration
15m-long pool
Extensive grounds and terraces
Wide-ranging countryside views

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ABOUT THE VILLA

10 GUESTS 5 BEDROOMS 5 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Casetta Firenze is laid out over two floors and a separate, externally accessed guest bedroom.

At Casetta Firenze, one is embraced by the calm, tranquil atmosphere. This sensation of well-being that pervades the whole property is in large part due to the owners' choice of a soft, natural palette, whose ochres, flaxen yellows and earthy hues hint at the colours of the surrounding landscape. Buttery rays of sun and terracotta floors effuse mellowness, white-washed, wood-beamed ceilings add lightness, and contemporary artworks bring vivacity. Other touches include perfectly positioned classic Tuscan country furniture and integrated lighting that washes each space with exactly the right illumination at all times of day.

The main entrance leads into a luminous reception room with a table and chairs, a coffee bar, drinks fridge, and a series of large, curvaceous windows and glass doors connecting with the terraces and bringing in the far-reaching countryside views. A door to one side allows the space to flow into an inviting dining room with a centrally positioned wooden oval table and an impressive fireplace. From here, a door leads in to the living room, which is furnished with two stylish sofas and a pair of mid-century-modern occasional chairs gathered around a wooden coffee table.

Next is the well-equipped kitchen, the realm of your in-villa chef and the staff.

The first floor, accessed via a flight of stairs in the dining room, is home to four bedrooms:

• the principal bedroom, a romantic double with easy chairs, countryside views and a luxurious en-suite bathroom with a capacious, free-standing tub and a separate shower
• a luminous double-twin with en-suite bathroom with tub and shower attachment
• a double-twin bedroom with an adjacent shower room

• a double with a bed in an alcove, a reading snug, and an en-suite shower room

Accommodation at Casetta Firenze is completed by a treatment room on the ground floor of the main house accessed both internally and externally and a guest bedroom with double bed and en-suite shower room accessed from the terraces.

Outside: sitting at the centre of an olive farm (the owners produce an excellent extra virgin olive oil and grow a variety of fruit and vegetables), Casetta Firenze offers a magical array of al fresco options for guests.

An impressive, cypress-tree-lined driveway leads up to the house, which sits amidst a generous fan of terraces. Furnished with a series of sitting and dining areas and perfumed by flowering plants, this space offers a fine vantage point from which to take in the far-reaching views over the olive groves, the surrounding woodland, and a seemingly endless landscape of rolling Tuscan hills.

Delimiting the terraces and wrapping around the house, is a huge swathe of manicured lawn dotted with the occasional tree, a good variety of furnished areas for chatting or gazing out at the views, a firepit, and a yoga deck. One particularly dreamy spot is the al fresco dining area, which is served by a pizza oven and workstation. This is a magical place for sociable evenings under the stars.

Down a slope below the dining area is the irresistible, 15m-long pool, which is encircled by verdant lawns and flanked by sun loungers and shade-giving structures: it is hard to pull yourself away from here once comfortably installed.

As a final, gastronomic note, we should not forget the organic kitchen and herb garden, which produces many of the ingredients used by the in-villa chef.

CONSIDERATIONS

Please note that because Casetta Firenze is a fully serviced villa, the kitchen, the barbecue and the pizza oven are for the exclusive use of the villa's staff.

The discreet and helpful owners live in the property with a private entrance; this area is not accessible to clients. The owner will not disturb in any way, unless of course you need local advice.

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Amenities

Accommodates (max)	10
Bedrooms	5
Double beds	3
Flexible (double or twin)	2

Due to the nature of this property, we cannot accept bookings with children under 7.

Bathrooms	5
... of which en suite	4
Fully serviced [1]	✓
Pool [2]	15x5m
Massage room	✓
Home cinema	✓
Outdoor cinema	–
Wine cellar	✓
Pizza oven [6]	✓
Daily maid service	✓
Croquet Lawn	✓
Barbecue [4]	✓
Gym equipment	✓
Vegetable garden	✓
Herb garden	✓
Outdoor fireplace/fire pit	✓
Private parking	✓
ADSL Wi-Fi Internet	✓
Air conditioning [3]	✓
Fireplace	✓
Heating	✓
Laundry service [5]	–
Stereo	✓
Smart TV	✓
Integrated sound system	✓
Outdoor sound system	✓
Hairdryer	✓
Iron	✓
Filtered drinking water	✓
Staff on the grounds	✓

[1] including a cook, who will prepare breakfast, lunch and dinner daily (please see the Services section for details)

[2] a salt-water pool

[3] in the bedrooms and the living room

[4] for the exclusive use of the in-house chef and staff

[5] a laundry service (including washing, drying and ironing) is available for €50

a load

6 Wood-burning pizza oven.

= yes/present

= optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Surrounded by tranquil, verdant hills, and yet just 10km (as the crow flies) away from Florence, Casetta Firenze is ideal for anyone wishing to relax in seclusion while still being irresistibly close to one of Italy's most iconic and fascinating cities.

The capital of Tuscany, with its fabulous architecture, its artistic treasures, and its vibrant restaurant and café life is a 30-minute drive away, but it may be easier, in terms of parking and navigation, to head over to Scandicci (a 15-minute drive) and then hop on one of the frequent trams into the centre, which take about 20 minutes.

In terms of **beaches**, the coastline around Marina di Pisa (1 hour approx.) is home to long, quiet stretches of sand, vibrant resorts and interesting towns, including Viareggio and Livorno.

Drives of about 1 hour to the west and southwest will take you to some of Tuscany's other gorgeous cities and towns, including **Pisa**, **Lucca** and **Siena**.

Some 30-to-45 minutes south of Siena, meanwhile, is the Val d'Orcia, whose villages and towns - Montalcino, Pienza, Bagno Vignoni and Montepulciano, to name but a few - are renowned for their wonderfully preserved mediaeval centres, their wines and cheeses, and the scenic landscapes that surround them.

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Distances

Florence airport: 18.3km-11.4miles-30mins

Pisa airport: 66km-41miles-50mins

Rome Fiumicino airport: 322km-200miles-3hr30

Nearest restaurants: along the road below the house - 1.8km-1.1miles-5mins; and in the nearby village of Marciola - 2.7km-1.7miles-6mins

Nearest shops and amenities San Vincenzo A Torri- 3km-1.8miles-7mins; Scandicci: 10.8km-6.7miles-20mins

Florence: 18.2km-11.3miles-30mins

Pisa: 69km-43miles-1hr

Lucca: 70km-43.5miles-1hr5

Siena: 70km-44miles-1hr5

Nearest beaches: in and around Marina di Pisa - 81km-49miles-1hr5

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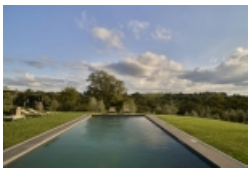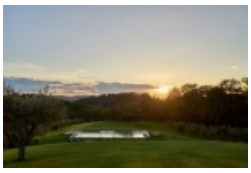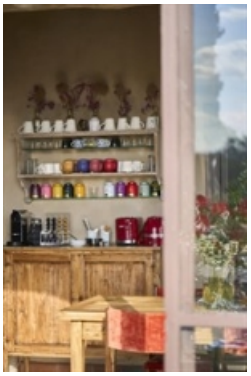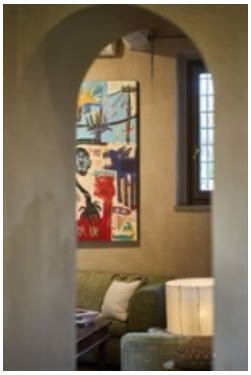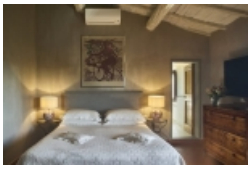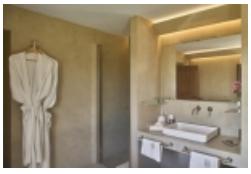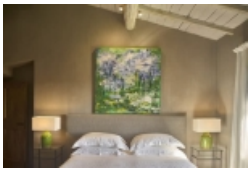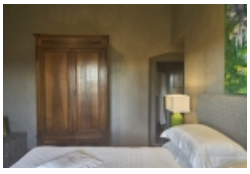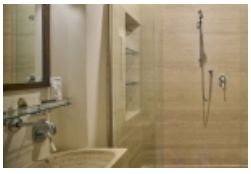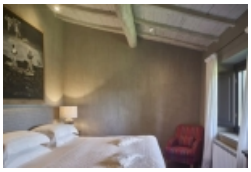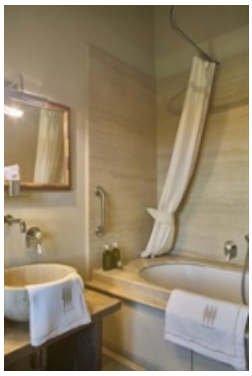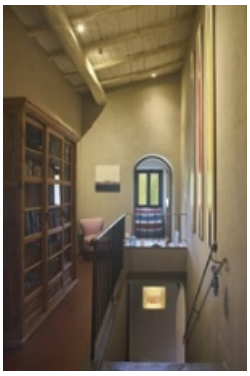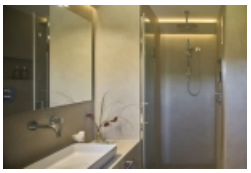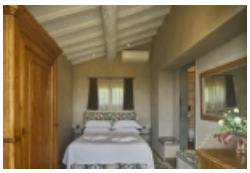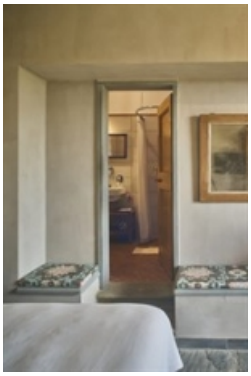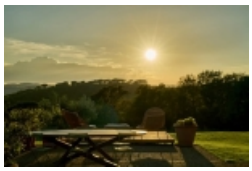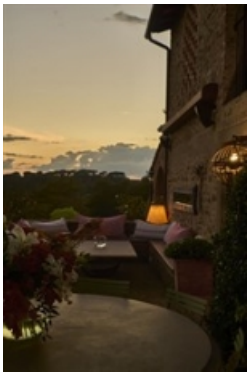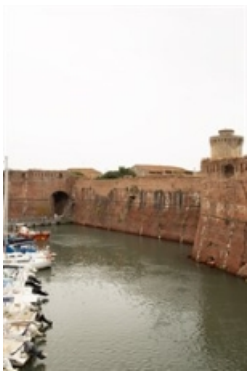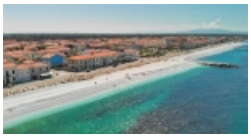
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