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For large groups longing to mix rural bliss with a little beach life, Le Cannelle is hard to beat. With its spellbinding panoramas over the rolling hills of the Etruscan Coast to the sparkling waters of the Tyrrhenian Sea, you may well be tempted to spend time on the long, golden sands nearby. Then again, with a 16m-long infinity pool, lovingly crafted accommodation, and a totally private 30-acre estate at your disposal, you may find it impossible to leave once arrived.





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Service

Features

Private 30-acre estate
Fabulous 16m-long infinity pool
Classic Tuscan architecture
Breathtaking views and glorious sunsets
In-villa cook service for two meals a day
Close to sandy beaches

Nearby

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ABOUT THE VILLA

18 GUESTS 9 BEDROOMS 9 BATHROOMS

Accommodation at Le Cannelle is spread over two* houses – Casa Blue and Casa Cielo. Finished to extremely high standards, they are an homage to Tuscan architectural traditions, both in their materials (many of which were reclaimed from pre-existing buildings on the estate) and in their furnishings, which are a harmonious, elegant mix of local heritage and classic country style. Terracotta flooring runs throughout, lofty, wood-beamed ceilings add warmth, stone walls root the properties in their terroir, and iron window grills and wooden shutters complete what is a very alluring and classically Tuscan picture.

** for larger groups, there is a third house on the estate, which may be booked on request for an extra weekly fee. See the Think About section for more details.*

Inside Casa Blue: the largest of the two houses, Casa Blue is the hub of the property as a whole.

The ground floor boasts an extremely generous, free-flowing open space with arches connecting the various zones, and banks of windows and French doors bringing in the views and the light. A grand dining area occupies one side, while to the other is a multi-dimensional sitting area comprising an elegant red chaise-longue gazing out to sea via a large, curvaceous picture window, an impressive fireplace flanked by a pair of easy chairs, and a sofa and armchairs gathered sociably together at the far end. Artworks, both contemporary and antique, adorn the walls, and the occasional agricultural artefact, including a seven-foot tall wooden wine-press screw, hints at the property's former life.

A wide arch leads from the sitting area into the games room, where there is a beautifully restored antique pool table with red baize. This room also connects with the central hallway behind the living area.

Completing the ground floor of Casa Blue is the well-equipped country kitchen, which is accessed from the hallway and the dining area. It comes with a central

breakfast table and a door opening out onto the al fresco dining area. Please note that this kitchen is for the use of the cook, who will prepare your meals there. Guests have full access to the kitchen in Casa Cielo as well as the one down by the pool.

A grand staircase leads from the hallway up to a large landing on the first floor, off which are five bedrooms:

• the principal bedroom, a double-aspect double with super view out over the countryside to the sea, and an en-suite bathroom with tub and shower attachment
• another double-aspect double with the same views as the principal bedroom, and an en-suite shower room
• a twin bedroom with an en-suite shower room and more of those gorgeous views
• a twin bedroom with countryside views and a bathroom with tub and shower attachment next door
• a twin bedroom with countryside views and a shower room next door

Inside Casa Cielo: situated around 30m from Casa Blue, Casa Cielo offers more of the same Tuscan charm and luxuriously appointed accommodation.

On the ground floor is wide and roomy communal space incorporating a living area with a couple of sofas and armchairs gathered round a fireplace to one side, and a convivial dining area to the other. French doors open out onto a terrace and the gardens, and picture windows drink in the views. Next to dining area is a large, well-equipped kitchen with breakfast table and access to a shady terrace.

An opening from the living area leads into a hallway, off which is a snug TV room furnished with a sofa and a pair of armchairs.

Stairs lead up from the hallway to the first floor, where there are four bedrooms:

• two double-aspect doubles with splendid sea views and en-suite bathrooms (one with a shower and one with a tub and shower attachment)
• a twin bedroom with countryside views and an en-suite shower room
• a twin bedroom with an adjacent bathroom with tub and shower attachment.

Outside: Le Cannelle is immersed in over 30 acres of ancient oak forests,

manicured lawns and sweeping grounds, all landscaped by renowned designer Paolo Pejrone. Al fresco life is at once liberating and blissful, and the omnipresent views that pan out over the rolling countryside, the sea, and the islands of Gorgona and Capraia (and even Corsica on a clear day) are captivating.

There's plenty of space for fun and games, solitary pursuits, and communal get-togethers. Strolling (or running) around the estate is a great pleasure, and there is plenty to discover as you go.

Wrapping around the houses is a swathe of emerald lawn, and both properties have their own delightful covered outdoor dining area. The largest, outside Casa Blue, can seat up to 20, making this the spot where everyone can gather for long, lazy lunches and convivial dinners under the Tuscan stars.

Paths lead down round an sloping bank of verdant trees and shrubs to the gorgeous pool area, which has been designed for those who love to spend whole days basking in the sun, swimming, snoozing in the shade and gazing out at tremendous views.

At the centre is the irresistible 16m-long infinity pool, which is surrounded by paved solariums, sun loungers and umbrellas. The pool house, with its extended roof, provides more shade and all the essential amenities, including changing rooms, a bathroom, a kitchen, and tables and chairs.

CONSIDERATIONS

Le Cannelle features a fantastic infinity pool, offering swimmers stunning views while in the pool. There is a drop off the infinity side so we recommend children are supervised at all times. Please refer to our **general safety page** if you would like more information about infinity pools.

This property is surrounded by countryside, some of which is unfenced and may include drops or steep slopes. We therefore recommend that younger children are supervised by an adult when exploring the grounds.

Please note that two of the twin bedrooms (one in each house) has a third single bed. This may be used by guests, depending on their requirements, but the maximum total occupancy remains 18, children included.

The discreet and helpful caretakers live in the property with a private

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Amenities

Accommodates (max)	18
Bedrooms	9
Double beds	4
Twin beds	5
Bathrooms	9
... of which en suite	6
Fully serviced [1]	✓
Infinity pool	16x7m
Sea views	✓
Outdoor kitchen	✓
Daily maid service	✓
Barbecue [4]	✓

entrance, this area is not accessible to clients. The staff will not disturb in any way.

Table tennis	✓
Pool changing room	✓
Pool house with shower	✓
Vegetable garden	✓
Gym equipment	✓
Private parking	✓
Starlink High-Speed Wi-Fi	✓
Air conditioning [3]	✓
Fireplace	✓
Heating	✓
Shopping delivery service	✓
Laundry service [5]	–
Hairdryer	✓
Iron	✓
Filtered drinking water	✓
Washing machine	✓
Dishwasher	✓
Microwave	✓
Staff on the grounds [2]	✓

[1] including a cook, who will prepare breakfast and dinner daily. Please note that the cost of ingredients is not included and should be paid for locally (see the Services section).

[2] the discreet, welcoming staff occupy a separate property on the grounds. They are a great source of information about the local area.

[3] in the bedrooms

[4] to be used by the staff only

[5] at an additional cost of €50 per load (washing and folding included)

✓ = yes/present

– = optional/on request

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THINK ABOUT

For larger groups, there is a third house, Casa Aria, on the estate. This is available on request for an extra weekly fee. It comprises:

• an open living and dining area and a small but well-equipped country-style kitchen on the ground floor;

• two first-floor, sea-view bedrooms - a double with en-suite bathroom with tub and shower attachment, and a twin with en-suite shower room Please note that there is no air-conditioning in this house.

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Ensconced in the rolling hills and emerald forests of the Terriccio nature reserve of the Etruscan Coast, some 40km south of **Pisa**, Le Cannelle is extremely well placed for spending time both on golden beaches and exploring historic, art-filled cities, towns and villages.

The closest village - about 6km away - is Castellina Marittima, a picturesque, panoramic spot that has all the essential amenities you'll need, including food shops, a couple of restaurants and cafés, and a bank. An alternative is Riparbella.

Down below on the coast, about 25-to-30 minutes' drive away, are the golden **beaches** of Marina di Cecina and Marina di Bibbona, and you'll be spoilt for choice, whether you're looking for organised beach clubs or remoter, wilder stretches of sand.

A 25-minute drive northeast will take you to Castiglioncello, a fashionable resort whose neo-classical villas and mansions date back to the late 19th century. Its photogenic good looks made it a haven for Italian impressionist painters and then, from the 1950s, for the stars of Italy's film industry, including Alberto Sordi, Marcello Mastroianni, and Vittorio Gassman.

The area around Le Cannelle is famous for its wine production, and particular mention should go to Bolgheri, whose world-famous vintages are crafted just over 30km away.

One of Tuscany's more under-the-radar cities is ancient **Volterra**, whose Etruscan origins date back to the 8th century BCE. Most of what you will see today is a magnificent. walled mediaeval centre that's overflowing with architectural gems, wondrous churches, evocative *piazze*, and imposing *palazzi*. Less than an hour away, it should not be missed.

For longer day trips, **Pisa**, the bustling fishing port and resort town of Livorno,

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Distances

Pisa airport: 66km-41miles-50mins
Florence airport: 110km-67miles-1h30
Bologna airport: 201km-125miles-2hr25
Nearest restaurants, shops and amenities: in Castellina Marittima - 6km-4miles-10mins; or in Riparbella - 6km-3.7miles-10mins. There is also a restaurant about 2km away along the road to Castellina Marittima
Nearest beaches: there are lots of sandy beaches around Marina di Cecina and Marina di Bibbona, about 25-to-20 minutes' drive
Castiglioncello: 20km-13miles-25mins
Bolgheri: 32km-20miles-40mins
Volterra: 45km-28miles-55mins
Pisa: 71km-39miles-1hr
Livorno: 48km-29miles-1hr
Siena: 92.5km-62miles-1hr50

and **Lucca** are about one hour's drive. **Siena** is also reachable in less than two hours.





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