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Edging out to sea like the prow of a boat, the rocky promontory on which Torre San Pancrazio rises affords glorious views out to Monte Argentario, the island of Giglio and beyond. The heart of this remarkable home is a 16th-century lookout tower, whose venerable spaces have undergone a sensitive, imaginatively conceived restoration. Generous terraces offer numerous possibilities for al fresco living, and steps lead down to the rocky shoreline and the azure waters of the Tyrrhenian.





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Service

Features

Sublime sea views
Direct sea access
In-villa cook service for three meals a day
Multiple terraces
Fascinating history
Spellbinding sunsets

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ABOUT THE VILLA

8 GUESTS 4 BEDROOMS 4 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Torre Pancrazio is laid out over four floors. Restored and refurbished with great care, the luminous interiors are a harmonious blend of original features, antique Tuscan pieces, quality wooden furniture, original artwork, and joyful design elements.

Accommodation on the ground floor is connected by a welcoming hallway and corridor. At the centre is a convivial sea-view dining room with vaulted ceilings, a round glass table, and access to the grounds. Next door is the well-equipped kitchen, where the cook will prepare your meals, and beyond that a guest WC. At the end of the corridor, meanwhile, are two bedrooms:

• a double-aspect double with fabulous sea views, an ornate, decorative fireplace, and an en-suite bathroom with tub and overhead shower
• double-twin with sea views and an en-suite shower room that follows the contours of the tower's walls

Stairs in the dining room lead down to the lower ground floor, where there is a romantic double bedroom with a pair of cushioned window seats looking out to sea, an en-suite shower room, and terrace access.

Back in the hallway on the ground floor, a spiral staircase follows the rounded lines of the tower up to the first floor, which is entirely given over to a generously proportioned, luminous living area. Picture windows gaze out to sea; a curvaceous, cushion-topped built-in sofa wraps around a large ottoman; a bespoke wooden bar sits to one side; a giant *ficus* plant clings to the ceiling, creating an exotic atmosphere; and sliding glass doors bring in the remarkable sea views and open out onto a stunning terrace.

Continuing up the spiral staircase, one comes to the second floor, where there is a snug sitting room with fireplace and sublime sea views. An antique door opens out onto a mini-bridge and an external flight of steps that leads back down to the terraces below.

Last of all is the third floor, which is entirely dedicated to the principal bedroom, a stunning semi-circular space whose walls feature a gigantic fresco depicting a rolling Tuscan landscape. Its en-suite shower room hosts a tub with an overhead shower.

Outside: when it comes to al fresco living at Torre San Pancrazio, there is an embarrassment of riches. Wherever you go outside, the views over the blue Tyrrhenian Sea, the peninsula of Monte Argentario, and the islands of Giannutri and Giglio are transfixing.

A door in the dining room on the ground floor opens out to a flight of steps, which lead down to a bohemian, laid-back terrace furnished with comfy mattresses, a shady umbrella, easy chairs, and a delightful, cane and palm frond-covered dining area. This area is also accessible internally from the bottom of the stairs leading down to the lower ground floor bedroom.

Steps carved into the rocky shoreline lead down past an outdoor shower to the property's pièce de résistance: a ladder into the irresistible blue waters below.

The splendid living area on the first floor opens out onto a glorious terrace with shaded and sun-kissed spot, plenty of comfy seating, a pair of hammocks, and 180-degree views across the sea to the islands of Giannutri and Giglio.

For more stunning vistas – think sweeping 360-degree panoramas – you could head up to the (lockable) terrace at the top of the old tower. Please note, however, that it's not for those with vertigo and the walls are low.

CONSIDERATIONS

Due to the nature of the property, including terraces, low walls and drops around the grounds and from the terraces, we cannot accept bookings for groups with children under the age of 12. Any children over that age must be supervised at all times.

The number of steps that must be negotiated to get into and around this property make it unsuitable for people with limited mobility. Please note also that the spiral staircase is quite narrow.

This villa does not have a pool.

Please note that this property is located in a residential area and therefore has neighbours.

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Amenities

Accommodates (max)	8
Bedrooms	4
Double beds	3
Flexible (double or twin)	1
Bathrooms	4
... of which en suite	4
Fully serviced [1]	✓
Garden gate beach/sea access	✓
Sea views	✓
Bar	✓

The sea access in front of this property is via rocks and a ladder, so it may not be possible to use if the sea is rough.

Please also note that the sea access is immediately deep and therefore not ideal for less confident swimmers.

Daily maid service	✓
Private parking	✓
Air conditioning [2]	✓
ADSL Wi-Fi Internet	✓
Fireplace	✓
Laundry service [3]	–
Sonos wireless music system	✓
Smart TV	✓
Hairdryer	✓
Iron	✓
Ice maker	✓
Microwave	✓

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

[2] in the bedrooms

[3] available at an extra cost. Please note that the washing machine and tumble dryer are for the use of staff only

✓ = yes/present

– = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Torre di San Pancrazio is located on the circular promontory of Ansedonia and gazes out at Monte Argentario, a mountainous peninsula connected by a pair of slender isthmuses to mainland Italy. This quasi-island is a magnificent destination for a holiday, and offers a great mix of beaches, hidden coves, crystalline waters, hiking trails, water sports, hill-top fortresses and two historic towns: Porto Santo Stefano in the north, and Porto Ercole in the southeast. Both have a great selection of restaurants, cafés, bars and shops.

For restaurants and other amenities, there's a good choice in the pleasant little lagoon town of Orbetello. There are a couple of restaurants in Ansedonia and along the beaches heading east, and there's a supermarket and a few food shops at Capalbio Scalo.

Torre San Pancrazio is perfectly placed for those who love to spend time on idyllic **beaches**. Apart from the rocky sea access from the property, there are numerous options nearby. Running all along the southern isthmus that links Monte Argentario to the mainland is the 6km-long sandy beach of Feniglia. Just 5 minutes' drive away, it’s a heavenly, south-facing spot that’s hard to resist. There are a few lidos dotted around, mainly at the eastern and western ends of the beach, but little in the central section.

Many of the bays and coves along the west coast of Monte Argentario, including Cala Grande, Caletta dell'Amore, Cala del Gesso and Cala Piccola are most easily accessed, or only accessible, by boat, and we heartily recommend you rent one for a day or more to explore the fascinating coastline.

A 5-minute drive to the east, meanwhile, will take you Ansedonia beach and the start of a 17km-long stretch of sand, most of which is entirely unspoilt. Here and there are a few beach clubs with restaurants, such as the ones at Carmen Bay and Macchiatonda, but you'll have no problem finding your own spot.

Other places worth visiting include: the Roman archaeological site of Cosa, on top of the hill behind the property; the mediaeval hill-top towns of Magliano in

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Distances

Rome–Fiumicino airport: 150km-92miles-1hr50
Rome Ciampino airport: 168km-104miles-2hr15
Florence airport: 200km-125miles-2hr35
Pisa airport: 200km-125miles-2hr15
Orbetello (amenities, restaurants and shops): 9km-5.6miles-11mins
Porto Ercole (on Monte Argentario): 16km-10miles-20mins
Porto San Stefano (on Monte Argentario): 21km-13miles-28mins
Nearest beaches (apart from the property's direct sea access):
Ansedonia beach - 1.8km-1.1miles-5mins;
Feniglia - 1.9km-1.2miles-6mins
The archaeological site of Cosa: 1.8km-1.1miles-5mins
Magliano in Toscana: 26km-16miles-30mins
Grosseto: 46km-28.5miles-40mins
Manciano: 42.5km-26.5miles-40mins
Pitigliano: 61km-38miles-1hr
Castiglione della Pescaia: 66km-41miles-1hr

Toscana, Manciano and Pitigliano; historic **Grosseto**, the capital of the Maremma; and the coastal gem of Castiglione della Pescaia.

Last but not least is the little island of Giannutri, which can be reached by private boat charter from Porto Santo Stefano on Monte Argentario.





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GALLERY















































