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TORRE DI FONTERINALDI

For those seeking total relaxation in an undisturbed, archetypally Tuscan retreat, there can be few villas to match Torre di Fonterinaldi. Oozing authentic character, immaculately restored, boasting an abundance of space, and set in 20 acres of woodland, vineyards, olive groves and beautifully maintained gardens, the property is a little world unto itself. For those fortunate enough to call it home for a week or two, it is the perfect antidote the stresses and strains of day-to-day life.





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Service

Features

Total seclusion in a 20-acre estate
360-degree panoramas of rolling hills
An irresistible 15m-long infinity pool
Impeccable restoration
Space galore, inside and out
Archetypal Tuscan charm
Well-equipped gym

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ABOUT THE VILLA

14 GUESTS 7 BEDROOMS 6 BATHROOMS

Inside: accommodation at Torre di Fonterinaldi is laid out over a main house on three floors and a restructured barn near the pool.

The main house

The lovingly restored main house combines generous proportions, an abundance of original architectural features, and a light-filled, harmonious atmosphere.

The entrance to the main house opens into a grand, stone-flagged hallway with double-height ceilings, a beautifully frescoed wall, and a curvaceous, contemporary staircase leading up to the first floor.

To the left of the hallway is the hub of the home, a huge living area, whose vaulted brick ceilings and leaping arches are mirrored in hue by the burnt sienna of the original terracotta flooring. A series of curvaceous, floor-to-ceiling windows bring in the restful views of the Tuscan landscape and bring in the light. Glass doors add to the luminosity while also allowing the space to flow outside onto the surrounding terraces. To one side, a pair of commodious, sink-in sofas look out over the wooded hills, while to the other, wrapping around a monumental fireplace is a second sitting area. A large oval dining table to one end completes the picture.

An opening in one corner of the living room accesses a snug library and reading room, which also opens out into the gardens.

Back in the central hallway and turning right, wide marble steps lead up to the fabulously spacious and well-equipped kitchen. At the centre is a large island with plenty of workspace, a wine fridge and a pair of bar stools. On either side of this is a wall of country cabinetry, more worktops, a large range cooker and a double fridge. Original barrel-vaulted ceilings in earthy brick bring architectural interest, and a door opens out into the surrounding gardens. The kitchen also accesses the library snug.

Next to the kitchen is the dining room, whose honeyed-wood beamed ceilings, terracotta-tiled floors, and large, antique table combine to create a thoroughly convivial atmosphere for long, memorable meals.

The contemporary staircase in the hallway leads up to a gallery overlooking the ground floor below. It provides access to a wide central corridor, off which are five bedrooms, each with a warm, welcoming atmosphere, hard-wood flooring, and lofty, wood-beamed ceilings. More specifically there is:

• a double with a four-poster bed and an en-suite bathroom with tub and separate shower
• a double-twin with access to one of the external staircases and an en-suite bathroom with tub and overhead shower
• a twin with access to the other external staircase and a spacious en-suite bathrooms with a large walk-in shower
• a twin and a double-twin sharing a shower room accessed from the landing

The guesthouse

The remaining accommodation at Torre di Fonterinaldi is in a converted barn, which is located near the pool. Refurbished with the same level of quality and attention to detail as the main house, it hosts a splendid open-plan space with a comfortable living area, a dining table and a kitchen, and two bedrooms, a double and a twin, each with an adjacent shower room.

The upper floor of the guesthouse, accessed from the main al fresco dining area, hosts a beautifully equipped gym, complete with panoramic views over the rolling hills - the perfect setting for an inspiring workout immersed in nature.

Outside: Torre di Fonterinaldi sits amidst an extensive estate of nearly 20 acres that incorporates landscaped gardens, tracts of woodland, a vineyard, a large, a gated pond, and a liberal scattering of around 100 venerable olive trees.

The property's position atop a hill affords splendid 360-degree panoramas that stretch out for miles across the Colline Pisane (Pisan hills) and beyond. Al fresco living at this utterly private and tranquil oasis is a joy to experience, and there is space in abundance both for memorable social gatherings and more solitary moments.

A long, private driveway meanders through part of the woodland to a gravel parking area, which is delimited by lawn, olive trees, a few cypresses, and, to one side, a large, fully gated pond.

All of the rooms on the ground floor open out into the gardens, making al fresco living an effortless experience. Outside the kitchen and the living area is a large expanse of lawn that's dotted with olive trees and bordered by bushy, low-rise borders. On the opposite side is an area of gravel and a formally planted series of square box hedges.

Immediately outside the living room of the main house is a comfortably furnished terracotta terrace with inspiring views looking out over the rolling hills. A few steps across the lawn from here is the roof of the barn, which hosts a large, well-shaded al fresco dining area served by a barbecue. This is a most convivial spot in which to enjoy long, lazy lunches and Tuscan dinners under starlit skies.

A path of stone slabs inserted into the lawn leads down from the terrace outside the living area to the magnificent 15m-long infinity pool, which is enclosed by aromatic shrubs and whispering olive trees.

One of the property's most traditional and classically Tuscan architectural features are the two external staircases - one on either side of the main house - that lead up to two of the upper-floor bedrooms.

Amongst the many joys of a stay at Torre di Fonterinaldi is the possibility of going for walks and runs without ever leaving the estate. On the way, you'll be able to admire stunning vistas, perfectly lined-up Sangiovese vineyards, olive groves, and shady, undisturbed woodland. Pure Tuscany.

CONSIDERATIONS

The gardens surrounding the house are fully fenced, but due to the nature of the property, which includes terraces, low walls and several drops, children must be supervised at all times when exploring the grounds.

Torre di Fonterinaldi features a fantastic infinity pool, offering swimmers stunning views while in the pool. There is a small 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.

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Amenities

Accommodates (max)	14
Bedrooms	7
Double beds	2
Twin beds	3
Flexible (double or twin)	2
Bathrooms	6

Please note that the minimum depth of the pool is 1.3m.

The number of steps that must be negotiated to get into and/or around this property might make it unsuitable for people with limited mobility.

If you're thinking of booking Torre di Fontedinaldi for a month or more, please speak to our specialists about the possibility of adding an extra suite in the main house (for an extra fee).

The property is home to a resident cat, who is accustomed to staying outdoors. The gardener will take care of feeding her, and cat food is stored in the laundry room. Guests are kindly asked not to feed the cat or let her in the house.

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Infinity pool	15x5m
Gym	✓
Wine cellar	✓
Home cinema	✓
Pizza oven [4]	✓
Daily maid service [1]	✓
Barbecue	✓
Private parking	✓
Optional cook [2]	–
ADSL Wi-Fi Internet	✓
Air conditioning [3]	✓
Fireplace	✓
Heating	✓
Smart TV	✓
Hairdryer	✓
Iron	✓
Washing machine	✓
Filtered drinking water	✓
Dishwasher	✓
Microwave	✓

[1] from Monday to Friday

[2] the cook can provide breakfasts, lunches and dinners on request and depending on availability

[3] the main house is equipped with underfloor heating and cooling throughout, and the bedrooms also have ceiling fans. In the guesthouse, air conditioning is available in the bedrooms via air con units.

[4] this is self-operated pizza oven

✓ = yes/present

– = optional/on request

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EXPLORING THE LOCAL AREA

Surrounded by an archetypal Tuscan landscape of vineyards, olive groves, woodland and rolling hills, Torre di Fonterinaldi rises in a panoramic position in the Colline Pisane about 12km north of the ancient town of Volterra and just over an hour's drive from Pisa and Livorno.

The closest restaurants, shops, cafés and other amenities are a 25-minute drive away in Peccioli, a mediaeval, hilltop beauty that has won the title of "Borgo dei Borghi" (the most beautiful village of all Italian villages). It's one of Tuscany's many under-the-radar beauties and well worth spending time exploring. There are historic palazzi, a mediaeval bell tower, several museums, including an open-air museum of contemporary art, a 2,000-seater Greek-style theatre overlooked by a series of giant human sculptures by Polish artist Miroslaw Balka, and much more besides.

Guests staying at Torre Fonterinaldi should not miss out on a visit to **Volterra**, whose Etruscan origins go all the way 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*.

Slightly further afield, though easily visitable in a day, is San Gimignano, **Pisa**, the bustling fishing port and resort town of Livorno, and **Lucca**. **Siena** is also reachable in about an hour and a half.

For those who wish to spend a day at the beach, you could head to Forte dei Marmi or 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.

There are lots of charming villages to explore nearby, not least Lajatico, the birthplace of Andrea Bocelli and home to the Teatro del Silenzio, an outdoor

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Distances

Pisa airport: 50.2km-31.2miles-50mins
Florence airport: 81.5km-50.5miles-1h30
Bologna airport: 169km-105miles-2hr30
Nearest restaurants, shops and amenities: in Peccioli - 16km-10miles-25mins
Volterra: 25km-15.1miles-40mins
Lajatico: 25km-15.1miles-40mins
Castelfalfi: 8km=5miles-20mins
San Gimignano: 30km-18.6miles-50mins
Pisa: 56km-34.8miles-1hr5
Livorno: 60km-37.5miles-1hr5
Lucca: 53.5km-33.3miles-1hr25
Nearest recommended beaches: Castiglioncello - 60km-37miles-1hr20; Forte dei Marmi - 93km-58miles-1hr25
Siena: 75km-47miles-1hr30

amphitheatre that hosts an annual concert in July. Also of note is Castelfalfi, a small village that is part of a 5-star resort. It's a nice place to go for a stroll, an ice-cream or dinner.

The area around Torre di Fonterinaldi is wine-producing country (including Chianti DOCG), and as well as sampling the villa's own excellent vintages, we recommend a visit to a vineyard or two during your stay.





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