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Villa Sassaia

La Foce Estate, nr Montepulciano, Val d'Orcia, Tuscany

Villa Sassaia is a truly stunning property on one of the most beautiful private estates in Tuscany. With its gorgeous interiors, spacious living areas and mature gardens, Villa Sassaia is a very special find.

The property of La Foce extends over the hills overlooking the Val d'Orcia, an enchanting and miraculously unspoilt valley in southern Tuscany, listed as UNESCO world heritage in 2004. Midway between Florence and Rome, La Foce is also within easy reach of Siena, Arezzo, Perugia, Assisi and Orvieto. Renaissance and medieval gems such as Pienza, Montepulciano, Monticchiello and Montalcino and the abbey of Sant'Antimo are only a few miles away from the private and exclusive Villa Sassaia.

In 1924 the Irish-American Iris Origo - the famous author - and her Italian husband, Marchese Antonio Origo, acquired the La Foce estate - a combination of olive groves, widespread cultivated fields and woodland. In those days, their management of La Foce brought prosperity and cultural and social changes to the poverty-ridden land it was then. Today their daughters, Benedetta and Donata, run the La Foce estate and their personality pervades in the hospitable atmosphere.

Villa Sassaia is surrounded by century old holm-oaks and as you reach the house you will be enchanted by the loosely set, spreading oak trees filtering the sun. Large sunny rooms and a comfortable modern interior decoration mark the style of the house with three living rooms, a fabulous large family kitchen, spacious and tastefully decorated bedrooms and plenty of bathrooms. The garden was designed by Peter Curzon: there are climbing roses, hydrangea petiolaris and honeysuckle, as well as lavender, several types of sage and rosemary which mix well with the old

local oak and fruit trees. What used to be the cow barn has been converted into a spacious summer living room flooded with light by seven large windows. The views are stunning and there is absolute peace and tranquillity.

The closest village is Contignano which lies at a distance of 7 kms from the house. Here guests will find a basic food shop (alimentari), a bar, a butcher and a fruit and vegetable shop and one should not miss a visit to the local dairy which produces some of the best pecorino (local sheep cheese) of the region. The countryside around La Foce abounds in lovely walks in the woods and the typical "crete senesi" (clay hills) of the region. The food is considered the best in Tuscany and famous wines such as Vino Nobile di Montepulciano and Brunello di Montalcino can be sampled in the local cellars.

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Information

Sleeps: 14

Service:

- 2 hours maid service per day
- Cook service, shopping, arrival meal and additional maid service available on request

Accommodation:

Ground floor:

- Large summer living room with ping pong table
- Double bedroom with bathroom en suite
- WC

First floor:

- Large living room with open fireplace and dining table
- Large family kitchen
- Two double bedrooms with bathrooms en suite
- Double bedrook
- Twin bedroom
- Bathroom

Dépendance:

- Living room with open plan kitchen
- Double bedroom with bathroom en suite
- Twin bedroom with bathroom en suite

Garden:

- Pergola with long table for outdoor meals

General:

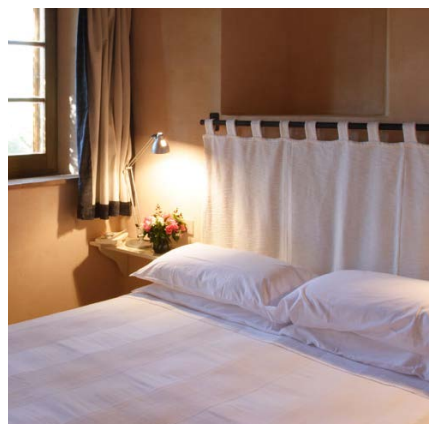
- Private Pool 6m x 12m
- Covered parking space
- CD-stereo, satellite TV
- Dishwasher, washing machine
- Ping pong
- High chair and cot available
- Wireless Internet connection is available in the upstairs living room (free of charge)

Places of Interest:

- Pienza
 - Montepulciano
 - Montalcino
 - Cetona
 - Sarteano (tennis)
- 4 hot spas and beauty farms 20-30 mins

Transport:

- Airports
- Rome 2 hours
- Florence 1.5 hours



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