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Situated amid a vineyard, the house has a truly rural feel. Dating from the eleventh century, Villa Rignana was once the pontifical residence of the powerful Cardinal de Ricci and thereafter a monastery. Now it is a wonderful private residence of eight hundred square metres, painstakingly restored and sumptuously furnished by its present owner who has been careful to retain and enhance the original antique features.

Within thirty minutes' by car, one can explore Florence, Siena and San Gimignano and even closer are the picturesque villages of Panzano and Greve in Chianti. Alternatively, leave the car behind and take a beautiful ten minute stroll to the famous 'Cantinetta Di Rignana' restaurant, renowned for the best Tuscan cuisine and memorable local atmosphere.

Villa Rignana

nr Greve, Chianti, Tuscany

Surrounded by vineyards and nestling in its own secluded valley amongst the rolling Chianti Hills, Villa Rignana is the ideal base from which to explore and enjoy the treasures of this culturally abundant region.

For those feeling more energetic, there is a superb 'infinity' swimming pool with a large deck ideal for evening drinks and dining. There is a barbecue area alongside the spectacular pool, an astroturf tennis court, a croquet lawn and a trampoline, all in the grounds of the estate. However, if exercise is far from one's thoughts, then perhaps a retreat to the Dungeon Bar is a more enticing prospect!

Outside, the entrance is dominated by a thirty-foot long glass table under a canvas canopy, stylishly arranged for al fresco dining where guests can savour the fabulous cuisine of Villa Rignana's excellent cook. Here, long lazy lunches with some local Chianti are the perfect way to unwind and relax after a morning of activities or excursions.

Accommodation at Villa Rignana is fabulous and each bedroom is unique in its décor, some with sumptuous four poster beds and others retaining the original frescoes of the property. Stylish,

original and spacious with fabulous en suite bathrooms, Villa Rignana has ample space for a large family gathering and is a delightful 'home from home' which can be rented in a variety of ways depending on the make-up of parties so please enquire for further details.

An additional highlight is the fabulously luxurious motor yacht 'Deramore' moored on the coast of Sardinia. 'Deramore' can be chartered with skipper and crew and makes a fantastic opportunity for a week cruising around the Mediterranean before or after one's stay at Villa Rignana! Merrion is delighted to include Villa Rignana in her portfolio - it cannot be too highly recommended.

Information

Sleeps:

- 18 (additional guests can be accommodated on request)

The Service

- Full time maid service.
- Daily Cook service - shopping and cooking for breakfast, lunch & dinner

The Accommodation

Ground Floor

- Large dining room
- Dungeon Bar (TV)
- Saddle Room (ideal for children's dining)
- Kitchen
- Three double bedrooms with en suite shower rooms, air conditioning and access onto the garden
- Twin bedroom (4 poster beds) with shared shower room
- Cloakroom

First Floor

- Formal drawing room with grand piano
- Two double bedrooms with shower rooms en suite

Attic

- Fitness room with sauna, steam shower, TV & gym (in the summer months the gym equipment is moved to the back lawn)

Guest House (two bedrooms with air conditioning)

- Large sitting room (with balcony) and upstairs mezzanine area with two beds for children (under the eaves)
- Two double bedrooms with en suite shower rooms with air conditioning
- Twin bedroom with en suite shower room
- Kitchenette

Facilities

- Private infinity pool 18m x 8m – salt water
- Astroturf tennis court
- Croquet lawn
- Trampoline
- Ping pong
- Bocce Court



- Wood fired pizza oven
- Dishwasher
- Washing machine
- Telephone, Satellite TV/DVD
- Spa room with steam shower, sauna and exercise machines (usually put up on terrace in high summer)
- Pool towels, soaps and shampoos are all provided
- Massage and Beauty Treatments 50€ per Hour by appointment
- Pasta making demonstrations on request (Aslo celiac certified)

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Attractions Nearby

- Panzano 5kms where the opera-singing butcher entertains with wine and canapes
- Greve 6kms
- Florence 35kms
- Siena 45kms

General Information

- Nearest restaurant, the famous Cantinetta 10mins walk
- Further shops /restaurants in Panzano 5kms

Airports in:

- Florence 40kms,
- Pisa 140kms
- Bologna 165kms

