

VILLA LUANA



Villa
22 people
Swimming pool
Siena 25 kms.

Description:

We visited this villa towards the end of the day. The ruins next door were already beautifully illuminated. The caretaker, a modern woman who had, as we learned, already dealt with a lot of business that day, proved to be very "non-Italian" and to the point. Her walking tempo, towards the surrounding garden, was more than brisk. Come on, come on... We could not find any cause for complaining; we arrived too late. But oh, how much we would have loved to stand and absorb the special feeling this villa already offered at first sight!

Never before we experienced this feeling of playing a role (in our case, of course a very minor one...) in a typical Italian movie as when we visited Villa Luana. It was November and getting dark with a setting sun; a colouring suitable for the start of a mysterious film. There were laid tables with chairs outside, the air was sultry for the time of year making a dinner outside still possible and the cypresses made blackish shapes towards the rapidly darkening evening sky.

The feeling of partaking in a film was strengthened when we saw the portrait gallery of the present owner's forefathers, and in our head, the theme of "The Godfather" made itself heard, because all these dark-haired, severe elderly gentlemen without even a trace of a smile really did look like "godfathers". It did not surprise us in the least, therefore, when we later heard the owner is indeed of Sicilian origin.

Villa Luana is a luxurious house of about 800 m², situated on an estate producing and processing several kinds of cereals, at a distance of

about 25 km from the town of Siena. The imposing house – to us, "imposing" is the best description for it – lies on a hilltop and is surrounded by a beautiful garden with age-old trees and high cypresses. In a sunny spot of the garden, at a short distance of the house, one will find the swimming pool, offering a beautiful view on the surrounding landscape, undulating with some higher hills, sometimes with a lonely cypress, or a cluster of pine-trees. The ultimate Tuscan landscape.

The villa has more or less gigantic dimensions, two stories and two independent entrances, making it an ideal accommodation for a group of 22. The rooms are nicely furnished, with lovely antiques, but all modern comfort is available. We later told each other that even grownups could play hide and seek in this house. And if you do: take something to eat and drink along in your hide-out, because it might take quite a while before you are found!

But despite the dimensions, the villa offers one the comfortable feeling of being on your own, with your own, chosen company, with peace and quiet around. And when wants some "stirring up", well, there is Siena with special shops, interesting sights, lively terraces, and nice little restaurants close-by and within easy reach. The villa has 12 bedrooms, 7 bathrooms and a large terrace on the first floor. The kitchen has all modern comfort. The first floor can also be reached by an outside stairway. The closest village, Monteroni d'Arbia, is at about 6 km. away and has shops, supermarkets, banks, bars and restaurants.

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Facilities:

Parking, large garden with garden furniture, terrace, swimming pool, barbeque, TV, CD-player, video, 6 cooking elements, oven, refrigerator/freezer, dish washer, washing machine.

Possibilities for sports/excursions:

You can go for walks, or explore the surroundings on a bike. There are more than enough nice and interesting excursions to be made: Of course to Siena, a lively old town with wonderful shops and of course the famous Piazza del Campo and the Duomo. The museum of art is a must for all art-lovers, with more than 600 works on display. You can also pay a visit to the, yet again age-old, little towns of Montalcino, Montepulciano, San Gimignano and then there is, of course, the famous town of Florence. When in Florence, go to the Mercato Centrale Di San Lorenzo, a market situated in halls from the 19th century with a metal covering. We can advise a visit to grocery Perini (stall no. 344) for some delicious cheeses and meat products. Also very suitable for an excursion are Pisa (Campo dei Miracoli) and Lucca (biking on the city walls, visit to the Villa Lucchese and, specially for the children, the park of Pinocchio).

Tip: Murlo, a walled, tiny village on a rather high hilltop, has a fantastic Etruscan museum.

Distances: (approx. km.)

Vescovado di Murlo 3 km, Monteroni d'Arbia 6 km, Siena 25 km, Florence 90 km.

Lay-out (800 m²):

Ground floor:

Enormous living with several sitting corners, connected to each other by stone arches, open fire place and stereo, dining room, small breakfast room, television corner with video and card-table, two toilets, a

completely equipped kitchen with 6 cooking elements, refrigerator with small freezer and a big freezer, dish washer and washing machine.

Via a wooden staircase from the living you reach a:

Mezzanine:

With on the left side a double bedroom, a single bedroom and a bathroom with shower. On the right side a double bedroom, a room with 2 beds, a single bedroom and two bathrooms with shower.

First floor:

Entrée, large living/dining room with television (no satellite) and video; 4 double bedrooms and 2 rooms with 2 beds each, 2 bathrooms with shower/bath, 1 bathroom with shower.

Large terrace of 35 m² with table and chairs and a magnificent view. The first floor as well as the terrace can also be reached via an outside staircase.

Mezzanine:

Double bedroom with en-suite bathroom with shower.

NB. This house can be rented together with Villa Luana II for a group of 36 persons.

Particulars:

Minimal rental period 7 nights, from Saturday till Saturday. During the low season, other periods might be possible, on request. For other periods than mentioned above prices available on request

Included in the rental price: Gas, water, electricity, baby bed, high chair and final cleaning as well as the usage of bed- bath- and kitchen linens on a basis of a weekly change. Note: The final cleaning charges will be included in the price if the house is left tidy at the time of departure; otherwise there will be a charge of € 100,00. A babycot is provided for free only if it is included in the number of beds of the villa, 22. If not the price is € 10,00 per night

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Not included in the rental price:
tourist taxes, extra bed € 10,00 per night, costs for heating according to usage (€ 5,00 per m³, which could amount to about € 110,00 per day). These costs to be paid in cash before leaving

your requirements upon booking; the requirements will have to be confirmed by Elisabeth Travel

The management is not responsible of the food and drinks used during parties organized at the properties

Deposit: Upon arrival, a deposit of € 1.000,00 has to be paid



Check-in on the day of arrival between 16.00–19.00 hrs.
Check-out on the day of departure before 10.00 hrs.

The swimming pool (6 x 12 m., depth 1.00 – 2.20 m.) is open from April 30 till October 1, depending on the weather conditions. Upon request it is possible to open the pool earlier or to close it later, with a weekly extra charge of € 150,00



Pets are allowed, provided permission has been asked of and granted by Elisabeth Travel beforehand. In case pets are taken, there is an extra charge for the final cleaning to be paid of € 100,00

English spoken



Public transport: Railway station in Monteroni d'Arbia

A car is necessary

Cleaning service € 20,00 per hour.
Upon request, meals can be prepared.
Please order both or either of these services upon booking



It is possible to rent the villa for parties or weddings. No extra costs are involved, provided the number of guests does not exceed the 22. If there are more than 22 guests, the following additional charged will be applied:
€ 300,00 for a max. of 25 guests, € 600,00 for a number of guests from 25 to 50. An extra security deposit is required (€ 2.000,00). Please state

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Price list

	Number of persons	Low season	Mid season	High season
		3/4 - 11/4	22/5 - 3/7	3/7 - 21/8
		1/5 - 22/5	21/8 - 4/9	
		4/9 - 18/9	18/12 - 6/1/2022	
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The prices given are in Euro's

Prices for other periods than mentioned above, please inquire