

Lorenzo Village

Region: Tuscany Sleeps: 35

Overview

Simply Italy is extremely pleased to be able to offer Lorenzo Village to guests for their exclusive use. Based close to the beautiful town of San Gimignano and within easy reach of Florence and Siena, this accommodation offers a totally unique holiday experience.

Purchased in 1990 by the Bandini family and restored with great care over the years, the village and properties are used for their original purpose as a working farm and guest house.

Eight independent apartments are available for guests, each having their own private entrance and terrace. Using traditional materials, the village now offers an original Tuscan atmosphere, combined with modern furnishings. The village also offers a swimming pool, restaurant and bar and outdoor activities and guided tours can be arranged.

Facilities



Interior & Grounds

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Apartment 1 (9/10 people)

- Based on the first floor of the main house
- 4 double bedrooms (possible to add 1 single bed to one of the rooms)
- 1 single room
- Spacious living room
- Large kitchen
- 3 bathrooms with bathtub and shower
- Spacious and partly covered terrace.

Apartment 2 (5 people)

- Based on the first and second floors of the vicarage
- Large dining room with antique fire place
- Fully equipped kitchen
- 1 downstairs twin bedded room and bathroom with Jacuzzi features
- Living room
- 1 large room with double bed and 1 single bed
- Air conditioning
- Outside area furnished with sofas, chairs and garden furniture.

Apartment 3 (4 people)

- Based on the ground of the vicarage with wonderful views over the hills, vineyards and valley of the river Elsa.
- Large living room
- Fully equipped kitchen with balcony
- 1 bedroom with twin beds
- 1 double bedroom
- 1 bathroom with shower and bath tub
- Air conditioning
- Outdoor patio perfect for al fresco dining.



Apartment 4 (4/5 people)

- Based in the renovated old barn of the farm, overlooking the valley
- Large living/dining room
- Fully equipped kitchen
- 1 double bedroom
- 1 bedroom with two single beds (possibility of having third bed)
- 1 bathroom with shower
- Air conditioning
- Tranquil outdoor space with fruit trees and garden furniture.

Apartment 5 (2/3 people)

- Based on the first floor of the vicarage
- Elegant living/dining room
- Fully equipped kitchen
- Double bedroom (with possibility of adding a third single bed)
- A spacious bathroom with bath tub and shower
- Air conditioning
- Atmospheric outdoor space furnished with table and garden chairs.

Apartment 6 (2 people)

- Based in a romantic little house with a view over swimming pool
- Living room with kitchen
- 1 double bedroom
- Air conditioning
- Paved patio area and furnished garden.

Apartment 7 (2 people)

- Based in the original grain barn
- Living/dining room and kitchen area
- 1 double bedroom
- Bathroom
- Garden with olive trees and covered patio.

Apartment 8 (2 people)

- Based in a romantic house
- Living/dining room with kitchen
- Bathroom
- 1 double bedroom
- Air conditioning
- Large, paved terrace equipped with garden furniture.

Apartments 7 and 8 can be connected to make a larger apartment for 4 people.

Outdoor Space

- Swimming pool (Dimensions: 16x18 metres, Depth: 1.4 to 1.8 metres) and terrace for private use

- Parking
- A natural cave formed by ancient limestone sediments
- Views of the vineyards, olive groves and valleys towards San Gimignano
- There is a play ground area for kids, with tennis table and also a soccer field.

Amenities

- Wifi connection
- Barbeque and wood oven for bread making
- On-site restaurant using local produce
- Tuscan cookery lessons on request
- Communal bar and living area
- Wedding venue
- Guided tours on request
- Mountabikes, football and table tennis available on site
- Walking routes in the surrounding woods
- Riding lessons and tennis lessons available
- Barbecues can be arranged with food provided and the wood stove can be used for cooking roasts and pizzas.
- Cots, highchairs and a stair gate are available on request

Location & Local Information

Situated halfway between Florence and Siena, Lorenzo Village is perfectly located for guests to visit some of Tuscany's best sites. Whether visitors want to explore the beautiful countryside, take in the art and culture or savour the delicious local food and wine, this part of Tuscany will suit all needs.

Siena is 30 minutes by car, and Florence is 45 minutes. San Gimignano, with its beautiful towers, is just a few kilometres away.

The Ancient Lorenzo Village was a home and place of worship for the Goths. In 1963, people excavating around the village discovered the 'Treasures of Gologano': a Eucharistic kit, composed of four different goblets, a spoon and a paten, which is now housed at the Museum of Sacred Art in Colle Val D'Elsa.

This discovery led historians to unearth the history behind the village. The treasure was buried by locals when the invasion was announced between the Alemanni and Franchi tribes after the defeat of Teia, the last king of the Goths, in Campania in 553 AD.

In medieval times, the village belonged to the noble Sienese family, the Tolemei. It became a place of hospitality, as it was on the pilgrimage route for merchants and travelers from northern Europe to Rome.

Within the complex is the little Church of San Lorenzo (9th century) built on the remains of an older building dating from the 5th century. The altar is adorned with a fresco depicting the Madonna and Child Enthroned between San Lorenzo and San Sebastian painted by Pier Francesco Fiorentino (15th century). According to popular tradition, Lorenzo Village was the meeting place between San Francesco of Assisi and San Lucchese.

Getting there:

The nearest towns are Poggibonsi, 10 minutes away, Colle di Val d'Elsa and San Gimignano. The estate is very easy to access from the Autostrada connecting Florence and Siena, which passes close to Colle di Val d'Elsa and Poggibonsi (exit E35 Colle di Val d'Elsa Nord).



Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €1000. This is paid prior to arrival and will be refunded in full after departure subject to damage inspection.
- Arrival time: 4.00 p.m. onwards
- Departure time: Before 10.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Please enquire.
- Pets welcome?: No pets allowed.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Please enquire.
- Changeover day: Saturday.
- Insurance: It is recommended that all guests take out insurance to cover against potential cancellation and any accidental damage caused during your stay at the property.
- Other Ts and Cs: City tax 1 Euro per person per night