

Castle Mago

Region: Tuscany Sleeps: 20

Overview

As the former residence of Leopold II, Grand Duke of Tuscany, this 16th century castle offers an authentically regal experience, with all the modern comforts and amenities you'd expect from modern five star accommodation. Situated between the renowned cities of Siena and Lucca, you're in a triangle of high quality wine production, with locations such as Sassicaia and Ornellaia you'll be living the highlife every moment of your stay.

Following a secluded drive lined with Cypress and Pine trees you'll catch your first unforgettable sight of Castle Mago, standing coated in Ivy and oozing magnificence. From it's high point you can catch amazing vistas over the Tuscan countryside, and the private grounds that include a Rose garden, dining terraces and a large swimming pool.

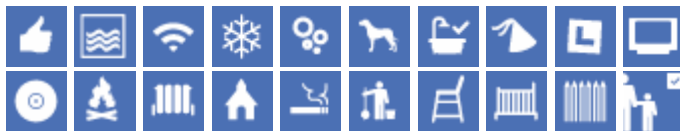
Stepping inside you'll be just as impressed, with many original, beautifully preserved features, antique furnishings and oil paintings decorating the 13 rooms. The entrance hall displays the coat of arms, and leads off to 3 distinct living areas. The first features a bar and grand fireplace, another with offers cosy settees and a TV, and a third functions as a tranquil reading room with antique wood desk. You'll also find a professional kitchen and charming, Majolica tiled dining room on the ground floor.

Each of the 11 bedrooms on the upper floors is individually styled and decorated, many featuring hand painted ceilings. In keeping with the theme of the house, these traditional bedrooms are also equipped with the modern luxury of a mini-bar, air-con, digital TV, and safe.

Moving outside, mature and neatly manicured gardens stretch out in every direction. Stone steps wind their way down to the pool, where you'll find a jacuzzi, changing room, and toilet, all under the shade of neighbouring pines and olive groves.

Come live as the Tuscan elite of the 18th century, king for a week in your own Italian castle!

Facilities





Interior & Grounds

The Castle is accessible by a lane, lined with cypress and pine trees, at the end of which the impressive gates open onto the front garden with private parking. Passing through the entrance hall, guests can step into the rose garden which is an ideal place for breakfast, lunch and dinner. At the end of the garden, separated by a smaller gate, is a swimming pool, open from mid-May to the end of September. Overlooking a terraced olive grove, the pool is shaded by ancient maritime pine trees. The poolside is equipped with a Jacuzzi, fitness corner, changing rooms and toilet.



The bedrooms, all with en-suite bathrooms, are arranged on different levels and are individually decorated. Each is provided with mini-bar, air conditioning, satellite TV, telephone, and safe. There are four double rooms, 5 suites and a superior suite, "Gran Duca" available. These beautiful bedrooms are furnished with antique furniture, hand decorated ceilings, frescoes and numerous precious objects.

On the ground floor there is a magnificent hall enriched with oil paintings and furnished with an important 18th century wooden table. There are also three sitting rooms accessible from the main entrance hall: a well-stocked reading room with an antique wooden desk; a bar room with fireplace; a TV room, richly furnished with an antique chest, two comfortable sofas upholstered with damask fabric, fireplace, satellite TV, and DVD player. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served in the luminous dining room, decorated with frescoes and tiled with original ceramics. Internet Wi-Fi access can be found throughout the Castle. Outside guests can take full advantage of the grounds and private 5m x 11m swimming pool.



Rooms are arranged as follows:

Ground Floor

- Large entrance hall with antique table >
- Living room with fireplace and bar area
- Lounge with settees, satellite television and DVD player
- Reading room with desk and internet
- Washroom with w.c. and basin
- Dining room with fireplace, table and chairs
- Professional kitchen with cooker (5 gas rings and electric oven), fridge/freezer, dishwasher, microwave, ice maker.
- Side room off the kitchen.

Middle & Upper Floors

- Double bedroom (can convert to twin on request) with ensuite bathroom with bathtub and shower
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bathtub and shower

- Suite with double bed (can convert to twin on request) and en suite shower room and access to large panoramic terrace
- Double bedroom (can convert to twin on request) with ensuite bathroom with bathtub and shower
- Double bedroom (can convert to twin on request) with ensuite shower room
- Suite with double bedroom (can convert to twin on request) and ensuite shower room.
- Master suite 3 (Grand Duke) with double bed and ensuite bathroom with bathtub
- Suite with double bed(can convert to twin on request) and ensuite bathroom with bathtub
- Junior suite with double bed (can convert to twin on request) and ensuite bathroom with bath tub
- Double bedroom with ensuite bathroom with bathtub and shower
- Double bedroom with ensuite bathroom with bathtub and shower
- Suite with double bedroom (can convert to twin on request) (sloping ceilings) and ensuite bathroom with bathtub and shower

Top Mansard Floor

- Suite with double bedroom (sloping ceilings) and ensuite bathroom with bathtub and shower.

All bedrooms are equipped with mini-bar, air conditioning, digital TV and safe.

All ensuite bathrooms have bath or shower (as indicated above), basin, bidet, w.c. and hairdryer.

Amenities

- Ice maker
- American coffee machine
- SKY satellite TV
- DVD player
- Unlimited Wi-Fi access
- Hi-Fi stereo.
- Baby equipment is available on request.

Location & Local Information

Castle Mago is the former residence of Leopold II, Grand Duke of Tuscany. It is situated between the renowned cities of Siena and Lucca, in a triangle of high quality wine production. Notable are Sassicaia and Ornellaia. Today this magnificent "Historical Residence", offers the chance to experience history with all the modern comforts of the 21st century. The castle is open during the summer months and is rented weekly as an exclusive, private villa.

As this is a land famous for the production of DOC and DOCG wines known all over the world, one of the recommended activities is a tour of local producers, such as Sassicaia and Ornellaia. Tours should be booked in advance directly from the castle. Visits can be personalized according to taste and expertise. Wine experts will guide and assist you throughout the itinerary.

Castle Mago is located on the Etruscan Coast in an area with many tourist attractions, including historical sights, art, culture and cuisine. With its splendid medieval towns and landscape, the Etruscan Riviera has many interesting things to discover.

Some places and events worth mentioning are:

- Campiglia Marittima with its festival "Apriti Borgo" (medieval festival, August).
- Suvereto with "Calici Sotto le Stelle" (wine festival, August).
- Bolgheri and its renowned wines, such as Sassicaia and Ornellaia.
- Populonia and Baratti's Etruscan tombs.
- The beautiful Elba Island.
- San Vincenzo and its "Palio della Costa Etrusca" (horse race on the beach, Easter Monday).
- Massa Marittima with "Balestro del Girifalco" (May & August).

A visit to the outstanding Castle Mago will make any holiday an unforgettable experience.



History

Castle Mago was built during the first decade of the 16th century and became the residence of Leopold II, Grand Duke of Tuscany, during the reclamation of the Maremma land.

Leopold II was born on 3 October, 1797 in Florence and died in Rome on 29 January, 1870. He was the last Grand Duke of Tuscany, reigning from 1824 and abdicating in 1859.

Castle Mago was been the residence of many Grand Dukes of Tuscany, but Leopold II lived there the longest. Documents dating back to 1529 demonstrate the existence of a former palace that was renovated to become the administrative headquarters of the Campiglia Marittima Railways.

In 1860, the Castle passed into the hands of the Merciai family, who transformed it into a "Historical House" open to all those who wished to enjoy an unforgettable holiday while discovering this beautiful land rich in history and art.

Subsequent works carried out since 1900 have been supervised by the Italian Institute of Fine Arts. Today, the castle represents one of the most important monuments of the Tuscan Maremma.

Distances from major touristic sights:

- Castagneto Carducci – Bolgheri and its vineyards: 7 km
- Golf of Baratti: 10 km
- Populonia and the Etruscan Tombs: 10 km
- Pelagone Golf Club: 25 km
- Punta Ala: 20 km
- Massa Marittima – art and wine itineraries: 30 km
- Volterra – Alabaster, “Balze” and museums: 50 km
- San Gimignano and its towers: 75 km
- Siena – Piazza del Campo – Chianti: 95 km
- Lucca: 100 km
- Florence: 160 km
- Rome: 250 km
- Nearest airport - Pisa

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: 2500 euros. This is paid prior to arrival and will be refunded in full after departure subject to damage inspection.
- Arrival time: between 4 pm and 7 pm.
- Departure time: 10.00
- Energy costs included?: No, only electricity is included.
- Linen & towels included?: Included.
- Pets welcome?: Pets allowed.
- Changeover day: Sunday.
- End of stay cleaning included?: €300
- 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: There is a holiday tax applicable €1.50 per person per day. Swimming Pool: Open from mid-May to the end of September.