

# VILLA LA CASCATA

## ANCIENT NOBLE MANSION

Lucca area

Sleeps: 14  
Line: Deluxe  
Arrival From: 15:00 - To: 18:00  
Departure by: 11:00  
Rental Dates From: Saturday - To Saturday  
Final Cleaning Charge: Included  
Security Deposit: 2000 euro

### Description

This Renaissance house belonged to an ancient noble family and one of the most illustrious of Lucca, the Diodati. Indeed the Villa is one of the most important examples of Lucchese residential architecture of the 16th century. Conceived as a summer retreat, the complex includes formal gardens, a chapel, lemon greenhouse (now the pool house) and stables. The location at the foot of the Colli Pizzorne hills was chosen due to the abundance of water necessary for the numerous water features which played an integral part in the decoration of such summer retreats. Certainly one of the most remarkable features of this property is the Cascade which graces the back garden and feeds the series of basin fountains both in front of and behind the villa.

Near the great museum properties of Villa Reale, Villa Torrigiani and Villa Grabau, this house is one of the few of such caliber still in private hands. The owner, has possessed it for more than three decades and keeps it as a primary residence. Decorative fountains, expansive parterres and the opulent ball room are testimony to the original function as a venue for elaborate entertaining. It has been kept very close to its original structure. The enormous carpet in the ball room is notable as are the frescoes.

The original loggia is exceptionally beautiful with frescoed floor to ceiling decoration . There is a tiny ?decorative? vineyard and swimming pool within the garden.

The house comes with a complete live-in staff of two housekeepers and a cook.

### ACCOMODATION DETAILS: 7 bedrooms/7 baths

Ground Floor: It features an opulent entrance hall . Adjacent is a billiards room with a large flat-screen TV, and a notable terrazzo floor. Breakfast Room - Kitchen quite modern . There is also a beautiful loggia with winter garden and a Parlor furnished with antiques. Formal dining room and a large table seating 14.

FIRST FLOOR: Master Bedroom with a queen-sized bed , television and telephone. The en suite bathroom features a Jacuzzi tub.

A second bedroom has its own sauna as well as an en suite bath with shower cabin. A third bedroom has a private bath that features a shower. The fourth bedroom is a twin with an en suite bath with shower. At the center of this floor is an enormous frescoed ballroom .

SECOND FLOOR :Room a full gymnasium with sauna. Around this are situated three double bedrooms all with en suite bathrooms with shower.

OUTDOOR AREAS: The dramatically-illuminated backgarden features a tennis court and a miniature vineyard. In a walled-garden area adjacent to the former limonaia there is the swimming pool with three showers and changing rooms.

In the former stables, there is a service apartment accessed by spiral staircase which is available for rental for parties travelling with staff. It features a small eat-in kitchen, living room with corner fireplace, dining room for 6, three double bedrooms and one twin. There are two baths - one with shower, the other with Jacuzzi tub.

Near the entrance of the property, there is a charming private chapel.

### Special Features:

Air conditioning in some rooms  
Concierge service  
Countryside view  
On property caretaker  
Suitable for children

**Outdoor Features:**

Outdoor dining area  
Swimming pool  
Tennis court  
Sauna

**Facilities:**

Cable satellite television  
Cd player  
DVD  
Fireplace  
Internet connection  
Micro wave oven  
Dishwasher  
Telephone  
Washing machine

**Included:**

Electricity  
Extra linens  
Gas  
Water  
Final cleaning  
Full time chef  
Full time maid  
Weekly linen service  
Air conditioning

**Not included:**

Telephone  
Internet connection

**Off Property Activities:**

Spa :  
Grotta Giusti -20 Km  
Tennis court :  
Within the property  
Beaches :  
Versilia coast -30 Kms  
Golf course:  
Montecatini Golf and country club - 20 Km

**Distances:**

Nearest village: 5 Km - Lucca -  
Nearest train station : 5 Km -Lucca -  
Nearest Airport: 30 Km-Pisa -  
Florence: 80 Km -  
Siena: 110 Km -  
Pisa : 30 Km -  
Lucca : 5 Km -

**Notes**

The security deposit of 2000 euro must be paid upon arrival directly to the owner in cash . No checks or credit card are accepted.

No pets are permitted.

The price includes breakfast and dinner service .

Dinner service is maximum five hours.

Full day service staff of three people at disposal : one cook and two maids. Maids are available 8 hours per day.

Telephone will be charged on consumption

A deposit of euro 1000 cash, for food shopping, is requested upon arrival.

A/C is only in the bedrooms.

The Villa is available from May 1st to October 2nd.