

Reviews

Gail said...
Nov 12, 2014

We are still riding on the Tuscany high and the beauty of this villa!



SP484, Villa d'Arceno, Castelnuovo Berardenga, Toscana, 56019, Italy (385218)

Date of Stay
October 25, 2014
Helpful votes:4/4.

A group of five of us called Cappella di Pancole our home base for 14 days as we traveled through Italy. The three bedrooms, three bath accommodations were perfect for our group. We could cook and socialize together in the main rooms and veranda and then retreat to our own rooms for alone time. Not only are the villa and its surrounding countryside absolutely gorgeous, but the owners, Karen & David, were nearby to assist and guide us. For example, one of our parties needed to see the local doctor and Karen & David were so very kind to accompany them to find the doctor's office. They went above and beyond as landlords.

The pictures do not do the villa justice. We were lucky to go at a time when the leaves were changing colors so we experienced the brilliance of the landscape. The welcome basket and house book provided by Karen and David were a treat and another reason this property is "above the norm" where rentals are concerned. We visited several of the towns in Tuscany as well as taking train trips to Venice and to Rome. We spent time also in Florence, Pisa, and Livorno but it was always a treat to come back to the peace and quiet of the villa. One of the highlights of our visit to Tuscany was a meal prepared by a local chef, Andrea Anichini. We started the day with him by visiting a local farm, bakery, butcher, and olive processing plant. Andrea returned to our villa in the afternoon where he gave us guidance on chopping, slicing, and dicing. We even made our own pasta. Later that evening we savored the four course meal and delectable wine. Not only was he an amazing chef who gave us an appreciation of how great simple foods can taste, but he had a refreshing personality that made the experience even more memorable.

We cannot say enough about this villa nor our experience with the rental process or our time in Tuscany. We highly recommend this villa and look forward to the day when we can return. We can't imagine staying anywhere else in the Tuscany area.

Recommended for: Age 55+, Adventure Seekers, Sightseeing, Families with Teenagers

Robyn R. said...
Jan 26, 2015

Wow.



SP484, Villa d'Arceno, Castelnuovo Berardenga, Toscana, 56019, Italy (385218)

Date of Stay
August 23, 2014
Helpful votes:4/4.

Six of us stayed at Cappella di Pancole as we holidayed in Tuscany. The villa was ideal with three bedrooms, three bathrooms, full kitchen facilities and laundry.

We were able to cook our own meals and socialize together in the main rooms, verandah and pool. The villa has great scenic views and is only 20 minutes from the local village; close enough to be convenient and far enough removed to be private and tranquil. The welcome basket was a nice touch and much appreciated.

The owners, David & Karen were great and they were able to help us with suggestions of places to see and things to do; especially hints about local knowledge. David even gave up a day to host our wine tour in the local Chianti region.

A further highlight was our day with a local chef, Andrea Anichini. We accompanied him to the butcher, the organic farm, the grower's market, with some special surprise stops on the way. Later in the day Andrea instructed us how to prepare and cook a 5 course meal which he and his wife served to us on the verandah. Thank you David & Karen for this recommendation- a fabulous experience.

As Aussies it was great to deal with another Aussie!

Recommended for: Sightseeing

Kevin said...
Jun 21, 2014

Picturesque setting and charming owners!



SP484, Villa d'Arceno, Castelnuovo Berardenga, Toscana, 56019, Italy (385218)

Date of Stay
May 31, 2014
Helpful votes:3/3.

Three of us spent a terrific week at this remarkable property. The villa was spacious, comfortable and equipped with modern amenities. A great getaway, with wonderful alfresco dining, the setting is drop-dead gorgeous, with views of nearby villages within 20-30 minutes walking distance. Having spent the first three days of our stay in bustling Rome, we found this villa to be an ideal location for exploring the Tuscany region. David and Karen were remarkable hosts, escorting us on a day trip to nearby Montalcino to visit local wineries. We couldn't have had a better time!

Recommended for: Age 55+, Adventure Seekers, Sightseeing, Romantic Getaway

My Response

Stephanie, Kevin and Chuck were wonderful guests who made the most of their time in Tuscany. Not only did they enjoy all the features that Tuscany has to offer, they also appeared to like their quiet time spent in the Villa when they were not out and about. They would be most welcome to return anytime. David & Karen

Becky F. said...
Oct 22, 2013

Tuscany villa, a must!



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Date of Stay
October 5, 2013
Helpful votes:4/4.

What a lovely time our group of six friends had in Tuscany. The Villa Pancole is a stunning home! The rooms are very spacious, beautifully furnished and have scenic views from their window. We first drove into the nearby town to get groceries for the many delicious meals we cooked. The kitchen has everything you may need to prepare a gourmet meal. The first night we made spaghetti with the items in our welcome basket, thank you! Every night we retired to the living room to enjoy a warm fire and talk about our daily activities and plan the following day. David and Karen have a notebook filled with suggestions for dining, wine tasting, daily excursions and more. Our favorite day trip was a drive to Cinque Terra. Our favorite wine tasting experience was with the local wineries, take your pick, they are all amazing! Our weather wasn't the best, but it didn't keep us from sitting out on the veranda and taking in the amazing view of the Tuscan hills and olive groves. Thank you David and Karen for a memorable stay at your villa, it was our first visit but not our last.

Recommended for: Age 55+, Adventure Seekers, Sightseeing, Romantic Getaway

My Response

Becky and Rich and their party of 6 from Oregon and California seemed to fit in perfectly to the way of life in Tuscany. They all appreciated the scenery, food, wine, activities and attractions on offer. We would love to see them return soon. David & Karen.

Bettina M. said...
Sep 5, 2013

Traumhaus - Traumlage



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Date of Stay
August 16, 2013
Helpful votes:3/3.

Zwei wunderschöne Wochen haben wir in der Villa Capella di Pancole verbracht. Die Lage der Villa ist einfach außergewöhnlich schön. Sie liegt sehr ruhig auf einer Anhöhe und man hat eine unglaubliche Weitsicht auf die Hügel, typischen toskanischen Zypressen, Olivenbäume und einigen wenigen toskanischen Häusern. Der Pool ist mit einer Länge von 19 Metern sehr groß, so dass man einige Bahnen darin schwimmen kann. Einige Stufen führen in den Anfangs flachen Bereich, der aber später tiefer wird. Der Pool wird regelmäßig gesäubert und liegt umringt von einigen Olivenbäumen. Auch hier ist die Aussicht fantastisch. Die Terrasse ist großzügig gestaltet und führt ums ganze Haus. Der Garten ist wunderschön toskanisch angelegt und sehr gepflegt. Das Haus hat eine hochwertige Ausstattung und die Zimmer wurden durchdacht gebaut. Alle Angaben, die von den Vermietern zur Villa gemacht wurden, sind korrekt bzw. wurden übertroffen. So sind z. B. im gesamten Haus Fliegengitter angebracht. Wir waren sehr dankbar darüber. Die Vermieter Karen und David sind liebenswürdig, ausgesprochen freundlich aber dennoch zurückhaltend und auf die Privatsphäre der Mieter bedacht. Die Villa ist ein absoluter Glückstreffer und zu 100% weiterzuempfehlen. Hier stimmt einfach alles. Siena ist in 30 Minuten zu erreichen. Arezzo, Florenz und San Gimignano in weniger als 1 Stunde. Im Ort Castelnuovo Berardenga gibt es sehr gute Lokale und eine tolle Eisdiele. Vielen lieben an Karen und David für eure tolle Gastfreundschaft, wir haben uns sehr wohl gefühlt. Liebe Grüße aus Hünxe

Recommended for: Age 55+, Girls Getaway, Sightseeing, Families with Teenagers, Families with Young Children, Romantic Getaway

My Response

Bettina, Markus und Familie machte das Beste aus ihrer 2-wöchigen Urlaub in Cappella di Pancole. Nicht nur, dass sie auf der Terrasse der Villa entspannen und schwimmen im Pool, variiert sie ihre Aktivitäten, indem sie Ausflüge zu einigen der nahe gelegenen historischen Städten sowie Einkaufsmöglichkeiten in den Verkaufsstellen Kleidung. Es war ein Vergnügen, mit ihnen in unserer Villa zu bleiben. Karen & David

Thomas said...
Aug 18, 2013

Sehr schöne Villa



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Date of Stay
August 3, 2013
Helpful votes:2/2.

Wir hatten zwei wunderschöne Wochen in der Villa Capella di Pancole. Die Anfahrt führt über eine ca. 4km lange Schotterstraße zum Haus in das Arceno Gebiet. Die Lage der Villa ist einfach perfekt. Sie liegt ruhig gelegen auf einer Anhöhe, mit einer tollen Rundumsicht auf einem traumhaft schönen Anwesen. Der Pool so wie die Gartenanlage ist einfach wunderschön angelegt und sehr gepflegt. Das Haus hat eine hochwertige Ausstattung die in einem sehr guten Zustand ist. Die Angaben zur Villa in der Homepage wurden übertroffen. Des Weiteren haben die Vermieter alle wichtigen Informationen für das Haus und für die Umgebung in einen großen verständlichen Ordner zusammengestellt. Sehr hilfreich. Die sehr freundlichen Vermieter Karen und David sind zurückhaltend, stehen aber zu jeder Zeit bei Fragen oder Wünschen zur Verfügung. Wir haben uns sehr wohl gefühlt und können die Villa zu 100% weiterempfehlen. Viele liebe Grüße an Karen und David aus Stuttgart

Recommended for: Families with Teenagers

My Response

Sabine und Thomas und ihre freundliche Familien waren perfekt und die Gäste zu begrüßen wäre, zurückzukehren, um jederzeit Pancole. Karen & David

Mike said...
Jul 31, 2013

Wonderful Spot



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Date of Stay
June 29, 2013
Helpful votes:2/2.

David and Karen have created a wonderful rental villa in an idyllic spot. The location of the Villa (within an estate) provides sweeping views and an air of peacefulness only dreamed about by most city dwellers.

The property is extremely well equipped for renters, we know this because we have stayed in over 10 other villa's like this across Europe and this is by far the best equipped. The other great feature is that the owners are on site (they live next door). I have found that we a property is managed by the owners as opposed to a letting agency the presentation of the properties, amenities, and assistance when required is much better.

The welcome pack, of wine, pasta, tomatoes, olive oil etc is enough to get you through your first night which is much appreciated. We have stayed in places that don't even have any salt.

They were fabulous hosts to us, providing guidance when required but not in your face.

I thoroughly recommended staying here.

Recommended for: Age 55+, Adventure Seekers, Sightseeing, Families with Teenagers, Families with Young Children, Romantic Getaway

My Response

Mike, Jackie, Deborah and their lovely children were a joy to have at Cappella di Pancole. Do come again Mike as you all seem to appreciate la dolce vita in an Italian Villa !!

Marge and Veronica said...
May 22, 2013

Exceeded our expectations!



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Date of Stay
April 27, 2013
Helpful votes:2/3.

What a delightful place to immerse yourself in the serenity of the Tuscan hillside views, or to use as a base for exploring the region. We were happily ensconced in Cappella di Pancole for a week, and it was just perfect for us. The villa was well laid out for four of us, with comfortable furnishings and decor. We especially appreciated the welcome basket from David and Karen, so well provisioned to provide us with our first Italian supper on the evening that we arrived. We all are lovers of Italian food, and wanted to have a local cooking experience. David connected us to a local chef and caterer with a great reputation. We spent a day in and around Siena shopping with the chef to get the ingredients for a fantastic four course dinner that we all then participated in preparing in the villa that evening under his instruction. He was an enthusiastic and charming man, very passionate about the elegance and simplicity of the Tuscan cuisine, and we are still dreaming about that magical experience. It was definitely the high point of our trip. The villa is also well situated for exploring the local wineries, and David and Karen have provided a number of proposed itineraries for day trips in their house book that we found very helpful and easy to follow. Even the local grounds on the Villa Arceno estate provide ample opportunity for interesting hikes and walks if you want to take a break from driving around and just enjoy the property. These hosts really put themselves in the place of their guests, and thought of everything. We all would highly recommend it and hope we can return in the future.

Recommended for: Age 55+, Girls Getaway, Sightseeing, Romantic Getaway

My Response

This was a fabulous party of four girls from Boston who seemed to be determined to make the most of their stay. They enthusiastically embraced their day with the Italian chef who not only provided them with a well informed cooking lesson, but also introduced them to the typical day in the life of a Tuscan with the emphasis on experiencing good food and wine. They seemed to appreciate their time spent at the Villa. We look forward to their return. Karen & David

John said...
May 3, 2013

A Tuscan Delight



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Date of Stay
April 13, 2013
Helpful votes:3/3.

Coming from Australia, we were really pleased we allowed two weeks for our stay in this superbly situated and elegantly appointed three level Tuscan villa, designed by our hosts David and Karen just over two years ago. It meant we could plan our days according to the weather (mostly sunny spring days in our case) and how we felt. Cappella di Pancole is a very spacious, clean and comfortable home to relax in over a good book, in front the open fire, or simply lounging outside around the large table on the enormous terrace overlooking lovely gardens and lawn leading on to a 180° view of the surrounding forest-covered hills. In the summer months the pool would be a popular alternative. The villa is also a welcome home to return to after a long walk through the 1100 hectare estate, or a half or full day drive to one or more of the many beautifully preserved medieval towns and villages which surround this much loved area of Italy, where we sampled some of the finest food and wine, and visited many charming markets and shops.

Our villa had everything included we could wish for: the best quality kitchen appliances, comfortable sofas, TV, including a variety of English news channels, excellent WiFi connection, fabulously comfortable beds and enormous showers with a strong and steady flow of soft water.

While most information about all aspects of the villa and its surrounds was clearly and comprehensibly provided in a book, David and Karen were also very happy to supplement this with their extensive knowledge of the region. On their recommendation we enjoyed some excellent meals in nearby restaurants.

We were very sorry when the time came to leave. Pancole had become a home away from home, where we could relax and enjoy the Chianti at our leisure and feel part of the scene. And this is just one of many reasons to return to this beautiful and unspoilt part of Italy.

Recommended for: Age 55+, Sightseeing, Families with Teenagers, Romantic Getaway

My Response

This friendly party from Australia and England were able to experience some of the many delights of Tuscany but at the same time, appreciating the comforts of the Villa and its beautiful surroundings, like a home away from home. Karen & David

Judy M. said...
Sep 3, 2013

Want to keep this place to ourselves, but it's too nice not to share.



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Date of Stay
March 30, 2013
Helpful votes:2/2.

We stayed here this past March/early April with our family of six and just loved this place. It is located on a gorgeous estate with the views you see in coffee table books. We spent every meal outside that we could and usually ended the meal by all of us turning our chairs and just soaking in the view. Each morning my husband and I would take a walk and around each corner it was more breathtaking. My husband and son took advantage of the bikes and did a tour around the whole estate one afternoon. This adventure was definitely a highlight for our 12-year old son. The house itself is well furnished and very comfortable. During the daylight, we were outside taking in the scenery; at night, we were inside by the fireplace enjoying the coziness. The welcome basket is SO appreciated when you arrive on a Saturday night. The hosts are helpful without being overbearing. David went so far as to help the airline locate us after they lost my luggage. Of particular help is the book David & Karen put together inside to show you restaurants and activities in the area. The home is located within easy distance of so many beautiful side-trips. Castelnuovo Berardenga is a nice little town with very friendly people, two great coffee bars, the 2nd best gelateria in Tuscany (trust me, with four kids, we were "forced" to try a lot of gelato), a grocery store with some very helpful people and a restaurant (La Locanda di Tommaso) that we all still talk about. It seemed like every town or village in the area has a gem in it. Our biggest hurdle each day to going sightseeing was trying to get everyone to leave this place. Although I hate to "share" this place, I know how much I appreciate others' reviews, so I guess I need to do the same. Hope you have the opportunity to take in the serenity of Tuscany in this home!

Recommended for: Age 55+, Girls Getaway, Sightseeing, Families with Teenagers, Romantic Getaway

My Response

Judy, Steve and family, It was a pleasure meeting you all and having you stay at Cappella di Pancole. We are pleased that your holiday here still holds fond memories for you and hope you can return. Karen & David.

Karen Q. said...
Dec 7, 2012

Extraordinary Villa, Lovely Owners and Spectacular Views



SP484, Villa d'Arceno, Castelnuovo Berardenga, Toscana, 56019, Italy (385218)

Date of Stay
September 22, 2012
Helpful votes:0/0.

Our group of 6 stayed in Karen and David's amazing villa. Everything was not only as described but even better. The setting for this villa is right out of a movie. We spent most every evening and morning on our patio enjoying the spectacular views afforded us. It could not have been more perfect and exceeded our expectations. The villa, its wonderful amenities and views were only exceeded by our lovely host and hostess who resided in the adjacent property. Karen and David could not have been more accommodating to us. Every recommendation was on point and we shared some special cocktail hours with them. Our welcoming package was the best we have ever encountered and provided an excellent beginning to our stay in the Siena area. Wonderful wines were in our "Welcome Basket" as well as ample food supplies for several meals. I only apologize for taking so long to write of our experience with this villa and the owners. I would highly recommend this villa to anyone who is looking for a luxury accommodation and the special experience of meeting Karen and David. They are truly special people and make you feel welcome as if you were their family. Thank you so much for sharing this experience with Ed and I, Jackie and Bill and Jim and Mo. It could not have been lovelier. Ciao.

Recommended for: Sightseeing, Adventure Seekers, Romantic Getaway

My Response

Our guests comprised 3 friendly couples from Florida. They obviously enjoyed socialising together in the spacious communal areas of the Villa, but at the same time appreciated their own privacy because of the layout of the bedrooms and the 3 en suite bathrooms. We enjoyed meeting them. Karen & David

Laura said...
Nov 6, 2012

I Hate to Give it Away....



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Date of Stay
September 15, 2012
Helpful votes:0/0.

I organized a week in Tuscany for 3 couples (myself/husband included) and I am a very detailed person, wanting everything to be perfect for our friends. And it was, so I really hate to give away my little secret about this place, but it is perfect!!!

We all cook and looking at the kitchen pictures we were a bit concerned about the space...not to worry, everything was there and one of us, who is a professional chef was more than pleased with everything in the kitchen.

The nitty gritty parts:

The rooms were in a great location for privacy. Everyone felt like there was a place to go to read a book in silence if they wanted to. The bathrooms were to die for and never, ever a problem with hot water or water flow (a big deal in Italy). Laundry room was such a bonus.

All appliances worked perfectly. Everything is maintained.

The location was so pretty and so peaceful - yet pretty close to lots of fun.

David and Karen were available if needed but not 'nosey'.

Conclusion: People, you just don't find places that work out this well and are so well equipped that often. So if you are thinking of renting in this area of Tuscany do yourself a favor and think about renting this place. Just save a week or two for my return!

FYI we were in Italy almost a month. Stayed many places and no matter what country we were in, we would return to this house again in a heartbeat.

Recommended for: Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Adventure Seekers, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers

My Response

It was with great pleasure that we were able to greet Laura, David and their friends as our guests to the Cappella. Most importantly, we were gratified to learn that the new kitchen, with these resident chefs and foodies, passed the test with flying colours. David & Karen.

christian d. said...
Jul 1, 2012

Exceptional property



SP484, Villa d'Arceno, Castelnuovo Berardenga, Toscana, 56019, Italy (385218)

Date of Stay
June 9, 2012
Helpful votes:1/1.

Hi. We are from the Province of Québec, Canada. We rented this superb villa for two weeks. We were two couples. It was a wonderful experience in all respects. The owners (a nice couple in the late fifties) have their own villa not too far; but they always made sure to preserve and respect our intimacy and privacy; they are from Australia and very nice people. They enquired many times to make sure that everything was OK and to make sure that we had anything we needed. The villa is recently built; not to say new; but with an incredible charm. Pictures shown by the owner on this site are real and accurate and truly represent the place. Nothing was missing in this house. It is decorated with taste and in respect with its environment, i.e. Tuscany! Absolutely everything in the villa was fully operational. We even had quality mountain bikes at our disposal. Beds are extremely comfortable. The view ... well, I cannot find the words to describe it! 180 degrees uninterrupted view on the surrounding mountains It is pixel consuming! We are quite high in the mountain, so we see far (40 kilometres). The land around the villa is vast and very nicely landscaped Lavender, rosemary, olive trees, cypresses, and I ignore the names of all the other plantations ... The villa is spacious plenty of room for six Even though we were four . We appreciated very much the fact that the villa is right in the middle of Tuscany Easy to make day trips to Montalcino, Montepulciano, Pienza, San Gimignano, Siena, Cortona, Florence, Radda, Greve, Montereggioni, Arezzo, etc in other words, very central place . We offered to the owners not to hesitate to give our particulars to whoever wants more information about this incredible place Do not hesitate to ask them, as the case may be ...

Recommended for: Pet-friendly, Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Adventure Seekers, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers

My Response

Christian and the others made the most of their 2 week stay. We very much enjoyed meeting them and hope to see them return soon.
David & Karen

christian d. said...
Jun 28, 2012

Villa de rêve



SP484, Villa d'Arceno, Castelnuovo Berardenga, Toscana, 56019, Italy (385218)

Date of Stay
June 9, 2012
Helpful votes:0/0.

Bonjour. Nous sommes du Québec. Nous avons séjourné dans cette superbe villa pendant deux semaines. Nous étions deux couples. Nous avons été enchantés, et ce, à tous points de vue. Les propriétaires (un couple fin cinquantaine) ont leur propre villa pas très loin (mais ils ne sont aucunement envahissants); ils sont australiens et d'une gentillesse incroyable. Ils n'ont eu de cesse de nous demander si nous manquions de quoi que ce soit. La villa est récemment construite ... presque neuve ... mais avec un charme incroyable. Les photos fournies par les propriétaires sur ce site sont tout à fait représentatives de l'endroit. Il ne manquait absolument rien dans cette demeure. Elle est décorée avec goût et en respectant son environnement, soit la Toscane! Tout dans la villa est 100 % fonctionnel. Nous avons même des vélos de montagne de qualité à notre disposition. Les lits sont extrêmement confortables. La vue je ne trouve pas les mots pour la décrire! 180 degrés de vues non interrompues sur les montagnes avoisinantes ... nous les avons photographiées sans relâche, car elles changent beaucoup selon l'heure du jour à laquelle nous les observons prévoir une consommation accrue de pixels! Le terrain entourant la villa est superbement aménagé ... lavande, romarin, coqueliquots, oliviers, cyprès, et j'ignore les noms de toutes les autres espèces. La villa est très spacieuse amplement de place pour six personnes, bien que nous n'étions que quatre. Nous avons adoré la petite ville de Castelnuovo Berardenga, toute proche, où on y trouve absolument toutes les commodités de même que nous avons beaucoup aimé les petits villages, encore plus proches, de San Gusme et Monte Benichi on mange particulièrement bien à la petite osteria de Monte Benichi Aussi, nous avons apprécié le fait que la villa est en plein centre de tous les endroits à voir en Toscane il est donc possible d'y faire des excursions quotidiennes dans tous les recoins de cette Toscane, qu'il s'agisse de Montalcino, Montepulciano, Pienza, San Gimignano, Siena, Cortona, Florence, Rada, Greve, Montereggioni, Arezzo, etc bref endroit que je qualifierais de "très central". Nous avons offerts aux propriétaires de ne pas hésiter à donner nos coordonnées à toute personne désireuse d'avoir des renseignements supplémentaires sur cet endroit magnifique ne pas hésiter à lui demander, le cas échéant.

Recommended for: Families with Young Children, Pet-friendly, Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Adventure Seekers, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers

My Response

Nous apprécions beaucoup votre avis genre. Ce fut un plaisir de vous reconter tous. David & Karen.

Richard C. said...
Jul 4, 2012

Stunning Villa - beautiful and tranquil setting



SP484, Villa d'Arceno, Castelnuovo Berardenga, Toscana, 56019, Italy (385218)

Date of Stay
June 2, 2012
Helpful votes:0/0.

There were 6 of us staying in the villa; ma, pa plus two offspring and their partners. Ma and Pa took the downstairs bedroom while the others took the top floor - perfect! Everything was exactly as described on the website listings; all to the highest standard and some very nice touches such as the arrival pack, the games and the iPod docking station for our own music. Perfectly clean, well equipped and the owners were friendly, knowledgeable and attentive to our comments and needs. We loved the patio area and took full advantage of the barbecue - making nightly raids to the owner's wood pile - with their full permission :-)
Lots of places to visit within an hours drive; deepest 'Chiantishire', plus the unmissable San Gimignano, and the incomparable Siena. Its difficult to believe that there are so many beautiful and interesting places within easy reach.
The Villa Arceno estate is lovely and perfect for taking lots of pictures. We made use of the bikes to explore the immediate area, but beware of the hills! On one of our outings we came across a wild boar running down the track in front of the car.
We would thoroughly recommend the villa to anyone looking for some quality time, in a beautiful and luxurious villa, in amazing surroundings. First class all the way. Many thanks - we'd happily recommend you to friends and family and would love to come again.
Recommended for: Families with Young Children, Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers

My Response

We are pleased Richard, Judy and their family enjoyed the facilities offered at the Villa. As Richard has testified, the layout of the Villa particularly suits adult families and couples on a holiday together. We look forward to seeing you again. David & Karen

sarit z. said...
Jun 6, 2012

thanks,



SP484, Villa d'Arceno, Castelnuovo Berardenga, Toscana, 56019, Italy (385218)

Date of Stay
May 11, 2012
Helpful votes:1/1.

We arrived at your villa for a 6 day holiday on May 11th
We were 3 couples
Upon arrival we were greeted warmly by the owners David & Karen. Immediately we saw that we had come to the Garden Of Eden, the villa in on top of the hill and the view is breathtaking. The villa is so lovely and great care is taken with its upkeep, one feels at once that the owners made very sure that it has everything necessary to make the stay there very pleasant in these wonderful surroundings.
The owners are a lovely couple who speak English, which made it easier to communicate with them and receive their recommendation on where to visit so that we could enjoy our vacation to the maximum
There is no doubt that the beautiful villa and the wonderful hospitality we received made this vacation a most pleasant and memorable one for all of us
We highly recommend this villa to everyone who really wants to enjoy their holiday in Toscana and if we ever decide to visit Toscana again we shall be sure to come there and stay with the wonderful Conti couple
Thank you from all of us ;
..Sarit & Izak, Michal & Rami, Orna & Rony
Recommended for: Families with Young Children, Romantic Getaway

My Response

We were delighted to welcome Izak and his group. They were enthusiastic about visiting the great Renaissance and medieval towns of Tuscany, but also enjoyed being able to return to the serenity of the Villa and its surroundings including the sun basking on the terrace and private garden.

Colleen S. said...
May 16, 2012

Hidden Gem in the Heart of Tuscany



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Date of Stay
April 27, 2012
Helpful votes:0/0.

Serendipity is defined as the act of making fortunate discoveries, and precisely describes what it is to have found Capella di Pancole, a beautiful villa set in the heart of the Tuscan countryside. As if the spectacular view from the terrace were not enough, the attention to detail in every aspect of David and Karen Conti's "home-away-from-home" renders it truly a treasure in terms of pampered accommodation. From the comfortable beds and private baths, to the well-appointed kitchen, to the beautifully landscaped surroundings, to the cornucopian welcome basket, you will feel as if you've walked into a dream-come-true. With the little village of Castelnuovo Berardenga a short distance away, La Pancole makes a very convenient and comfortable home-base for exploring this magical part of Italy.

We were a group of 3 couples, so the layout of the villa perfectly suited our needs. Having the bedrooms away from the main floor allowed those who are early risers to enjoy their coffee in the morning sun without waking those who preferred to slumber a little longer. We cooked several of our evening meals in the villa, and the Contis have taken great care to provide the necessary facilities for doing so. Being able to dine in and eat on the terrace overlooking the incredible view was one of the highlights of our stay.

From this central location we were able to explore the surrounding cities and villages – Siena, Cortona, Montepulciano, Pienza, Volterra, San Gimignano, as well as explore the area immediately surrounding the estate. We enjoyed a delicious lunch at Locando di Tomasso in Castelnuovo Berardenga, as well as a wonderful dinner in San Gusme at the lively Sira e Remino.

One experience that particularly stands out for us was the opportunity to have a cooking lesson right at the villa. We had organized this prior to our trip, and were quite looking forward to the experience. We were met at the little Thursday market in Castelnuovo B'ga and selected the appropriate fresh ingredients for our little feast, after which we returned to La Pancole and under expert tutelage, prepared a lunch fit for a king. Definitely worth looking into! Find the reference for this in the information binder in the villa.

Anyone looking to spend extended time in the Tuscany area could do no better than to book Capella di Pancole, but I'd suggest you do it quickly. Once word is out about this hidden gem, tourists will be flocking there like pigeons to St. Mark's Square!!

Recommended for: Families with Young Children, Sightseeing, Girls Getaway, Age 55+, Families with Teenagers

My Response

We were overwhelmed by the generous praise of this review. We had the great pleasure of meeting Bob and his party of 6 from Alberta, Canada and very much looking forward to their return to Tuscany. David & Karen

Denis D. said...
Apr 25, 2012

A Very Special Place



SP484, Villa d'Arceno, Castelnuovo Berardenga, Toscana, 56019, Italy (385218)

Date of Stay
April 15, 2012
Helpful votes:0/0.

The description of Capella Di Pancole in VRBO is absolutely accurate. The sentiments expressed in the previous two reviews are entirely supported.

My wife and I spent twelve days here in the second half of April 2012. With us for most of the time were our son, our daughter and our bson's partner; ages ranging from late 20s to early 30s. Probably the most telling compliment is that, after moving to Capella Di Pancole, all three rearranged their ongoing vacation plans to extend their stay here; notwithstanding the very "iffy" weather.

Based on our experience the property is ideally suited to two or three couples, or a family of up to six plus a baby. The spaciousness of the bedrooms, the two terraced areas, the lawn and the 3.5 bathrooms provide for a huge amount of individual privacy if required. The central indoor dining and living area are spacious yet convivial. Best of all, from an Australian's point of view, all bathrooms have full sized walk in shower alcoves with glass screens!!!!

The only recommended restaurant we tried was Locando Di Thomasso. It was so good we just kept returning. We also thought the Chainti Classico made by the estate winery was excellent.

Probably the only thing to note is that it is a 15 minute drive to any sort of shopping and much of this drive is on "white" (ie unsurfaced) roads. Similarly there is no public transport just down the corner. However this is small inconvenience for everything else.

David and Karen's commitment to their guests enjoyment is exemplified by our experience. We rang David at 08:30 on a Sunday morning after the sewage system in our existing accommodation had gone badly awry. By 16:00 on Sunday we were comfortably relocated; notwithstanding the property only having been vacated the previous day. We will be forever grateful.

There are beautiful views from every window. The location is very private and tranquil. A magic place for rest and relaxation and ideally located to explore the rest of Tuscany.

D&R. Australia

Recommended for: Families with Young Children, Sightseeing, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers

My Response

We were pleased to hear that Dennis and Rosemary with their lovely family enjoyed their stay because, on the whole, they did not experience good weather. However, they nevertheless found the new Villa to be comfortable and cosy making good use of the fireplace in the evenings. David & Karen.

Stefano G. said...
Apr 13, 2012

In the middle of wood, but with modern conveniences. Fantastic landscape!



SP484, Villa d'Arceno, Castelnuovo Berardenga, Toscana, 56019, Italy (385218)

Date of Stay
April 4, 2012
Helpful votes:1/1.

We spent a week in this beautiful villa located within a large property with vineyards and olive groves. The house is exactly as described, perfectly clean, in excellent condition and with all the necessary appliances by prestigious brands, in fact it is even more beautiful as it appears in the photographs because there is a lot of attention to detail. David and Karen are wonderful people, they welcomed us with great kindness, indeed our dog found a bowl for water only for him and, in the welcome pack (including all products of the highest quality), a snack for dogs. On the dining room table is a notebook where you can find any information you need: restaurants, surrounding areas and each instruction for the use of appliances in the house. Moreover, Karen and David are always available for any questions or need advice. The house is so nice that sometimes you don't feel the need to go away and so we spent our evenings by the fireplace and during the day we had long walks in the woods or enjoyed the sun loungers on the terrace. A trip to Siena, which is about 30 min drive, is very interesting, as it is nice to go to the Baths of Rapolano that are quite the same distance. You can go in the Val d'Orcia, which is really beautiful in spring, or visit the wineries in the Chianti area in the small town of Castellina, Radda and Greve.

For us it was a really relaxing holiday and we look forward to returning again!
Maria and Stefano

Recommended for: Families with Young Children, Pet-friendly, Sightseeing, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway

My Response

We were gratified to learn that Maria and Stefano, with their family, appreciated their stay at our Villa, particularly as they were only our second lot of guests since we completed the reconstruction. We are looking forward to seeing them on their return for their next holiday here. Karen & David

Paul M. said...
Nov 16, 2011

An absolutely fantastic holiday destination in Tuscany. Recommended !



SP484, Villa d'Arceno, Castelnuovo Berardenga, Toscana, 56019, Italy (385218)

Date of Stay
October 7, 2011
Helpful votes:4/4.

Having stayed at Cappella di Pancole for 5 days we can highly recommend it as a fantastic and very relaxing family holiday destination in Tuscany. After 2 weeks away we drove from Venice to this absolutely beautiful area of Tuscany - and which turned out to be one of the highlights of our 3 week holiday. This was a great central location for us to explore the Chianti region, including the historic local towns of San Gusme and Castelnuovo Berardenga, and within an easy drive to both Siena and Florence. The accommodation for our family of 4 was superb in the newly completed luxurious 3 story Villa with all modern facilities. There was good Wifi coverage. The amazing views of the surrounding Tuscan Hills from the Villa were a highlight, as well were the wonderful walks around the estate. To sit outside on the terrace for al fresco dining with a glass of the local Chianti wine, and Pancole olive oil and bread to watch the sunset, was majestic and only added to the wonderful relaxing environment. The Villa provided a family friendly environment for our children (8 and 11) who enjoyed breakfasts on the terrace and playing in the landscaped gardens set amongst the olive trees, surrounded on all sides, by beautiful countryside. The Australian owners David and Karen have done a remarkable job in rebuilding such a lovely Villa, which captures everything Tuscan. The welcome we received from David and Karen was wonderfully friendly, and everything was exactly as the website has said from the superb description of the Villa to the beautiful country side and generous welcome basket of local products that was provided on our arrival. There were wonderful places to visit. Our family enjoyed the very relaxing hot springs and baths at nearby Rapolano Terme. There are good restaurants and local food shopping a short distance away. With David and Karen's assistance we were able to more easily find the local attractions and places of interest. This helped to make our stay very enjoyable. This was our first visit to Tuscany and we will definitely come back for another holiday at Cappella. Paul and Janet, Sydney, Australia

Recommended for: Families with Young Children, Age 55+, Romantic Getaway, Families with Teenagers