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Colletto

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We are proud to present an opportunity to escape to an undiscovered paradise, situated north of Lucca, in the dramatically beautiful region of Tuscany.

Colletto is an exceptionally beautiful early 19th century estate. It is located in a spectacular position with breathtaking 360° views over romantic hillside villages, lush wooded countryside to mountains beyond. These luxurious properties with private heated pools are set in four acres of ecologically managed Italianate gardens, comprising terraces, formal areas and woodland walks.

A tranquil and idyllic retreat which basks under the Tuscan sun, Colletto is perfect for those with discerning tastes.

Villa Serena



Sleeps 8, 5 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, private loggia heated private pool (4m x 9m), terrace & own garden.

Residence Paradiso



Sleeps 6, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, private terrace, heated swimming pool (5m x 9.5m) shared with Belvedere.

Residence Belvedere



Sleeps 6, 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, private terrace, heated swimming pool, (5m x 9.5m) shared with Paradiso.

Villa Colletto



Sleeps 6, 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, private terrace, rented in conjunction with Belvedere.

La Casina di San Michele



In Careghia Antinimena, sleeps 4, 2 bedrooms, terrace and garden, private pool (8m x 4m),

Special discount rates are available for two or more properties jointly booked. Large discount rates are available for low-season bookings of properties by reduced parties (i.e. a property sleeping 6 with, for example, 2 people booking). Also long weekend options possible.

For details, see Information & Reservations page.



Colletto is a much loved property, surrounded by beautifully maintained gardens with topiary shrubs, flowers, a wild garden and hide-away bowers for secluded eating and sunbathing.

There is an aura of serenity and peace with breathtaking views and pure air which makes the area a paradise for walkers, artists, nature enthusiasts, gourmets and adventurers.

Italy's important historical city of Florence is only one and a half hours away, the famous Leaning Tower and Duomo of Pisa just one hour away. Other beautiful cities are nearby; Lucca is 40 Minutes away, and Siena 2 hours. Only an hour away are the sun-soaked golden sand beaches, stretching for fifteen miles and including the famous resorts of Viareggio, Marina Di PietraSanta and Forte dei Marmi.



The whole of the region produces art and culture to match it's famous cuisine and wines.

A list of activities including golf and skiing, as well as courses such as art and cookery, is to be found on the Information page.



Coreglia Antelminelli (view from Colletto)

Within walking distance is the small town of Coreglia Antelminelli, a beautiful medieval hill town, which is free from traffic and has many amenities including; food shops, a bank, bars, a post office, hairdressers and restaurants. Some of the finest traditional restaurants are located in this area, where you can sample the delights of Italian cuisine with an excellent selection of local wines.

There are many local festivals, concerts and classical events taking place throughout the summer, both locally in Coreglia and at nearby Barga and Lucca. Operas take place at the famous Puccini's Torre del Lago.

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Serena

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This luxurious south facing property is a late 18th century rustic farmhouse which has been lovingly restored to maintain the romantic ambience of a previous age. It has a wealth of exposed beams, stonework, terracotta floors and period antique furniture, all in keeping with traditional Tuscan style, whilst incorporating the luxury of every modern convenience. The spacious living area with period stone fireplace has shuttered french doors which open onto a large terracotta terrace. This has garden furniture and a barbeque situated beneath a vine-covered pergola and is an ideal area for 'al fresco' eating.



The beautiful heated swimming pool on the terrace is designed as a water-feature, with antique fountainhead. It is surrounded by a garden with hedges of holm oak and lavender and has superb panoramic views. The glorious elevated position which allows such stunning vistas from each of it's rooms, make this a most sought after property.

Location

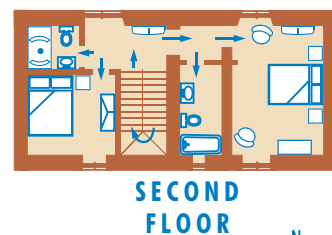
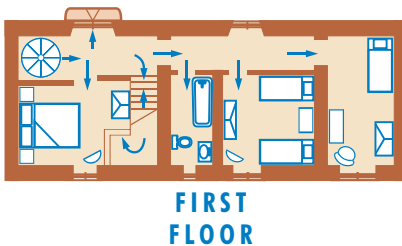
Convenient for visiting Lucca: 40 minutes. Florence: 1½ hours. Pisa: 1 hour.

Time to shops: *10 minutes*
Time to town: *10 minutes*
Time to beach: *1 hour*
Children: *Yes: July, August, September, other times aged 12 & over*
Amenities: *Cook service; payable at local rates.*
Cleaning: *Twice a week, Monday & Friday, included in price*
Central heating: *Payable at end of stay*

Serena
Room Description



Bedroom 1	<i>Kingsize bed,</i>	<i>own bathroom & shower.</i>
Bedroom 2	<i>¾ single bed,</i>	<i>shared shower room with bedroom 5.</i>
Bedroom 3	<i>Two single beds,</i>	<i>shared bathroom with bedroom 4.</i>
Bedroom 4	<i>Double bed,</i>	<i>shared bathroom with bedroom 3.</i>
Bedroom 5	<i>Single bed,</i>	<i>shared shower room with bedroom 2.</i>
Kitchen	<i>Marble top working area & sink, 2 cookers, dishwasher, washing machine.</i>	
Dining room	<i>Separate.</i>	
Sitting room	<i>Period stone fireplace, shuttered french doors opening to garden.</i>	
Pool	<i>Heated, 4m x 9m, with fountain head.</i>	



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Belvedere

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Situated in one of the finest areas of outstanding natural beauty, this luxuriously restored residence is the among finest available for rental in this area of Tuscany. The glorious elevated position with panoramic vistas, makes it a much sought after property.

The spacious interiors have recently been immaculately restored by the English owners, all to a very high standard of luxury, with terracotta floors, marble kitchen and antique furniture. The living area gives a feeling of coolness, light and tranquility with sunlight streaming through the large windows onto colour washed walls. There are large double french doors leading onto a private terrace with table, chairs and barbeque; ideal for alfresco eating, sunbathing, or soaking in the dramatic beauty of incredible sunsets and magical hilltop villages.



Location

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Time to town: *10 minutes*

Time to beach: *1 hour*

Children: *Yes: July, August, September, other times aged 12 & over*

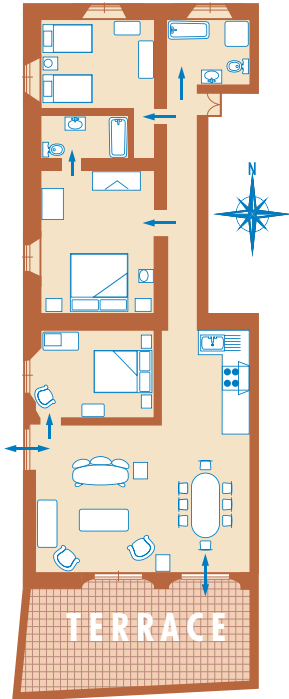
Amenities: *Cook service; payable at local rates.*

Cleaning: *Twice a week, Monday & Friday, included in price*

Central heating: *Payable at end of stay*

Belvedere

Room Description



- Bedroom 1 *Kingsize bed, en-suite bathroom.*
- Bedroom 2 *Double bed, shared bathroom/shower with bedroom 3*
- Bedroom 3 *Twin beds, shared bathroom/shower with bedroom 2*
- Kitchen *Marble top working areas & sink, cooker, dishwasher, washing machine, fridge-freezer.*
- Sitting room *Large, with dining area, double french doors opening onto private terrace.*
- Pool *Heated, shared with residence Paradiso..*

Residence Belvedere is ideal for a family or group who could join with those in Residence Paradiso (which also sleeps six), but still maintain their individual spaces. Discount rates are available for bookings of 2 residences, also for low season bookings; see the Information & Reservations page.



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Paradiso

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There are breathtaking views of the surrounding countryside and mountains from this elegant, luxurious south facing residence. It has been tastefully restored to a very high standard by its English owners who have furnished it stylishly with authentic Tuscan antique furniture, whilst still maintaining every modern convenience.

The living area is light and spacious and has large windows with french doors which open onto a private terrace, This has table, chairs and barbeque; ideal “al fresco” eating or simply relaxing and absorbing the stunning panoramic views of the Serchio valley and hilltop villages. There is a luxury marble topped kitchen with large dining area. The master bedroom has sublime views of the Apuane Alps.

The character of this very special residence makes it a unique setting for the perfect holiday.



Location

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Time to shops & restaurants: *10 minutes*

Time to town: *10 minutes*

Time to beach: *1 hour*

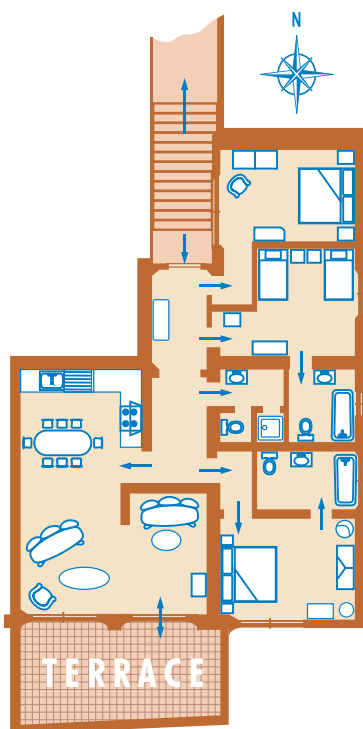
Children: *Yes: July, August, September, other times aged 12 & over*

Amenities: *Cook service; payable at local rates.*

Cleaning: *Twice a week, Monday & Friday, included in price*

Central heating: *Payable at end of stay*

Paradiso *Room Description*



Bedroom 1 *Kingsize bed, en-suite bathroom.*

Bedroom 2 *2 single beds, en-suite bathroom, shower*

Bedroom 3 *Double bed, en-suite bathroom, shower*

Kitchen *Marble top working areas & sink, cooker, dishwasher washing machine, fridge-freezer.*

Sitting room *Large double french doors opening onto private terrace.*

Pool *Heated, shared with residence Belvedere.*

Residence Paradiso is ideal for a family or group who could join with those in Residence Belvedere (which also sleeps six), but still maintain their individual spaces. Discount rates are available for bookings of 2 residences, also for low season bookings; see the Information & Reservations page.

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La Casina di San Michele



This charming early 18th century stone-built house is situated next to the church on the edge of the untouched beautiful, fortified medieval hilltop town of Coreglia Antelminelli.

The house has recently been lovingly restored to a very high standard and is tastefully furnished in the Tuscan style with exposed beams, terracotta tiles and stonework, but with every modern convenience.

The comfortable and stylish sitting room has double french doors which open out onto a well-maintained private garden which enjoys incredible views of the Appenine Alps, the backbone of Italy. There is an upper terrace with garden, furniture and barbecue, where many an al-fresco meal time can be pleurably spent, sipping local wine and absorbing the magical atmosphere. The private swimming pool and terrace are perfectly situated for enjoying the beautiful views, and of course, sunbathing!

This is a very special property, from which you can enjoy the local amenities of the small town whilst still being secluded.



Location

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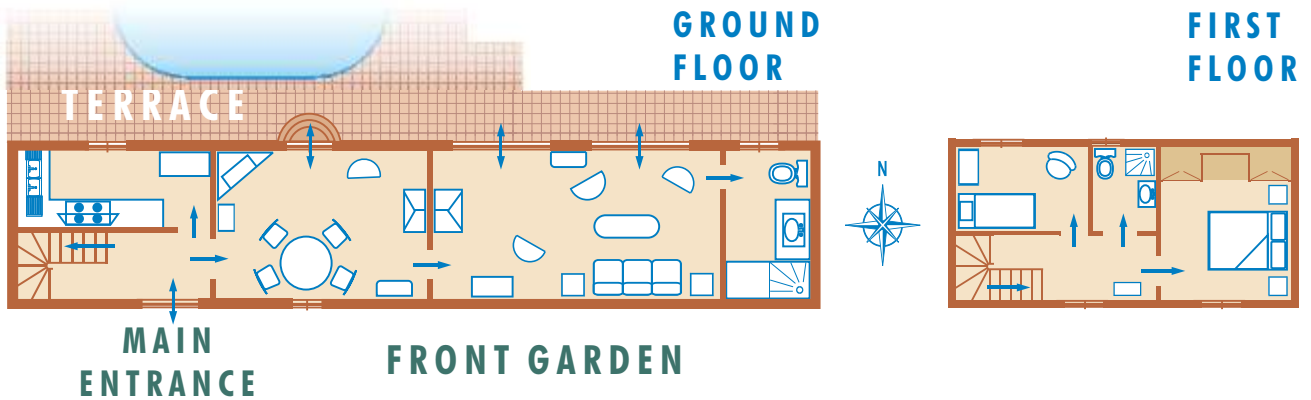
- Time to shops & restaurants: *2 minutes*
- Time to beach: *1 hour*
- Children: *Yes.*
- Amenities: *Cook service; payable at local rates.*
- Cleaning: *Twice a week, Monday & Friday, included in price payable at end of usage*
- Central heating:

La Casina di San Michele

Room Description



GARDEN



- Bedroom 1 *Double bed, separate shower room.*
- Bedroom 2 *2 bunk beds, separate shower room.*
- Kitchen *Cooker, hob, fridge freezer, washing machine.*
- Dining room *Door onto terrace.*
- Sitting room *Comfortable with double doors opening onto terrace.*
- Pool *Private.*

Please note that this property is situated in an ancient hilltop town, in which the day to day lifestyle continues as it has done for generations. It is therefore certain that you will experience indigenous sounds of everyday life, including the local church bells and clock which chime during the day.



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Villa Colletto



This magnificent large early 19th century villa, which is the owner's personal residence, has been lovingly restored to maintain the romantic ambience of a previous age. It has a wealth of original features; painted trompe l'oeil ceiling, terracotta tiled floors and period antique furniture all in keeping with the original Tuscan style whilst incorporating the luxury of every modern convenience. Both the spacious salon, with a period marble fireplace, and the dining room, with trompe l'oeil ceiling and painted panelled walls, have shuttered french doors which open out onto a large terracotta terrace with central fountain. To the side of the terrace is a large beamed loggia, seating 14 people for al fresco eating, a sitting area, a wood burning oven for pizzas, and a barbecue. All bedrooms have their own bathrooms/showers (3 en-suite). The glorious elevated position allows a stunning vista from each of the rooms making this the most sought after property. The heated swimming pool is shared with Residence Paradiso.

Important -Please Note:

This residence is restricted to adults only (a Maximum of 8) and must be let in conjunction with Residence Belvedere making a total of up to 14 adults. Paradiso could also be included in the rental, making a total of 20 adults



Location

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Time to town: *10 minutes*

Time to beach: *1 hour*

Children: *No children*

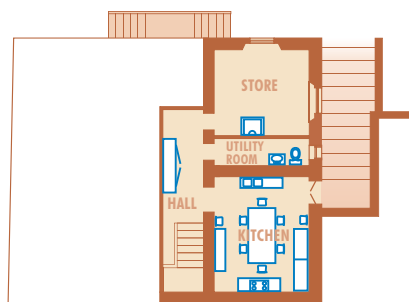
Amenities: *Cook service; payable at local rates.*

Cleaning: *Twice a week, Monday & Friday, included in price*

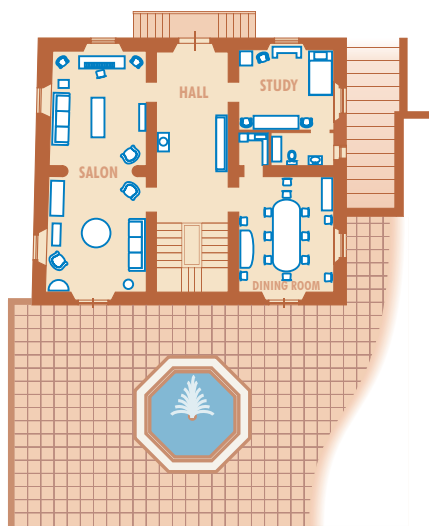
Central heating: *Payable at end of stay except during winter months when it is included in the price*

Villa Colletto

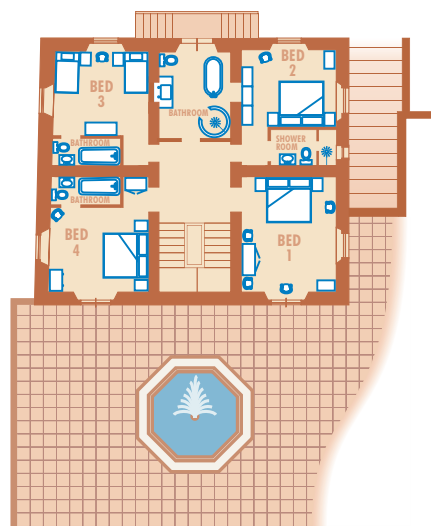
Room Description



LOWER GROUND FLOOR



UPPER GROUND FLOOR



FIRST FLOOR

- Bedroom 1 *Kingsize bed, large bathroom with trompe d'oeil decoration, antique copper bath and circular shower.*
- Bedroom 2 *Kingsize bed, with en-suite bathroom and shower.*
- Bedroom 3 *2 single beds, with en-suite bathroom and shower.*
- Bedroom 4 *Double bedroom, with en-suite shower room.*
- Kitchen *Large kitchen with marbled work area & sink, double oven, dishwasher, fridge-freezer and central dining table & chairs.*
- Utility room *Washing machine, tumble dryer, sink & drainer, and W.C.*
- Dining room *Antique dining table & chairs, shuttered doors opening onto terrace.
Off the dining room, a small pantry with marble sink and fridge freezer.*
- Salon *9.5(37ft) long with magnificent views from all windows. Period marble fireplace, antique furniture, shuttered doors opening onto terrace.*
- Study *Desk, chairs and bookcase. separate toilet /cloakroom. telephone point.*
- Swimming pool *Heated, Shared with Paradiso.*



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