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Lunigiana, Tuscany: Casa Michele



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The property

A beautifully renovated cottage, in hill-top Tuscan village, with uninterrupted panoramic valley and mountain views. The cottage reflects the true Tuscan style with stone flagged floors, wood beamed ceilings, large outdoor terrace, with complete privacy and tranquillity guaranteed! The house is part of a working Tuscan farming village, with olive groves and vineyards surrounding the properties, where you can view your neighbours at work, and enjoy the fruits of their labours at the various festivals in the village square. The cottage includes two bedrooms, two bathrooms, kitchen, living and dining room, with two levels of terraces for dining out and enjoying the spectacular sunsets during dinner. The village is only one hour and fifteen minutes from Pisa airport and is ideal for day trips to the enchanted Cinque Terra, Portofino, Florence, Luca and the miles of beautiful Tuscan beaches.

Availability

The property is available year round and the rentals are as follows:

Low Season (January, February, March, November & December)

500 Euros per week

Mid Season (April, May and October)

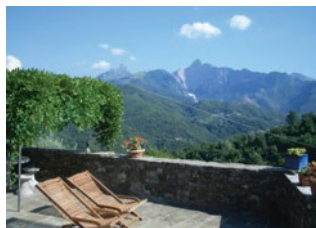
600 Euros per week

High Season (June, July, August and September)

750 Euros per week

This property sleeps: 4

There is a small surcharge of 30 euros, 30 dollars or 20 pounds sterling for the use of sheets, towels, linens and the cleaning thereof upon departure. All other incidentals such as gas, electricity, water are included in the price of the weekly rental.



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Directions

Exit the parking area from the airport and follow the green signs for the Autostrada A-12 in the direction of Genova.

Follow this highway for approximately 35 minutes and Take the Parma A-15 exit.

Continue on the A-15 for approximately ten minutes until you get to Aulla.

Exit the motorway at Aulla, bear right and you go through the town centre.

After passing through the town, you will see a railway level crossing on your left.

Turn left here onto this road SS63, follow it in the direction for Fivizzano.

About fifteen minutes into your drive, you will pass through several small villages, after the village of Rometta you will see a sign that indicates towards Gassano.

Make a right and follow this sign passing through the villages of Gassano, bear right and follow the directions to Casola in Lunigiana.

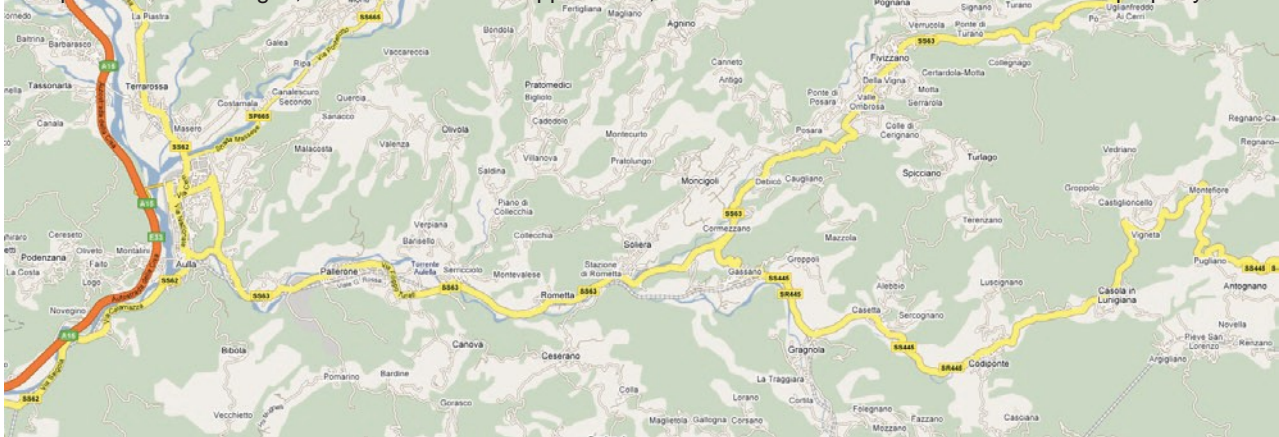
Just before you arrive in Casola (you will recognise Casola by its tower) you will see a blue sign indicating a sharp left turn up the hill to Luscignano.

Make a right and follow the road to the top, roughly five minutes and when you arrive turn left into the Piazza or main square of the village.

Park your car here and Clementina, the lady who takes care of Casa Michele will be waiting for you at 4 p.m. Her phone number should you be running late is 0585-90071- add 00 39 if calling from outside Italy. If you know ahead of time this time of arrival does not suit you please email Kathy at Kathy@labellatoscana.com so she can make alternative arrangements with Clementina. They will have the keys to your property and show you the way and how to park your car.

These people are very kind and warm and will show you around and explain the house to you in Italian, no worries here as hand signals work wonders! In the house you will find a complete book of information along with a local map of places to go and see, restaurants, shops, bars, emergency hospitals, doctors, etc., and many other types of local information.

Clementina also takes care of my garden and watering of the flowers on the terrace so will pass by periodically but will try to do so when you are not home in order not to disturb you. However if you could be so kind as to water the plants on the upstairs window ledges, that would be much appreciated, and eliminate the need for her to enter the property itself./



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General Sales Terms And Conditions for Service

1. Reservation and sale are final once a down payment of 30 % of the total amount of the rental fees and services is received. The initial payment and signed contract must reach La Bella Toscana within 10 days of reserving or a minimum of 30 days before the beginning of stay. Beyond these limits, a reservation cannot be guaranteed.
2. Apartment keys are available when the remaining balance, security deposit and any additional fees for services requested by the client have been paid in full.
3. La Bella Toscana cannot guarantee the client the possibility to stay in the apartment beyond the specified dates. If the client wishes to extend his/her stay, La Bella Toscana will propose an alternate apartment, should the same one not be available. Under no circumstances does early departure entitle the client to any form of reimbursement for remaining nights.
4. Accommodations are provided for tourism purposes only. Any commercial use or exploitation of the property is strictly prohibited. The client certifies that the rental is for tourism purposes only. Under no circumstances shall he/she establish residence at the address noted. La Bella Toscana reserves the right to enter the apartment at any time for maintenance or surveillance reasons. These are essential terms and conditions, without which La Bella Toscana would not have rented the apartment.
5. At the conclusion of the rental period, any personal property remaining in the apartment shall be considered as left behind or placed without authorization. The client expressly accepts that La Bella Toscana remove and store such items at his/her expense. La Bella Toscana shall not be held responsible for the loss or damage of any personal items during transfer or storage. A client may claim personal items once an indemnity of 20 euros per week has been paid and all apartment keys have been returned.

Payment Methods And Conditions

1. Acceptable forms of payment for the initial (30%) down payment include: Payment in either Sterling, Euros, And American Dollars, in either direct wire transfer into a UK bank account, a US bank account or a French bank account. Details of which will be provided to you upon booking.
2. The FINAL balance (70 %) of the rental fee must be paid thirty days prior to your arrival date, at which point all the details of how to arrive and how to obtain your keys from our Management office in Nice, will be released to you. If the client arrives outside of normal business hours (9h30 to 20h00) there may be a small fee applied for late collection of keys.

Security Deposit

1. The security deposit must be paid in cash or personal cheque (the amount of the security deposit is 300 euros). This amount is NOT deposited, but held until your date of departure and returned to your home address by post, or destroyed, as per the decision of the client. The client expressly renounces his/her right to contest any sum (up to the full security deposit amount) which is later charged in relation to the repair cost of any damage or deterioration in the apartment, even if a check-out inventory is not submitted by the client and must be conducted on his/her behalf.
2. If a check-out inventory is not submitted due to unexpected departure, a departure outside of normal business hours or for any other reason, the security deposit will be forwarded to the client by mail. The cost of any damage or discrepancies will be deducted from the reimbursed sum. It is the client's responsibility to notify La Bella Toscana within 48 hours of receipt of any damage caused during the reservations he/she may have made. After this period, the departure inventory shall be considered final and the client renounces the right to contest any sums retained from the security deposit.

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3. The security deposit shall in no way limit the financial liability of the client, who is ultimately responsible for the real cost of any damages which exceed the deposit amount. In the event that an apartment key is lost or stolen, the client is responsible for the cost of changing the locks. The minimum amount for any loss, damage or deterioration to the property shall be 100 euros per incident.

4. La Bella Toscana provides high-quality linens in all of its apartments. In order to maintain the integrity of this service, missing linen upon check-out shall be billed at the following rates: 5 euros per dish towel, 15 per bath towel, 25 per sheet or pillowcase and 50 the duvet cover.

Cancellation Policy

1. The following rules apply to the cancellation of a confirmed reservation or early departure: (1) for cancellations made more than 30 days prior to arrival, the client forfeits 50% of the initial deposit. (2) For cancellations made less than 30 days before arrival, the entire deposit shall be forfeited. (3) No refund will be made in the event of an early departure.

Insurance

1. As insurance regulations and the notion of liability vary between different countries, the client should inquire with his/her personal insurance carrier to ensure that he/she and any travel companions are covered in the event of personal injury or property damage.

2. The client acknowledges that the improper use of apartment furnishings and appliances, especially those in the kitchen and bathroom, can be dangerous. The client and his/her guests are fully responsible for taking all necessary precautions before using any appliance or furnishing which he/she is or is not familiar. The client is aware that showers, bathtubs and other wet floors and surfaces can be slippery and dangerous. It is the client's responsibility to take all necessary precautions to avoid any accident involving himself, herself or any other guest. By signing this contract, the client declares to be insured and agrees not hold Apart Hotel Riviera liable for any accident or injury incurred during his/her stay.

Range Of Services

1. The rental price includes: Use of a furnished/equipped apartment for the duration specified in the purchase agreement; water/electricity consumption and visitor's tax (for stays less than 30 days); Fresh linen, i.e. sheets and bath towels, provided once per week (for stays over 7 days and less than 30 days).

2. Unless otherwise agreed upon, the apartment is available from 4:00pm the day of arrival and should be vacated before 12:00pm the day of departure, during normal business hours.

3. The rental price does NOT include any post-departure cleaning or any optional services which have not been reserved and/or paid for.

Client Responsibilities

1. The client must ensure that the apartment is vacated in the same order and condition which it was upon arrival. If additional housekeeping is necessary upon departure, it will be billed to the client at a cost of 25 euros per hour for a minimum of 2 hours (ex: 2 hours for a studio, 3 hours for a one bedroom, 4 hours for a two bedroom. These hourly tariffs can be modified, and applied on the day of the stay.

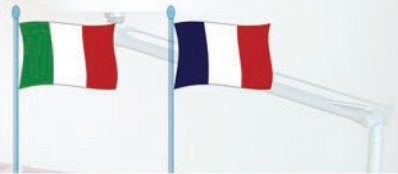
2. The client is solely responsible for any damage, loss or deterioration of the apartment or its contents during his/her stay. Repair costs shall be deducted from the security deposit and the client will be billed for any amount which exceeds the deposit amount. All rental properties are non-smoking. Any cigarette burn, regardless of size, shall result in a minimum 150 euro deduction from the security deposit.

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3. La Bella Toscana assumes no responsibility for the loss, deterioration or theft of personal effects belonging to the client, any third party or guest. This disclaimer includes any object of value left in the apartment without supervision, even if the client is present. The client must take all necessary security precautions such as closing and locking all doors and windows upon leaving the apartment to avoid any intrusion.

4. The client is fully responsible for any damages and the consequences thereof, both direct and indirect, including bodily harm, which occur in the apartment or common areas of the building, whether actually committed or resulting from any act, negligence or misuse by the client, guest or any third party. The client and any third party involved expressly renounce the right to hold La Bella Toscana legally responsible for any damages, injury, or bodily harm which may occur. Should the client or any of his/her guests wish to bring legal action against a third party, they agree to assume full responsibility for doing so.

5. The client must respect all building ordinances and thus not create excessive noise or any other disruptions which could potentially disturb other tenants. The client must respect the common areas of the building and leave nothing outside of the apartment or in the common areas of the building. Pets are not permitted, unless otherwise agreed upon and noted in writing. The client agrees not to engage in any illegal, illicit, immoral or business-related activity within the apartment or on the premises. Sub-leasing the apartment is strictly forbidden.

6. Upon leaving the apartment, the client must not leave the key in the keyhole inside the apartment. This may obstruct access to the apartment from the outside. If the services of a locksmith are necessary to rectify this situation, then all of the charges will be the responsibility of the client.

7. The client acknowledges that any violation of these obligations will lead to termination of the rental agreement. The client will vacate the premises and without compensation.

Apartment Availability

1. If the reserved apartment is unavailable due to a technical problem or any other unforeseen circumstance, La Bella Toscana reserves the right to substitute an apartment from the same price category. While the layout or decoration may differ from the original apartment, these are not considered adequate grounds for refusing the apartment.

2. If an apartment of the same price category is not available, La Bella Toscana will offer one from a higher category for the same price as the originally reserved apartment, or one from a lower category (in which case the difference in rental price will be reimbursed for the duration of the stay.)

3. If there is a change in price category, the client may refuse the apartment. However, under no circumstance does the client have the right to any additional indemnity beyond reimbursement.

Miscellaneous

The rental agreement and general terms and conditions outlined represent the extent of the engagement between the client and La Bella Toscana. By signing the rental agreement, the client acknowledges and agrees to these terms without reservation. In the event of legal dispute, only Italian law shall apply under the jurisdiction of the Comune di Massa Carrara. Any translation of this or other contracts is provided for reference purposes only. Only the Italian version of this contract and all other documents and contracts shall be considered as legal. If a legal body rejects any clause of this contract, the remaining clauses remain valid.

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Order Form

Print this form, fill in the blanks and mail it and deposit payment to the address at the bottom of the form. Please contact us prior to booking to verify availability of the property you wish to rent. Unless other arrangements are made, a property is not considered reserved until this form and all required deposits are received; for this reason, it is important that you submit this form with all required deposits as early as possible.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State or Province: _____

Country: _____ Zip or Postal Code: _____

Telephone (include all country and area codes): _____

Fax: _____ Email Address: _____

First Choice for Property to Rent:

Second Choice: _____

Number of Persons: _____ Children (under age of 16) _____

Additional Guests: _____

Dates Required: From _____ to _____

Total Cost of Rental: _____ Euros

Deposit Enclosed (30% of rental to hold property): _____

Security Deposit (300 Euros, refundable on day of departure): _____

Total Enclosed: _____

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the conditions of booking (included on the "rates" page of La Bella Toscana's website) and comply.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

We cannot be held responsible or liable in respect to any accident that may occur while staying in one of our properties. We will, however, ensure to the best of our abilities that no such eventuality will occur. Please mail this form, with check, cashiers check or money order for the required deposits, to the following address:

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