

Chianti Villa Rental

A Chianti villa rental or apartment for your holiday in Tuscany

Rent your holiday or vacation apartment or Villa direct from the owners and enjoy your next break in the tranquility of the Chianti countryside.

Our Agriturismo is carbon positive so we can preserve our beautiful surroundings with minimum impact.

Relax by the pool with its amazing views across Tuscany or unwind on the terrace. We can direct you on many circular walks through the Chianti countryside and you can reward yourself with a gelato at the famous gelateria a few minutes away in Castellina in Chianti.

Old fashioned directions to Podere Patrignone

Yes, you have a shiny new smartphone and you're desperate to use it. But if you want to make sure you won't get lost, use these old-fashioned step-by-step instructions, and you won't go wrong. That's a promise.

Step-by-step directions from Pisa Airport

- Exit Pisa Airport, turn right towards Firenze (Florence) and take FI-PI-LI superstrada (free motorway/highway) to Florence.
- Drive for 30-40 minutes on the superstrada, then take the exit Ginestra Fiorentina (not the Monetelupo exit).
- At the roundabout turn right; the signs say Cerbaia, San Casciano and FI-SI (the Florence-to-Siena superstrada).
- You will pass a cantina on the LHS saying 'Mario Borghi' and eventually come to Cerbaia. Follow the signs to Siena; there is a tricky cross-roads in the town centre like an s-bend: go left then immediately right (effectively straight on) to Firenze-Siena and then head for San Casciano and Siena.
- At San Casciano just after you leave the town take a right turn to the Siena superstrada (a sharp turn on the right without warning).
- ** Drive along the superstrada until you reach the San Donato exit. Turn left towards Castellina and San Donato.
- You are only 10km away now. Do not go into San Donato but stay on the main road and you will by-pass most of the town. The road will lead through a few houses towards a narrow single lane stretch beside a church. Once through this continue along the road. You will pass 2 vineyards on the LHS - Casa Emma and La Ripa. Remember these for later in the week.
- Have you noticed some distance markers by the side of the road? They appear every 100m. The road twists and turns and climbs steadily uphill until you see a sign signalling the end of Florence and start of the Province of Siena. The distance marker numbers change here. Now keep an eye on them.
- 300m later (at distance-marker iii/5) there is an unmade road on the RHS with a sign saying Sante Dame, Marciano and Localita Patrignone. Take this turning. Want to see what the turn-off looks like? Try this link.
- Follow the road slowly for over 1km, past a big villa on your LHS until the winery Sante Dame which has railings on the left. The next turn on the right has a big wooden Podere Patrignone sign, so turn down this road to reach us.

As an alternative to the slightly tricky bit between Ginestra Fiorentina and San Casciano (above) you can stay on the FI-PI-LI until you reach the A1 outside Florence, take the A1 south towards Roma until you reach the IMPRUNETA exit. Leave the motorway, pay the toll (around €1), and when you get to the roundabout, turn 1st right, following the signs to Siena "4 corsie" (4 lanes) via

*the superstrada. Then follow the directions from ** above. It doesn't work out much further, and might be a little easier, especially at night. However, avoid this route at rush-hour.*

Directions from Florence Airport

- If you are coming from Florence airport, take the Autostrada A1 towards Roma and make sure you take a ticket at the toll booth. Then drive down the motorway until you reach IMPRUNETA exit (Certosa).
- Leave the motorway here and pay the toll (around €1), and when you get to the roundabout, take the first exit, following the signs to Siena "4 corsie" (4 lanes) via the superstrada (free motorway/highway).
- Then follow the directions from ** above.

Directions from Castellina in Chianti (or Poggibonsi)

- Get on the SR429 towards Poggibonsi (or Castellina in Chianti) and keep going until you get to mile-marker V/27. Turn up the hill, and when you get to the top after 100m, stay right.
- After another 100m you should see a big wooden "Podere Patrignone" sign on the left. You're here!

Directions from other places

If you are already in Italy and driving to us, your route will depend where you are coming from (of course!). Make sure you have a good map of the area. You should be able to head to Florence, Siena, or Castellina in Chianti, and follow the directions above. Or you can always use one of the Google maps from one of the airports (above) and just change the start point to wherever it is you are coming from.

Tip: avoid cross-country routes, especially at night. Always head to Florence or Siena along major routes first.

SatNavs, smartphones & tablets

Have one? Bring it. It'll make your life here much easier when it comes to navigating. If you have Google Maps on your device then you can 'cache' the local maps you need so you won't need a data plan to access them while on the move. If you bring your ToTom, make sure you have Italian maps loaded. If you have a Garmin, beware. For some reason these devices can be a bit more temperamental in these hills, so use a backup map.

If you want to add us as a 'point of interest' or Google favourite, the coordinates to enter are:

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n 43.4957 e 11.2386

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n 43° 29.743' e 11° 14.315'

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n 43° 29' 44.6" e 11° 14' 18.9"

This will take you to the top of our drive. Just follow the road own to us.

But a good bit of advice is to buy a good local map when you get here, or buy one online. A real map will put places and distances into perspective, and you'll build a better mental picture of where everything is. Plus it'll help you spot when your SatNav is taking you on a detour. Don't think this doesn't happen. We have people spend 3 hours on a 45 minute journey because they relied on their SatNav too heavily.

Travelling to Tuscany by rail

If you are travelling through Europe by rail on your route to Italy, then why not take the chance and stop off at a few different places along the way?

Try this site for timetables and ticket prices - very useful.

Driving to Italy across Europe

If you have decided to bring your car with you, take some time to wander through the breathtaking areas of Europe and Italy. The motorway networks are convenient and easy to use, though be ready to pay a toll on most of them.

Speed cameras and Traffic Limitation Zones (ZTLs) in Florence, Siena and Pisa

Here is a detailed article that says everything that needs to be said on the subject, but some key points are:

- Don't drive though a sign near these town centres that have warning signs and cameras mounted on them. If it looks scary, it probably is.
- You'll find 2 maps of the Florence ZTL here and here. Not great, are they? The Pisa one is worse.
- If you see a large grey camera-like box by the side of the road, slow down. Stop. Ignore the car horns and check. Ditto if you see police cars.
- You can get up-to-date speed camera locations for your GPS here.