



*Highly recommended
and totally unique!*

Casa Farfalla

Nr Lucca, Tuscany

Looking for a 007 house? Casa Farfalla could be your place! An architectural gem with roof opening like a butterfly, Casa Farfalla is an outstanding property in a phenomenal location above Lucca.

I arrived at Casa Farfalla, high above the walled city of Lucca, and was awe struck by the property in front of me. This was not the usual casa collonica, stone farmhouse, traditional tenuta or an aristocratic grand villa but a striking contemporary property set into the side of the hill of white marble. Awarded as one of the three best works of architecture in the world at the International Stone Expo Award 2015, Casa Farfalla represents exceptional design, interiors and ecological components and is the only existing 'eco flap roof villa' in the world.

Created by two eminent architect owners, Casa Farfalla (meaning butterfly) is certainly unique but it is also a true home and a place for creation, meditation amidst natural beauty combined with impressive modern design and interiors. The view from the house is spectacular with the entire city of Lucca and its walls in the distance, easily reached by car or by helicopter in a flash. The property sits within ten hectares of olive groves and woods and is totally private so ideal for anyone wishing to really get away from

everything and anything to the maximum. The large infinity pool is phenomenal and in itself a true jewel of contemporary architecture set in a land steeped in history and tradition. Here one can relish the view and the peace with around sound music available and stylish designer art marble outdoor furnishings. At one end of the pool is a hydro massage corner and on the terrace above the pool another area for relaxing with a chilled glass of wine and a book.

Walk inside and one is equally struck by this unique 'creation'. A staircase leads up to the vast living area organized around a spectacular staircase represented as a red dazzling evening dress. Exposed white marble is visible throughout the house giving a true sense of where one is and of the surrounding nature. Architecture, furniture, lamps, sculpture, almost everything has been conceived, designed and custom made for the villa by the extremely talented owners who design for notable international companies including Alessi. The design of the shutters of the house have been an inspiration for an

elaborate bowl, which is used as a centre piece for the table in the lounge area and designed for the Alessi 2016 collection. There is a wonderful large fireplace and indeed, with all its modern comforts, Casa Farfalla would be perfect not only in the wonderful hot Tuscan summer but also in the winter and at Christmas.

The kitchen area with its bar is extremely well equipped and everything is of the very best quality. On this level there is one double bedroom with fabulous bathroom and expansive terrace enjoying splendid views to Lucca. All the bathrooms at Casa Farfalla are finished with a kind of resina and all the bathroom accessories have also been designed by the owners ensuring the most discerning clients enjoy the best in both style and comfort. The previously mentioned spiral staircase leads from the living area up to the second floor with a further three bedrooms and a large, spacious and light gym. All the bedrooms have been decorated in a minimalist way in keeping with the contemporary style of the villa and ensuring a general sense of relaxation and simplicity. The

most incredible feature of Casa Farfalla are the two wings of the roof of the villa which open at a 30 ° angle like the wings of a butterfly. The two wings totalling 110 square meters open with 6 hydraulic pistons. This is the first house in the world with an hydraulic roof. This allows natural ventilation to cool the house and provides the unique and magical sensation of literally sleeping under the stars. There are two more bedrooms with bathroom in the enchanting guest house located close to the main villa and from here guests can easily reach the swimming pool area.

Casa Farfalla is an incredible hideaway with enchanting walks near and around the villa but for those guests wishing to explore then it is very easy indeed and one is spoilt for choice. Lucca is only ten minutes away and a truly magical walled city with a charm and beauty that one cannot fail to fall in love with. For the 'culture vultures' Lucca offers plenty including the famous villas with their marvellous gardens in the surrounding hills. Beyond Lucca guests can enjoy Florence, Pisa, enchanting Pietrasanta, the beach and designer shops of Forte dei Marmi and, a little further afield, the renowned Cinque Terre.

Nonetheless, it will be very hard to leave Casa Farfalla and this paradise of peace and luxury where guests can enjoy as much or as little service as required. Merrion is honoured indeed to have been selected to represent this 007 gem – highly recommended and totally unique!

Information

Sleeps: 10/12

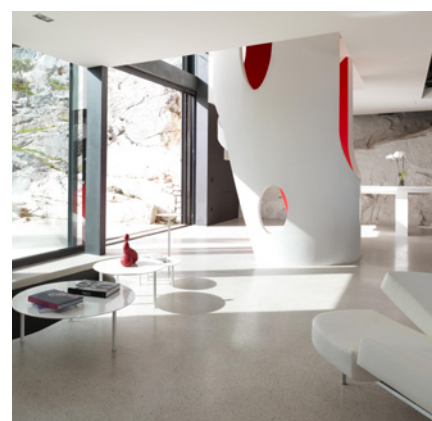
Service:

- Maid service three times a week
- Cook service
- Personal chef
- Italian language classes
- Organized Tours/excursions
- Babysitting
- Personal fitness trainer, fitness courses all available on request

Accommodation:

Ground Floor:

- Entrance hall
- Cloakroom
- Private workshop
- Dressing room



First floor:

- Large open plan living/dining room and kitchen area (with fireplace in the living area)
- Bar
- Double bedroom with terrace and en suite shower room

Second floor:

- Hall
- Master bedroom with en suite bathroom
- Double bedroom
- Double bedroom with 100m2 terrace access
- Shower room
- Dressing area
- Fitness/gym

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Guest house:

- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom

Facilities:

- Private pool 26m x 5m (1.2m depth) with hydro massage at one end
- BBQ
- Satellite TV (in living room and some bedrooms)
- Gym
- Ping Pong
- Air conditioning throughout
- Central heating
- Dishwasher, tumble dryer, washing machine
- Satellite TV
- Hairdryers
- Luxury bath and spa amenities
- Ice maker
- Coffee machine
- WiFi throughout the property & personal computer
- Sonos/Bose/Spotify throughout
- Helipad
- Alarm system

Local Information:

- Lucca 10mins
- Pisa 15mins,
- Nature Riserve Viareggio and Marina di Vecchiano 25mins
- Beaches of Forte dei Marmi



- Pietrasanta 30mins
- Florence & Carrara 40mins
- The Cinque Terre 50mins
- Milan and Rome 3.5hrs

Airport:

- Pisa 25 mins
- Florence 40mins



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