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Castello di Celsa, nr Siena, Tuscany

Situated on the exclusive Castello di Celsa estate outside Siena, La Limonaia is a beautiful and elegant property with pool and tennis court where one relax amidst scenery that has not changed for centuries.

Castello di Celsa is a very special private property owned by the aristocratic Aldobrandini family. It is not open to the public and remains one of Italy's best kept secrets with its elegant interiors, formal gardens and views across the Celsa valley to Siena. It is here on this magical estate that we are very privileged to include La Limonaia onto our portfolio of Tuscan gems.

Originally a conservatory where lemon trees in terracotta vases were kept in winter, the former Limonaia has recently been restored and furnished with an exquisite sense of harmony, space and comfort. Downstairs, the spacious living room and gorgeous country kitchen have glass doors which lead onto a charming terraced garden with pergola for al fresco dining back inside is the spacious and beautifully furnished dining room with seating for twelve. Typical of an aristocratic home in Tuscany, La Limonaia has been decorated and furnished with exceptional elegance and good taste and the antique furniture and muted coloured walls blend perfectly with the style and well proportioned features of the house.

Upstairs, the bedrooms and bathrooms are spacious and wonderfully comfortable with embroidered bath towels and luxurious bed linen and it is hard to draw oneself away from the view across the gently rolling hills to the skyline of Siena.

Outside is an absolute joy for those guests who appreciate beautiful, mature gardens. Old fashioned Musk roses, rosemary bushes, cyandrus, yellow broom and bluetinged sage fill the air with their fragrances on the Limonaia's landscaped grounds and one can soak in the atmosphere with a novel and a glass of local vino as one lies by the fabulous large swimming pool surrounded by irrigated lawns. For the more energetic there is a tennis court on the premises for the use of guests at La Limonaia and for lovers of gastronomy then Giancarlo Giannelli, a talented restaurant owner, cookery book author and tutor, gives inspirational cookery classes in the mornings or evenings, after which the group can gather to enjoy his creations. Nearby, one is spoilt for choice one it comes to places to visit. Just ten minutes drive from the property is Sovicille, a pretty hilltop village where one can enjoy

a cappuccino with the locals and a little further away are San Gimignano, Colle Val d'Elsa, Siena and Montalcino, rich in culture and history as well as some excellent markets, restaurants and wineries. Or guests may wish to visit Florence, Lucca or Pienza, all within easy reach of La Limonaia.

Back at home, every detail has been thought of for the comfort of guests. The wonderful housekeeper, who has been on the estate for many years, can shop and prepare meals if one wishes and guests will love the delicious local fare including salami and fresh tomatoes from the estate prepared for one's arrival at La Limonaia. There is even a masseur who will come to the property so guests can relax with an Ayurvedic massage or Reflexology after a day's guided tour of Siena on the cobbled streets!

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INFORMATION

SLEEPS: 10

SERVICE:

- Housekeeper 5 hours per day, six days per week.
- Cooking, arrival meal and shopping available on request
- Gardener
- Chauffeur service available on request
- Cookery Classes
- In house massage service
- Guided tours of Siena.

ACCOMMODATION:

- Living room
- Dining room
- Kitchen/Breakfast room
- Single bedroom with bathroom en suite

First Floor:

- Two double bedrooms with dressing rooms
- & bathrooms en suite
- Two twin bedrooms
- Single bedroom
- Two bathrooms
- WC

FACILITIES:

- Private Pool 14m x 7m
- Tennis court
- TV, CD stereo
- Telephone & fax
- Internet connection
- Air Conditioning
- Underfloor heating (included in the rent)
- Washing machine
- Dishwasher
- Car park with automatic illumination

PLACES OF INTEREST:

- Sovicille 10 minutes with village store and bar
- Siena 20 minutes
- Montalcino 30 minutes
- Arezzo & Pienza 45 minutes
- Florence 1 hour
- Lucca & Porto Ercole 1.5hours
- Pisa 2 hours



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TRANSPORT:

Airports in:

- Florence 1 hour
 - Pisa 2 hours
 - Rome 2.5hours
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- Train station in Florence

