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Borgo Finocchieto Nr Buonconvento, Val d'Orcia, Tuscany

The transformation of a dilapidated hamlet in the midst of the Tuscan countryside into a luxurious and truly magical retreat is indeed quite a task. At Borgo Finocchieto guests are transformed into a world of tranquility, exquisite charm and complete privacy.

With spectacular views to Monte Amiata and the rolling hills of the Val d'Orcia, Borgo Finocchieto is a haven of beauty, calm and escapism. Completed abandoned and in a total state of disrepair, the borgo was purchased in 2000 by a distinguished American lawyer and transformed over several years, with phenomenal taste and respect for the past, into the private retreat one finds today. Original structures were rebuilt in keeping with tradition so that the final result is one where the borgo from the exterior looks pretty much as it did in days gone by but with flagstones relaid on footpaths, flowerbeds planted with lavender, sage and rosemary and tidy well kept lawns.

Borgo Finocchieto is understated luxury at its very best. It is a place to unwind, to gather with friends in an informal atmosphere and where one can truly feel 'at home'. Luxurious - yes, prententious - no. What is so appealing about Borgo Finocchieto is the fact that the original Tuscan 'feel' has been cleverly maintained and yet at the same time there are all the modern facilities that the most discerning and welltravelled of guests would wish for. Large swimming pool, spa, gym, tennis court and parking are all hidden from sight, there is a retro-modern kitchen and air conditioning throughout but nothing feels sanitized. All bedrooms are individually decorated and furnished, bathrooms are spacious and wonderful and every detail has been considered. Borgo Finocchieto is the incredible creation of great taste, sympathy for tradition and awareness of what makes a truly magical and luxurious home.

The Borgo encompasses 22 bedrooms dispersed between the main villa and four independent houses, all arranged around a central piazza and

with the feeling and sense of a private community. With numerous gathering places including a living room with grand piano and study, a cantina and wine tasting room, library and fabulous outdoor dining terrace, Finocchieto is the perfect venue for large gatherings of friends and family. Spacious yet intimate, guests can really enjoy a sense of gathering and yet at the same time enjoy places of privacy and quiet be it inside or outside.

Service is second to none with a group of highly professional and charming staff for whom nothing is too much trouble. Cuisine, provided by chef Gianfranco Aceto, is simply fantastic and guests will love lingering over breakfasts of warm cornetti, prosciutto and fresh fruit and dinners of Cinta Senese and pappardelle with rabbit ragu. Days can be spent exploring the numerous celebrated nearby towns



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such as Montalcino, Siena and Pienza or simply relaxing at the Borgo, taking a walk and unwinding by the pool with a glass of something!

Many celebrated guests have stayed at Borgo Finocchieto because it is so very special. A very special addition to Merrion's portfolio which more than lives up to one's expectations in every possible way.

Information

Sleeps: 44

Service:

- Daily breakfast buffet,- Full staff of 19 including General Manager /Concierge
- · Itinerary and travel assistance
- · Wait staff and private chef on call
- · Daily housekeeping and evening turndown
- Gym and spa area attendant, chilled bottled water and towels
 Daily stocked snacks in all suites and in all
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- Mini bars stocked daily in all suites and in all villa refrigerators
- * All nine accommodations in the Manor House are suites with coffee-makers and mini-hars.
- **The village houses have refrigerators and pantries in lieu of mini-bars.

Services Available on Request:

- Travel arrangements by car, bus, or helicopter
- · Lunch and dinner prepared by private chef
- Aperitivo served on the lawn, in the courtyard or at the bar
- · Laundry service
- In-room massage
- · Car and scooter rentals delivered on site
- \bullet Baby sitting and relief help
- Wine tastings and area winery tours
- \bullet Yoga and tennis professionals
- Helicopter and hot air balloon rides
- · Horseback riding excursion

Accommodation:

- Manor House Finocchieto (sleeps 18)
- Bar, Dining room, Dining terrace, Conference room, Library, Media Library, Wine tasting room, Living room with grand piano, Courtyard with outdoor Bose saystem,
- 9 suites with bathtubs and rain showers, private sitting area in each suite, daily stocked individual mini bars, coffee maker, central and individual room A/C controls, 27,000 song iPod in each room with docking station and surround sound. House-wide indoor/outdoor speaker







system.

- Medici –Master suite with terrace and bathroom with sauna, steam and jacuzzi.
- Michelangelo Suite with small balcony overlooking fountain garden.
- Borghese next to Master suite with large sitting area and large screen TV, jacuzzi.
- Da Vinci Second level suite next to Michelangelo.
- Galileo Main level interconnecting suite with Brunelleschi with large fireplace and open sitting area.
- Brunelleschi Main level interconnecting suite with Galileo with separate sitting area.
- Machiavelli Top floor suite in Finocchieto annex. Spacious sitting area and bathroom



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- Dante Ground floor suite in Finocchieto annex. Spacious sitting area and bathroom.
- Botticelli Ground floor inner courtyard suite with glass pane doors opening to grassy area.
- Villa Filippi (sleeps 4) two double bedrooms with en suite bathrooms, living area with fireplace, kitchen,dining area, outdoor patio and dining
- Villa Santa Teresa (sleeps 8) four double bedrooms with en suite bathrooms, living area with fireplace, kitchen with large seating area and fireplace, formal dining room, outdoor patio and dining, washer/ dryer, Bose speaker system with iPod docking station
- Villa Fede (sleeps 10) 5 en-suite bedrooms (including one spacious suite), kitchen and breakfast area, large living/dining space with fireplace, outdoor patio and dining, Bose speaker system with iPod docking station
- Villa Colussi (sleeps 4) 2 en-suite bedrooms, living area, kitchenette, outdoor patio and dining, Bose speaker system with iPod docking station

Amenities:

 Private pool oval 60 foot, All weather tennis court, Spa with sauna, steam room and sauna, Gym, Bocce court, Basketball court, Wine cellar, Free high speed Wi-Fi, Air conditioning/heating, Satellite TV, Computer and printer, Grand piano, Library, Hairdryers in each bathroom, Twice weekly linen change, Cookery classes

Places of Interest nearby:

 Montalcino, Siena, Montepulciano, Pienza, Buonconvento, San Galgano, Arezzo, Florence and much more!

Airports:

• Florence 1.5hours, Pisa 2.5hours, Rome Fiumicino 2.5 hours







