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Convento San Francesco

Pitigliano, Maremma, Tuscany

A quite magical home – here it feels as if one is stepping back in time into a secret and untouched haven of natural beauty steeped in history and character.

Located only ten minutes walk from the ancient and beautiful borgo of Pitigliano, Convento San Francesco feels like walking into a film set where time sits still and there is a distinct feeling of calm and tranquility. Part of a 16th Century compound designed by a Renaissance architect for the noble Orsini family, San Francesco is situated on 26 acres, perched over a wooded ravine with dramatic views of distant vineyards and grazing sheep in the meadows below. The property adjoining the park holds Etruscan carved throne seats and reclining sculptural remains of a garden created at the time of the convent's construction.

The building itself has been renovated with all modern conveniences whilst maintaining the look of an untouched and magical place time preserving the original historic features and structure of the property with great respect. Oozing in atmosphere both inside and out the MAGIC of 1522 when G San Gallo the Younger conceived the place remains intact. The designer owners have cleverly and thoughtfully created a home steeped

in character with a unique style and ambience. There is a fully equipped chef's kitchen where guests will cherish creating fresh Tuscan delights and the main living room, once a winery, has dining space for up to 20 guests with a fabulous large wood-burning hearth. There is another very comfortable sitting room upstairs and next to here the library -both opening onto a terrace with views over the lavender-parterred ancient fig garden where one can enjoy magnificent sunsets. The six bedrooms each has a design of its own with individual characteristics and are decorated with beautiful linen sheets, silk tapestries and down pillows.

One major highlight of Convento San Francesco is the exceptionally beautiful and spacious garden designed in keeping with both the history and the vegetation of the area. There are many secret hidden away spots where one can sit with a book as well as tastefully integrated 18meter saltwater pool overlooking a fascinating landscape towards Monte Amiata. The house's rose-covered cloister in the front courtyard is perfect for al fresco dining

where one can enjoy long lazy lunches or dinner during the warm summer evenings.

The local area is fascinating with its ancient Etruscan walkways, caves, archeological sites and fascinating untouched villages built high upon Tufa cliffs providing endless mysterious and little known backdrops. Nearby Pitigliano is delightful and one can enjoy wondering the labyrinth of medieval lanes with its famous Jewish quarter and Etruscan ruins. A little further away are the towns of Sovana and Sorano as well as enchanting Capalbio and of course the famous and quite splendid thermal healing waters of Saturnia. The beautiful southern Tuscan coast is also not far away whilst for the active there is plenty of opportunity near the villa to enjoy walks along the Etruria way or go for cycle and horseback riding.

Convento San Francesco is, in a word, special. Captivating, magical, beautiful and tasteful, this is very special home indeed.

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Information

Sleeps:12

Service:

- Maid 4 hours every morning, laying breakfast
- On request: Cook service

Accommodation:

Ground floor:

- Kitchen
- Dining room
- Double bedroom with bathroom en suite, sitting room

First floor:

- Sitting room
- Five double bedrooms 4 with bathrooms en suite and 1 shared bathroom
- Two single bedrooms with shared Bathrooms

Amenities:

- Private (saltwater) pool 18m x 5m, Barbecue, WiFi, Yoga platform 16x7m, Outdoor exercise Gym, Swings from giant Acacia



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Places of Interest & Activities nearby:

- Pitigliano 3minute drive/10 minute walk
- Capalbio 40mins
- Porto Ercole and Porto Santo Stefano 50mins
- Terme di Saturnia (spa and medieval city) 20mins
- Etruscan archeological sites and cities at Tuscania Tarquinia
- Sorano 10mins
- Sovana 10mins
- Orvieto & Volterra, Florence 2.5hrs
- Siena 2hrs
- Central Rome 2 hours
- Cycling and horseback riding in the immediate area
- Antinori wineries of Le Mortelle and Tenuta di Monteverro
- Walks through Etruria.

Airports:

- Rome Fiumicino 1.80 hours
- Pisa 3.5 hours
- Grosseto private airport 1.5 hours

