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Siena, Tuscany

Original, enticing, exotic yet simple, luxurious yet individual, La Poderina is very special indeed. With its exceptional landscaped garden by Luciano Giubbilei and enviable location just outside Siena, La Poderina, La Poderina it steeped in character and comfort and magical at any time of the year.

La Poderina is the exceptional design and creation of its very talented and inspirational owner who is also the proud proprietor of equally special Casa Fontana on the Island of Ponza. Surrounded by 10 hectares and with beautiful far reaching views across the countryside, La Poderina was previously a dilapidated and run down country ruin and is now a warm and eclectic home designed and decorated not only with phenomenal taste and style but also with love, dedication and passion.

Immersed in centuries old olive groves (from which the owner produces a fantastic strongly flavoured spicy olive oil), those who appreciate beautiful landscaping will love the garden of La Poderina designed by famous Luciano Giubbilei, one of the few landscape artists to have ever won two Gold Medals at London's Chelsea Flower Show! There is something totally captivating and absorbing about this landscape of antique roses and rosemary bushes, verbena, Euphorbia and much more. The equally stylish pool is perfectly situated below the house (out of sight), and from there one can gaze across the Tuscan hills whilst

relaxing with a good book and a fine glass of wine. Special mention must be made of the magnificent pergola area with its massive travertine marble table to seat 18 people – a heavenly al fresco dining area indeed where many long, lazy lunches and dinners into the late evening can be enjoyed as one listens to the crickets and time literally stands still.

Inside, La Poderina is nothing but outstanding. The owner has ingeniously combined antique with contemporary and European with Asian and African pieces creating a really special and individual home. Quality is of the highest level and with its choice of living and dining rooms, La Poderina really lends itself to entertaining and relaxation be it during the summer or the winter months. The larger living room enjoys spectacular views across the countryside with soft natural furnishings and high beamed ceiling whilst the smaller, more cozy sitting room enjoys finely sculptured 18th century paneling from a Paris hotel particulier and vibrant furnishings and fireplace. The larger dining room is more formal with a magnificent long table seating 16 people

with recycled copper surface and a large piece of art by Luca Pignatelli whilst the smaller dining room lends itself to the winter months with large fireplace and views to the holm oak woods and there is even a fabulous wine cellar carved from tufo which one can be glimpsed through a large glass window. The professional kitchen is all steel and state of the art with all the equipment one could wish for and from here it is easy to cross the courtyard to the al fresco pergola dining area.

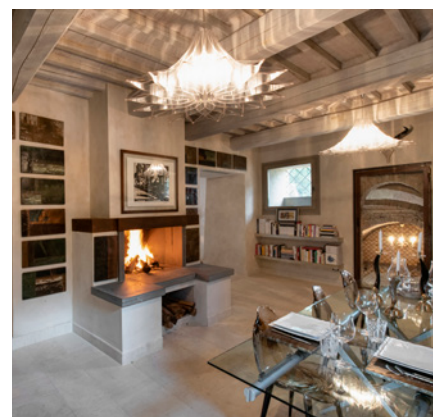
At La Poderina even the staircase is worthy of mention. Made of pale Lecce stone and acid treated iron sheet as one walks upstairs high above is a ceiling with 18th century trompe l'oeil and at the bottom of the staircase a richly filled library of books. Each of the bedrooms has been individually decorated and furnished and enjoys its own name from the various contrade of Siena. The master bedroom is called The Turtle and has a huge fireplace, exquisite cream and brown furnishings (in tune with its name), large bathroom and a small sitting room also with fireplace. The Owl bedroom has views onto the olive groves, a very cleverly designed bookshelf-

cum-closet decorated with ethnic fabrics and a spacious bathroom with Lecce stone carved washbasins.. The Wolf bedroom enjoys rich colours and pieces from India and Rwanda whilst The Snail bedroom has twin beds and a very romantic feel with its French 18th century prints and soft pink and green colours.

Just across from the main house guests will love the sensational, spacious and romantic hideaway of the dependance. Located on two floors, one walks into the most magnificent living room and library. For book worms this place is paradise! There is a mega large TV set making this room perfect for private screenings plus wonderful squidgy sofas, an open fireplace, views to die for from the arched window and even a small kitchen! And don't worry about choice of DVDs – there are over 1000 to choose from!!! The owner has again most ingeniously incorporated the acid treated iron sheet and has used as an impressive surround for the fireplace with, as in the main house, some fabulous and very effective lighting. Downstairs is the large double bedroom decorated in dust blue and olive green with far reaching views across the valley and superb ensuite shower room.

Just five minutes in the car to Siena, La Poderina could not be better placed for exploring Tuscany be it south to Val d'Orcia, north to Chianti and Florence or west to the Maremma and the umbrella pine lined sandy beaches of the southern Tuscan coast. Here is the best of both worlds – a country house with its own woods, gardens and extensive olive groves and yet with easy access to the magnificent culture, history, shops and much more of Siena. The other great bonus of La Poderina is that it lends itself to holidays at any time of the year. Ideal in the summer with the al fresco dining area, the stunning pool and gardens, it is an equally magical destination in the winter with its warm and welcoming atmosphere, numerous fireplaces, library of DVDs and superb kitchen in which to enjoy experimenting with some of the delicious local, fresh products of the area.

The owner of La Poderina has literally thought of everything with regards facilities, comfort and services. Excellent cook service can be organized, a masseur or yoga teacher can come to the house,



private transfers, wine tastings, barbecues and shopping service. La Poderina is an exceptional find in every sense of the word. I am thrilled to include this unique villa in my portfolio.

Information

Sleeps: 10

Service:

- Daily maid service
- Twice weekly linen change
- Daily breakfast
- Cook service available for breakfast, lunch & dinner
- Childrens meals available
- Massage treatments,
- In house Yoga class
- Airport transfers

Accommodation:

Main House (sleeps 8):

Ground floor :

- Entrance hall
- Large sitting room
- Wood panelled sitting room with fireplace
- Professional kitchen
- Dining room (table for 16 people)
- Dining room (table for 12 people)
- Double wine cellar



- Elevator

First floor:

- Master bedroom with en suite bathroom (bath & shower)
- Double bedroom with ensuite bathroom (bath & shower)
- Two Double/Twin bedrooms with ensuite shower room
- DVD library (over 1000 titles)
- Lift

Top floor:

- Gym with pilates reformer

Dependance (sleeps 2):



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Ground floor:

- Library/TV/Living room, Kitchen

Lower floor:

- Master bedroom with walk in closet
- Shower room

Facilities:

- Private pool 12m x 4m
- Pool room
- Elevator
- Air conditioning/Heating
- WIFI
- Underfloor heating
- Computer & printer
- Safebox in each room
- Hairdryer & amenities in each bedroom
- Washer-dryer machines
- Board games / floating toys for kids
- Cots /highchairs
- Barbecue
- Pizza oven
- Microwave
- Pasta machine
- Satellite TV
- DVD library
- Orchard & vegetable garden,

Places of Interest & Amenities nearby:

- Siena 5 mins
- San Gimignano 25mins
- Bagnai Golf course 4kms
- Pienza, Montalcino & Montepulciano all within easy reach
- Royal Golf & Spa La Bagnai 16kms



- 18 hole Gold Ugolino 69kms
- Riding centre della Pergola 5kms
- Freddy bike tours 3kms.

Airports:

- Florence 40mins
- Pisa 1hr 30mins
- Rome 2hrs15mins

