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## Torre al Poggio

*Nr Pianella, Siena, Tuscany*

Chosen by Bernardo Bertolucci as the setting for a sequence in his film *Stealing Beauty*, Torre al Poggio is immersed within classic Tuscan countryside of olives, vines and cypresses and is the unique creation of a well renowned husband and wife architect and designer couple – simply paradise!

Arriving at Torre al Poggio is awesome! A long driveway bounded by trimmed hedge and a line of olive trees leads to the rotunda with 360 degree views surrounded by secular cypress trees and the chosen spot for Bertolucci's important sequence in *Stealing Beauty*. Beyond here is the main house, medieval tower and exquisite gardens and everywhere one gazes there are views with rolling hills of vines and olives and Siena in the distance.

Having been featured in notable international magazines including *Architectural Digest* and *House and Garden*, Torre al Poggio more than lives up to its reputation. Stylish yet magical with captivating ambience and originality, Torre al Poggio cleverly combines original Tuscan features with more contemporary furnishings thanks to the expertise and skill of its owners both of whom are famous in their own right as architect and designer. A superb home for family gatherings or a group of young friends,

Torre al Poggio is a haven of luxury and tranquility. Inside the main house the entrance hall leads to a fabulous dining room and arched opening to living room with fireplace and well equipped kitchen. Modern colourful furnishings contrast cleverly with classic old tiles and stone walls and beyond the dining area is a fantastic large terrace with *al fresco* dining area and the swimming pool. The pool dates back a long way as it was originally the drinking font for the cows and is now a splendid large salt water pool adjoining the house and thoughtfully integrated with a natural colour in keeping with the property. Around the pool is plenty of space for relaxing on one of the extremely stylish sun loungers (another creation of the owners!) with a good book and glass of chilled prosecco.

Back inside on the ground floor there are two spacious double bedrooms with wonderful en suite facilities and their own individual fabrics and furnishings.

A stone staircase leads up to loggia with three arches and fabulous views across the countryside. Inside upstairs is another huge living room with grand piano, lots of squidgy sofas, open fireplace and books galore. A large study can be found adjacent to this living room – ideal for anyone wishing to write, work, draw or watch a film on the projector. Off the living room are the other three bedrooms, again each with its own soft pastel colourings, high end bathrooms and inspirational idea of the owners is that each has high beds and bathrooms which all enjoy views of the surrounding countryside.

For larger groups with young couples or teenagers then the tower provides the perfect additional accommodation. Oozing in charm and character the Tower is across the garden from the main house and has again been thoughtfully and stylishly designed and decorated. On the ground floor can be found a living area with kitchenette and then on the two



sleeping floors is everything Siena style! Colours of various contrada have been incorporated in each bedroom giving added flair and character! On the first floor the double bedroom and living room can be separated by wooden panels should one wish and there is an en suite shower room and original architectural design. On the top floor are two twin bedrooms sharing a fun bathroom – great fun for youngsters wanting their own space and independence.

Torre al Poggio is dreamy, original, luxurious and delightful. Long, relaxing days can be spent here unwinding from frenetic modern life with al fresco lunches near the pool and aperitivi can be enjoyed in the rotunda with the scent of lavender wafting by as one watches the sunset over the Tuscan hills. Everything and anything can be organized at Torre al Poggio and if you can draw yourself away then of course there is a multitude of places with the vicinity to visit be it Siena, San Gimignano, one of the many famous wineries or some of the charming nearby villages.

A really special addition to Merrion's portfolio, Torre al Poggio more than lives up to one's expectations – one can see why Bertolucci chose it for his film!

## Information

**Sleeps: 10**

### Service:

Maid 4 hours per day 6 days per week

### On request (payable locally):

- Buffet breakfast
- Cook service for lunch and/or dinner, Cookery classes
- Shopping
- Additional maid service
- Midweek change of linen

### Accommodation:

Main house

Ground floor:

- Entrance hall
- Large living room with kitchen & fireplace
- Dining room (open plan with living room/ kitchen) opening onto terrace and pool areas
- Double bedroom with bathroom en suite





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- Double bedroom with shower room en suite, small living room adjacent to the bedrooms

#### First floor:

- Three arched loggia with sliding glass windows leading into Large living room with fireplace and grand piano
- Contemporary Art Studio with Large screen TV, Apple Computer, Library
- Master bedroom with bathroom en suite
- Twin bedroom with bathroom en suite
- Double bedroom with shower room en suite

#### Tower

#### Ground floor:

- Living room with fireplace
- Kitchenette
- Dining room

#### First floor:

- Living room/study
- Master double bedroom with shower room en suite (these areas are connected by sliding wood panels forming either one single area or separate ones)

#### Second floor:

- Two twin bedrooms sharing one bathroom

#### Amenities:

- Private salt water pool 15m x 5m
- Pool room
- Wine cellar
- Ping pong
- Satellite TV with international channels & DVD player
- Bose sound system in veranda and Stereo CD player in Studio
- Toiletries
- Baby equipment
- Nespresso coffee machine
- Laundry room
- Dishwasher
- Bicycles
- Croquet
- Badminton
- Cookery classes
- Yamaha grand piano

#### Activities:

- Tennis court 10mins
- Riding classes and tours 10 to 20mins
- Golf 30mins

#### Places of Interest nearby:

- 5 mins: small villages of Pianella and Ponte a Bozzone with nice bars to grab a coffee or buy newspapers, local bakeries, a butcher, a small alimentary with local products & a couple restaurants, Villa di Geggiano (winery and typical Tuscan villa to visit), Montechiaro (winery and typical Tuscan villa to visit)
- 10 mins: Castello di Ama (art and wine)
- 15mins: Siena, several wineries including Bossi or Badia Coltibuono
- 20 mins: San Gusmé, Castelnuovo Berardenga, crete senesi
- 30 mins: San Gimignano
- 40 mins: Florence





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## Airports:

- Florence 50mins
- Pisa 1.5hrs
- Rome 2.5hrs

