

BORGOPIGNANO

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WELCOME

Deep in the heart of historic Tuscany lies an enchanting haven of peace and tranquillity. At Borgo Pignano you will discover a beautifully restored country estate offering an exclusive combination of elegant accommodation, exceptional comfort and gracious hospitality. The design of Borgo Pignano reflects the rural and unique Tuscan way of life. Everything from architecture to tailor-made experiences, food and our new wellness is inspired by Tuscan traditions with a contemporary twist. We strive to welcome our guests with Art, Music, Gastronomy and Tradition to tell them about the cultural identity of our region and its people.

Borgo Pignano is a member of the National Geographic Unique Lodges of the World, offering guests unique and sustainable experiences, deeply rooted in Tuscan traditions.

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THE ESTATE

Borgo Pignano is an elegant historical country estate in the heart of the Tuscan countryside which sits in the center of a much cherished 750-acre organic estate and features a magnificent luxury 18th century villa and a hamlet first settled in during Etruscan times.

Today, this sensitively restored and privately owned Borgo, offers warm and gracious hospitality in a tranquil setting about 500 meters above sea level, with some of the most commanding views in all of Tuscany that can stretch to the Mediterranean. Borgo Pignano provides a unique experience, steeped in history that captures the soul of Tuscany. Explore the organic farm, biodynamic kitchen gardens, olive groves, orchards, meadows, lakes, waterfalls and woodlands which can all be found within Pignano's beautifully managed grounds.





LOCATION

Borgo Pignano is a convenient spot from which to explore Tuscany and is less than thirty minutes from the Medieval towns of Volterra and San Gimignano.

It is also within an hour's drive of Siena and Florence and the smaller towns of Casole d'Elsa, Colle val d'Elsa, Monteriggioni, Certaldo, and Bolgheri. Lucca, Arezzo and Pisa are also within driving distance as are the wine growing areas of Montepulciano, Montalcino, Castellina in Chianti, Radda and Gaiole.

Guided tours of Volterra and San Gimignano can be arranged on request and tailored to suit a guest's individual interests - Art, History, Artisans, Culture and Cuisine. The medieval hilltop towns in the vicinity of Borgo Pignano have churches and monuments of note and many have small museums and frescoed cloisters.

Throughout the region you will find thermal springs, Etruscan ruins and tombs, Renaissance palaces, museums and weekly markets.



By plane, via the closest airports of:

Pisa - Galileo Galilei (approx. 74 Km)

Firenze - Amerigo Vespucci (approx. 75 Km)

Bologna - Borgo Panigale (approx. 165 Km)

Roma - Fiumicino (approx. 306 Km) and Ciampino (approx. 289 Km)

Milano - Linate (approx. 358 Km) and Malpensa (approx. 412 Km)



ACCOMMODATION

Borgo Pignano's main building is an 18th century villa surrounded by traditionally planted English gardens overlooking pristine landscapes of Tuscany that have changed little since Renaissance times. Perched on a hilltop, the villa accommodation offers stunning views of olive groves, vineyards, fields and woods. There are fourteen elegant rooms and suites, some with original frescoes and all with en-suite marble and travertine bathrooms. A grand stone staircase leads to the upper stories and an elevator serves all floors of the villa. Wi-Fi is available throughout the estate.

La Canonica, the Priest's house, adjoins the ancient church of San Bartolomeo and contains exceptional original features such as medieval stonework, archways, columns, vaulted ceilings, terracotta floors and restored medieval frescoes. This property dates from the 13th Century and provides an opportunity to stay in an architecturally significant building a few steps across the courtyard from the villa. La Canonica can be used as one large three bedroomed house or independently divided as two separate suites.

It's also possible to stay in our exclusive maisonettes and countryside cottages, which are within an easy walk of the main villa, restaurant, gardens and infinity pool. Each individual property is designed and decorated in an elegant Tuscan style offering privacy and seclusion.





ROOMS & SUITES

ROOMS WITH CHARM

These beautifully furnished rooms offer views of the forests and the English herb gardens. They all have luxury Tuscan style interiors and feature original architectural details such as vaulted ceilings, sash windows, frescoes, antique furnishings and Italian linens. These spacious, tranquil rooms have either queen or twin beds and marble and travertine en-suite bathrooms, with a bath and shower.

ROOMS WITH A VIEW

These sophisticated rooms offer views of Pignano's terraced gardens and infinity pool and sweeping prospects of Volterra and other nearby hill towns. Impeccably furnished with antiques and Italian fabrics, these elegant rooms feature queen beds and ensuite bathrooms with bath or shower.



SUITES WITH CHARM

These consist of two spacious suites with independent access and a shared marble and travertine bathroom with bath and shower. One is composed of two large double rooms and the other has a large double room and an adjoining single room. These suites of the villa have enchanting views of the woods and the formal English gardens.

SUITES WITH A VIEW

The Music Room is one of the villa's largest rooms with high ceilings and gothic style windows with a sweeping panorama that looks towards the Mediterranean. This spacious luxury suite features a four-poster bed and an en-suite frescoed bathroom with a bath illuminated by a skylight. The room has a private sitting area with comfortable couches, working fireplace and grand piano. A second luxury suite with spectacular views is located on the first floor of the villa.

The master bedroom features frescoed motifs, a canopied queen bed and an en-suite bathroom with bath and shower. The adjoining bedroom has artisan frescos giving it a Moroccan atmosphere and an antique Napoleonic sleigh bed suitable for one person.



SIGNATURE SUITES

Our two signature suites offer total seclusion and have exceptional views of Tuscany. These suites have king or queen beds, a sitting room and capacious luxurious en-suite bathrooms with freestanding roll-top baths and glass enclosed showers.

One suite features a ceiling with original period frescoes and a small balcony overlooking the lawned terrace. The other suite of the villa can accommodate one or two couples and has views of the swimming pool and countryside.





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La Canonica can be used as one large three bedroom, private house or independently as two separate suites. The building offers a shared entrance hall, elegant sitting room, TV room and a fully equipped mediaeval kitchen with refectory table. A 2-bedroom suite and 1-bedroom Suite are located on the upper floor. La Canonica also features a courtyard garden draped in vines and provides a quiet spot for a morning coffee or pre-dinner aperitivo.





MAISONNETTES & COTTAGES

MAISONNETTE IL GRANAIO

Located on the ground floor of the ancient hamlet just steps away from the main villa. This elegant maisonnette features a comfortable living and dining room with kitchen facilities, a large master bedroom with a queen double bed and a second bedroom with twin beds. Both bedrooms have en-suite bathrooms with independent access. A private terrace provides stunning views of the Tuscan countryside and the medieval town of Volterra. Il Granaio is ideal for families.

MAISONNETTE IL POZZO

Located in front of the hamlet's old well, this charming three-tiered maisonnette features a spacious and comfortable living and dining room with a fully equipped country kitchen, a wood burning stove and a guest bathroom on the ground floor. Il Pozzo has a twin bedroom with an en-suite bathroom on the second level and a master bedroom with a queen bed and en-suite bathroom on the third level. Guests at Il Pozzo can enjoy a shared al-fresco lounge and dining area with views of the fortress hilltop town, Casole d'Elsa.



MAISONETTE IL FIENILE

This attractive maisonette features a spacious master bedroom, a loft that overlooks a large living and dining room, an original wood burning stove and a fully equipped kitchen. Il Fienile is located just in front of the imposing stone archway that leads to Borgo Pignano's main villa. The master bedroom includes an ensuite bathroom and an intimate balcony that overlooks Pignano's grounds. There is also a separate bedroom with twin beds, making Il Fienile a good choice for families.

MAISONETTE LA PICCIONAIA

This lovely split level maisonette offers beautiful views of the rolling Tuscan hills and the medieval town of Volterra. The first floor features a comfortable living and dining room with a fully equipped kitchen and bathroom. The second floor has a large master bedroom with a queen double bed and en-suite bathroom, a loft with tatamis, a single bedroom and a charming pocket balcony. Guests in La Piccionaia can also enjoy a shared al-fresco lounge and dining area.



MAISONETTE LA LEGNAIA

La Legnaia was originally used to store firewood and can be found in a quiet corner of the ancient hamlet. Built on two levels, it features a comfortable living room with a corner kitchen on the first level and a bedroom with a queen French (140 cm bed, an en-suite bathroom and a small private terrace on the second level.

CASA DEL LAGO COTTAGE

Casa del Lago is a peaceful cottage - a mini luxury villa - with a covered porch with views over gently sloping fields and a small natural lake surrounded by poplars and alders. The cottage features a fully equipped kitchen and dining room, a comfortable living room with a fireplace and a bathroom on the ground floor. Two double bedrooms with queen beds share a bathroom and a small balcony on the first floor. Casa del Lago is ideal for honeymoon couples or for families yearning for a tranquil, secluded setting.



MAISONETTE LA CASA DEL GUARDIA

Casa del Guardia is a spacious maisonette occupying the entire first floor of a seventeenth-century building with a beautiful, natural stone exterior. During the nineteenth century, this property served as a dwelling for the guard of the estate.

The maisonette is characterised by original details and comprises of a living area with an ample lounge and a kitchen area. Antique pieces of furniture and original artworks from the nineteenth and twentieth century's sit harmoniously alongside the Tuscan terracotta floor and wood-beamed ceilings.

The spacious bedrooms, one of which is a master bedroom and two with twin beds, each have en-suite bathrooms with showers, finished in elegant Carrara marble. Casa del Guardia offers an unparalleled view, including a glimpse over Borgo that opens to the breath-taking panorama of the Tuscan hills, offering ever-changing, timeless, views throughout the seasons, from dawn to dusk.



MAISONETTE L'ANTICA STALLA

L'Antica Stalla is a splendid maisonette characterised by a sophisticated and timeless Tuscan style.

Located on the ground floor of a large seventeenth century stone building, L'Antica Stalla features original Tuscan terracotta tiled floors and an ample living room finished with antique furnishings. A magnificent rustic fireplace gives the space a sense of history and the spacious fully equipped kitchen make this apartment a real Tuscan, home-from-home.

Two spacious bedrooms each have en-suite bathrooms finished in Carrara marble and beautiful, original vaulted ceilings.

The ample balcony of the Antica Stalla offers guests an outstanding view over the countryside surrounding the estate.



MAISONETTE LA STALLINA

Stallina is a gracious maisonette set in an ancient seventeenth-century building that has served as an animal shelter throughout the ages.

Positioned in a secluded location inside the Borgo, Stallina's private terrace offers a breathtaking view over the un-spoilt Tuscan hills and beyond.

The original terracotta tiled floors date from the sixteenth-century and the interior features exposed beamed ceilings and a rustic corner fireplace in the spacious living room.

The living area has a sofa bed, and the interior style combines original architecture with contemporary designer touches, the maisonette also has a kitchen island and kitchenette. The bedroom features a double bed and the bathroom is decorated with Carrara marble and equipped with a shower and a bathtub. This is the perfect luxury hideaway for a couple seeking total tranquillity.



THE ARTIST'S HOUSE COTTAGE

The Artists' House is a large stone farmhouse nestled in an oak and beech copse a short walk away from the main villa. The ground floor contains a spacious studio with a wood-burning stove, fully equipped kitchen, dining area and bedroom with an antique Napoleonic sleigh bed and bathroom with large walk-in shower. A flight of stairs leads to the master bedroom, which has a king bed, en-suite bathroom and terrace. The woodlands in which Caille is sited include a peaceful, outside lounging area.





VILLA LA FONTE

With 5 rooms, a porch overlooking the lake and a private pool, this truly luxurious villa can be booked in its entirety by couples, families or group of friends.

La Fonte is surrounded by Mediterranean aromatic gardens, orchards and fields, sitting beside one of the estate's natural lakes. It works well as a location for courses, workshops, retreats or family reunions. Yoga, painting, music, cooking and cycling groups have all stayed here. The villa has five luxury bedrooms with king, queen or twin beds and all enjoy en suite spacious bathrooms. There is a spacious dining and living room, a big, well-equipped kitchen and a large covered porch with views of the lake, perfect for outdoor meals altogether. Villa La Fonte has a beautiful heated swimming pool and a tranquil sundeck in exclusive use for the guests staying there.



VILLA LA LAVANDAIA

From Villa La Lavandaia's spacious terrace guests can enjoy some of the most breath-taking views of the vast estate.

Villa La Lavandaia, located in the heart of the Tuscan countryside and surrounded by immaculate fields, allows guests to really immerse themselves in the nature of Tuscany.

This spectacular villa is located at a short distance from Borgo Pignano's main buildings and restaurants. It features two master bedrooms with king or twin beds, each with its own private bathroom.

Villa La Lavandaia features a spacious, partially covered terrace with unparalleled views, a fully equipped kitchen, an elegantly furnished living room and private parking. Furthermore, guests will be able to take advantage of their private heated pool and a private sundeck.





LIVING WITH NATURE

Streams, ponds and lakes help irrigate Borgo Pignano's fields, vegetable gardens, orchards, olive groves and vineyard. The fields are planted with grains and cereals grown from heritage seeds, with natural and sustainable cultivation methods, in order to increase their fertility.

Our seasonal vegetable gardens produce a wide variety of foods for the table of our guests. We produce traditional organic food, Tuscan breads, natural honeys and preserves, as well as a delicious cold-pressed extra-virgin olive oil. A young vineyard produces excellent Vermentino and Cilieggiolo and Abrusco nero di Toscana red wines, grown in full respect of the environment and in favor of completely sustainable agriculture.

The link between the countryside and the interiors are evident everywhere: flowers from the gardens are displayed in arrangements throughout the villa, farmhouses and apartments; seasonal menus reflect vegetables and fruits that are at their finest; bathrooms stock toiletries made from plants and flowers grown on and, in winter, open fireplaces glow with timber harvested from the surrounding woodlands. Two nature reserves, teeming with local flora and fauna, border Pignano's land.



SUSTAINABILITY

The Villa, farmhouses and apartments have all been restored and decorated using environmentally friendly products and materials such as locally sourced stone and reclaimed slate, organic plasters and eco-paints.

Wherever possible, we protect and support our natural environment and use both innovative and traditional farming techniques. We are actively improving the soil conditions and decreasing the need for irrigation. We have successfully experimented with swales, a natural system for retaining rainwater and preventing soil erosion – the first time this has been done in Tuscany.

The heating and hot water systems within the Villa are fuelled by solar panels and woodchip-fired boilers, which are fed by timber harvested from the estate's own forests. Pignano's gardens are fed with filtered harvested rainwater, while natural and manmade lakes supply irrigation for the farmland.



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DINING

At a time when moments of relaxation few and far between, your dining experience at Borgo Pignano will be filled with a sense of nature and well-being.

We provide breakfasts made to be lingered over, al fresco meals in a relaxed open-air setting and gourmet dinners in our formal restaurant. Wherever you choose to dine you will can enjoy excellent service in a tasteful setting.

Everything starts from our home-grown or locally sourced raw materials and we are careful to harvest vegetables and fruits at their peak. In the Bakery, breads are produced with sourdough, while pastries and fresh pasta come from a fine selection of ancient wheat flours produced from grains grown on the property. Pignano's free-range pigs and hens provide eggs and meat for our restaurant, while our bees produce the honey, our olive groves and vineyard help generate our oils and wine. Our creative approach to food can be enjoyed in to two different dining experiences.



VILLA PIGNANO RESTAURANT

The gastronomic restaurant Villa Pignano has a refined and innovative menu. Here you can sample a creative and innovative cuisine of the territory where the ingredients take centre stage. Our cuisine is complimented with an extensive selection of organic and biodynamic wines from Tuscany.

At Villa Pignano you will find a sophisticated blend of attentive yet discreet service that defines our philosophy.





AL FRESCO RESTAURANT

During the summer our traditional Restaurant Al Fresco offers an informal, relaxed dining experience set within a beautiful garden environment.

Guests can savour authentic Tuscan recipes, such as grilled meat, Mediterranean sea catch of the day, stone-baked pizza cooked in a classic wood fired oven, together with homemade organic beers and wines.





SPA

Borgo Pignano is delighted to announce the opening of our new Spa and Wellness area located just a few steps from the Villa.

The new wellness area brings the joys and freshness of nature to the body. Drawing inspiration from Pignano's unspoilt terrain, abundant gardens, wild flower meadows and organic farmland, each of our natural spa treatments and wellbeing therapies have been created using organic ingredients grown on the estate.

Our trained herbalist uses flowers, herbs, plant extracts, oils and honeys that promote a sense of well-being. Discover Pignano's wellness centre in the heart of our historic hamlet and experience another level of peace and tranquillity. Enjoy our dry sauna and steam bath or book a treatment in our private wellness suites. Borgo Pignano's exclusive private Spa is set within the estate's charming well-house, where in medieval times, it was used to collect water for the village. Our spa is an oasis of calm where you can experience a warm welcome and tranquillity. Enjoy a sauna, steam bath or a treatment in our spacious well-being suite. Relax with herbal teas made with wild herbs gathered from the fields of Pignano and breathe in the unique atmosphere of Pignano's elegant wellness area.





POOLS

Borgo Pignano's heated infinity pool is hard to match and is nestled on the slope of a hill beneath the villa, providing expansive views of the Tuscan countryside.

The pool was carved from an ancient limestone quarry, which supplied most of the stone used to build Porta dell'Arco, one of the principal gateways of Volterra as well as Pignano's own buildings.

The pool's is surrounded by a limestone terrace with chaises longues and parasols.

Adjacent to the pool area there is an outdoor bar and a manicured lawn for those seeking tranquility.

A small, separate swimming pool, built specially for children, is available for all children under the age of twelve.



EXPERIENCES

Some guests are just seduced by the serenity of the estate and do not wander far: they swim in the infinity pool, soak up the sun, paint, read and draw or stroll among the orchards, gardens and woodland paths.

Others practice yoga, or go horse riding or mountain biking. Borgo Pignano often plays host to groups of enthusiastic cyclists who enjoy the rigor of 30 to 120 km rides along Tuscany's winding country roads. Runners and hikers can test their mettle on the paths and roads surrounding the Borgo.



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GUIDED TOURS

Many guests of Borgo Pignano are eager to take a break from busy, metropolitan lives and relish the peace and freshness of the setting.

HORSEBACK RIDING

Borgo Pignano is home to a group of gentle and well-trained horses.

TREKKING & MOUNTAIN BIKE

Borgo Pignano lies within a major game reserve and is at the crossroads of two natural reserves: Berignone and Castelvechio which lend themselves to short, and arduous, treks.

FITNESS

A small purpose built gym featuring the essential fitness equipment.

YOGA & PILATES

Borgo Pignano is the ideal spot for a luxury yoga retreat.





EXPERIENCES

PAINTING CLASSES

Pignano is a hub for artists who draw inspiration from the landscapes and exceptional Tuscan light.

LABORATORY

Borgo Pignano has beautiful herb and flower gardens which provide natural organic ingredients for the hotel's amenities.

WINE TASTINGS

At Borgo Pignano we offer our guest the exclusive opportunity to journey into the world of organic and biodynamic wines.

COOKING CLASSES

Our cooking classes are devoted to the old Tuscan ways of making bread, focaccia and pizza.

SUNSET COCKTAILS

Guests are invited to join us at Sunset on the Belvedere to enjoy the captivating beauty of a Tuscan sunset overlooking the silhouette of Volterra.

FOR CHILDREN

At Pignano children of all ages can enjoy a relaxed atmosphere where they can play and take part in activities that combine nature and art with the great outdoors.





ART

Borgo Pignano is a unique luxury retreat in Tuscany where art and creativity are nourished and valued.

Here you will find a haven for art-lovers who wish to immerse themselves in the pleasure of creating and observing art. Pignano is a natural magnet for artists, where its serene environment offers inspiration. Borgo Pignano is the perfect location for those wishing to experience a sense of renewal by connecting with art. A deep encounter with arts is an essential ingredient of happiness, for both, those who create and those who admire and interact.

Borgo Pignano's owners are frequent visitors to the estate and longtime admirers of twentieth century British art. They have selected all the art displayed in the villa, cottages, maisonettes and suites, some of which is the work of past guests. Throughout this private country estate, you will enjoy the beauty of contemporary and classic art in many forms.



PIGNANO ART GALLERY

Located in the heart of the Tuscany, Borgo Pignano is a unique environment where art and creativity combine. In September 2016 Borgo Pignano opened an Art Gallery and inviting exhibition space situated in a beautifully restored historic farm building.

The Pignano Gallery offers a contemplative environment for artists to exhibit their work and allows hotel guests the privilege of viewing exceptional art during their stay. The new Pignano Art Gallery features classic vaulted ceilings and original brickwork floors and is surrounded by beautiful gardens, woodlands and open countryside. Throughout the seasons you will discover a collection of inspiring exhibitions featuring contemporary arts: among them painting, sculpture, photography, installations, ceramics and creative design.



BORGO PIGNANO AND THE ROYAL DRAWING SCHOOL

Borgo Pignano and The Royal Drawing School have a longestablished collaborative relationship, which supports residencies for talented artists. Based in London, the Royal Drawing School is an educational charity, and one of the only institutions in the world, dedicated to the teaching and practise of drawing from observation. Over a thousand students, aged from eight to eighty, take part in its courses every week.

The School was founded in 2000 by HRH The Prince of Wales and artist Catherine Goodman. Students of the Royal Drawing School's MA-level postgraduate programme, The Drawing Year, visit Pignano every summer as part of their studies. For these talented young professional artists, the light and beauty of Tuscany, framed by the welcoming hospitality of Pignano, offers an intensive, concentrated and often transformative period of drawing and painting in the landscape.

A number of the School's alumni and faculty visit Pignano throughout the year, as part of the prestigious Artist Residency Programme. Resident artists are provided with studio space and accommodation for an extended period of time, and many examples of their work are hanging in the public spaces and bedrooms of Borgo Pignano.



WEDDINGS

Pignano offers a heart-stopping location for weddings and honeymoons and has attracted couples from all over the world.

The estate's Romanesque parish church, San Bartolomeo, has served Pignano since the thirteenth century and still rings out its bells for weddings and celebrations.

Celebrations are often held on one of Borgo Pignano's spacious lawn terraces overlooking the medieval hilltop town of Volterra. With a grand 18th century villa as a backdrop, the gardens, courtyards and terraces at Pignano offer endless opportunities for wedding photography. Swathes of manicured lawns surround the main property with banks of climbing roses and ancient umbrella pine trees adding to the romance of Pignano's spectacular gardens.

A Tuscan Country House wedding offers something for everyone with both pre-and post-wedding activities available for guests of the wedding party. For example, spa treatments, wine-tasting, cooking lessons, yoga classes and horse riding can all be arranged adding to that unmistakable country house experience. The atmosphere at Borgo Pignano is one of understated sophistication, an elusive combination of luxurious elegance and unforgettable Tuscan chic.



