

BORGOPIGNANO

THE TUSCAN HAVEN

LOCATION

Borgo Pignano is set in the heart of a picturesque 750-acre organic estate in Tuscany, where Etruscans were the first settlers. The estate is a short drive from the medieval hill towns of Volterra and San Gimignano, 1h15 minutes from Florence, 40 minutes from Siena, 1 hour from Pisa and 1 hour from the coast.

The nearest airports to Pignano are Galileo Galilei Airport (PSA / LIRP) in Pisa (about 75 km) and Amerigo Vespucci Airport (FLR / LIRQ) in Florence (about 70 km).

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OPENING

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DESCRIPTION

At the heart of Borgo Pignano is an organic farm which provides a high proportion of the ingredients used by our kitchens and in our toiletries.

The fields are planted with grains and cereals grown from heritage seeds and the farm's produce plays an important part in our quest for self-sufficiency. Pignano produces its own

range of organic flours (used to make Tuscan breads and pizza in traditional wood-burning ovens), pastas, olives and honey. A young vineyard has been planted and is now producing organic red and white wines.

Our seasonal vegetable gardens produce a wide variety of foods that are in the earth in the morning and on the table later in the day.

We also produce free-range eggs, fruits, nuts, seeds and cold pressed Tuscan olive oil as well as feed for the estate's chickens, pigs and horses.

The link between the countryside and Borgo Pignano's interiors is evident everywhere: flowers from the gardens are displayed in arrangements throughout the villa, farmhouses and apartments; seasonal menus feature vegetables and fruits that are at their finest; bathroom toiletries made from plants and flowers grown on the estate; 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

GUEST ROOMS

Accommodation is spread over the estate and includes:

THE VILLA

This 18th century noble house offers 14 sophisticated rooms and suites, featuring frescoes and elegant antique furnishings.

- **5 rooms with charm:** These beautifully furnished rooms offer views of the forest and 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.
- **2 rooms with a view:** These sophisticated rooms offer views of Pignano's terraced gardens, the infinity pool, Volterra and other nearby hill towns. Impeccably furnished

with antiques and Italian fabrics, these elegant rooms feature queen beds and en-suite bathrooms with bath or shower.

- **2 suites with charm:** These consist of two spacious suites with independent access and a 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, situated in the villa, have enchanting views of the woods and the formal English gardens.
- **Villa attic suite:** overlooking Borgo Pignano's ancient rooftops and 12th century church with glimpses of the Tuscan countryside, this cosy queen size bedroom has a living area with an antique fireplace, a large bathroom with shower and bath tub.
- **2 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.
The Colomba-Saraceno Suite is located on the first floor of the villa and has spectacular views. The master bedroom features frescoed motifs, a canopied queen bed and an en-suite bathroom with bath and shower. The adjoining bedroom has artisan frescoes giving it a Moroccan atmosphere and an antique Napoleonic sleigh bed suitable for one person.
- **2 signature suites:** The Velathri and Marchese suites have king or queen size beds, a sitting room and spacious luxurious en-suite bathrooms with freestanding roll-top baths and glass showers. One suite features a ceiling with original period frescoes and a small balcony overlooking the lawned terrace.

MAISONETTES & COTTAGES

Once the barn, the stables and woodshed, these ten beautifully restored rustic apartments and two cottages are perfect for families, who can take advantage of the kids' pool.

- **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 has a living area with a generous lounge and a kitchen area. Antique pieces of furniture and original artworks from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries 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 Casa del Borgo:** There are three bedrooms with individual bathrooms, a studio kitchen and a private patio. The center of this maisonette is a spacious studio with a fully equipped kitchen and dining area – a perfect place to relax with family and friends. The master bedroom with a double bed is furnished with elegant solid wood furniture and luxury Italian textile. Two other rooms, one offering two twin beds and another – one double bed, have a spectacular view on the Tuscan countryside. Each of the three rooms has a separate bathroom finished with marble. The real gem of Casa del Borgo is its hidden patio perfect for enjoying a morning coffee or an afternoon aperitif.
- **Maisonette L'Antica Stalla:** Located on the ground floor of a large seventeenth-century stone building, L'Antica Stalla features original Tuscan terracotta tiled floors and a 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 balcony offers guests an outstanding view over the countryside surrounding the estate.
- **Maisonette Il Granaio:** This elegant maisonette features a comfortable living and dining room with kitchen facilities, a large master bedroom with a queen size 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.

- **Maisonette Il Pozzo:** Il Pozzo has a twin bedroom with an en-suite bathroom on the second level and a master bedroom with a queen size 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:** Il Fienile is located just in front of the impressive stone archway that leads to Borgo Pignano's main villa. The master bedroom includes an en-suite 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:** 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 tatami beds, 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 Stallina:** 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 both a shower and a bathtub. This is the perfect luxury hideaway for a couple seeking total tranquillity.
- **Maisonette The Artist's Studio:** The Artist's Studio is characterized by its beautiful white beamed ceiling with skylight windows, and terracotta tiled floors. Entering the maisonette, you will find a snug dining area with a charming Tuscan kitchenette. Its bedroom, with one double bed, was inspired by the lush English gardens of Borgo Pignano and is filled with light and floral motifs. The antique bathroom decorated with Carrara marble features a modern glass shower. This intimate maisonette is a delight for couples and honeymooners alike.

- **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.

VILLAS

- **Villa La Lavandaia**

Borgo Pignano is delighted to announce the addition of Villa La Lavandaia to its estate. Ready for guests from April 2020, the villa will feature two luxury bedrooms with en suite bathrooms and a private oversized heated pool. This unique villa has incredible views of the Tuscan rolling hills.

- **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 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.

LA CANONICA

Dating back to the 13th century, La Canonica is a three-bedroom house boasting original features including medieval stonework and frescoes. 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.

The building offers a shared entrance hall, elegant sitting room, TV room and a fully equipped medieval kitchen with refectory table.

- **Il Pievano suite:** The Pievano suite, located on the upper floor, offers one comfortable bedroom with a king size bed, an elegant living room and a charming en-suite bathroom with a freestanding bathtub. Guests can enjoy stunning views over the Tuscan countryside.

La Canonica also features a courtyard garden draped in vines and provides a quiet spot for a morning coffee or pre-dinner aperitivo.

- **San Bartolomeo suite:** The San Bartolomeo suite, located on the upper floor, consists of two double rooms with queen size beds, a living room and a shared deluxe bathroom with shower and a freestanding bathtub.

La Canonica can be used as one large three-bedroom, private house or independently as two separate suites sharing the spaces of the ground floor.

DINING

Gathered from the estate's large vegetable garden and organic farm, each ingredient is treated with the utmost respect – from the flour ground in the mill to our organic bees that produce our honey. Pignano's free-range pigs and hens provide eggs and meat for our restaurant, and each homegrown ingredient is handpicked when at its most delicious. Pignano's creative approach to food can be enjoyed in two different dining experiences. The gastronomic restaurant Villa Pignano offers an innovative and creative menu. Here you can sample innovation and excellence, where the ingredients take centre stage. 0km cuisine is further complimented with an exquisite selection of organic and biodynamic wines from Tuscany. At Villa Pignano you will experience attentive, yet discreet service that defines Pignano's philosophy. During the summer, the traditional Trattoria Al Fresco offers an informal, relaxed dining experience set within a beautiful garden environment. Guests can savour authentic Tuscan recipes, such as

grilled meat, stone-baked pizza cooked in a classic wood fired oven, together with homemade organic beers and local wines.

EVENTS & WEDDINGS

Pignano offers a heart-stopping location for weddings and honeymoons chosen by 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. Weddings can be held on the villa's lawned terrace overlooking Volterra; inside the 18th century villa; amidst the wild flower meadows; or by the ancient staircase of the 12th century church. We can work with you or your wedding planner to make your ceremony and celebration unforgettable. Pignano is beautifully appointed for both intimate weddings and larger celebrations, which can be held within the grounds of the hamlet.

ART

Borgo Pignano and The Royal Drawing School in London have a long-established collaborative relationship, where both organisations actively support the work of talented artists in the form of residential programmes in Tuscany. 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 period of drawing and painting. Borgo Pignano also recently opened a unique Art Gallery and inviting exhibition space situated in a beautifully-restored historic farm building. The Pignano Gallery offers a tranquil yet sophisticated environment for artists to exhibit their work and allows hotel guests the privilege of viewing exceptional art during their stay. Throughout the seasons you will discover a collection of inspiring exhibitions featuring contemporary artwork, sculpture and design.

SPA & WELLNESS

Discover Pignano's wellness centre in the heart of our historic hamlet and experience another level of peace and tranquility. The wellness area harmoniously combines elements of Pignano's philosophy which includes culture, health, nature and relaxation, all set within a beautifully designed and elegant spa. Drawing inspiration from Pignano's unspoilt terrain, abundant gardens, wildflower meadows and organic farmland, each natural spa treatment and well-being therapy has been created using organic ingredients grown on the estate. Pignano's trained herbalist uses flowers, herbs, plant extracts, oils and honeys that promote a sense of relaxation.

EXPERIENCES

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. Within the estate you will also find an al fresco restaurant with wood fired pizza oven, infinity pool, yoga studio, bocce court, riding stables and fitness suite. Guests can partake in a collection of authentic Tuscan-inspired activities such as: cooking classes, farm tours, painting classes, horse-riding lessons and treks, Pilates, yoga and wine tasting. Truffle hunting, farm tours, honey-making, visits to the Chianti and Brunello wine-making regions, city tours of San Gimignano, Siena, Florence and Volterra and mountain biking can also be arranged. Children's activities include swimming, nature trails, pizza-making, arts and crafts activities and a babysitting service is available. A designated family pool and woodland playground is located on a private lawned terrace. A nature lab is also available to children during their stay at Pignano.

THE POOLS

Borgo Pignano's infinity pool is completely unique. Nestled on the slope of a hill beneath the villa, it provides 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 spacious pool is surrounded by a limestone terrace with chaises longues and parasols. Adjacent to the pool area is an outdoor bar and a manicured lawn for those seeking some peace and quiet. A separate, smaller pool for families rests on a lawned terrace next to an adventure play zone and is perfect for younger guests.

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