

# WINTER RETREAT IN TUSCANY



An exclusive invitation,  
compliments of Villa Ferraia,  
located in the heart of Italy.

[see video](#)





*"Amazing"*

*Reviewed 28 May 2013*

*The rooms are large by American standards and the attention to detail is superb. This is truly a 5-star location and the lodging, food, activities, service and support will make you never want to leave. If your bucket list includes a trip to Italy this should be the place you stay.*

*The Bulags, Washington D.C.*



# A WINTER INVITATION TO DISCOVER THE REAL TUSCANY

Vittorio Cambria, a native Italian baby boomer who speaks excellent English, began restorations on a 13th century structure in a forested area of Tuscany more than 20 years ago. He uses it today to provide a memorable winter experience for American and northern European visitors who have the time to indulge themselves in unique experiences.

In winter, Tuscany shows her true self, abandoning the stereotype she presents to millions of summer tourists every year. She softens and becomes more genuine. The olive leaves turn from green to silver; wildlife thrives in fields that have recovered from summer plowing; chestnuts and mushrooms and persimmons make their way to market; and thick, hearty soups bubble on stoves of local homes

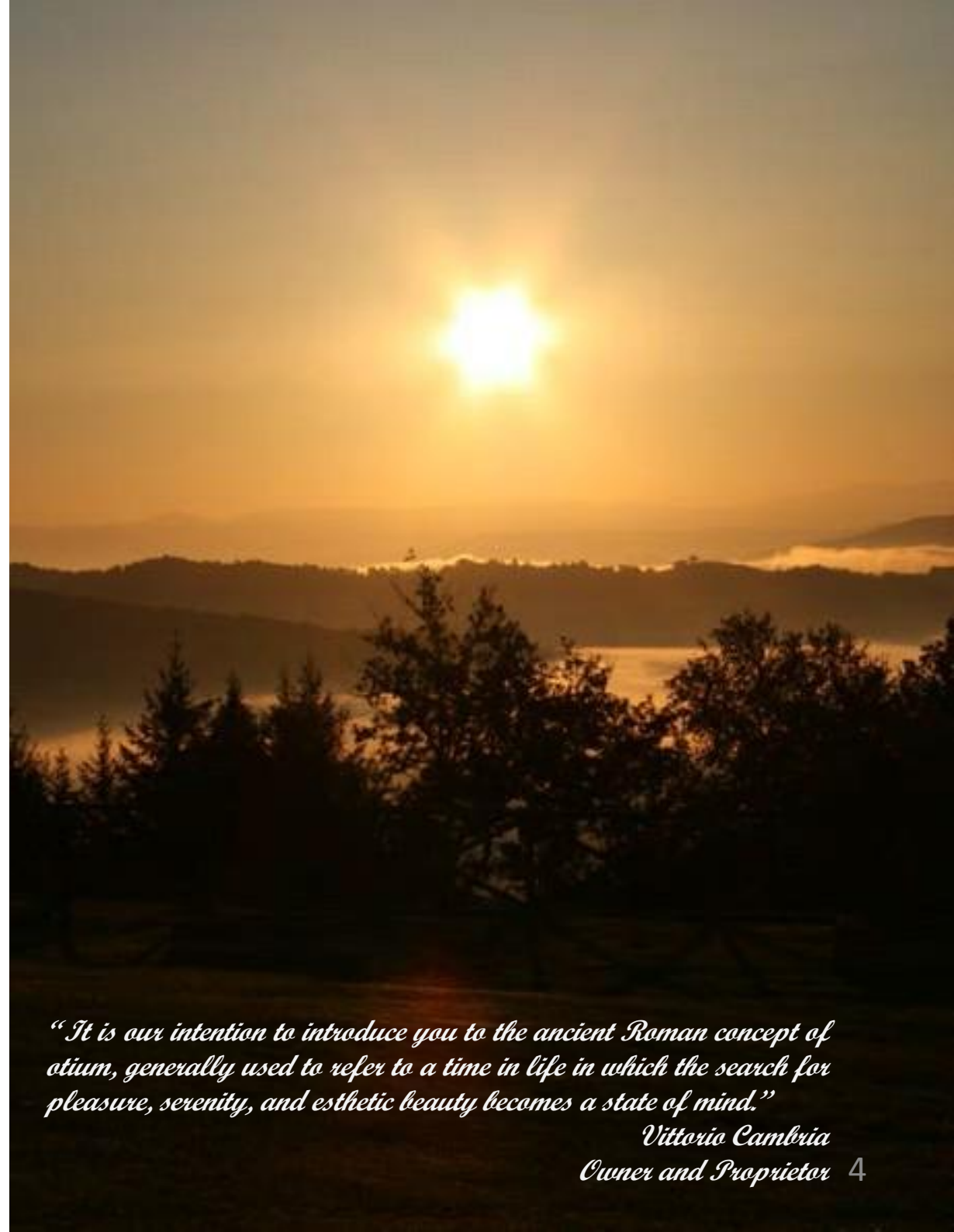
Best of all, Tuscany is quiet in Winter. The tourists have gone home, leaving cities, villages, and the countryside in the hands of those who love her most. On a typical day in almost any town, you may see only a handful of people in the piazzas, all of them speaking Italian. At museums and famous churches, you're likely to see no lines at all, and in restaurants and bars reservations are rarely needed.

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45 F

average temperature in tuscanY  
november - march

7.25

the average hours oF sunLight  
november - march



*“It is our intention to introduce you to the ancient Roman concept of otium, generally used to refer to a time in life in which the search for pleasure, serenity, and esthetic beauty becomes a state of mind.”*

*Vittorio Cambria  
Owner and Proprietor* 4

# BE OUR GUEST

## AMENITIES AND SERVICES

### Pricing includes the following:

- Transportation for arrivals and departures from Siena or Florence
- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner (The chef can accommodate most dietary requirements.)
- Aperitivi each evening
- WiFi
- Skype access in Cinema Room
- Sauna
- Yoga classes
- Studio Painting/ Drawing
- Astronomical observatory (with trained astronomer assistance), twice a week, weather permitting
- Guided horseback excursions and/or riding lessons in the arena
- Cooking classes, three times a week
- Informal participation with the chef as he or she prepares meals
- Cinema Room for movies, lectures, author readings, and other group gatherings
- Transportation to local points of interest for sightseeing, shopping, etc.
- Cultural outings (concerts, exhibitions, theatre, museums, etc.), as available
- Traditional dancing at local clubs
- Transportation to local hot springs, once a week
- Organized card games and chess matches

### For an additional fee, at your request, the following are available:

- Transportation to any of six well-known local golf course
- Massages
- Italian lessons
- Manicures and pedicures
- Transportation to destinations of your choice

*"Idyllic Tuscan Villa - A Must Stay!"*

*Reviewed 29 September 2013*

*Vittorio and Patrizia were fantastic hosts always happy to chat and provide advice for sight-seeing in the local area and beyond. Stefano's cooking was a fresh take on traditional Italian and Tuscan food and Tatiana was always on hand to make sure we were full at breakfast! Eating meals around the communal table was one of our highlights with a great atmosphere and lots of laughs with the other guests.*

*We walked away smiling and will definitely be back!*

*Room Tip: Room 14 is a fantastic living space with a separate living room separate from the main house.*





*"Amazingly wonderful boutique experience!"*

*Stayed May 2013*

*The Felstones, Austin Texas*









# COOKING

## LEARN FROM A PROFESSIONAL CHEF

Use the power of the flavors, fresh herbs, and vegetables picked straight from our organic garden to experience traditional rural Tuscan cuisine, Three cooking classes are offered each week, but guests are also encouraged to visit the kitchen at any time to watch and help the chef prepare meals in the spirit of the slow-food experience.





# HORSEBACK RIDING

SEE PARTS OF TUSCANY MANY  
VISITORS NEVER SEE

Ride through villages, across streams and through the woods along ancient trails with breathtaking views of rural Italy.

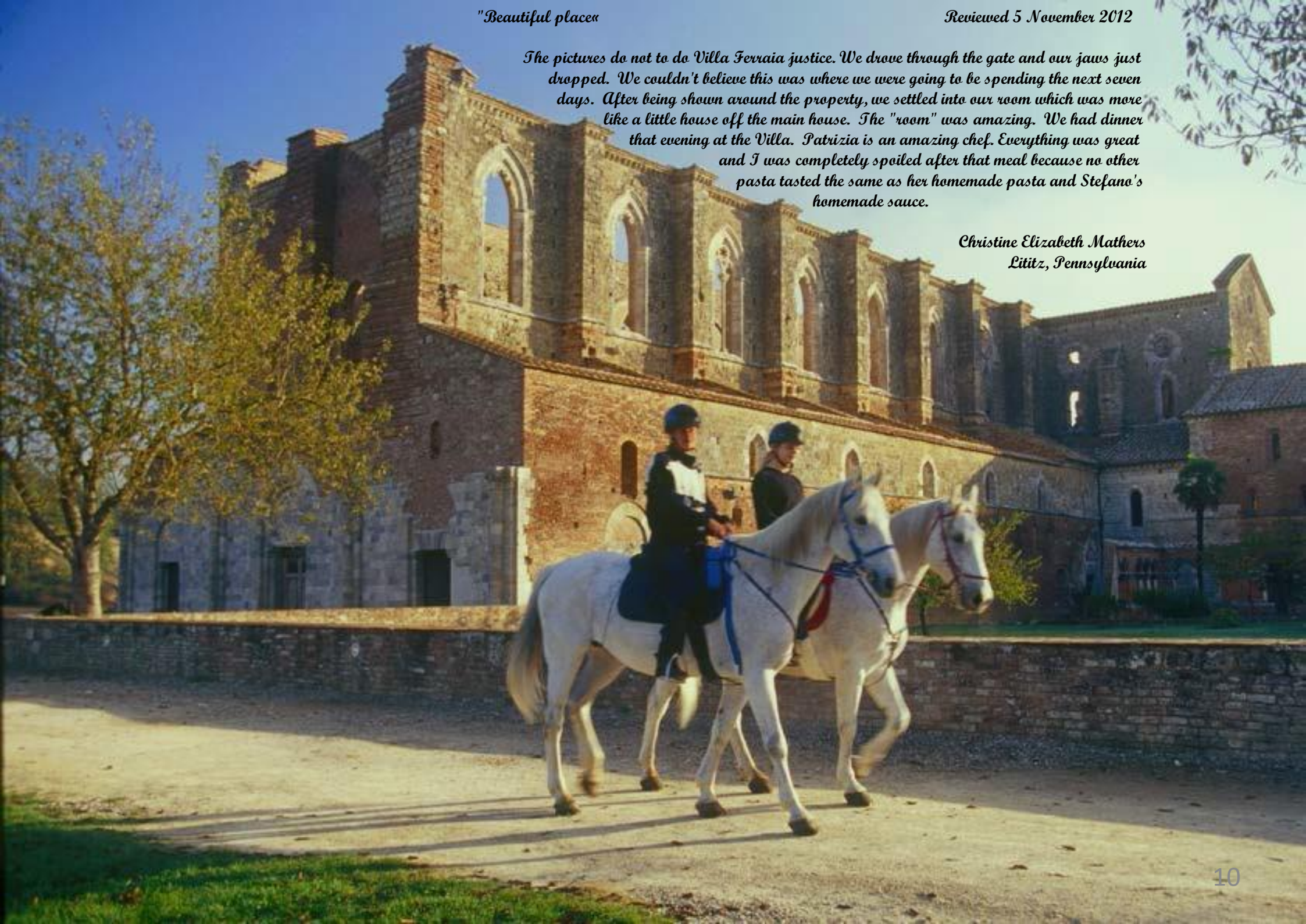
If you enjoy riding, Villa Ferraia offers 15 well-trained horses. If you're a beginner, the staff can provide riding lessons in the on-site arena.



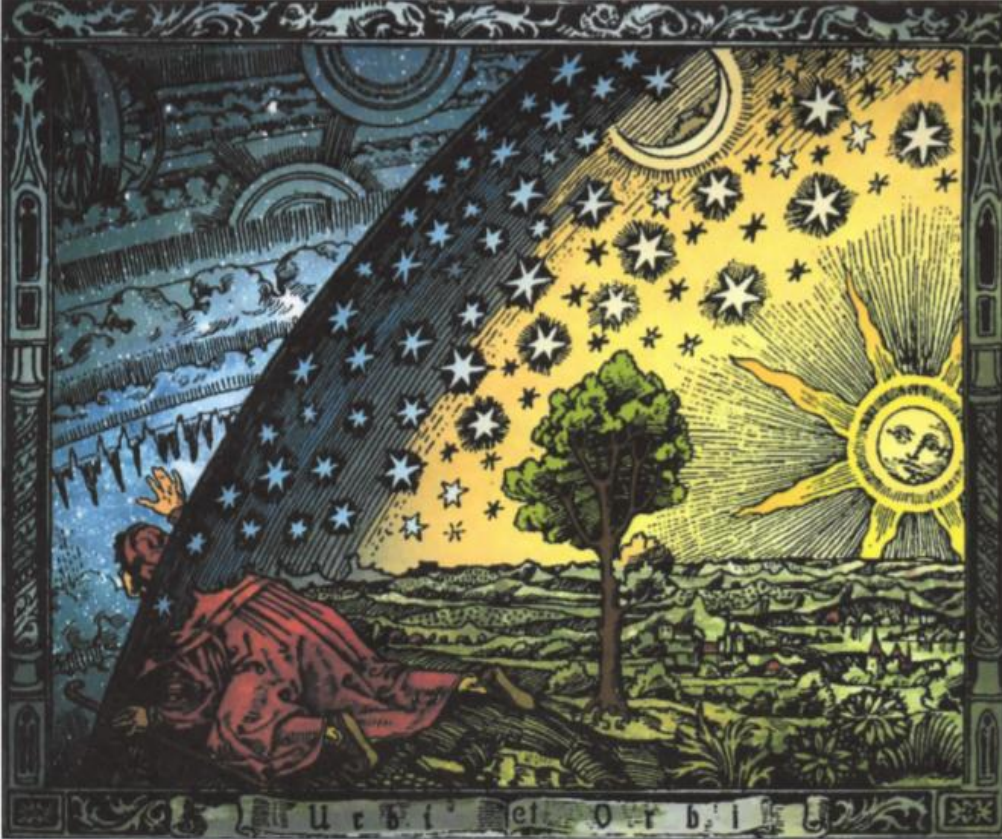


*The pictures do not do Villa Ferraia justice. We drove through the gate and our jaws just dropped. We couldn't believe this was where we were going to be spending the next seven days. After being shown around the property, we settled into our room which was more like a little house off the main house. The "room" was amazing. We had dinner that evening at the Villa. Patrizia is an amazing chef. Everything was great and I was completely spoiled after that meal because no other pasta tasted the same as her homemade pasta and Stefano's homemade sauce.*

*Christine Elizabeth Mathers  
Lititz, Pennsylvania*







# ASTRONOMICAL ADVENTURES

## UNDER THE TUSCAN STARS

Discover the celestial underpinnings that led Galileo to his discovery of the wonders of the universe. Visit the Galileo Museum in Florence that houses the instruments he used to understand the planetary physics and stellar motions and that guide us in our galactic quests today.

At Villa Farraia, an on-site astronomical observatory is available to our guests under the guidance of a local amateur astronomer. Instruments include a Meade LX 200 R14" f/10 telescope with GPS.







# HEALTH AND BEAUTY

## EXERCISE AND PERSONAL CARE

Exercise and personal care are important components of the notion of *otium*.

Villa Farraia is proud to offer not only yoga classes, sauna, swimming, hiking, horseback riding, and healthy food, but also manicures, pedicures, and an array of natural beauty products.







# STUDIO PAINTING/ DRAWING

## Emulate the old masters

Our guests are encouraged to take inspiration from the spectacular landscapes surrounding the Villa and the interiors within its beautifully crafted arches to create their own masterpieces. At Villa Ferraia, an on-site studio run by artist [Sarah Holl](#) offers painting, drawing and mixed media classes to guide one's creative experiences. Models and still lifes are available alternatives to work from during studio time. Choose between a conventional class under Sarah's introduction or an unconventional class with independent studio time and Sarah's guidance. Hone your skills in conventional materials, or learn from Sarah through the use of mixed media. Supplies, including oil and acrylic paints, are available for guest to use.





# GOLF

The best golf courses the farthest only 90 minutes away.

Royal Golf La Bagnaia [www.labagnaiaresort.com](http://www.labagnaiaresort.com) is just 12 km away.

Punta Ala [www.puntaala.net/golf](http://www.puntaala.net/golf)

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# OUR PASSION YOUR RETREAT

Our knowledge of the surrounding area and your enthusiasm will be the perfect mixture to create an authentic life experience, based on taking and giving, sharing simplicity and beauty and nourishing not only our bodies but our minds and souls as well.

*"Villa Farraia exceeded my expectations in every way! Vittorio and Patrizia are the consummate hosts. The villa, itself, is simply spectacular. Something that existed only in my wildest imagination before I saw it! Every detail is top of the line luxury, right down to the whirlpool tub and divine bed. Vittorio ensured an experience with excursions and a night in the observatory that I will never forget. This place is for those that want an adventure in Tuscany that is outside the norm! It will not disappoint!"*

*Lisa Condie, Italian  
Experience Coordinator, Better Way to Italy*

*The visit to La Ferraia was all too short and with the first opportunity I intend to return for a longer stay. Italy has been part of my life since the late 60's and has been my home since 1998. In that time I have been fortunate to have many "genuine, authentic" experiences with Italians in their homes. The visit to La Ferraia was very similar to a home visit. Wonderful hospitality, food, attention to every detail in an effortless way. Vittorio, Patrizia and Anna treated us so well, spoiled us, in fact, not only in the obvious sense but, at least for me, in the sense that no other experience of this type could ever live up. The buildings are so solidly constructed and refurbished in a beautiful but unpretentious way, showing the Tuscan caring for style forged through a connection to natural surroundings. The food held the same appeal with its richness of flavor and goodness, but devoid of needless decoration and embellishment. For a sincerely true experience of all the good things Tuscany can offer, you owe yourself a visit to La Ferraia.*

*Mary Jane, Firenze*

*Vittorio provides a magical winter experience at his lovely Tuscan villa, with gourmet meals at the hearth of a glowing fire, day trips to local villages and points of interest, and star-gazing in his luxurious observatory. He also offers horseback riding in the hills and yoga classes and cooking lessons. What more could you want? I can't imagine spending a winter vacation anywhere else in the world, now that I know Villa Farraia!*

*Susan, Texas*



# PRICING



4 Classic Room

Nice double bedroom with bathroom and shower.



9 Superior Room

Nice double bedroom with bathroom, Jacuzzi bath and shower.



1 Suite

Very large and elegant in separate building. On the ground floor there is the charming living room with flat TV and fireplace. On the first floor, exquisite double bedroom and large bathroom with Jacuzzi bath and separate shower.

## Price per person for single occupancy:

Price per 1 person for 1 week:

**€ 1.995**

**€ 2.180**

**€ 2.520**

Price per 1 person for 2 weeks:

**€ 3.915**

**€ 4.275**

**€ 4.950**

## Price per person for double occupancy :

Price per 1 person for 1 week:

**€ 1.795**

**€ 1.965**

**€ 2.265**

Price per 1 person for 2 weeks:

**€ 3.525**

**€ 3.850**

**€ 4.455**

***Ask about Discount Prices for groups and long staying discount.***





*Vittorio is a walking encyclopedia of Tuscan art, history and wine!  
The grounds are exquisite and the views of uninterrupted Forrest and  
rolling hills is divine!  
A simple Tuscan meal with my fellow travelers is a perfect end to a day of  
sightseeing!  
The staff are excellent - experts in their roles, accommodating and  
delightfully pleasant!*

*Caroline, Texas*

*Villa Farraia is a place for people of diverse cultures to come together to  
enrich one another through the sharing of their life experiences. The many  
activities such as a visit to an olive oil Frantoio, touring the San Galgano  
abbey, walking the beautiful grounds of the Villa, and coming to the table  
to share authentic Tuscan cuisine added new experiences to my life. If you  
are looking for an active yet peaceful, enriching experience, Villa Farraia is  
highly recommended.*

*Angie, Impruneta*



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see more about the experience:

<http://www.mozzarellamamma.com/2012/wintering-at-villa-ferraia>

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/lisa-condie/travel-to-tuscany\\_b\\_4553882.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/lisa-condie/travel-to-tuscany_b_4553882.html)

and

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QyjXKEQqmpY>