

Tuscan Dreams

Dreaming of Tuscany, I see glorious Apuan mountains, luxuriant flowers, olive trees, lavender, meadows, and wild roses. I imagine myself eating outdoors while birds and bees and butterflies whirl and twirl around me. I want to plunge into a pool with a view, ideally solar heated like this one, and cook my pizza in the outdoor oven under a covered terrace, where I can eat even when the weather is rainy or stormy. Maybe there's a pony or a donkey in my pasture, or the wild deer native to this area.



The land slopes downhill where a bus takes me to the nearest train, leading directly to Lucca, and then on to Florence, the coast, and other towns filled with history and art. I walk to the local village for a cappuccino or dinner, or drive a few kilometres down to the Serchio where other attractions, natural and historic, call for exploration.



Less than an hour north is the local ski area, magical in winter. Montecarlo, a tiny hill-town surrounded by vineyards, is just east of Lucca and offers many choices for wine-tasting excursions. Collodi, the town made famous by Pinocchio, is also nearby.



Indoors, this historic home offers vistas from each bedroom, on three levels. In between each pair of bedrooms is a bathroom.

The home is much as it was hundreds of years ago, with terra-cotta floors and beamed ceilings, walls white-washed. The kitchen is simple but inviting, opening onto a large dining table so everyone can partake of the joys of Italian cooking. Fireplaces and woodstoves offer gathering places with environmentally friendly warmth in winter.

Who am I? A poet, an artist, a sculptor, a naturalist, a family, maybe a farmer or aspiring host to travellers through central Italy. Or even a remote worker, since the home is furnished with excellent Wifi reception.



In short, I am drawn to this place of imagination, where I can escape the maddening crowd, look across the mountains to the sun setting in the Mediterranean, meditate and soar.

If you are contemplating a move to Tuscany, now or in the future, we can help you make this dream a reality.

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