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**Le Fontanelle**

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# Welcome to Hotel Le Fontanelle

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Set amidst the rolling hills of Chianti lies one of Italy's most exclusive country resorts, Hotel Le Fontanelle. An immaculately restored, country retreat comprising of a 13th century borgo set within two hectares of land. Hotel Le Fontanelle offers its guests unforgettable 5\* hospitality in the very heart of Tuscany.

Centred around a grand stone villa, resting on a hillside overlooking olive groves and vineyards, Hotel Le Fontanelle is one of Tuscany's best kept secrets. An exquisitely presented country house hotel, it effortlessly combines contemporary luxury with a sense of timeless sophistication and classic elegance.

Hotel Le Fontanelle is one of Tuscany's most impressively renovated properties and is steeped in a rich history and noble heritage. Today, the estate offers its guests elegant accommodation, a fine dining experience, a wellness spa and a botanic garden all set against the backdrop of endless breathtaking views.





## Historic Tuscan Villa

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Hotel Le Fontanelle's grand villa dates from medieval times and retains many of its original architectural features giving the hotel its unique character and enduring charm. With its capacious brick arches, ancient porticoes, stone columns and al-fresco terraces, the villa lies at the very soul of this privately owned estate.

Set within the villa guests will find a beautifully furnished lounge, library, bar, à-la-carte restaurant, health club, outdoor panoramic pool and an exclusive collection of luxurious rooms and charming suites.

All the rooms have been designed to pay homage to the villa's stunning location where inspiration is drawn from the surrounding landscape. Original furnishings are finished with opulent Italian linens and artisan accessories sit comfortably alongside inspiring artworks and Tuscan textiles.



# Rooms and Suites

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In addition to the historic building, Hotel Le Fontanelle also offers exclusive accommodation at Villa Il Mandorlo, a beautiful renovated deppandance situated just a five-minute walk from the main area. Hotel Le Fontanelle's rooms and suites blend Italian charm with style and elegance. Every detail honours the hotel's rich heritage with artwork, fine linens and accessories, natural fabrics all handpicked by the owner Miss Giuseppina Bolfo, to enhance the interior and compliment the hotel's setting in Chianti's historic wine-growing region. Splashes of vibrant Chianti red can also be found within the richly patterned fabrics that take reference from the gardens and landscape surrounding Hotel Le Fontanelle.

Each room is completed with a calming palette of neutral tones and complemented by original Italian antiques which are highlighted by an abundance of natural light.

Many of the hotel's rooms and suites feature their own private outdoor living spaces such as balconies, terraces, and secret Tuscan gardens. The atmosphere throughout is one of understated elegance and timeless sophistication where guests can truly immerse themselves in the joys of al-fresco living.





# Philosophy

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Hotel Le Fontanelle's unique story is one of dedication and passion. A journey where an ancient, abandoned village has been lovingly and sensitively brought back to life. In restoring this historic hamlet, the Bolfo family have also bought a renewed sense of positivity and vibrant energy to the heart of Chianti.

Every aspect of Hotel Le Fontanelle has been designed to uplift the spirits, bringing joy to all those who visit. From the beautifully furnished suites and rooms through to the homegrown ingredients used in the restaurant. Attention to detail can be witnessed in every aspect of this charming resort. Here, guests experience a unique Tuscan lifestyle where luxury and elegance prevail throughout.

From the ancient stone villa to the beautifully aromatic botanic garden, Hotel Le Fontanelle is perfectly presented, making it one of the region's most exceptional country house retreats.



# Gardens and Estate

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The outdoor lifestyle and authentic experiences at Hotel le Fontanelle are intrinsically linked to nature and the ever-changing seasons of the Tuscan landscape.

Surrounding the hotel are two hectares of enchanting landscaped gardens, lovingly designed by the Bolfo family who, over time, have seen over 350 different species of shrubs, flowers, trees, and aromatic herbs planted around the property.

With numerous scented and antique roses bordering the estate, guests enjoy the heady scent of rose petals drifting on the Tuscan breeze. A tranquil space in which to relax and revive, the manicured gardens feature Orto delle Monache, shaded pergolas and many secluded corners in which enjoy some time for quiet reflection.



Surrounding the lush lawns and pretty flowerbeds, guests will find mature holm oaks, lofty cypress, and ancient olive trees as well as terraces and lounge areas adorned with handmade terracotta pots filled with lemons trees and cascading roses.

In one secluded area of the estate guests can discover a traditional Italian botanic garden. A sacred space, it was given a new lease of life by Miss Giuseppina Bolfo who introduced many interesting varieties of medicinal plants and aromatic herbs.

Originally it is believed that this was where the local nuns grew their herbs for using in natural medicines, essences, and herbal tinctures. Today, the garden is planted with an array of culinary herbs and edible plants used by Hotel le Fontanelle's dedicated Tuscan Chef Daniele Canella. Each day the chef collects by hand the freshest herbs and aromatics to be used within his authentic seasonal menus at La Colonna restaurant.





## Cuisine

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Central to the lifestyle at Hotel Le Fontanelle is its restaurant La Colonna. It is here, that Chef Daniele Canella's passionate commitment to serving exceptional dishes is inspired by the hotel's exemplary location.

La Colonna restaurant is named after the grand stone column which sits centre place in the heart of this refined à-la-carte restaurant. Resting alongside the vast paved terrace, the restaurant enjoys some of the best views in all of Tuscany. With its open, airy interior and the outdoor open-air Belvedere Terrace the space is framed by uninterrupted vistas of vineyards, olive groves, rolling farmland and ancient woodlands. In the far distance it is possible to see the iconic Crete Senesi and the striking silhouette of Mount Amiata, resting gently beyond the medieval city of Siena.





Located near the outdoor panoramic pool, surrounded by the colours of the landscape and the scent of rosemary and lavender, Al Fresco Pool Bar is the perfect place to enjoy an exquisite light lunch.

Menus are crafted according to what is in season and which individual ingredients are at their absolute best on that day. Sourcing ingredients from local farmers, organic growers, fishermen and artisan producers allows the chef and his team to let the ingredients take centre stage within each dish. Chef Daniele Canella takes timeless dishes and elevates these to a higher level with contemporary flair and inspiring creativity, further enhancing the flavours and elegance of each artfully presented plate.

Service is overseen by highly skilled Maître Vittorio Terracino whose vast knowledge of Tuscan cuisine and fine wines allows him to orchestrate unforgettable culinary experiences for La Colonna's guests.



# Wine

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Set within the main villa, guests will find Hotel Le Fontanelle's intimate Lounge Bar and enoteca La Cantinetta, housing a collection of Tuscany's labels originating from Chianti, as well as the very finest champagnes and wines from Italy and the rest of the world. Bespoke wine tasting experiences can be arranged and held in the secluded comfort of the living rooms. Tastings also feature local and homegrown products such as olive oil, jams, cheeses, cold cuts of local meat and artisan breads.

Should guests wish to sample a more immersive wine experience, Hotel Le Fontanelle can also organise VIP and group tastings at the estate's own cantina Vallepiciola.



A visit to Vallepiciola winery is an unforgettable experience where guests can enjoy a private tour and tailor-made tastings of award-winning wines.

A state-of-the-art contemporary winery masterminded by the Bolfo family in collaboration with architect Margherita Gozzi, Vallepiciola is a strikingly modern cantina integrated seamlessly within the natural landscape of the Chianti hills.

A 6000sqm winery boasting Pievasciata's vineyards is planted with 105-hectars of Sangiovese, Pinot Nero, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Chardonnay grapes. Vallepiciola is the perfect setting for a unique wine-tasting experience, where culture and tradition works hand in hand with modernistic winemaking techniques and innovative architecture.





## Health Club and Wellness

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Hotel Le Fontanelle has a naturally tranquil atmosphere allowing guests to gently relax and restore the mind, body and soul. Set within the beautifully landscaped gardens is a 132 sqm swimming pool and spacious sundeck enjoying panoramic views across the valleys below. As well as the outdoor pool, the main building features a luxurious 60sqm indoor tepidarium with grand arched windows looking out onto the belvedere and vineyards beyond.

Within the villa is a modern and well-equipped complimentary health club available to guests to enjoy throughout their stay.





A traditional Swedish Sauna offers a detoxifying environment utilising organic essential oils which revitalise and refresh. A spacious Turkish steam bath provides a deeply cleansing and regenerating experience, beneficial for both mind and body. A relaxing way to start the day is with a stimulating hydromassage in the jacuzzi which is located alongside the restful and relaxing tepidarium. An air-conditioned fitness centre is equipped with the essential kit for training and exercise, it includes a treadmill, weights, barbells, and stationary bikes.

Alongside the luxurious spa facilities, guests can indulge in beauty and wellbeing treatments which are available on request, these include sports massages, reflexology and facials.



# Surroundings

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Hotel Le Fontanelle's estate sits proudly on a quiet hillside just a short drive from the medieval city of Siena. A 5\* rural retreat surrounded by unspoilt countryside, Hotel Le Fontanelle is the perfect base for exploring the famous wine-making region of Chianti and beyond.

Just twenty minutes from the hotel by car is Siena, the magical city famed for its atmospheric Palio horse race held twice a year in the summer. Here it is possible to find stunning examples of medieval architecture, museums, a captivating cathedral and of course the central Piazza del Campo which sits in the impressive shadow of the Palazzo Pubblico and Torre del Mangia.

Dotted around the countryside near Hotel Le Fontanelle are many less well known yet equally enchanting towns and villages such as Panzano, Castellina, Greve and Radda which are all worth a visit.



For a wine tasting tour or two there are many options to choose from including the prestigious estates of Castello di Brolio and Fonterutoli. Of course, if guests are in Tuscany for more than just a few days then they should take time out to visit a couple of imposing fortress towns and historic walled villages such as Monteriggioni, San Gimignano, Volterra, Arezzo, Cortona or Montalcino.

Nature lovers will head for the Val d'Orcia, a breathtaking Luna-like landscape that stretches out east of Siena providing endless opportunities for photography, as well as the old spa town of Bagno Vignoni and the village of Pienza, admired for its delicious pecorino cheese.

From Hotel Le Fontanelle it is just a short journey to countless Tuscan landmarks and historic towns with the renaissance city of Florence just one hour away. The hotel runs a popular complimentary shuttle to and from Siena on request and from here it is an enjoyable and simple train journey to the centre of Florence.



# Experience Tuscany

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The art to experiencing Tuscany to its fullest is to indulge in authentic activities that embody the vibrant soul of Tuscany itself. Different excursions and activities can be planned depending on the season, and will help immerse oneself in the region's unique and varied culture, local cuisine, and rich character. Hotel Le Fontanelle's knowledgeable team of concierge staff are available 24/7 and specialise in organising exceptional experiences, unique activities, and unforgettable excursions.

**Wine Tasting** - Hotel Le Fontanelle can organise tailor-made wine tastings both at the villa's own Lounge Bar and also at the estate's award-winning winery Vallepiciola. Of course, bookings can also be made for Tuscan wineries such as Castello di Brollo and Castello di Ama.

**Tuscany by Helicopter** - Hotel Le Fontanelle has its own private helicopter pad. Why not plan a VIP helicopter journey to one of Tuscany's many hidden and less accessible landmarks? Guests may fly to the coast for a Michelin-starred lunch overlooking the sea or simply enjoy the beauty of Chianti's landscape in true luxury from the comfort of your own helicopter.



**Ferrari Experience** - Nothing can compare to the exhilaration of driving a Ferrari along the winding roads of Tuscany. A high-adrenaline experience, where guests will enjoy the power and grace of this iconic Italian sports car whilst taking in the vistas of this breathtaking terrain. Hire a Ferrari and take a private tour of the roads leading to ancient hilltop towns and picturesque villages dotted across the olive lined hills and valleys. Or why not enjoy a chauffeur driven Ferrari experience with a skilled driver and discover the joys of Tuscany's countryside from the passenger seat.

**Cooking Classes** - Enjoy a cooking masterclass with a local chef and create your very own Tuscan specialties. Learn the art of pasta, pastry and breadmaking. Sample seasonal delicacies and indulge in the flavors of typical local ingredients. Cooking classes are perfect for friends and families and provide a fun and educational way to enjoy authentic Tuscan cuisine. Dine out on your own homemade culinary creations and enjoy a well-earned glass of Chianti with your gourmet masterpieces.

**Gourmet Picnics** - Picnics are the perfect way to indulge in Tuscan cuisine whilst enjoying the great outdoors. The chef will create a delicious basket full of seasonal delights for you to take on your travels. Head for the hills with a gourmet hamper, picnic blanket and bottle of something chilled. A heavenly way to spend a summer's day in Tuscany.



**Biking** - Hotel Le Fontanelle offers its guests complimentary use of mountain bikes during their stay. The perfect mode of transport to explore the hidden hills and wooded valleys around the estate. There are many quiet white roads to explore that crisscross the ancient olive groves and vineyards of Chianti. If guests are looking to go a little further then why not hire electric bikes, the perfect solution for scaling those steeper slopes that zigzag up the hillsides.

**Horse-riding** - If you love horses and would like to explore the countryside, then why not book a trek on horseback. Take a simple short tour of the local surroundings or book a lengthier full day riding experience where you can explore Chianti with a knowledgeable guide on horseback from the comfort of the saddle.

**Golf** - The area between Siena and Florence offers various opportunities for keen golfers. There are some outstanding courses within easy driving distance, each with stunning views across the Tuscan countryside. For a special day on the course why not book chauffeur driven transfers from the hotel.

**Hot Air Ballooning** - For one of those once in a lifetime experiences why not take to the skies with a VIP hot air balloon flight. The perfect romantic gesture, book a luxury flight for two and enjoy the thrill of a sunrise ballooning experience as you drift across the hills, valleys and medieval villages below.





## Weddings and Events

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Hotel Le Fontanelle is one of Tuscany's most beautiful destination wedding venues. With its breathtaking views, romantic gardens and 5\* accommodation, it really is a magical Tuscan venue perfect for a sumptuous wedding party or an intimate celebration. Accommodating up to 70 guests, weddings and events at Hotel Le Fontanelle are truly exceptional. Our striking venue provides unforgettable settings and memorable experiences. Hotel Le Fontanelle has all the expertise to ensure that every occasion is flawless and managed to the utmost perfection.

The entire Hotel Le Fontanelle country estate is available for exclusive hire for corporate events, private meetings, photoshoots, product launches, wellness retreats and VIP celebrations.



# Essential Information (pg. 1/3)

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Location	Chianti, Tuscany, Italy
Nearest Airports	GDS Access Code
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Florence (95km)</li><li>• Pisa (160 km)</li><li>• Bologna (180 km)</li><li>• Roma (250 km)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Amadeus SAY747</li><li>• Sabre 72224</li><li>• Galileo 53590</li><li>• Worldspan 12747</li><li>• Pegasus ADS SAYFON</li></ul>
Accommodation	30 Rooms and 6 Suites
In-Room Features	Complimentary Amenities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Linen bedding, cotton towels, terry bathrobes</li><li>• Complimentary Wi-Fi</li><li>• Daily housekeeping</li><li>• Turndown service and nightly Bottled water</li><li>• AC or heating with climate control</li><li>• LCD TV</li><li>• Safe</li><li>• Hair dryer and cosmetic mirror</li><li>• Alarm clock</li><li>• BVLGARI Vanity Kit</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wi-Fi Access</li><li>• Daily Breakfast</li><li>• Use of Panoramic outdoor pool, Tepidarium indoor pool, Mountain Bikes, Health Club with Fitness Centre, Sauna, Turkish bath and Jacuzzi</li><li>• Private Parking</li><li>• Daily Newspaper - on request</li></ul>

# Essential Information (pg. 2/3)

<b>Complimentary In-Room Amenities</b>	<b>Special Guaranteed Amenities</b>	<b>Guests Services and Activities</b>	<b>Dining Options</b>
Welcome Bottle of Vallepiciola Chianti Wine paired with a sweet surprise	<b>In Deluxe and Junior Suite:</b> Free Soft Drinks from the Minibar during the entire stay. <b>In Suite:</b> Free Minibar during the entire stay and Complimentary Sunset Aperitif with Canapés served on the arrival day at the Lounge Bar based on 1 Glass of Vallepiciola Wine (red, white or sparkling) or 1 Cocktail per person.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 24-hour room service</li><li>• 24-hour concierge services/ assistance</li><li>• Complimentary Wi-Fi in public areas</li><li>• Small dogs allowed in some room's typologies</li><li>• Babysitting service</li><li>• Laundry service</li><li>• Private Helipad</li><li>• Car Transfer</li><li>• Vespa or car rental</li><li>• Ferrari Tour, Wine Tour, Cooking Class</li><li>• Truffle Hunting</li><li>• Helicopter tour</li><li>• Hot air balloon tour</li><li>• Cycling and walking trails</li><li>• Guided tours of Tuscan towns and cities</li><li>• Wine and olive oil tastings</li><li>• Horseback riding</li><li>• Golf experience</li><li>• Tuscan handcraft experience</li></ul>	<b>La Colonna Restaurant   Fine Dining</b> Ingredients are locally sourced and showcase inventive Italian cuisine at its finest. Monday to Sunday Daily Breakfast from 7:30am to 10:30am Elegant Attire Dinner from 7:30pm to 10:00pm  <b>Al Fresco Pool Bar</b> Monday to Sunday Daily Light Lunch from 12:30pm to 2:00pm Snacks from 2:30pm to 7:00pm  Wine, olive oil and honey tastings paired with cold cuts are available for guests on the spot or at our Vallepiciola Winery.  In-room dining is available 24 hours a day.
<b>Guests Wellbeing</b>	<b>Business Centre</b>		
Our Health Club is open daily from 8am to 8pm.  Complimentary kit is available for every guest, including a towel, a bathrobe and slippers.  <b>Age limits:</b> Access to the spa is not allowed under 14 years old.  The hotel offers a completed list of treatments enriched with plant extracts to bring out guests' glow.	Two meeting rooms are available. An impressive, light-filled space, accommodating up to 50 people, is located at Vallepiciola Winery   distance 2,5km from the hotel - transportation for free upon request.  A more intimate space for meetings up to 20 people is located at the hotel.  Both spaces are equipped with tables, chairs, projector, flip board, DVD player, laptop and free Wi-Fi.		

# Essential Information (pg. 3/3)

## Own Winery

With its 640 surrounding acres, our winery, Vallepiciola, offers some of the finest Chianti Classico as well as other esteemed wines produced with international grape varieties.

Nestled in the rolling hills of Chianti Classico, at 10 minutes from Siena, our 105-hectars estate vineyards have been planted selecting the best area for each of our Sangiovese, Pinot Nero, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc e Chardonnay.

Vallepiciola offers a remarkable tapestry of Pievasciata (Siena) vineyard blocks, each with its own unique combination of soil type, clone, rootstock, elevation and exposure, resulting in wines of uncommon charm and complexity.

The Wine Shop is open daily from April to October, reservation is requested during the rest of the year. The winery offers four wine tours to which different tasting flights are combined.





## DISTANCES

### Sightseeing

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Siena:	20 km   30 min
Florence:	80 km   80 min
Arezzo/Cortona:	80 km   65 min
Perugia:	110 km   80 min
Radda in Chianti:	19 km   25 min
San Gimignano:	50 km   60 min
Montalcino:	56 km   60 min
Montepulciano:	68 km   70 min
Pienza:	72 km   75 min

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## AIRPORTS

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Florence FLR:	95 km   90 min
Pisa PSA:	160 km   120 min
Rome FCO:	250 km   150 min

