

Il Serraglio

On a ridge overlooking a beautiful valley of olive groves, vineyards, cypresses and woods, our guest-house 'Il Serraglio' is a perfect retreat for a vacation in Tuscany. We are located in the Chianti countryside about half-way between Florence (30 minutes) and Siena (40 minutes); an ideal location for day-trips to these art-cities and many other hill-top towns including San Gimignano, Volterra, the area of Montalcino, Pisa, Lucca...

In restoring our centuries-old barn we have tried to maintain its authentic 'character'. So, rather than putting up walls and dividing the space into several different rooms, we have left the original space as it was – hence

the two large (50 sq.meters each or 540 sq. feet) studio-apartments. We have maintained the original windows, the old brick arches that naturally divide the day and night areas of the studio apartments the original oak ceiling beams when possible..Where we did make changes we paid great attention to detail in keeping with the spirit of authenticity using hand-made terracotta bricks for the floors,hand-made kitchen-tiles, old bricks and old wood for the fireplace, etc...Both apartments are furnished tastefully with country antiques.





Description of the studio-apartments: Serraglio I

Once used as a hay-loft the upstairs apartment is just as you would expect a 'loft' to be. With its high-beamed ceiling and many windows it is bright and spacious, – an artist's delight.

Especially great in the summer as you can open the large windows (with mosquito screens!) for cross-ventilation and will most likely never need to use the air-conditioning...

It has a huge arched picture window with a sweeping view of the valley...

Queen-sized double-bed. Lovely new bathroom with large tub/shower.

A small kitchen corner.

Upper garden area available to guests

Extra cot-bed can be added.





Serraglio II

The downstairs apartment is wonderful anytime but because of the fireplace it is especially cozy in the spring and fall months. Also, having a full-sized kitchen it is suitable for longer stays. It also has direct access to a private terrace overlooking the valley. Dining 'al fresco' is a delight here. Two twin-sized beds that form a queen-size when put-together...New bathroom with spacious shower. Extra cot-bed can be added.

Serraglio I and II together:

For a family group or simply for 2 people who want the whole 'house' to themselves the two apartments can be joined together by means of the spiral staircase (which is closed off when not in use) In the latter case, the downstairs apartment is easily converted into a large kitchen and living room area with two day-beds and one uses the upstairs for sleeping.



Silvio is available for special day tours upon request and we are always on hand to help with day trip itineraries, restaurant suggestions, etc...

We do have many restaurants within a 15 minute radius (driving) and the little town of San Pancrazio is within walking distance...It consists of a beautiful romanesque church, a nice italian coffee-bar, a gelateria (the best!) a small grocery-store with it's own baked goods, and a post-office.

There are also lovely walks to take from our house and if you are up to mountain-biking Silvio is an avid biker and can show you where to go or may even join you.....

It is best to have a car while here, although if you would like to stay out in the countryside with us, and do not want to drive we can offer you a 'package' of sojourn and touring with Silvio tailored to your interests.

Serraglio 1 & II: for 2 persons: 165 euro per night

Serraglio I: 90 euro per night

Minimum 3 night stay required

Serraglio II: 110 euro per night

Air-conditioning/central heat are extra

Extra cot: 10 euro per night

