



My special hotel tip in southern Tuscany

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Tuscan landscapes as if painted and residing instead of just staying - this is what the Tenuta Pianirossi in the heart of the Maremma near Grosseto offers. The estate has ten suites in small Tuscan country house units. All very tastefully furnished. Tuscan food made from regional products and fine wines add to the physical feelings of happiness. There is no better way to pamper yourself on holiday. As the topping on the cake, the winery not only blends lovingly into the picture-book hills, it is also an ideal starting point for excursions to Montalcino, the Val d'Orcia, Pienza, Montepulciano or to the sea, for example to Castiglione della Pescaia.

On a personal recommendation, I sit in the car again in June for the first time after the lockdown and worked my way through the slightly more than 1,000 kilometres south. With each kilometre I realise that I am really on the road. My joy grows and grows. Until just before Milan it goes like clockwork. I breathe in the Italian air deeply. From then on, however, the Italian Friday and holiday traffic makes me celebrate a particularly intense reunion with every millimetre of asphalt and the "being annoyed" slowly prevails.



The driveway to the Tenuta

I can't believe this is my suite

When, after more than 12 hours of driving and a single traffic jam from Milan to Florence, I turned onto the gravel road at dusk and the vast landscape of Tuscany with its vineyards and well-known cypresses appeared in front of the windscreen, the corners of my wounds twitched steeply upwards. A few minutes later, the annoying drive is forgotten: I am in paradise and a princess as I stand in my suite next to Piera, the manageress. I look unbelievable, blink once, twice, eyes and mouth wide open. I ask Piera in amazement if this is really my suite? I can't believe it. I am standing in a huge living area, on my left a fireplace, a couch and armchairs, all with very generous space, on my right just as generous a very large dining table with an antique glass cabinet. I walk on (you dont walk in these rooms).



The very spacious living area invites you to linger.



The view from the window of the living area.



The bedroom is equally beautiful.

It takes my breath away again and again

A door leads off into the bedroom with a large bed and an antique chest in front of it. Another door leads through a kind of passage room with lots of storage space, fridge, kettle over to the equally spacious and beautiful bathroom with large rain shower. Everything is tastefully furnished in a bright and high-quality Tuscan country house style. From the living room area as well as from the bedroom you can reach a huge terrace through large French doors. Opening these French doors and walking through them couldn't feel more royal. The view of the Tuscan picture book landscape takes my breath away once again. This is where I will actually reside for a week. I still can't believe it. I don't know where to put my emotions and impressions. Spoiler alert: I will really be pampered like a princess for a week and still feel welcome and lovingly cared for like in a family.



I step through the double doors.



The view from the terrace always takes my breath away.



On the right I can see the sun setting in the evening.

Regional, Tuscan cuisine

Unfortunately, it's already dark for dinner, so I won't see the beautiful view until breakfast. That evening I can only glimpse it. All the more reason to concentrate on the food. There is a choice of two Italian menus: Antipasti, Primo, Secondo, Intermediate Course and Dolci. Tuscan dishes are served, with products from the region or even from the restaurant's own garden. Yummy, yummy, yummy. I leave the wine selection to Piera - it's certainly no surprise, the dark red liquid from the in-house winery on my tongue once again makes me rave. Later, when I climb under the covers of my royal bed, I fall asleep with a happy smile.



Toskanischer Brotsalat Panzanella



My absolute favourite dish: Pici, the traditional pasta of southern Tuscany.





And of course there is tiramisuuuuuuuuuuuu

Breakfast and dinner are pure culinary delight

I wake up the next morning with just as much joy. As I pull back the curtains in the bedroom, the rising sun bathes the landscape in a warm orange light. The sight is a feast for the eyes. Samantha is about to take care of the feast for the palate. I float over to the terrace of the restaurant, where my place is already set for breakfast. I settle down and admire the tray. Crispy muesli, just the way I like it, fresh, crunchy fruit on which the water still rolls off easily, fresh bread and fruity jams and a hot cappuccino will now be waiting for me every morning in front of an incredible Tuscan vineyard backdrop.

On my first morning, however, there is a very special surprise: Piera and Samantha turn up at breakfast with a little birthday cake and congratulate me together. Wow. I had only mentioned it once weeks ago, namely when I first asked for a booking for the free date - and even then only in an aside. And so this surprise hits me right in the heart. The cake, by the way, is also exactly to my taste. Double hit. I won't tell you what I wished for when I blew out the candle.



For me, one of the most beautiful places on the terrace: breakfast in the middle of the dream scenery.



Sit down and enjoy - can the morning begin more beautifully?



Country house romance around



Your tray is already waiting for you - fresh and prepared with heart.

My heart swells in front of this dream backdrop

I can't get enough of the view of the vineyards, the fields, the cypresses and the hills. Whether it's at my princess table at dinner or on my terrace. In the evening when the sun kisses the ground as it sets and bathes the fields in a bright red, just as in the morning when a tractor drives off row after row in the warm yellow morning light on the horizon. My heart swells again and again.



View of the Tenuta vineyards



On the hill stands the Tenuta - surrounded by fields, hills and vineyards.

The pool offers the finest relaxation

The winery also has a dreamlike infinity pool. Dreamlike, because you really swim in front of this Tuscan painted backdrop. The water sparkles and the sun's rays virtually dance on the surface. On the days when I'm not completely out and about, I treat myself to a few hours of pure relaxation under my parasol. But even after my day trips, I take a swim in the evening before dinner, always with the magnificent panorama in view.



The pool is large enough. It is surrounded by sunbeds with parasols.

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and panorama at the pool.

You will also be spoiled with a view





The infinity pool is a dream.



Warm family atmosphere

From the first impression and the warm welcome to the departure, I felt completely at ease. I really grew fond of the whole team during this week. As a single traveller, I didn't feel alone at all. Piera and Samantha always had time for me at breakfast and dinner. They look after their guests with great attention to detail and are also happy to give tips on excursions, food and the like. Susanna, the cook, has a very special place in my heart. Cooking with her was one of the highlights of my life. Therefore, this experience deserves a post of its own. She is such a kind-hearted person and I not only laughed with her and ate delicious food prepared by her, but also learned a lot. Besides the really fantastic location, the good food and delicious wine, the panorama, the people at Tenuta Pianirossi make you feel a bit of Italian family atmosphere.

I will come again

After a week, it's time for me to say goodbye. I take the ferry to Sardinia. I particularly enjoy my last breakfast. I want to soak up this idyll, this feeling of pure happiness and every second of this fantastic week and keep it in my heart forever. For me it is clear that I will come again. Even on Sardinia I had to think of my girls from the Tenuta every now and then. It always put a smile on my face.

Are you longing for such a pampering break and would like to experience your own paradise? Let me summarise the basic data for you once again.

Tenuta?

I'll start with a brief definition of the term. What is a tenuta? I asked myself the same question at the beginning. Tenuta, fattoria, agriturismo and so on. There are several more terms. Fattoria / Azienda vinicola and Tenuta stand for wineries with overnight accommodation. The difference between the two is the standard. A tenuta is usually a somewhat upscale country estate. I have rarely stayed as regally as at the Tenuta, as paradise naturally has its price. As a mostly solo traveller and also as a frequent traveller, my travel budget is somewhat limited. On the one hand, it was absolutely the right thing to do to treat yourself to such an experience during your birthday week, and on the other hand, there are cheaper periods for those who are a little more flexible. Either way, the winery is worth every penny.



The individual estate buildings are arranged in a circle.

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The Tenuta in the morning light.



In this building, on the lower floor, was my suite.

The Tenuta Pianirossi

The estate is located between Grosseto and Montalcino in southern Tuscany in the middle of beautiful vineyards. It consists of several small country houses arranged in a circle, in which a total of 10 suites with terrace/balcony are available. The rooms consist of a living area (in my case with fireplace and spacious dining area), bedroom, dressing/storage room with fridge and kettle and a bathroom. Hairdryer, TV and air conditioning are of course also available. There is perfect wifi reception in all areas, so you can also incorporate mobile working into your stay if necessary. I also spent a morning working in the pleasant shade with a breathtaking view on my terrace.

An equally spacious infinity pool is available to all guests. Sunbeds and umbrellas are reserved for each suite, and these are colour-coded to match the suite, so that you always have "your" sunbed and umbrella during your stay.



Olive oil is also one of the winery's products.

Catering and cuisine

Breakfast can be chosen in advance from a variety of delicacies and is served fresh to your table in the morning on the beautiful restaurant terrace. In keeping with Italian culture, sweet dishes are on offer, as well as bread with jam or honey, fresh fruit, yoghurt, muesli and, on request, hot egg dishes.

Dinner consists of regional Tuscan products and dishes. Five courses are offered (Antipasti, Primo, Secondo, Intermediate and Dolci), with a choice of two dishes per course. It is also possible to have lunch there on request. The restaurant is also open to outside guests by reservation. So if you don't want to stay there overnight, but are curious, you can also just book in for dinner. The wine list offers the five different wines of Tenuta Pianirossi. These are grown and produced by hand with the utmost care and selection. Don't forget to take a small supply home with you after enjoying them during your stay.





Enjoy La Dolce Vita with a glass of wine on your own terrace - it doesn't get any better than this.

Suitable for whom?

Single travellers are just as well catered for as couples or families, and your dog is also welcome. The stay is suitable as a domicile for exploring the surroundings as well as for a long weekend to relax and unwind in this unique Tuscan panorama and take some time out by the pool. Around the property you can go for wonderful walks or even jogging. (Weddings and special family celebrations are also perfect here).

The surroundings

Numerous excursions are possible - starting with the quaint villages like Montalcino, to the picturesque Val d'Orcia, to Pienza, Montepulciano, the various thermal baths, hikes around Monte Amiata as well as excursions to the Tuscan sea, for example to Castiglione della Pescaia.

I recommend travelling with your own car or by plane (e.g. Florence) and continuing the journey in a rental car. The Tenuta is very well signposted, the rural road towards the winery in very good condition.



Perched on the hill, the winery nestles lovingly into the Tuscan landscape.

Information and booking

You can find information and bookings on the English version of the winery's website: <https://www.pianirossi.it/en/>.

In German, you can also book or get information via the well-known booking portals such as booking.com.

Do you have any questions about the Tenuta or southern Tuscany? Feel free to write me an email in the comments or via the contact page.

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