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# How to get to Villa Pia

Arrival time is between 4.00PM and 8.00PM. Please try and book you flight so you arrive with in these times. Please do not arrive before 4.00 PM or book a flight that arrives late.

# **Airports**

There is a good choice; they are listed by the shortest drive to Villa Pia first. Generally it is more expensive to fly at busy periods. We can often accommodate guests locally for a night or two before or after your stay at Villa Pia, which is often less expensive than paying the higher cost of travelling on a Saturday. If you cannot find a direct flight from your local airport you can often change at Stanstead of Frankfort, particularly with Ryan Air.

### **Perugia**

Is at best about forty minutes from Lippiano but at is only available by internal connections from Milan and Rome (Milano e Roma) and is served by Alitalia from Heathrow (and Gatwick, Manchester, Glasgow and Dublin)

# **Bologna Forli**

It is at best about one and a quarter hours from Lippiano, much closer than Bologna. It is a small airport used exclusively by Ryan Air from Stanstead.

### Florence (Firenze)

Is at best about one and a quarter hours drive. The main operators are Alitalia from Aberdeen and Meridiana from Gatwick.

#### Rimini

Is at best about one and a half hours from Lippiano. It is served by Easyjet from Stanstead.

#### Bologna

Is much larger than the previous airports and is no less than one hour and forty-five minutes from Lippiano. It is served by Easyjet from Stanstead, British Airways, Alitalia from Edinburg, Aerlingus from Dublin, Lufthansa etc.

### **Pisa**

No less than two hours from Lippiano. Again it is quite a large airport. Alitalia from Heathrow, British Airways, Lufthansa, Ryan Air from Stanstead, Glasgow, Liverpool, Thompson from Donacaster-Sheffield, Coventry, Bournemouth, Easyjet from Bristol and Jet2 from Manchester, Belfast, Edinburg, Leeds Bradford, Newcastle.

#### Ancona

No less than two hours from Villa Pia. Ryan Air serves it from Stanstead.

## Rome (Roma)

There are two airports, both of which are not less than two and a half hours from Villa Pia; Fiumincino, which is the largest served by British Airways, Alitalia, and many other major airlines which are generally not charter flights. The other is called Ciampino, which is much smaller and served by Easyjet from Belfast and Gatwick, Alitalia from Manchester and Southampton, Ryan Air from Stanstead, East Midlands, Glasgow Prestwick, Luton and Liverpool. Aerlingus from Cork.

# **Useful Contacts**

www.ryanair.com, www.easyjet.com, www.thompsonfly.com, www.alitalia.com, www.aerlingus.com, www.meridiana.it, www.britishairways.com, www.lufthansa.com, www.jet2.com

### **Car Hire**

We strongly recommend you have a car available to you whilst you are staying at Villa Pia. Many airlines have s pecial deals with car hire companies, which are available to you at the time of booking. It is also worth checking www.holidayautos.com or www.holidaycars.com We can arrange taxi services on request.

# **Driving to Italy**

We are about 925 miles from Calais. The best route from Calais is Reims, Metz, cross the Rhine into Germany at Strasburg, then Basel in Switzerland, through the Gottard Tunnel, towards Turino, then Milano, then Bologna. Then follow our directions, which are sent to you on receipt of final payment.

### **Motor Rail**

Called 'Rail Europe UK LTD' 020 7203 7000. to Bologna (No guest has yet used it twice) It tends to take as much time as driving and is as expensive as flying and hiring a car. However if you; like trains, are scared of flying, have children who do not like sitting still, wish to sleep overnight, have plenty of time or are a romantic, and, have a car that has not too high roof, it may be for you! Our local station is Arezzo where we can arrange a taxi or you may hire a car here from Avis which is opposite the station.

# Frequently asked Questions

- **Q.** Do you have cots, high chairs, waterproof covers for cots and beds, cot sheets and baby blankets, potties, baby food, fruit juice, bars for beds, children's plates and cutlery, microwave for heating and sterilizing bottles?
- A. Yes, we have everything you need for your children's comfort.
- Q. Can I buy locally: Nappies (Huggies, Pampers ect), baby food, baby milk, nappy cream...?
- **A.** Our village, Lippiano, doesn't have any shops, but there is a supermarket 3 kilometres away which is also open on a Sunday morning.
- **Q.** Do you supply swimming pool towels?
- A. No, we don't so please bring you own.
- Q. Do you allow guests to reserve sun-beds by the pool by leaving their towels on them?
- **A.** No, we don't because there are sun-beds for everyone.
- **Q.** Do you provide slides, swings, pedal cars, bikes, push along cars, soft toys, dressing up clothes, board games, toys for the pool, toys for the sandpit and more?
- A. Yes we have all of these and more!
- **Q.** Do you have washing machines?
- **A.** Yes, but for ecological reasons our washing machines are available only on Saturdays and only for full loads. We have lots of drying space.
- **Q.** Do you provide minibars and room service?
- **A.** No, we don't, but we do provide you with access 24/7 to: fridge full of wine, water, milk, yogurt, beer, ice, baby puree, cereals, bread, butter and jams; bowls of fresh fruit, espresso-cappuccino-coffee machine, liqueurs and spirits and more.
- **Q.** What happens on Thursdays?
- **A.** On Thursdays the kitchen is closed, but all the above is available plus a staff member can help you book a restaurant or order take-aways. There is also a local bar that makes delicious snacks.
- **Q.** Do you have television?
- **A.** No, we don't, but we do provide plenty of things to do: an indoor and outdoor playroom full of toys for tots, two pools and a sandpit, two trampolines, rope and log swings, tennis court, games room with table tennis and table football, bikes, scooters, pedal cars, trees, woods, dirt, walks, dog, cat, other kids, other parents, library, music room, therapeutic and beauty treatments, art classes, cooking classes, and two football pitches in the village. You are welcome to bring your lap tops for DVDs for your bedroom.
- **Q.** What about watching big sporting events?
- A. We can organise for you to go to a local bar which has Sky plus a big screen.
- **Q.** Do you have wi-fi?
- **A.** Yes, we do.
- **Q.** Do you have a reception desk and a night porter?
- **A.** No, we don't, but our staff is always available for information and advice, and there is a staff member that sleeps on the premises for night-time emergency assistance.
- **Q.** Do you have keys to the rooms?
- **A.** Yes, we do. Keys are available for every room if you feel you need one.
- **Q.** Do you book taxis for guests who want to drink and not drive?
- A. Yes, we do. We can also organise taxis to and from airports, but it would be easier for your stay if you hired a car.
- Q. Do you cater for special diets?
- **A.** Yes, but please let us know your requirements in advance.
- **Q.** Do you cater for vegetarians?
- **A.** Yes, we do, just let us know in advance. Our cooks have developed a variety of interesting dishes especially for our vegetarian guests.
- Q. Do you have insurance?
- **A.** Yes, we do.

- **Q.** Do you provide a baby-sitting service?
- A. Yes, we have experienced, Englishspeaking baby-sitters.
- Q. Do I need to bring the baby listener?
- A. Yes please, even though we have a few of our own.
- **Q.** Do I need an adaptor for Italy to change my mobile phone?
- **A.** Yes, you do.
- Q. What activities are available near Villa Pia?
- A. Our staff can organise horse riding, hiking, cycling, visits to farms and more.
- Q. What activities are available for adults?
- A. Cooking classes, Italian classes, wine tasting and pilates.

# **Booking Conditions**

### Included in the price is:

Room or rooms, meals and drinks, use of the swimming pool (Easter to November) and grounds, weekly change of bed linen and bathroom towels. Please note that lunch and dinner are not included on Thursdays, unless by prior agreement.

### Cancellations must be confirmed in writing.

If your booking is cancelled prior to 8 weeks before the start date of your holiday, then 40% of the total price is forfeited. If your booking is cancelled less than 8 weeks before the start of your holiday 100% of the total price is forfeited. Please ensure that your travel insurance is arranged at the time of booking

#### **Meal Times:**

Unless by prior arrangement, breakfast is between 8.00 AM and 10:00 AM, lunch is at 1.00 PM and dinner at 8.30.PM. For children we serve dinner at 6.00 PM.

### **Arrival and Departure Times:**

To ensure that we have rooms prepared, guests should arrive after 4.00 PM and before 8.00 PM. If you are going to arrive outside these times please let us know in advance. Guests must vacate the property by 10.00 AM on their departure day.

### **Number of People:**

Only those named on the booking form may use the property and its facilities, unless by prior arrangement.

#### Holiday Insurance

It is a condition of accepting your booking that your have personal travel insurance, including cancellation insurance for medical reasons, redundancy, jury service etc. for all members of your party. Please note that the use of Villa Pia, its facilities, grounds, and swimming pool are entirely at the users risk.

# How to Book:

Please telephone ++39 075 850 2027 to ensure there is accommodation available. You may also wish to ask other questions regarding Villa Pia that are not covered here. A provisional booking will be held for 3 days pending receipt of you initial payment. It is vital at this stage to make us aware of any special circumstances that relate to your party.

### **Important Notice**

By completing and returning the booking form you are agreeing to the following:

Villa Pia SRL its directors, staff and agents are not liable for any loss, injury or claim of any kind arising out of, or in connection with staying at, or traveling to and from Villa Pia for you or any member of your party.