

## **Practical information – Apartment "La Quercia"**

### **Description of the flat**

"La Quercia" is the lower of the two smaller apartments in the second house. With its 65 square meters, the apartment consists of a spacious bedroom, a generous living room with an open kitchenette, a high ceiling and a fire place, and a bathroom equipped with shower. The apartment has a direct exit to the pool. Only a few steps away in the garden, a vine pergola with a table and chairs is the ideal place for an outdoor meal.

The bedroom is furnished with a double bed. If more than 2 persons are using the apartment, a sofa in the living room can easily be converted into another comfortable double bed. We are happy to organize a baby cot or a high chair for small children whenever the need arises. In the kitchen, you will find the usual equipment: plates, cutlery, pans etc. There is a gas stove with four hot plates. A small electrical oven is also part of the kitchen equipment. Coffee can be made with an Italian espresso cooker. The apartment has its own vacuum cleaner and a flatiron – you also may use one of our washing machines. Bedlinen and towels for the kitchen and the bathroom are handed out by us. However, you should bring your own towels for the pool.

There are plenty parking spaces available. The pool and the Locanda (a covered BBQ area with a huge table) are shared by all our guests.

### **Groceries / Restaurants**

As you may have noticed, Casa al Sole is surrounded by meadows and forest. You cannot just cross the street to find the next village store. We strongly advise you to make your purchases in the Coop branch of Colle di Val d'Elsa (the place where you will exit the express way between Florence and Sienna some 42 km before Casa al Sole when arriving from the north). There you will find a good choice of fresh products. Do not bother to purchase wine there since you may get it cheap and of good quality directly from Victor, the owner of Casa al Sole. Once you have arrived at Casa al Sole, the next grocery shop is the Coop branch of Montieri, where you can find a little bit of virtually everything. On Fridays, there is also a street market with vegetables, fresh fruit, meat products and sea food, if you come early enough. Another large Supermarket is at Follonica, in some 40 km distance.

The restaurant of Travale is run by Sergio. He makes delicious pizza and a whole bunch of other Italian delicacies. Scattered among the forests and the villages in a range of 20 km around Casa al Sole, you will find around a dozen other restaurants. Ask Victor for a suggestion.

## **How to get there by car**

Arriving from the north, take the motorway via Bologna to Florence, use the exit "Firenze Certosa". Continue on the express way in the direction of Sienna, take the exit "Colle di Val d'Elsa Sud". From here, there are about 40 km to go to Casa al Sole. Follow the direction signs "Radicondoli" until you can see the small medieval town "Radicondoli" on your right on the top of the hill. From there, continue towards "Travale/Montieri". At "La Fabbrica", turn right towards "Travale".

Before you enter the village of "Travale", turn right at the shack of the rubbish containers. After some 50 m, turn left at the letter boxes and follow the steep narrow road that leads down into the valley and the forest. Cross the bridge at the lowest point and proceed the now unpaved road up the hill. After another 2 km, you will see Casa al Sole behind the cypress trees on your right.

## **Support**

Victor lives at Casa al Sole. He welcomes the guests at their arrival. He is always around and ready to help you in case you need something.