

Question: Can I use the toilets in other houses by the pool?

Answer: Please use your own bathroom. If unoccupied, you could also use the toilet at Casa Giannotti or Villa Barsotti.

Question: Is there WLAN in the Borgo?

Answer: Yes, WLAN is available in many houses. The password for all networks is: 'B3stUs3Cabl3' Currently the connection runs via two 4G modems, fiber optic connection is planned.

Question: Are there any recommended beaches in the area?

Answer: Viareggio is the closest town to the sea. There are both paid bathing beaches such as 'Bagno Irene' and free natural beaches at the end of Viale Europa.

Question: Is there food that can be shared?

Answer: Yes, there is food for everyone in the back cupboard of the first kitchen in the villa. Tea can also be used by everyone.

Question: Are there fully equipped cakes in the Borgo?

Answer: Yes, Villa Barsotti and Casa Gabriello have fully equipped kitchens, the villa even has a dishwasher.

Question: What animals should I expect to see in the Borgo?

Answer: The Borgo is close to nature, so there are crickets, scorpions and other animals. Jeanine explains in the video what you should look out for.

Question: When is the best time for the olive harvest?

Answer: Between mid-October and early December. The olives must be dry and taken to the olive press within 12 days of harvesting.

Question: When and where do weekly markets take place?

Answer: On Wednesdays and Saturdays there are markets in Lucca with fruit, vegetables, clothing and household goods. Saturdays also in Monte San Quirico in the Foro Boario.

Question: What should be on the shopping list for your stay in the Borgo?

Answer: We recommend the following for your stay (if not already on site):

- Personal requirements: toothbrush, shampoo, organic shower gel, sun cream, mosquito repellent
- Kitchen: oil, spices, washing-up liquid, coffee, tea, sugar, salt, small coffee machine if necessary
- Hygiene articles: Toilet paper, detergent
- Food: bread, fruit, vegetables, pasta, canned food
- Optional: yoga mat, tea towel, thermos flask

Note: Community groceries and household items are also available in the store cupboard, please use them fairly or contribute financially to the 'community box'.

Question: What is there for children in the Borgo?

Answer: There is no special childcare, but:

- Lots of nature and space to play
- Pool use under supervision
- Fruit trees, animals and exciting little paths in the grounds
- Families can live in the larger houses if required
- Community activities or small projects can also be adapted to suit children

Question: What can I contribute to the community?

Answer: - Donate household and cake items (see SharePoint list)

- Participation in small projects: e.g. gardening, restoring furniture, cutting rosemary
- Contribution to the household budget for communal products (e.g. winding agent, coffee, toilet paper)
- Or buy it yourself and then withdraw the appropriate amount

Question: What do I do with ash from the pizza oven?

Answer: Cooled ash can be used in the residual gauze. Alternatively, you can use it to make organic detergent or winding agent - instructions are available online.

Question: What do I do if my navigation system doesn't know the address of Borgo Batone?

Answer: Instead of 'Batone', enter 'Pescaglia' or 'Loppeglia' and use Google Maps for the last few kilometers. Alternatively, 'Strada communale per Batoni' works.

Question: What do I need to bear in mind on departure?

Answer: - Sweep, air and clean rooms

- Shared bed linen/towels: washing and hanging up
- Empty the fridge, unplug it and leave the door open (it only stays on in the villa)
- Dispose of gauze or bring it to the station (link in the guide)
- Hand the key back to Rita Bosmans or Roel Kerkhof

Question: What should I be aware of in windy weather at Villa Barsotti?

Answer: Please close all windows in good time, as the sashes can slam shut in strong winds and sensitive glass panes could break.

Question: What do I need to know about the houses?

Answer: General:

- Some of the houses are still under construction (e.g. unplastered areas, simple furnishings)
- Walls painted with ecological lime paint
- No dangerous pollutants present, stains mostly harmless (e.g. from old fireplaces)
- Please treat furnishings with respect
- Some furniture (e.g. old suitcases, metal ladders) are decorative, please do not use them for other purposes

Question: What happens to found or forgotten items?

Answer: Please leave found items in a visible place in the villa or post them in the signal chat. For valuable items, please contact us directly.

Question: What are examples of small projects I can help with?

Answer: You can, for example, cut back rosemary, clear paths of moss, restore furniture or help with the olive harvest.

Question: What should I do if conflicts arise in community life?

Answer: Speak to the person directly in a friendly manner or raise the issue in the signal group. Understanding and an open conversation often help.

Question: What should I bear in mind when cooking with gas?

Answer: In houses with gas stoves (e.g. Leccio, Inglese 2), please turn off the gas pipe after each use.

Question: What should I bring for my stay in Borgo Batone?

Answer: We recommend sunscreen, a sun hat, masks, your own bed linen and towels (if available), pool towels, a water bottle, biodegradable care products, warm clothes for the evening, swimwear and slippers.

Question: What should I bring with me to Borgo Batone?

Answer: Please bring something as environmentally friendly and sustainable as possible:

- Sun cream and sun hat
- Muck protection
- Own bed linen and towels, as there currently no complete stock available. Emergency bed linen is available.
- Beach/pool towels
- Drinking bottle for daytime use
- Biodegradable shower gel, shampoo and soap
- Warm clothes for cool evenings
- Swimsuit for the pool
- Slippers or garden shoes
- Optional: Small coffee maker, thermos flask, tea towel, yoga mat (if you want to practice yoga)

Question: What should I do if I find an animal in the house?

Answer: Stay calm, take it outside if possible and inform others if it is a potentially dangerous animal such as a scorpion.

Question: What excursion destinations are there around Borgo Batone?

Answer: Popular destinations are Lucca, Viareggio with its beaches and markets and hiking trails around the village,

z. e.g. to Fiano or Monte Acuto. A beautiful circular tour starts in Fibbiano.

Question: What equipment is available for yoga?

Answer: There are 15 yoga mats, 30 blocks and 15 straps. A rental fee of 12 per day or 710 per week is paid into the community fund.

Question: What heating does Casa dellInglese II have?

Answer: In Casa dellInglese II, radiant heating panels are installed in all rooms. These create a pleasant room climate, but do not heat the room air.

Question: Which houses in the Borgo are currently habitable?

Answer: The buildings marked in red on the village map are currently habitable. Details of the individual residential units will follow.

Question: Which houses are currently habitable and what do you have to consider there?

Answer: Habitable houses are marked in red. Tips:

- Villa Barsotti: keep windows closed in windy conditions (risk of breaking panes)
- II Leccio: Activate the power switch in the living room of Casa Gabriello
- Casa dellInglese I, Il Leccio, Casa Giannotti: No heating available
- Casa dellInglese II: Has radiant heating panels that generate heat slowly but do not heat the air

Question: Which houses do not yet have heating?

Answer: Il Leccio, Casa dell Inglese I and Casa Giannotti currently have no heating.

Question: What rules apply at the pool?

Answer: - Shower before use (hot water shower available)

- Use your own bathroom (unless you don't live there)
- Tidy away the loungers again in the evening
- The pool is cleaned automatically several times a day

Question: What telephone numbers should I have to hand in an emergency?

Answer: Dial 112 for general emergencies (including translation service). Locally you can also contact Rita Bosmans or Roel Kerkhof on +39 389 9571361 or Barbara Giannini on +39 349 3537393.

Question: What hikes are there around the Borgo?

Answer: - Circular route from II Leccio towards Fiano (via path past ruined hut)

- Fibbiano house tour (7.5 km / 330 hm), starting point approx. 25 min. away by car
- Monte Acuto from Fiano: approx. 1.5 h ascent, 45 min descent
- All trails are not official hiking trails GPS recommended (Outdooractive)

Question: How do I use the pizza oven at Casa Gabriello?

Answer: The pizza oven in the courtyard of Casa Gabriello may be used:

- Dry firewood in the storage room by the chapel
- Light a large fire in the middle, leave to burn for approx. 1 hour
- Then move the fire to one side and bake the pizza on a hot stone
- Pour ash into the residual mull after cooling (do not tip into plants!)
- Optional: Use ash for ecological detergent (YouTube instructions)
- Recipe quantities for 1214 people: approx. 2.5 kg flour, 1 bottle of passata, 1 pack of mushrooms, 1 zucchini, 1 tin of sweetcorn, 12x mozzarella, rocket, olives etc.

Question: How do I find WLAN access in the Borgo?

Answer: WLAN is available in most houses. The network name corresponds to the house name. The password is: B3stUs3Cabl3

Question: How does the gauze calendar work in the Borgo?

Answer: The gauze collection takes place on fixed days. Please bring the gauze to the villa the evening before:

- Yellow bag: plastic, Tetrapak, aluminum
- Gray bag: residual gauze
- Purple bag: Diapers
- Compost bag: Biomull
- Glass: green garbage can or cardboard
- Paper: white garbage can or cardboard

You will find the collection days on an information sheet to the left of the reel in Villa Barsotti. You can get new bags directly from the people who collect the gauze.

Question: How does gauze separation work in the Borgo?

Answer: Please separate gauze correctly. Disposal takes place at the collection point in front of the villa:

- Yellow bag: plastic, Tetrapak, aluminum
- Gray bag: residual gauze
- Lila Sack: Baby diapers
- Compost bag: Biomull
- Glass: green garbage can or cardboard boxes
- Paper: white garbage can or cardboard boxes

You get bags from the people who collect the gauze. For collection days, see the information sheet next to the coil in the villa.

Question: How do I treat the facility with care?

Answer: Please report damage, add missing items to the list and treat everything as you would like to find it yourself. Thank you for your respectful treatment.

Question: How is the pool at the Borgo equipped?

Answer: The pool is cleaned automatically several times a day, has lighting in the evening and hot water in the shower. Please shower before bathing.

Question: How can I use water sparingly in the Borgo?

Answer: The water comes from a spring. Please use it consciously and sparingly when showering, brushing your teeth and cooking.

Question: How can I use the yoga equipment?

Answer: There are 15 yoga sets (mats, blocks, straps) in the Borgo. You are welcome to use these:

- If used outdoors, please clean afterwards
- Wipe mats after Schwei with a damp cloth and organic cleaning spray
- Allow mats to dry completely before rolling them up
- Fee: 12 per day, 710 per week, Retreats: 2 per day, 10 per week
- Please pay into the common fund

Question: How can I use or contribute to communal food?

Answer: There are community groceries in the cake cupboard at the back left. If you don't buy anything, you can contribute financially. If you have been shopping, you can take something from the cupboard.

Question: How can I travel to Borgo Batone in the most environmentally friendly way possible?

Answer: It is recommended to travel with as little CO2 as possible for example by night train, car train, carpooling via BlaBlaCar or by carpooling with other shareholders.

Question: How do I use the pizza oven at Casa Gabriello?

Answer: A large central fire generates the necessary heat. The fire is then moved to the side and pizza is baked. Please clean the oven afterwards and do not tip the ashes into plants!

Question: How do I use the signal groups on site?

Answer: The 'BorgoBatone OnSite' signal group helps with organization and exchange on site:

- Those who arrive join, those who leave, leave the group
- Supports with questions, coordination and spontaneous help
- Group admins: Ilaria, Katrin, Nina, Massimo (from a distance)

- link to the Group:

https://signal.group/#CjQKIL_-vXG5EKpU68XJOqA3oyzwhBZTaaQd649CmsBDbEh1EhAHhTEDGMwLhDMp3QiiEova

Please communicate respectfully and carefully, as many people are involved.

Question: What is the best way to travel to Borgo Batone?

Answer: We recommend traveling with as little CO2 as possible:

- Night train connections
- Car train e.g. from Hamburg to Innsbruck or Verona (see autoreisezug-planer.de or bahndampf.de)
- BlaBlaCar or carpooling with other shareholders
- By car: Destination address for Google Maps is 'Borgo Batone, Via di Loppeglia, 55064 Pescaglia LU, Italy'
- Attention: In many maps, the village is listed under 'Batoni'. Some satnavs have driven into the wrong valley, so it is better to enter Pescaglia or Loppeglia as the destination. The last few kilometers are best navigated via Google Maps.

Question: How do I switch on the electricity in II Leccio?

Answer: The electricity in II Leccio is activated via a switch in the living room counter of Casa Gabriello.

Question: How should I leave my room on departure?

Answer: Please leave the room clean, ventilated and tidy. If necessary, wash used bed linen and towels and hang them up to dry or let us know.

Question: Where can I find deckchairs for the pool?

Answer: Deckchairs can be found in the cellar of Villa Barsotti and in the storage room to the left of the entrance to Casa Gabriello. Please put them away again in the evening.

Question: Where can I find the washing machine in the Borgo?

Answer: Washing machines are available in the cellar of Villa Barsotti (only from 3.18 p.m. when the adjoining room is occupied) and in the utility room of Casa Gabriello (access with house key).

Question: Where can I buy groceries?

Answer: - Carrefour supermarket in S. Martino in Freddana, next to the bakery

- Large markets (Esselunga, Coop) in Lucca or Viareggio
- Small store 'Alimentari Pini' downstairs at the gas station (vegetables, bread, milk); Veronica speaks English
- Markets: Wed + Sat in Lucca (fruit/veg, clothing), Sat in Foro Boario (local market)

Question: Where can I shop in the Nahe?

Answer: In S. Martino in Freddana there is a Carrefour and a bakery. At the bottom of the petrol station there is a small store called Alimentari Pini with fresh fruit, vegetables and bread.