



Congratulations & Welcome to La Malpensatina!

We want to personally express our gratitude for your generosity and we are so excited to welcome you to our Tuscan farmhouse, La Malpensatina. In this booklet, we have collected the absolute best recommendations of the house and surrounding area, the result of decades of collected memories from not only our visits but also the families like yours who have shared in this once in a lifetime experience. We thank you again and hope you enjoy your experience in this very special place!

The Martin Family

THE MARTIN FAMILY

DISCOVER MORE

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ABOUT LA MALPENSATINA



a rustic Tuscan experience

La Malpensatina is a 400-year old stone farmhouse located just outside the hilltown of Radda in Chianti. The restored home comfortably sleeps eight adults and two children with five bedrooms and four full baths. Located on a 30-acre property in the heart of Chianti Classico, La Malpensatina is approximately one hour south of Florence and half an hour north of Siena. The farmhouse has stunning views over the surrounding landscape, including its own vineyards and olive groves. The scenery is lush and vibrant, filled with herb gardens, potted plants and rose bushes surrounding the house with a swimming pool and children's playground, both set just outside the house on a flagstone terrace.



LA MALPENSATINA

*a 400-year old farmhouse
set in the hills of Tuscany*

The Farmhouse



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*For booking your exact dates,
please contact property manager
Lawrence D'Almeida at lamalpen-
satina@yahoo.com. Lawrence is
available for any questions before,
during and after your stay.*



Next steps

Please visit our website to further familiarize yourself with the house, surrounding area and activities. We are so excited for you to share the Malpensatina experience as the house continues to touch so many lives.

The Experience



BILL AND MARYLIN LOONEY

San Antonio, Texas

"Thank you for a wonderful Italian experience. The villa is gorgeous and was the best part of our stay in Tuscany. Our entire family will never forget our time at La Malpensatina.

Thanks for the memories!"

MUST DOS FROM THE MARTIN FAMILY

WALK AROUND THE PROPERTY'S VINEYARDS

The property line is roughly the road down to La Petroino (the small ancient home that Tom Martin had been in the process of restoring). Petroino, prior to being excavated, was buried to the roofline! Its patio overlooks the church of San Giusto.

VISIT ANGELA'S CERAMICA SHOP

Check out Angela's Ceramica shop for authentic hand-made Italian ceramics. It is a short walk to the neighboring Malpensata property. The ceramics here are the ones you will find within the house.

HIKE TO THE ETRUSCAN BURIAL GROUNDS

Above Malpensatina and the Hotel Radda across the street is an ancient Etruscan burial ground/monument where they have summer camps. A large cross is illuminated oftentimes at night from this spot, which offers great views of Radda on the walk up.





MUST DOS IN RADDA

BAR DANTE

Great for morning espresso and breakfast sitting outside watching Radda go by. Tell the owners Fabrizio and Caroline that you are staying at Malpensatina- they speak excellent English and are extremely friendly.

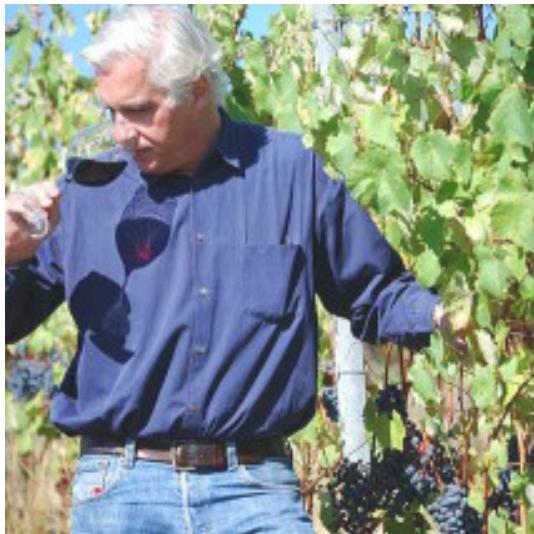
EXPLORE THE TOWN

Explore the town of Radda, an ancient old walled Tuscan hill town. There are breathtaking views of the surrounding hills from every side of the town. Radda offers several restaurants and many shops for a small town its size, including excellent wine shops.

THE PORCIATTI ALIMENTARI

The Porciatti Alimentari is a small store to get supplies and the fish truck comes one day a week with fresh seafood- ask in a local store what time and day they come. They also have an excellent, separate wine shop. For a larger selection of groceries, visit the Radda Coop.

CUSTOM MALPENSATINA EXPERIENCES



WINE TOURS

with Lawrence D'Almeida

Lawrence D'Almeida was raised in Paris and trained as a historian. He soon took the wine plunge, and became a winemaker in nearby Greve for ten years. He shares his passions for wine, history, food and local culture through tours for small groups interested in the cultural and culinary riches of Tuscany—and beyond. Full day wine tours are customizable to Malpensatina guests by contacting

Lawrence at lamalpensatina@yahoo.com.



ITALIAN COOKING CLASSES

with Stefania Balducci

Stefania Balducci was raised in the hill town of Assisi. Her passion for cooking is rooted in the Italian tradition of cooking together with family in the home. She would be delighted to share her passion for Cucina Rustica with you through her traditional Tuscan and Umbrian recipes as well as her vegetarian specialties! Book with Stefania at www.pastaalpesto.com and let her know you are

staying at La Malpensatina.



CUSTOM IN-HOME DINNERS

with Catalina Santander

Catalina Santander has organized some of the best winemaking dinners in Chianti for 20 years and has regaled La Malpensatina guests with superb meals since 2013. Passionate about Italian traditions and history, Catalina revisits old Tuscan recipes and uses only local and seasonal produce. For a complete experience, wine pairings are available upon request.

To book with Catalinia, contact her directly at
csantandermessana@gmail.com.

WINERIES

FONTODI

+34 055 852 005 Panzano

One of Chianti Classico's best-known of all and one of our favorite wineries. Reservations are a must to arrange a wine tour.

ANTINORI WINE CELLAR

Antinorichianticlassico.it Bargino

Family-owned Marchesi Antinori is arguably the most famous house in Italian wine. The new Antinori Wine cellar in Bargino is a must see to experience their winemaking process first-hand, learning about the family's history - and viewing their prized, centuries-old art collection. They have tours in English and a restaurant. Make reservations online.

POGGERINO

+34 0577 738 958 Radda in Chianti

The owner and winemaker is Piero Lanza, who uses the grapes from Malpensatina in his Chianti Classico. Call John Sprat at the winery office number (above), he is American; tell him you are staying at La Malpensatina. He will tell you how to get to the winery, about 13 minutes drive from the house.

For more complete information, please refer to lamalpensatina.com. Always feel free to contact Lawrence at lamalpensatina@yahoo.com if you are interested in booking a private custom wine tour or have any questions.



RISTORANTI

A collection of restaurants that we have loved throughout the years. Always make sure to make reservations as soon as possible!

OSTERIA LE PANZANELLE

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+39 0577 733511 *Lucarelli in Chianti*

Excellent local food close to the house and great value. Closed on Mondays; reservations a must.

DARIO CECCHINI

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+39 055 852020 *Panzano in Chianti*

An internationally known Italian butcher and phenomenon in his own right. A variety of menu options and price levels; perfect for meat lovers.

ENOTECA FUORIPIAZZA

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+39 055 854 6313 *Greve in Chianti*

A favorite local restaurant in nearby Greve with fabulous food and service. Outside terrace available.

BADIA A COLTIBUONO

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+39 0577 74481 *Gaiole in Chianti*

A wonderfully well-preserved Benedictine monastery, founded in 1141, today a private residence. The restaurant is a favorite. Reservations required. As you park here look up the hill and there is an old abandoned castle.



MUST SEE NEARBY TUSCAN TOWNS

CASTELLINA IN CHIANTI

A beautiful Tuscan town with underground tunnels, an old church, and great shopping including La Bottega, an art store owned by Mario and La

Cappelletti leather shop across the street owned by Mario's wife, Claudia, who is from Chicago. Another supermarket is located here. Recommended restaurants in Castellina include Il Re Gallo and Antica Trattoria La Torre. Tuscan ruins are outside of town and an Etruscan museum is above town



GREVE IN CHIANTI

An important town teeming with many shops, cafes and the most beautiful piazza in Chianti, where the best local market opens on Saturday mornings.

Our recommended restaurants in Greve include Enoteca Fuoripiazza, La Terrazza, and Cantinetta dei Verrazzano.

Also worth checking out is Greve's famous macelleria (butcher shop) Antica Macelleria Falorni, located on the piazza.

VOLPAIA

A charming walled hamlet with a distinguished winery with tours and tastings available. Make sure to go by the wine shop.

The La Bottega restaurant in town has beautiful views and the butternut squash ravioli and mushroom risotto are incredible. Bar Ucci is a great espresso and wine bar for a late afternoon snack and drink. The most beautiful visits are in the later afternoon as the sun is setting for great lighting and shadows against the buildings.



Frequently Asked Questions



FAQ

HOW MANY PEOPLE DOES MALPENSATINA SLEEP?

Malpensatina sleeps comfortably eight adults and two children with five bedrooms and four full baths: one king suite, one queen suite, one full suite, and two double twin bedrooms.

HOW CLOSE IS THE HOUSE TO THE TOWN?

Radda in Chianti is about a 20 minute walk and a few minutes drive from the house.

WHAT AIRPORT DO I NEED TO FLY INTO?

The closest airport is Florence but alternatives include Pisa and Bologna. Further afield, there are Rome and Milan airports.

DOES MALPENSATINA OFFER ADA/HANDICAP ACCESS?

No, we do not offer ADA or handicap access at the house.

WILL THERE BE INTERNET CONNECTION?

Yes! We offer WiFi connection (only in living and dining room area) and the password is lamalpensatina.

WHERE ARE THE HOUSE KEYS LOCATED?

On the side of the house where the stairs lead up to the main door, there is a pizza oven room with an arched entrance. There is a large key hanging on the inside surface of the beam inside. This key opens the door to the laundry room to the left. Open this room and the house keys are on top of the light fixture on the inside of the ceiling beam on the left.

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HOW DO I GET TO THE HOUSE?

Set your GPS to Radda in Chianti. Once in Radda, take the road to Castellina. About 1 km out of town, on the left hand side of the hairpin turn to your right, take the dirt road marked Malpensata and **keep to your right** (do not go to the left towards Malpensata and Cermanica). After 300m on your right, you will see two vertical stone slabs; this is the entrance to Malpensatina. Proceed until you get to a gravel car park next to the vine-covered stone farmhouse.

If you drive past Hotel Radda on your right, you have gone too far.

HOW DOES THE HEAT, DISHWASHER ETC. WORK?

When you enter Malpensatina, you will find a booklet of instructions for all appliances and logistics of the house.

DO I NEED TO RENT A CAR?

Yes! A car is necessary for your visit. For hired van and driver services, please contact Lawrence.

WHERE CAN I RENT BIKES?

You can rent bikes, and scooters from Chiantilive, in Radda (see chiantilive.it).

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I NEED TO KNOW?

Please make sure all doors are closed and locked whenever you leave the property. There is an extra set of keys in the right-hand drawer to the right of the entrance. Upon departure, replace all keys where you found them. Housecleaning is not included during your stay but can be requested.

