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LIFESTYLE

Hotel we love

A Tuscan paradise awaits at Borgo Pignano - a majestic 18th-century villa amid stunning rolling hills

SECLUDED in the Tuscan hills, Borgo Pignano is the stuff of Italian countryside fantasies. The sensitively restored 750-acre estate boasts an 18th-century villa, a pool intricately carved into a quarried rock edge, layered semi-formal gardens and a fully operational organic farm, which produces most of the ingredients served in its restaurant.

Seduced by the serenity of the estate, guests don't tend to wander far, opting instead to swim, paint, practise yoga, go horse riding or mountain biking or stroll through the orchards, and attend tastings in the historic wine cellar.

This is an environmentally friendly haven, too. There is no single-use plastic – toiletries come in pretty porcelain bottles and the perfumes, oils and soaps are made by hand in the herbal laboratory. The estate also boasts an ingenious heating system that pumps hot water to its 14 rooms and suites, while filtered harvested rainwater feeds the surrounding land.

If you do venture beyond the grounds, history awaits. The hill towns of Volterra and San Gimignano are just a short drive away, while the medieval cities of Florence and Siena and the vineyards of Chianti are within easy reach. Whatever you do though, ultimately Borgo Pignano's charm lies in its sublime home from home feel immersed in luxury. 🏡

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