



*Sunny Destinations Private Residence Club  
Annual Villa Michaela and Villa Lucia Thanksgiving 2011*

*Wed 23 - Sun 27 Nov*

**Wednesday 23 November:**

Arrive Vorno, Tuscany. (Pisa airport 30 mins). Cheap flights are still available on BA, Ryanair, Easyjet from London, Delta from New York.

from 7:00pm till late:

Buffet Dinner in Casa Cameron including local wines and Prosecco from the Lucchese hills. Take a steam or a jacuzzi.

**Thursday 24 November:**

8:00 - 11:00am Breakfast

Relax around Villa Lucia and Villa Michaela or take a trip to Lucca, bike riding, walking, swimming or tennis - or golf at Versilia Golf Club, Forte dei Marmi, 30 mins. <http://www.versiliagolf.it/>

5.30 pm **THANKSGIVING BANQUET**

Crabmeat and corn chowder  
Louisiana marbled turkey  
Pumpkin pie with ginger  
Sweet potatoes  
Brussels sprouts with Tuscan chestnuts

Assorted Mediterranean roasted vegetables  
Cranberry sauce

Traditional Pecan pie with homemade Italian ice cream  
Tropical fruit salad with pear and Gorgonzola ice cream

Assorted Tuscan cheeses

Dedicated to the Italian Slow Food Movement

Later, pick a movie to run in the screening room – titles include;

IL POSTINO by Michael Radford – 5 Oscar nominations. 1994

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Il\\_Postino](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Il_Postino)

or the original SWEPT AWAY by Lina Wertmuller

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swept\\_Away\\_\(1974\\_film\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swept_Away_(1974_film))

or CINEMA PARADISO by Giuseppe Tornatore – Oscar 1990 Best foreign film.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cinema\\_Paradiso](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cinema_Paradiso)

or perhaps challenge someone to a game of chess, bridge, poker, mahjong or backgammon next to the fire.

Karaoke if unavoidable! Or head for the spa's steam room...

**Friday 25 November:**

8:00 – 10:00am – Breakfast

11:00am - Walk off that Thanksgiving dinner with a 2 hour hike to the famous Vorno hilltop past the observatory. (You can also be driven to the top!)

1:00pm – Drinks and Canapes at the top. Walk back to the Villa or catch a ride.

2:00pm- Lunch at the spectacular Lo Scompiglio

<http://www.delloscompiglio.org/>

5.30pm- Depart for Lucca. A glass of wine and nibbles at Piazza San Giovanni's Enoteca Calasto.

<http://www.lucca-wine-treasures.com/>

7.15pm - an hour of live Puccini opera in the St. Giovanni Church. (17 Euros)

<http://www.puccinielasualucca.com/de/san-giovanni-basilique-lucca.asp>

8:15pm- Dinner at La Vecchia Trattoria Buralli in Lucca, famous in November for 'truffles from San Miniato'.

**Saturday 26 November:**

8:00 – 10:00am – Breakfast

Lucca's monthly street antique market takes place on the third weekend of every month so you are in luck! See the recent BBC Antiques Lucca clip.  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=EjiJN9mupaI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EjiJN9mupaI)

Free time to relax around the Villa. Enjoy the two tennis courts in our olive groves or golf (20 mins to Forte), indulge in a spa treatment, hike in the mountains, ride a bike around the walls of Lucca, or maybe a shopping/sightseeing trip in Pisa?

1:30pm- Lunch at our favourite local Enoteca – Vino e Convivio. Giuseppe and Giovanna will be your hosts.  
<http://www.vinoeconvivio.com>

8:00pm- Dinner at Bimbotto our local Vorno village, family run, Trattoria.  
<http://www.bimbotto.it/homeuk.htm>

**Sunday 27 November**

Brunch - Depart. Stay on longer?

## **Cost**

985 Euros for two people (600 Euros single), includes  
3 nights stay,  
buffet dinner Wed  
Thanksgiving banquet Thurs  
Drinks and Canapes Fri  
4 breakfasts  
All wines.  
Off property meals not included

Villa Lucia Spa treatments and massages available by appointment.  
[isabelle@erholungsmassage.de](mailto:isabelle@erholungsmassage.de)

for a Prezi.com presentation on Villa Lucia and its spa

[Villa Lucia Spa](#)

for a link to The Travel Channel Villa Lucia Mike Rhode clip

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZZOZdPSDTHc>

for detail on The Rhode School of Cuisine  
<http://rhodeschoolofcuisine.com/index.html>

for detail on Villa Michaela  
[www.villamichaela.com](http://www.villamichaela.com)

Alistair Sawday's Special Places to stay in Italy.  
[www.Alistairsawdays.com/it](http://www.Alistairsawdays.com/it)

## **Where are we?**

The villas are located about 4 km from Lucca.  
If you are coming on the A11 highway (from Pisa or Florence), exit at LUCCA EST onto Via S. Concordio: follow the blue signs for Pisa until you see SP 26; turn left to Guamo. At the first junction turn right on Via di Coselli and follow signs for Vorno.

If you are coming from Pisa on the SS12, follow the signs to Lucca until you see SP 26 where you turn right to Guamo, then on to Vorno.

You can also enter our coordinates in your GSM.

Postcode: 55060  
Latitude: 43.7899852 Longitude: 10.5110054

Rentacars at Pisa airport,  
<http://www.carhire3000.com/>  
from £77 for four days.

Parking is available.

Full wifi & Sky TV.