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With less than a year to go, we're busy finalising plans for our big day on 24/08/2019!

We'd really love for you to join us in Italy and wanted to share our rough plan so far and information to help you plan your trip.

Location:

We're getting married at Castello di Fighine, Localita Fighine, San Casciano dei Bagni, 53040, Siena, Italy.



Located mid way between Rome (170km) and Florence (150km), Fighine is within easy reach of the historically interesting towns of Siena, Orvieto, Montepulciano, Pienza, Citta della Pieve, and Perugia. The nearby spa town of San Casciano dei Bagni (8 min drive) is home to Italy's foremost award-winning spa Fonteverde, as well as an array of traditional Tuscan restaurants, and a variety of shops.

This region of Italy is particularly special to Anastasia as her family used to visit frequently, especially when living in Belgium. A few years ago Matt and Anastasia ate at the restaurant in Fighine and since then always dreamt of getting married there!

Flights:

From the UK you can fly to either Rome or Pisa airport - they are roughly equidistant from Figline (around a 2 hour drive). Personally, we'd recommend Pisa as it's a smaller airport, car hire is easier and it's an easier drive (only a couple of highways). This will depend if you decide to visit other parts of Italy before or after our wedding.

From Liverpool:

- Ryanair fly to Pisa on Friday's and Mondays (flights available)
- Blue air fly to Rome on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday (not yet released schedule for the summer)

From Manchester:

- Easyjet fly to Pisa on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday (flights available)
- Ryanair fly to Rome daily (flights available)
- Jet2 fly to Pisa on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday (flights available)
- Jet2 fly to Rome daily (flights available)

From London:

Wide choice of flights daily to Rome and Pisa

- British Airways fly to Pisa daily from Heathrow and Gatwick (flights available)
- Ryanair fly from Stanstead to Pisa daily (flights available)
- EasyJet fly from Luton and Gatwick to Pisa daily (flights available)

Getting to Figline:

Hiring a car is the best way to get to/ from Figline.

Directions from the A1 Autostrada

- Exit the A1 autostrada at Fabro.
- On leaving the Fabro toll station follow the signs to Palazzone.
- Just before the village of Palazzone you will see the sign Castello di Figline. Take this left turn for approximately 500 metres.
- Follow the road to the right then pass the church on your left hand side.
- Bear left up the hill and continue for 3.5 kilometres where you will see a small chapel on your right.
- The road to Figline is up to the left

Don't forget - most UK phone contracts now allow inclusive data roaming in Europe. It may be worth using Google maps to help with directions! You could even download the offline map from the UK before you travel.

The nearest train station is called Chiusi-Chianciano Terme and has direct trains from Rome - taking around 1 hour 40 minutes. From here you can hire a car, get a taxi or ask someone to pick you up should you not wish to drive. It is approximately 19KM from Fighine/ 25 minutes.

The Plan

We're still busy finalising the exact plan for the big day on Saturday 24th, but as the majority of wedding guests will be staying in the local area, we'd love for you to spend time with us and the rest of the guests on Friday and Sunday (if you'd like to!)

Friday:

On the Friday, late afternoon/ evening we'd love to have a barbecue and pool party in the grounds of Villa Melissa. This is completely optional and all we would ask is a small collection of €15 per couple to cover the cost of food etc.

Saturday:

It's likely that we will be getting married in the mid-afternoon on the Saturday - so make sure that you have a hearty breakfast / lunch before hand - see below for some local restaurant ideas, or why not have something in your villa!

Welcome/ reception drinks will be provided by us and there is a cash bar within the restaurant. You can get really good local wine for around €15 Euro a bottle.

For the wedding breakfast, the restaurant at Fighine will be preparing a delicious meal - allowing you to sample a taste of their Michelin star cooking!

There will be a live band in the evening, followed by a wide selection of everyone's favourite music until the early hours of the morning.

Sunday:

As long as we're not hungover on the Sunday - maybe we could visit the local hot springs in San Casciano dei Bagni, visit a local vineyard (as we're in the Chianti region) or just enjoy the beautiful setting of Fighine and the two swimming pools. We can discuss this nearer to the time and come up with a plan!

Monday:

On the Monday morning, we will bid everyone farewell, for you to continue your Italian holiday or head back home to the UK.

Dress code:

Smart - Gentlemen do not need to wear a tie, but are more than welcome to should they want to. We understand it will be warm!

Expected temperature - high of 30 degrees Celsius, low of 16. There should a cool breeze as Fighine is on top of a hill!

Parking:

There is lots of free parking at Fighine

Nearby places of Interest

Hopefully you'll have some time either before or after our wedding to explore the surrounding areas of Italy.

We'd really recommend;

- San Casciano dei Bagni (8mins) - closest village. Here you will find the nearest; doctor, bank, pharmacy, shops, local market etc.
- Cetona (30 mins)
- Montepulciano (1hour)
- Pienza (1 hour)
- Orvieto (1hour 15 min)

If you'd like any recommendations have a look on mattandanastasia.co.uk or get in touch with us!

Closest hotels to Fighine:

If you'd like to stay close by to Fighine before/after our wedding, there's a wide selection of hotels/ accommodation to pick from.

5 star - Fonteverde Hotel San Casciano dei Bagni - ££££ - 15 mins away.

Originally built as a renaissance palace for the Grand Duke Ferdinando I de' Medici, the resort overlooks the majestic rolling hills of Val d'Orcia, and is set atop the natural hot springs to fully utilise the healing power of the thermal waters. With its collection of panoramic pools, hot tubs and treatment facilities, Fonteverde is destination where mind, body and soul meet in harmony, and restore the natural balance of life. Discover a resort and spa in Tuscany where Italian hospitality meets absolute wellness.

Albergo La Fontanella - San Casciano dei Bagni - ££ - 15 mins away

Right in the heart of the town of San Casciano Dei Bagni, this B&B/ hotel offers a range of rooms/ apartments to suit everyones needs. The hotel has it's own restaurant serving classic Italian dishes. Within walking distance you will find a grocery store, butcher, bakery, ice cream shop, patisserie and cafe.

There is another hotel with the same name - make sure you choose the one in San Casciano! Available to book on booking.com

Sette Querce - San Casciano dei Bagni - £ - 15 mins away

Just 50 yards from San Casciano Dei Bagni, Sette Querce is a renovated building from the 1930s in the Tuscan countryside. All rooms are Junior Suites and very reasonable! Available to book on [booking.com](http://www.booking.com)

Lots of other ideas on <http://www.sancascianobagni.com/dove-dormire/>

Madonna del Carmine - Palazzone - £ - 8 mins away

Set in the small Tuscan village of Palazzone, Madonna del Carmine offers a restaurant and air-conditioned rooms with free Wi-Fi. San Casciano dei Bagni thermal baths are 4.3 miles away. Available to book on [booking.com](http://www.booking.com)

Why don't you stay in a local farm house/ villa or explore Rome, Pisa, Naples etc - there's lots of beautiful places to visit!

Local restaurants

- Fighine - Michelin star restaurant - ££££ - you will eat here on our Wedding day
- Trattoria da Gianfranco - Trevinano - £ - fabulous local, family run restaurant. Basic tables and classic Italian cooking. Fantastic pizza, pasta, meat and fish. Very reasonable. Good local wine available by the carafe for around €5.
- Restaurant Daniela - San Casciano dei Bagni - ££ - Set in ancient stables, Daniela's restaurant faces the main square of San Casciano dei Bagni, a true and proper terrace with view.
- Restaurant La Fontanella - San Casciano dei Bagni - £££ - Proving modern but typical genuine dishes of Tuscan home cooking in an elegant and welcoming atmosphere.

Lots of other suggestions on <http://www.sancascianobagni.com/enogastronomia/>

Gift List

Please don't feel obliged to give us a gift - all we really want is to have a lovely wedding which we can share with our friends and family. However, if you would like to give a gift and are looking for inspiration, we have set up a list at Prezola, list number 10194641.

<https://prezola.com/wishlists/10194641/>

Website/ Email/ More information

Our wedding website is www.mattandanastasia.co.uk - we'll be updating this with information between now and the big day.

Feel free to ask for travel tips/ advice/ anything at hello@mattandanastasia.co.uk