

VILLA CITRI

OUTER GROUNDS

In the village of Tyr Alomere, the Earls of Westford have owned the Villa Citri for generations. The villa is known for its orchards of orange trees as well as its vineyards of wine grapes.

It has at times served as a summer vacation home for the noble family, but at the present is the regular residence of Lady Amfiri Prelcort, Dowager Countess of Westford, widow of the seventh Earl of Westford and mother of the eighth. She lives there with a few close friends, attended by faithful servants and guards, where she receives a steady stream of family visitors and other guests.

The villa's grounds includes a detached bathhouse, or ballneae, as well as detached quarters for servants and for the guards, along with a barn.

OUTSIDE AREAS

1. MURI MAGNI

The great outer wall, called the Muri Magni, is 20 feet thick (with crenellations that extend a bit beyond the edge of the wall), with the parapet rising 25 feet above the ground.

2. PORTAE TURRES

The gatehouse towers extend 15 feet above the parapet. They have ground-floor entrances on the inside of the fortified wall. The gates themselves include an outer portcullis, a metal gate that is generally left open, and an inner portcullis. Each gatehouse has control mechanisms that allow for independently opening or closing the gates, and for raising or lowering the portcullises.

3. TURRES ANGULI

The corner towers of the fortified wall extend ten feet above the great wall's parapets. They can be accessed through external stairs that climb fifteen feet to the second story.

4. STABULAE

The stables are sufficiently large to house the Dowager Countess' horses as well as those of any visitors.

5. CUSTODUM DOMUS

The residence of the estate's guards.

6. SEVORUM DOMUS

The residence of the estate's servants.

7. PORTICO

The villa's covered porch, supporting by four columns, two on either side of the stairs.

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The villa is three stories above ground.

9. COLONNADE

The covered walkway connecting the villa to the balneae is lined with column pillars but has no walls.

10. BALNEAE

The villa's bathhouse is used by residents and guests as well as by the villa's staff (at separate times) for personal hygiene, exercise, and recreation.

11. POMARIA

The orchard has an abundance of orange trees.

12. VINETUM

The vineyard where the estate grows grapes that are then fermented into wine.

DESIGN NOTES

This villa was inspired by the estates of the wealthy in Ancient Rome. Although historical estates were used as inspiration, including using the Latin terms used in Roman architecture, considerable artistic liberties have been taken with the names, functions, and placement of certain rooms> This map should therefore not be regarded as strictly historically accurate.