

# Castles, Villas, Noble Palaces and Country Inns

## Toscana/Tuscany

### CORTONA

**RELAIS IL FALCONIERE \*\*\*\*** A first class Relais & Chateaux property with 9 frescoed bedrooms, this property features a classic Tuscan restaurant personally supervised by the owner. Culinary lessons and wine tastings can be arranged on the premises.

### FLORENCE

**GRAND HOTEL VILLA MEDICI \*\*\*\*\*** Once an 18th century noble palace, Villa Medici is now a luxurious 90 room hotel in the center of Florence complete with lovely private gardens and swimming pool. The Lorenzo dei Medici Restaurant offers the best of Italian and international cuisine.



**TORRE DI BELLOSQUARDO \*\*\*\*** This charming 16th century villa, which has become one of Florence's most sought after boutique hotels, offers a breathtaking view of the city below.

### FIESOLE – FLORENCE

**VILLA SAN MICHELE \*\*\*\*\*** An ancient monastery designed by Michelangelo and located in the serene tranquility of Fiesole, in the hills above Florence, this property features 28 fully appointed rooms and suites. The hotel has a private pool and offers complimentary transportation to the city.

**VILLA FIESOLE \*\*\*\*** This beautifully restored 19th century villa is located in the Fiesole hills just 3 km from the center of Florence, and features frescoed ceilings and an old, recently restored characteristic greenhouse. Its 32 rooms are all fully refurbished with the modern comforts.



### GROSSETO

**L'ANDANA \*\*\*\*\*** (Castiglione della Pescaia) This new deluxe resort features an internationally acclaimed restaurant under the supervision of Alain Ducasse, spa, golf driving range and a romantic private chapel. Once a Medici villa where Grand Duke Leopold II and his court resided, the 33 rooms and suites merge a natural Tuscan setting with the hotelier's fascination of history.

### LUCCA

**PALAZZO ALEXANDER \*\*\*\*\*** A charming sixteen room liberty style hotel located in the historical center of Lucca, this property has been elegantly refurbished and features a breakfast room and panoramic terrace over looking the red roofs of the city.

### SAN GIMIGNANO

**RELAIS SANTA CHIARA \*\*\*\*** Located just outside the medieval walls of San Gimignano this hotel has 41 well appointed rooms & suites and features a swimming pool and gardens.

### SIENA

**CERTOSA DI MAGGIANO \*\*\*\*** This 14th Century monastery is today one of the most frequented gourmet gathering points in Tuscany for local cuisine and fine wines. The property enjoys panoramic views of Tuscany and is located only 1km from downtown Siena.



**VILLA SCACCIAPENSIERI \*\*\*\*** Set atop one of the enchanting Tuscan Hills, only 2 km. from Siena, and surrounded by a park, this lovely villa has a swimming pool and tennis courts. A typical day starts with breakfast on the panoramic terrace with a breathtaking view of Siena.

### GAIOLE IN CHIANTI

**CASTELLO DI SPALTENNA \*\*\*\*\*** An ancient fortified monastery perched on a hilltop in the heart of the Gallo Nero Chianti district of Siena, this property features the Cloister Restaurant with gourmet local and international cuisine prepared by the hotel's owner, a master chef. Enjoy a dip in the pool or indulge with delicious DOCG Chianti at the wine bar.

### PIENZA

**IL CHIOSTRO DI PIENZA \*\*\*\*** Situated in the center of Renaissance Pienza, and overlooking the Val D'Orcia, this property is a restored 15th Century convent offering 37 fully appointed rooms, a swimming pool and a fine restaurant.

### PIEVESCOLA

**RELAIS LA SUVERA \*\*\*\*\*** Formerly a papal residence and country residence of the Marquis Ricci Paraciani Bergamini and the Princess Eleanora Massimo, La Suvera has opened its doors with warm and impeccable hospitality. The papal villa has been recently designated a historic monument and a fine restaurant, swimming pool, tennis court and ample parking are featured amenities of this top Italian historic property.



### RADDA IN CHIANTI

**PALAZZO LEOPOLDO \*\*\*\*** A lovely 47 room patrician villa converted to a first class property, this fine manor house has undergone total restoration, yet maintains its former splendor and charm. Buffet breakfast is served in the magnificent 18th Century kitchen or on the terrace overlooking the vineyards.

**RELAIS FATTORIA VIGNALE \*\*\*\*** In the heart of the Gallo Nero region, famous for its Chianti wines, the hotel offers an ideal vacation full of modern comforts in a relaxing country atmosphere and features a restaurant with regional Tuscan specialties, swimming pool, and an antique library. Wine tastings/lectures are also available in the cellars of this fine property.

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## SINALUNGA

**LOCANDA DELL'AMOROSA \*\*\*\*** This romantic villa features newly appointed guest rooms with an attractive combination of traditional country furnishings, antiques, and period paintings. The restaurant is famous for regional specialties and local wines. In addition to the large spaces of the courtyard and the gardens, Locanda dell'Amorosa has an extensive agricultural estate with vineyards, olive groves, woods and fields, where guests can take walks through the countryside.



## Umbria

### GUBBIO

**VILLA MONTEGRANELLI \*\*\*\*** An 18th Century fortified palace which once belonged to the Counts Guidi di Romena and Montegranelli, today this villa is a refined and elegant property with 22 fresco decorated rooms which have been completely updated with all modern amenities. It is situated on the hills outside the historical center of Gubbio, and offers an excellent restaurant featuring regional and international cuisine.

### ORVIETO

**LA BADIA\*\*\*\*** Originally an 8th Century Benedictine monastery, today this fully restored and fully appointed hotel offers exceptional comforts, a swimming pool, tennis courts, parking facility and a fine restaurant. Orvieto is also one of the most dramatically beautiful towns in Umbria.



## SPELLO

**PALAZZO BOCCI \*\*\*\*** Located in the old town center of Spello, a charming medieval town in Umbria, the Hotel Palazzo Bocci offers 29 rooms and suites, all fully appointed and elegantly furnished.

## TORGIANO

**LE TRE VASELLE \*\*\*\*\*** A deluxe Relais & Chateau country inn, this property combines comfort and a charming village amidst the nearby vineyards of the Lungarotti Winery. Convenient to Perugia, Todi, or Assisi, the hotel boasts its own private wine and olive oil museum and innovative restaurant featuring internationally acclaimed cuisine in a refined setting.

## Emilia - Romagna

### DOZZA - BOLOGNA

**MONTE DEL RE \*\*\*\*** A 700 year old refurbished monastery situated on a panoramic hill near the ancient town of Dozza, well known for its painted walls, this luxury property offers 38 rooms, and the Il Seminario Restaurant featuring regional cuisine prepared by the chef / owner. Private culinary lessons can be arranged on the premises.

### SORAGNA - PARMA

**LOCANDA DEL LUPO \*\*\*\*** Built in the 18th Century by the Princess Meli Lupi, the locanda has been restored with great care and offers 46 charming bedrooms with antique furniture and wooden ceiling beams. The restaurant features aromas and flavours from international dishes to numerous specialties of Parma cuisine.

## Sicily

### CASTELBUONO-PALERMO

**RELAIS SANTA ANSTASIA \*\*\*\*\*** This deluxe five star resort is located just outside of Cefalù in the heart of the Madonie Park. Once a thriving medieval Benedictine Abbey, the relais has been completely restored and now offers all the amenities and services of a luxury resort property and features an on site winery.

### SCIACCA - AGRIGENTO

**VERDUTRA GOLF AND SPA RESORT. \*\*\*\*\*** This newly opened deluxe resort property is part of the famous Rocco Forte Collection and offers the very best in luxury. The hotel features stunning accommodations, a golf course, health and beauty spa and private beach. This is the perfect resort property to enjoy a spa/golf vacation.

## Lazio

### LADISPOLI

**LA POSTA VECCHIA \*\*\*\*\*** This intimate Renaissance-built country estate, once the summer home of J. Paul Getty, is now an award-winning independent five-star Italian hotel with heart-stopping views of the sea, in a splendid and secure parkland, and boasting an excavated Roman villa within its foundations, all a mere 40-minute drive from the centre of Rome.

## ROME

**PALAZZO AL VELABRO \*\*\*\*** This Roman Palace has been transformed into a modern residence and features apartment style rooms for short or long stays. Located in the artistic and historical center of Rome near the Roman Forum, the Palatine Hill and Colosseum, all apartments offer private bath, kitchen and a sitting area.

## Veneto

### ASOLO

**VILLA CIPRIANI \*\*\*\*** An elegant 16th Century retreat with 29 handsomely furnished rooms and only one hour from Venice, this property is the perfect base to explore the Veneto and Grappa and Prosecco producing vineyards of Italy.

