

# Tips on Hotels, Dining and Shopping

## SHOPPING ESSENTIALS

BREAD/PASTRY	<b>Blancelli's</b> on via Nazionale <b>Dolceforno</b> , Via Pietro da Cortona 53, just before Mercatale <b>Panificio Cortonese</b> , Vicolo Laparelli, 24, off via Benedetti <b>Pasticceria Vannelli</b> , <i>Viale Regina Elena, 13, 52044 Camucia</i>
FRUIT/VEGGIES	* <b>Picciafuochi Nunziatina</b> , near Molesini's Groceries in P. Repubblica BEST <b>P. Signorelli</b> in mornings near Pane e Vino * <b>Agencia Agricola Brini</b> , a farmer's store a few yards north of the corner of SS71 and road down through Sodo from Cortona (goes by cemetery). <b>Nandesi Alessandro</b> , via Nazionale 49
FLOWERS	<b>La Fioreria di Mario Berti</b> , Piazza Baldelli 1/b (Piazza della Repubblica) Another on via Benedetti
GROCERIES	<b>COOP</b> or Conad in Camucia (supermarket) <b>Molesini's</b> in Piazza della Repubblica.
HARDWARE	<b>Tarquini</b> in Camucia Small hardware store on via Dardano/Benedetti
MEATS	<b>Cipollini</b> on via Benedetti or (best in Cortona) Market <b>Lunghini</b> near Pergo (best)
OLIVE OIL	Frantoio Landi in Tavernella Order for USA from Le Arte d'Oliva (Keith & Tania) or from Ivan or Molesini
PASTA	Bottega della <b>Pasta Fresca</b> on via Dardano – great!! Pasta and sauces made fresh daily by hand.
WINE	<b>Molesini</b> -They ship anywhere. They are the sons of the owner the grocery shop. They have a wine tasting every Thursday from April to October followed by a wine dinner. Each week is a new winery and restaurant. They also have a new Wine Club run by Rachel.
CLEANERS	in Piazza della Repubblica.
TAKE OUT	<b>Pasta Fesca</b> OR small store next <b>Picciafuochi Nunziatina</b> and Molesini Grocery, More on via Nazionale

## SPECIALTY SHOPS

LINEN	Le Telerie Toscane, Cortona Busatti, Cortona on Piazza della Repubblica Busatti Factory outlet in Anghiari
CERAMICS	Casaantonio L'arte, Piazza Repubblica 1, Cortona U. Grazia & C., via Tiberna 181, Deruta Maioliche Artistiche, via B. Micholetti 25, Deruta De Facilliluto, via B. Micholetti 25, Deruta
COFFEE	* <b>Café degli Artisi</b> , <b>Bar Signorelli</b> and <b>Blancelli</b> on via Nazionale. * <b>Caffe Vittoria</b> in Piazza Signorelli has great cappuccino and lunch. Bar La Posta in Piazza Signorelli
GELATO	* <b>Snoopy</b> in Cortona and Primo Amore in Camucia
GOURMET MKT	<b>La Papaia</b> in Monterchi (truffles, porcini, everything) – 44 km from Cortona

## ANTIQUe and OTHER MARKETS –

Cortona Farmer's Market every Saturday  
Camucia Farmer's Market on Thursdays  
Arezzo Antique Market – First weekend each month  
Rome shopping See separate list of Fairs and Flea Markets Near Rome  
Bakery – Campagna del Pane, via Fabio Massimo, 87a-89  
Gourmet – Gastronomia Volpetti, via Marmorata, 47  
Boutiques – via del Governo Vecchio (near P. Navonna)

## COOKING SCHOOL

**Alessandra** may do one-day classes in her home and private chef assignments at the customer's home or villa. Great reviews on TripAdvisor. Approx Euro 130 pp. for the class. Contact her at [viacortona@yahoo.com](mailto:viacortona@yahoo.com). Or her website at [www.tuscanyunfiltered.com](http://www.tuscanyunfiltered.com).

## RESTAURANTS IN CORTONA AREA (Owner) (day closed)

### Inside the medieval wall

#### Favorites

- Sartu** Vicolo Baldacchini 2, Off via Nazionale. Excellent small trattoria. (Thursday) \$\$ 0575- 601708 (Michela and Lilliana)
- Al Tocco** Via Benedetti 24, New Tuscan ristorante run by Micro and Mattia \$\$ (Monday) 39 0575 956470 Cell [392 1320432](tel:3921320432)
- Le Rughe** [Vicolo Mancini, 10](#), Just a few meters off via Dardano. Waiter is Christian and chef is Matteo [0575 453803](tel:0575453803) [Excellent](#)
- Osteria del Teatro** Off via Dardano.. 0575-630556. \$\$\$ (Giovanni) Good food (Wednesday)
- Pozzo Antico** Via Ghini 14. Near apt. Owner is Paula. 0575-62091. Excellent food. \$\$\$ (Thursdays)
- La Loggetta** Great food and nice view of piazza. 575-630575 \$\$\$ (Marco and Lara) (Wednesdays)
- La Grotta** Off Piazza della Repubblica. 0575-630271. \$\$ (New generation now runs) Very good
- Preludio** Next to Hotel San Michele. Good atmosphere & food. \$\$\$ (Wednesdays)
- T Dardano** On via Dardano. Excellent Italian home cooking. Good roasted meats. Lots of locals. 0575-601944. \$\$ (Wednesdays) (Paulo)
- Fuflons** Via Ghibellina. Thin crust pizza is good, bruschetta and crostini. 0575-604140. \$ (Tuesdays)
- Bottega Baracchi** Via Nazionale 78, 0575 613874, owned by the IL Falconiere family. Excellent and creative.
- Braceria AD** Located next to Ivan's Gallery Tel 0575-612825. A charming cellar with grilled meat and fish. Well ranked by Trip Advisor. (Monday)
- T Taconi** **CLOSED** via Dardano 46, 0575-603588. \$ Nonna Taconi's is a great family place with 6 tables. Only lunch. (Angelo & Graziella Tiziana). (Monday)
- Il Gozzoviglio** Via Guelfa 9, 52044, 0575 601778, very casual and very good for a simple lunch
- T Etrusca** Just inside Porto Colonia at via Dardano 37, [0575 604088](tel:0575604088) Great little restaurant with a limited but great menu some outdoor seating. (Mario) \$
- Caffe Vittorio** Piazza Signorelli. Excellent for coffee, pastries and lunch (panini, pizza, salads)

#### Others

- Tonino** Good food, with terrace overlooking the lake.. 0575-6305000. \$\$\$\$
- Cacciatore** via Roma, much improved. Has seafood on menu. 0575-630552. \$\$\$ (Thursdays)
- Nessun Dorma** Across from Teatro Signorelli. 0575-62038. Mediocre, outdoor dining and cappuccino. \$\$
- Toscano** via Dardano. Good Riboleta and Pici. Nice atmosphere, lots of locals. 0575-604192. \$\$ (Tuesday) (Enzo and Sara, chef is Santi)
- Pane e Vino** Piazza della Signorelli, casual atmosphere and limited menu. More about wine. 0575-631010. \$\$
- Antico Trattoria** Piazza Signorelli Not good. **For tourists only.** (Lucca)
- Tempero** Brazilian/Tuscan. On Via Benedetti across from old apt. Not tested
- Birrificio Cortonese** Via Guelfa 16, 0575 613828 Good beer pub food. Not tested.
- La Fett'Unta** Via Giuseppe Maffei 5, 0575 630582, small place owned by Osteria del'Teatro
- La Dispensa** Via Guelfa 7, Opened by Preludio. Simple food with a twist. Sandwiches, take out, etc.
- Cortona Bistro** Via Santa Margherita 13, 057562957, recent addition, food average
- Enoteca Enotria** Via Nazionale 81, [0575 603595](tel:0575603595) Small wine bar with antipasta, panini, etc. Good for lunch.
- Beerbone Art Burger** Via Nazionale 55, 0575601790, upscale burgers w Chianina beef.
- La Buccaccia** Below Fufluns – not a favorite. Cheese dishes and medieval specialties. \$\$\$ (Romano)

## In the vicinity of Cortona

- IL Falconiere** Below Cortona. Very special (**5 star**). 0575-612679. \$\$\$\$ (Mondays). Relias Chateau (hotel)  
**Corte dei Papi** In Pergo (**5 star**) – more intimate than Falconiere with great food. 0575-614109. \$\$\$\$  
**L'Antica Casina di Caccia** In Pergo (**5 star**). In Hotel Cortona – Villa di Paliazzano. [0575 174 3048](tel:05751743048) \$\$\$\$
- Locanda Molino** Lod Montanare 10 (Pergo) **13 min** on SP35, Dinner only except Sunday, Owned by Stephano, Silva B's (Falconiere) father. 0575-614192. \$\$
- La Tufa** In Ossaia. Very good, locals. Terrace is very pleasant. Pizza is popular. 0575-677717. (Wednesday) \$\$.
- Commanchero Ranch** Mostly locals as Franco's riding stable is not registered as a restaurant - food is good. Tricky drive down. (Tuesday and Wednesday) (Franco) \$\$
- La Braceria** via Lauretana 957, Camucia (**7 min** on SP32) 0575-62850, [labraceriacortona@gmail.com](mailto:labraceriacortona@gmail.com). Excellent beef grilled.
- L'Angolo Caffé \*\*\*** In Camucia. Very inexpensive lunch buffet with over 25 items to chose from. Locals. Have pastries to take home
- Cantanapoli** Località Le Piagge, 33/A in Camucia, [0575 62996](tel:057562996). Excellent seafood, Pizza. (Monday) \$\$
- Enoteca Meucci** Loc Ricco 70, New enoteca with upscale restaurant. [info@enotecameucci.it](mailto:info@enotecameucci.it) [39 333 196 5439](tel:393331965439),  
**Le Capanine** S. Andrea di Sorbello, Mercatale. Agriturismo. Sunday lunch in the shady garden, Italian, French, Barbecue. **35 min** via SP35 past Mercatale. [0575 638112](tel:0575638112) Cell 3331057509 (Monday & Tuesday) (Christine Coudray & Alfredo Anitore)
- Casale L'Antico Carro** In Montalla #26, Quaint inn. **9 min** on SP 35, [0575 604202](tel:0575604202), Dinner only except Sunday (Monday)
- I Gustasapori** An Agriturismo in Montalla (just **6 min** below Cortona). Must call in advance, very good chef named Donatella. 0575-62464.
- Agrisolotto Ghibellino** Santa Caternia. 0575-617417. Never tried. Has a cave atmosphere plus an interior garden \$\$
- Il Melone** N. end of Camucia . Excellent food and offers use of their pool after lunch. 0575-631133. \$\$\$\$
- Poggio Sant;Angelo** In Farnetta, [Case Sparse 42-44](tel:0575610365), **19 minutes** via SP31, [0575 610365](tel:0575610365), Beautiful villa converted into a restaurant and B&B (Luigi, Luca & Anna) \$\$

## RESTAURANTS - NEAR AREZZO (N of Cortona) by town (day closed)

- ANGHIARI **La Nena** (great trattoria), 0575-789491 (Monday)  
**Da Alighiero** (upscale), 0575-788040 (Tuesday)
- AREZZO **Buca di San Francesco** (trattoria)  
**IL Saraceno** (trattoria) off via Cavour and Corsa Italia  
**La Torre di Gnicche**, Piaggia S. Martino 8, [0575 352035](tel:0575352035)
- C. FIORENTINO **Da Muzzicone**. 0575-658403. Good food but owner is ogre. Piazza San Francesco.  
**Osteria di Villa Schiatti da Cristiano**. Loc.Montecchio, 131. 331-3106377  
[osteriadvillaschiatti@gmail.com](mailto:osteriadvillaschiatti@gmail.com) (Cristiano Milaghetti)
- INCISA **Osteria de'Medici**, 055-8335780. Great pasta
- M. SAN SAVINO **La Torre di Gargonza** (Castello di Gargonza) 0575-547021 or [gargonza@abitarelastoria.it](mailto:gargonza@abitarelastoria.it)  
On National Geographic tours
- MONTEVARCHI **Osteria di Rendola**  
**\*Osteria il Giardino di Piero**. Elegant interior with extraordinary food and service
- SANSEPOLCRO **\*il Canto del Maggio**, owner is Mauro, knows Giancarlo Michelli. Loc. Penna
- TERRANUOVA BRACCIOLINI Alta, in hills not too far from Prada outlet. Exit Valdarno on A1 N. of Arezzo. 0575-9705147.

## RESTAURANTS – BRUNELLO REGION (SW of Cortona) by town (day closed) - All are good.

- BUONCONVENTO **Da Mario**. on the main street of the old town.  
**Da Duccio**, Via Soccini N76, 0577/807042
- BETTOLLE **\*Ristorante Walter Redarelli**, 0577-623447 (Tuesday) Take “Locanda” exit (small) off SS after passing A1 entrance – direction Siena. Chef very highly rated. Near Valdichiana Outlet Mall

CHUISI	<b>Ziara</b> – very good and wonderful old wine cave. Not as good as one below. * <b>Osteria La Solita Zuppa</b> , Via Porsenna 21, 0578/21006 – very enjoyable, excellent food <b>Tuscany Devine</b> , Querce al Pino, 28. Tel 335 332 392, Closed Monday. outstanding food...the three course menu had 6 appetizers (yes, 6), pasta choice, dessert (wine and coffee are extra).all for 20 euros per person
MONTE AMIATA	<b>Osteria Primo Rifugio</b> , 0577-789705
MARCIANO	<b>Lo Steccheto</b> , 0575-845222 (between Foiana and Lucignano – on river road, west side)
MONTICCHIELLO	<b>Osteria La Porta</b> , Via del Pianno 1, 0578-755163 (Mon & Tues). Homemade pasta.
MONTEFOLLONICO	<b>Ristorante il Medioevo</b> . Near gate to town. * <b>La Chiusa</b> , Call for reservations and directions. 0577-669668 Dania is chef. (Tuesdays)
MONTEPULCIANO	<b>La Grotta</b> , Localita San Biago 16, 0578-757479 (Wednesdays) <b>Osteria dell'Acquacheta</b> , Via del Theatro, 0578-758-443 (Tuesdays) <b>Fattoria Pulcino Ristarante</b> - outside the city with a great view and nice terrace. They are also a winery. You go here for a nice outdoor experience and the view. <b>E Lucevan Le Stelle</b> has great salads, pasta, and wine by the glass. Piazza di San Francesco 5, 0578 758725
MONTALCINO	<b>Poggio Antico</b> , Loc. I Poggi 0577-849200. Separate from Winery. <b>Ristorante Boccon Divino</b> . Just outside Montalcino. <b>Bocon di Vino</b> , Loc. Comombaio Tozzi, 201, 0577/8482333 (Slow Food) <b>Osteria Osticcio</b> , Via Mateotti, 23, 0577/848271, (Slow Food) <b>Taverna Grappolo Blu</b> , Scale di Via Moglio, 1, 0577/847150 <b>Osteria di Porta al Cassero</b> , Via della Liberta 9 or Via Ricasoli 32, 0577/847196 <b>Enoteca Fortezza</b> , Piazzale Fortezza, tel: 0577-8490777 <b>Caffe Alle Logge di Piazza</b> , Piazza del Popolo, 1, 0577/846186 <b>Il Re Di Macchia</b> , <b>Il Leccio</b>
LUCIGNANO	* <b>Il Goccino</b> , 35 minutes W. of Cortona. excellent. 0575 836707 One of the best in Tuscany
LUPOMPESI	<b>Bosco della Spina</b> , Lupompesi 13, 0577 814605 (just outside of Vescovado di Murlo)
PIENZA	<b>La Buca delle Fate</b> Corso Rossellino 38, 0578-748272 \$\$ * <b>Latte di Luna</b> , Via San Carlo 2-4, 0578-478606 \$\$ (Roberto). Maialino and roasted potatoes <b>La Pergola</b> , via dell'Acero
POGGIBONSI	** <b>Osteria al Torrione</b> , loc.IL Torreone, superb food but remote. Near Lilliano. 0577-797212.
SAN CASCIANO	<b>Daniela</b> (Piazza Matteotti, 7) From Chuisi, take direction Cetona. Tel 0578-58041.
DEI BAGNI	1 hr 15 min from Cortona.
SAN QUIRICO d'ORCIA	<b>All Antico Forno</b> . Great outdoor garden dining
SINALUNGA	<b>Locanda Amarose</b> – Superb for brunch on Sunday. (Closed for lunch on Mon and Tues)
SIENNA AREA	<b>Arnolfo</b> , in Colle Val d'Elsa (in 15th Century villa) <b>Da Antonio</b> , in Castelnuovo Berardenga (great seafood) <b>Osteria da Cice</b> <b>Osteria le Logge</b> , in Sienna (the place to eat) <b>Osteria il Carriccio</b> <b>La Tavern di San Guiseppe</b> <b>Il Ghibellino</b> , Via Del Pellagrini, 26 between Duomo & Campo
TREQUANDA	<b>Conte Matto</b> , Via Maresca 1, 0577 622079, <a href="http://www.contematto.it">www.contematto.it</a>
SANT'ANGELO	<b>Il Leccio</b> , Piazza Castellare1/3-5, 0577-844175
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## RESTAURANTS – IN CHIANTI REGION (W of Cortona) by town (day closed) - All are good.

C. IN CHIANTI	<b>Albergaccio di Castellina</b> (Trattoria). Expensive. <b>Gelato in Castellina - Antica Delizie</b> A favorite Gelateria in Toscana. <b>Galloppa</b> <b>Il Pestello</b> , On the Poggibonsi to Castellina road s429 <b>Cantioniera di Vescine</b> <b>Osteria Fonterutoli</b>
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GAIOLE in C	<b>Badia a Coltibuono</b> , excellent restaurant above on hill. 0577-7490031. \$\$\$\$
GREVE in C	<b>Castello di Ama</b> excellent restaurant and winery. \$\$\$\$
ABBADIA ISOLA	<b>Castello Vecchiomaggio</b> (3.7 km North of town) Open only on Wed. Beautiful castle and hotel
MONTERIGGIONI	<b>La Legenda di Sogni dei Frati</b> , , Monteriggioni Road to Colle Val d'Elsa -direction of Strove.
PANZANO in C	<b>Casalta</b> , Past Abbadia del Isola on same road, in the direction of Strove.
	<b>Terre di Siena</b> , In, on the left of the main square, at the end of small alleyway lined with wine.
	<b>Antica Macelleria Cecchini</b> , Via XX Luglio, 11, Tel 055 852020 <a href="mailto:info@dariocecchini.com">info@dariocecchini.com</a> .
	Butcher Shop and Restaurant. Excellent Chianini beef. Several fixed price menus. Reservations or walk in.
SAN REGOLO	<b>IL Carlino d'Oro</b>
	Ristorante between <b>Castello Brolio</b> and CB Tasting Room.

## RESTAURANTS – IN UMBRIA+ (E and S of Cortona) by town (day closed) - All are good.

ASSISI	<b>Osteria Piazzetta dell'Erbe</b> - casual place with fancier, well plated food.
GUBBIO	* <b>Brasone Gardens</b> (Brasone Palace Hotel)
	<b>Taverna del Lupo</b>
CITTA DI CASTELLO	<b>Locanda dell'Ottocento</b> , via dei tre Nonni, closed Wed
MONTONE	<b>Del Verzierre</b> or <b>Antognolla</b>
PASSIGNANO	<b>Kursaal</b> , via Europa 24. Great seafood on Lake. 0575-828300. Follow lake toward Perugia
	<b>da Luciano</b> . via Nazionale 11. charming with view. Mediocre. 075-827210 (Wednesdays)
	<b>Da Massimo</b> , in Magione, Loc. San Savino, east along lake toward Perugia, 075.8476094
	<b>Fishio Di Merlo</b> , Calcinaio, 075 829283
	<b>L'Oso</b> , on Isolo Maggiore. 075 8254255, Take ferry but be aware of return schedule.
	<b>Locanda del Galluzzo</b> . Small Inn in hills, 0575-843352. Evenings + Sunday lunch (Tuesday)
PACIANO	* <b>L'Oca Bruciata</b> , Viale Roma 7, 075 830 7008
PANICALE	<b>Albergo Ristorante Masolino</b> , Tel 075-837151, <a href="mailto:albergomasolino@inwind.it">albergomasolino@inwind.it</a>
	<b>Lillo Tatani</b> , Piazza Umberto I, 13/14, <a href="tel:075837771">075 837771</a>
PETRIGNANO	<b>L'Essenza in the Relais Alla Corte del Sole</b> (owned by Tonino Family), west of Castiglione del Lago and 17 km from Cortona on SP302.
PONTE PATTOLI	<b>Il Covone</b> , via Taticchi, 075-694503 (owner is Novello), across from CONAD Mkt.
ORVIETO	* <b>Tipica Trattoria Etrusca</b> . Via L. Maitani 10, 0763-344016. Great food.
	<b>La Volpe e l'uva</b> . Via Ripa Corsica ½. 0763-341612
	<b>I Sette Consoli</b>
	<b>Trattoria del Moro</b>
	<b>Vinosus</b> by the Duomo. Great food
	* <b>Trattoria La Palomba</b> is wonderful for dinner. Food is fantastic, especially if you like truffles, and staff is great; Via Cipriano Macente 16; 0763 343395
	<b>Antico Bucchero</b> lovely setting, really good food, lots of locals; Via Dei Cartari 4 0763 341725

## RESTAURANTS – FLORENCE & LUCCA (NE of Cortona) by town (day closed) - All are good.

FLORENCE	* <b>Enoteca Pinchiorri</b> is the best and * <b>Sabatini</b> second.
	<b>Cantinetta Antinori</b> is a great restaurant and wine bar.
	<b>Cavalo Nero</b> , Via d'Arglione 26
	<b>Cibreo</b> is another great restaurant.
	<b>La Giostra</b> is highly recommended by a chef. Borgo Pinti 12-r, 055 241341
	<b>Beccofino</b> and <b>Cammillo</b> are both great trattorias
	<b>Osteria Del Cinghiale Bianco</b> , Borgo S. Jacopo, 43r, 055-215706
	<b>Trattoria dei 13 Gobbi</b>
	<b>Olio</b> (near Duomo)
	<b>Natalino</b> (behind Duomo), Borgo degli Albizi 17r. 055-289404
	<b>Nerbonne</b> in Mercato Centrale.
	<b>Momoyamo (Sushi)</b> , Borgo San Frediano 10r
	<b>Ristorante Ricci</b> , Located in Santo Spirito
	<b>ZaZa</b> in Piazza di Mercato



**Signorvino** is our favorite place to stop midday to rest our tired feet and have a quick bite. Really a wine shop with tables and limited menu, but fantastic terrace overlooking the Arno with view of the Ponte Vecchio and Uffizi Gallery.

#### LUCCA

**Locanda L'Elisa** (on SS 12 direction Pisa)

Vinarkia, Via Filungo

**Villa La Nina**, Montecarlo (Lucca) 0583/22178

**Giglio** (near P. Napoleone) – outside seating

**I Santi Vineria Toscana**, Via dell'Anfiteatro, 29/a, 0583/496124

**All'Olivo**, Piazza San Quirico 1, off of Via Fillung

#### MONTECATINI TERME

**da Cecco**, in Pescia

**La Mora**, in Apennines

**La Torre Caffè/Ristorante** in Montecatini Alto, 0572-70650

**IL Gourmet**, Viale Amedola 6, 0572-771012. (Tuesdays)

**Enoteca Giovanni**, via Garibaldi 25, 0572-76-17695 (Mondays, except Sept)

**Checco**, via Farti 96, Fish, 0572-477955 (Mondays)

#### PISA

**Osteria dei Cavalieri**, Just off the Piazza of the same name

### **RESTAURANTS IN REST OF ITALY**

#### BOLOGNA

**All Osteria Botega**, Via Santa Caterina 51, 40123 Bologna Tel 051 585111

**Ristorante Grassilli**, Via del Luzzo 3, 40125 Bologna Tel 051 222961

**Antica Osteria Romagnola**, Via Rialto 13, Bologna Tel 051 263699

#### ROME

**Armando al Pantheon**, Salita dei Crescenzi, 31, [06 6880 3034](tel:0668803034) Highly recommended

\***La Campana** near Piazza Navona. One of oldest in Rome.

**Al Moro**, Vicolo delle Bollette, 13. Upscale

**Alfredo's** near La Campana above. Home of Fettucini dish fame.

**Alessio** near Roma Termini train station

**Da Gigetto** a Portico D'Ottavia, famous for artichokes. 06-686-1105 Good not spectacular

\***Ristorante al "59" da Giuseppe**, via Angelo Brunelli, 59. 06-3219019

**La Rosetta** on via della Rosetta, 8

**Trattoria da Lucia**, Viccol del Mattanota 2, Trastevere, 06-5803601 (NY Times Chef)

**Piperno** - fine dining

**Café Greco** at via Condotti, 86 for lunch (VERY Expensive)

**Babbingtons** (Spanish Steps) for lunch

**Otello alla Concordia** (Spanish Steps), via della Croce, 06-679-1178

Ristorante **Alla Rampa**, under the Spanish steps – get there at 11:30 for lunch \$\$

**Osteria dell'Angelo**, via G. Bettola, 24. Near Vatican.

**Augusto**, Piazza de Renzi, 15. In Trastevere.

**Trattoria Monti**, Via di San Vito 13, 06-4466573 (NY Times Chef)

**Cecchino dal 1887**, via Monte Testaccio, 30. In Testaccio.

**Il Matricianella**, via del Leone, 2-4, trattoria near Piazza San **Lorenzo** in Lucino

**Perilli a Testaccio**, via Marmorato, 30. In Testaccio.

**Ristorante da Fortunato** Via del Pantheon, 55. [06 679 2788](tel:066792788) Outstanding \$\$\$

**Osteria di San Cesario**, 60 via Corridoni in San Cesario (20 miles S) Tel 06-958-7950.

**Constanza** - long standing traditional restaurant in underground cellar that is part of Pompeii's theater.

**RetroBottega** - a modernist restaurant where the chefs work in front of you. Limited seating so book well in advance.

**Roscioli** - they offer a wine tasting with matched food at their wine shop. Sessions are either in Italian or English so check in advance on your preference.

**Ristorante Dilla** good food, nice atmosphere, great variety of wines by the glass, Via Mario De' Fiori 41 <http://ristorantedilla.it/> 39 06 69797778

**Osteria da Fortunata**, amazing housemade pasta, Via del Pellegrino, 11, Campo de' Fiori Tel 06 60667391

**Ristorante Tullio** for outrageous roman artichokes and a great crowd. Via di S. Nicola da Tolentino, 26, 06 474 5560

### **Amatriciano**

**Trattoria Da Cesare** Via del Casaletto 45, 06 536015

**Trattoria Othello all Concordia**, Via della Croce, 81, 06 679 1178

**Ristorante Canonica** in trastevere, Vicolo del Piede, 13a, 06 580 3845

### GENOA

**Trattoria Maria**, Vico Testadoro

**Osteria di Vico Palla**

**Pintori**, via San Bernardo

**Berlocca**, via del Macelli di Soziglia

### ISCHIA

**Alberto's Ristorante** on the water (also very Romantic) Excellent Seafood. (\$\$\$)

**Ciro e Caterina** nice trattoria with outdoor dining. Great seafood. (Ciro and Caterina). (\$\$)

\***Miki** in Monterosso al Mare

### CINQUE TERRE

#### POSITANO

**Chez Black**

**Tre Soreile**

### MAREMMA AREA

(Near GROSSETA)

**Da Caino**, in Montemerano, 40 min SE of Grosseto

**Passaparola** in Montemerano, Vicolo delle Mura 21, tel: 0564-602835 (Slow Food)

**L'andana**, Castiglione della Pescaia, (Alain Ducasse). Loc Badiola. Hotel, restaurant and cooking school. 564-944800

**Il Tufo Allegro**, in Pitigliano, Vicolo della Costituzione, 5, tel: 0564/616192

**Il Due Cippi**, in Saturnia, Piazza Via Veneto, 26a, tel: 0564/601074 (Slow Food)

**Scilla**, in Sovana, Via Rodolfo Siviero 1/3, tel: 0564-616 531 (Slow Food)

**Osteria dei Mulini**, via Mulini 3, 080-425-1777, S of Bari and N of Brindisi on Adriatic in Puglia. Chef Cosimo Fera.

### POLIGNANO AL MARE

### REGGIO EMILIA

### SAN GIMIGNANO

### SAN VINCENZO

### VIAREGGIO

### FORTE DEI MARMI

### TAORMINA (Sicily)

### VENICE

**Italo**

**Il Pino**

**Gambera Rosso** – best kitchen in Tuscany. 35 mi S of Livorno.

**Romano**

**Lorenzo**

\***Licchi**

**Osteria Da Carla** - small casual place with very good food.

**Osteria Enoteca San Marco** - nice space, good service and good food.

## **WINE TASTINGS and TOURS** by region (call ahead to book tours and for hours)

**MONTEPULICANO** **Avignonesi**, Fattorie Le Capezzine, Valiano. cooking classes. Tel 0578-724008. Only 15 and minutes from Cortona. Tour and gourmet lunch can be booked online or thru Molesini's Rachel

### CORTONA

**Poliziano**, Montepulciano Stazione (near Gracciano). Tours, tastings. Tel 0578-738171.

### CHIANTI

**Castello di Ama**, Gaiole. Excellent restaurant and hotel. In addition to producing what is usually a wine spectator top 100 wine, this winery has an incredible installation of modern art. Book a tour of the art installations in addition to the tasting.

**Castello di Monsanto**, Barberino Val D'Elsa, Tel 055-8059000. [www.castellodimonsanto.it](http://www.castellodimonsanto.it)

**Castello di Verrazzano**, Greve in Chianti. Tel 055-854241. [www.verrazzano.com](http://www.verrazzano.com).

**Badia a Coltibuono**, Gaiole. Cooking classes. Tel 0577-749498. [www.coltibuono.com](http://www.coltibuono.com).

Excellent restaurant above on hill. 0577-7490031. \$\$\$\$

**Dievole**, Vagliagli (N. of Siena) Tours and tasting. Tel 0577-322613.

**Castello Vecchiomaggio**, 3.7 km North of Greve (town) Open Wed. Beautiful castle and hotel

**Tenuta di Llliano**, Francesca Rossi, Castellina in Chianti, Tel 0577 743070

### BRUNELLO

**Altesino**, Loc. Altesino, Palazzo Altesi (between Buonconvento and Montalcino) 0577-806208.

**Castello Banfi**, Poggio alle Mura, San Angelo Scalo. Has a restaurant Tel 0577-840111.

**Castello Brolio**, Loc. San Regolo (NE of Siena). Good restaurant below castle.

**Fattoria dei Barbi**, Loc. Podernovie. Tel 0577-841111. San Polo is further down the road.

**San Polo**, beyond Fattoria dei Barbi (Marco can arrange, very nice)

**Poggio Antico**, Loc. I Poggi, Tours and tastings. 0577-848044. Restaurant is separate.

**Cantine Innocenti**, via Landucci 12, Montefollonico. 0577 669537

**Tenuta Carolina “La Togata”**, Loc. Tavernelle, S of Montalcino, Andrea Fantini who speaks English, is in charge of the vineyards, Cell. 3334675433, and Massimo Demo in charge of the cellar: cell. 3471247049.

**Mate** - smaller producer with really good wines and an owner that has written several books about life in Tuscany.

## BALSALMICO

**Villa San Donnino** Strada Medicina 2541010 San Donnino (MODENA)

[info@villasandonnino.it](mailto:info@villasandonnino.it) Tel 3402579734

**Acetaia di Giorgio** via Sandro Cabassi 67, Modena Tel 059 333015 Cell 338 6575552

[info@acetaiadigiorgio.it](mailto:info@acetaiadigiorgio.it)

**TOWN MARKETS** - fruit, vegetables, flowers, crafts, etc. See Separate List

## SHOPPING

**VALDICHIANA OUTLET VILLAGE** large US style outlet mall at A1 and Perugia to Siena Superstrada intersection. Great selection of stores, including designers.

**THE MALL**, via Aretina, 63 Leccio (Reggello). Just outside Florence on SS69 – the superstrada between Florence and Arezzo. Exit A1 at Ischia (1st exit S. of Florence), proceed north on SS69 to Leccio (direction Firenze and Pontesieve – blue signs). Behind an industrial bldg that is cream with green trim. Located just toward Florence 055-8657775 or 76921. Has many designers including Gucci, Armani, Valentino Zegna, Ungaro, Loro Piana and Yves St. Laurent.

**PRADA** (IPELLIETTIERI d’Italia) - In Lavanella, a small suburb at the south end of Montevarchi – a few km. North of Levane and south of San Giovanni on Road S69. Take the Valdarno exit of the A1. In a long industrial bldg that is grey with black trim. No sign – store is in bldg with a large “10” on the side. Street is Via Lavanella Bicorpi – turn off S69 east, about 100 yds on left behind iron fence. Walk through gate in fence toward glass doors and windows.

**DOLCE & GABANA** – Near The Mall. Turn off road to The Mall just north of The Mall. In a modern building with no signs. On left side of road just after you turn left at fork. **FENDI** is nearby.

**MOVIE THEATRES** There are several theaters that specialize in English movies

FLORENCE Astro, Piazza San Simone

Goldini, Via Serragli, 109

ROME Alcazar, Via Merry del Val

Pasquino, Vicolo del Piede, 19

CORTONA Amphitheater (in Public Gardens at end of Via Nazionale every night during the summer, Wednesdays in original language (often English). Rest of year on Fri, Sat & Sun. in Italian.

## HOTELS

ALBA

**Corte Gondina**, La Morra, 20 min from Alba. Great for truffles.

BOLOGNA

**Antica Casa Zucchini** (B&B), Via Santo Stefano 36, Tel 347 911 0731

CEFALU (Sicily)

**Relais Santa Anastasia** (Inn w/ Winery and Wonderful Restaurant)

CORTONA

**Hotel San Michele, 3 stars, off main piazza. Our favorite**

**Hotel San Luca**, 2 stars, in same building as Tonino's restaurant. Does a lot of groups

**Villa Marsili** (on road below Piazza Ghiribaldi)

**La Corte de Ambra**, via Benedetti 23. Luxury B&B with 4 rooms

**Casa Chilenne**, via Nazionale 65, Luxury B&B owner is an excellent chef

**Relais Il Falconiere**, 5 star, Silvia and Riccardo are owners.

**IL Monastero di Cortona**, 5 star, via del Salvatore, [info@monesterodicortona.com](mailto:info@monesterodicortona.com)

Tel 0575-1785839

**Hotel Cortona – Villa di Paliazano** 5 star, near Pergo, Loc. Piazzano, 6, [075 826226](tel:075826226),

[info@villadipalizzano.com](mailto:info@villadipalizzano.com)



CHIANCIANO TERME  
ROME

**La Foce**, Via della Vittoria 63, 057-869101. Also has elaborate gardens and a trattoria  
**Hotel Lunetta**, near Campo di Fiori nice rooms and decent breakfast  
**Hotel Portoghesi**, via dei Portoghesi, 1, Tel 06 6864231 Near Piazza Navona.  
**Hotel Gregoriana** via Gregoriana. Near Spanish Steps  
**Hotel d'Inghilterra** Near Spanish Steps  
**Albergo Internazionale** via Sistina, 179. Near Spanish Steps 06 69941823.  
**Rose Garden Palace**, via Boncompagni 19, near Via Veneto  
**Casa Montani**, 9 Piazzale Flaminio, Tel 06-3260-0421, near Piazza del Popolo.  
**Daphne**, Elyssa Bernard and Husband, 340-960-9086, via degli Avignonesi 20, elyssa@daphne-rome.com, Elyssa is also a tour guide. [elyssa@romewise.com](mailto:elyssa@romewise.com)  
**Relais Pierret**, at Spanish Steps  
**Relais Giulia**, Via Giulia 93, Rome, 00186, Italy Well-located, bargain-priced, with spacious, modern bathrooms  
**Hotel Splendide Royal** is lovely luxury hotel near Borghese Gardens and Spanish Steps. Great rates in off season, beautiful breakfast room with fantastic view of St. Peter's Cathedral, helpful staff.

ROME AIRPORT.

**Hotel Cancelli Rossi**, via Portuense 2443, 00054 Fiumicino. 06 6507221.  
**Hilton Hotel**. Walk to terminals. Good place to exchange the car if arranged in advance.  
**Hilton Garden Inn**. New, great beds, free WiFi, free shuttle (5 minutes). 06 6525 9000.  
**QC Terme Hotel and Spa**, really spectacular spa facility at the base of the airport. Excellent baths, massage facilities, outdoor pools and a free happy hour with everyone in their robes!

MILAN  
MONTECATINI  
MONTE SAN SAVINO  
ORVIETO

**Hotel Malpensa**. Beautiful old estate **near airport** with shuttle service. Inexpensive.  
**Grand Hotel La Pace** (5 star). Tel 0573-75801. Best Spa is Tettucio  
**Castello di Gargonza** in Gargonza, 0575-547021 or [gargonza@abitarelastoria.it](mailto:gargonza@abitarelastoria.it)  
**Hotel Maitani**, Via Maitani, 5 (near Duomo). Tel. 076 3342011. Aging.  
**Grand Hotel (Albergo) Italia**, via di Piazza del Popolo  
**Hotel Virgilio**, P del Duomo 5/6, Tel 0763-394937, [www.orvietohotelvirgilio.com](http://www.orvietohotelvirgilio.com)

PIENZA

**Piccolo Hotel La Valle**, 0057-8749402. Modest but comfortable.  
**La Bandita**, 333-404-6704. Great views

PORTO ERCOLE  
POSITANO

**Sant'Anna in Camprena** [www.camprena.it](http://www.camprena.it), where English Patient was filmed. Modest  
**Hotel Il Pellicano**. Tel 0564-833801. Chic coastal town  
**La Rosa dei Venti** (B&B). [www.larosadeiventit.it](http://www.larosadeiventit.it).

MONTEROSSO al MARE

**Buca di Bacco** (rooms #32 or 33) reasonable, beautiful and just below the Sirenuse,  
**Hotel Porto Roca** in Cinque Terre

REGGIO

**Hotel La Colonnina**, in Cinque Terre, [www.lacolonninacinqueterre.it](http://www.lacolonninacinqueterre.it)  
**Anna & Ericca**. Corso Garibaldi, 2, [info@annaericca.eu](mailto:info@annaericca.eu) Tel 0522 432719  
B&B well-located for seeing all of Emilia Romagna.

SAN GIOVANNI DI ASSO  
SIENA  
TAORMINA (Sicily)  
VENICE

**La Locanda del Castello**, 0577-802939, In Brunello region. Truffle hunts.  
**Villa Scacciapensieri**. Strada di Scacciapensieri 10, [www.villasacciapensieri.it](http://www.villasacciapensieri.it)  
**Hotel Villa Schuler**. Tel. 0942-23481. Room 28 has best view of Mt. Etna and Sea.  
**Ad Place Venice** - interestingly decorated hotel not far from Piazza San Marco. Good breakfast included with room. Ask for the first floor room next to the canal if you want to be serenaded.

## BORGO AND VILLA HOTELS

AMELIA

**Tenuto del Gallo**, Country estate with good restaurant and pool. Great place to get over jet lag after landing in Rome.

CAMPAGNATICO  
GREVE IN CHIANTI  
SAN CASCIANO  
CASTAGNETO CARDUCI  
MONTEPULCIANO  
MONTE SAN SAVINO

**Locanda del Glicine**, Medieval house. 6-10 Piazza Garibaldi. Tel 056-499-6490.  
**Villa Bordoni**, Hillside with cooking classes. 31/32 via San Cresci. Tel 055-884-0004.  
**Villa Poggiale**, Renaissance country house. 69 via Empolese. Tel 055-828-311.  
**Villa le Luci**, villa overlooking Mediterranean. 47 via Umberto I. Tel 056-576-3601.  
**Villa Poggiano**, 18th Century house with pool. 7 via di Poggiano. Tel 0578-758-292  
**La Torre di Gargonza**, great restaurant Loc. Gargonza Tel 0575 847065 On National Geographic Tour