



# Italy

Edition 5



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Everyone is in love with Italy, aren't they? Or perhaps the idea of it, touted across the centuries by all those poets and painters, photographers, writers and film makers that have entranced us with their romantic words and evocative images. A misty winter morning in watery Venice, a Tuscan hill-top estate dotted with cypress trees, edgy Naples with its sheet-lined streets, Sicilian lemon groves and, of course, rip-roaring Rome with its ancient attractions and crazy driving. But where to stay? Where to find places to match the magnificence of your surroundings? Well, Sawday's of course:

- Discover castles, villas, city apartments, agriturismo, country inns, beachside hotels, ski lodges and holiday hamlets
- Many places offer courses in, for example, cooking or Italian so there's no excuse for sitting around idling by the pool, although on second thoughts...
- Wonderful food in the most atmospheric of surroundings whether you prefer dinner for two in a Florentine palazzo or a rustic picnic in a shady olive grove

### Facts and Figures

88 new entries, 358 entries in total.

B&Bs, hotels and self-catering.

Want to tie the knot? Narrow down the search for that perfect Italian wedding venue with our very useful quick reference indices.

Six places have an extra page each in the book as a way of highlighting their particularly green initiatives.

Every place in the book has been visited. Atmosphere, welcome and value for money are key.

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Tuscany

B&B



### Podere La Casellina Agriturismo

Come here for life's slow rhythm – and for the gentle family. The Bensi grandparents moved here in 1936 (see picture below), when the local church put the *podere* into their careful hands; the family and young Michelangelo have worked the land ever since. Anyone wishing to experience the 'real' side of peasant life (*vita del contadino* – and learn something of its history – should come here; so little has changed at La Casellina, inside or out, and there are few concessions to modernity. Guest bedrooms are in the old hayloft and stables, simple but comfortable, with views of the little San Pietro al Terreno church. The landscape, between Chianti and Valdarno, is exquisite; you have the chestnut woods of the Chianti mountains to one side, and oaks, cypresses and olives to the other. Learn to prune vines and pick olives on the farm; gather chestnuts and wild mushrooms in the woods. Go riding or biking, then return to Grandma's recipes – the grape flan is delicious. There's passion fruit for breakfast, and Michelangelo is a dear who speaks brilliant English. *Minimum stay two nights.*



Price	From €76.
Rooms	3 doubles.
Meals	Lunch with wine, €18. Dinner with wine €24.
Closed	Never.
Directions	Leave A1 at Incisa; Figline road. Just before Figline, right to Brollo & Poggio alla Croce; 4km, on right.

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