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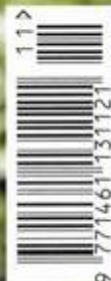
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BEST FOR... ARTISTIC INSPIRATION

Locanda al Colle, Versilia, Tuscany

STYLE: Cubism-graced guesthouse.

SETTING: Colourful Camaiore hillside.

Nestled between a clutch of Tuscan towns and seaside resorts in an idyllic patch of Versilia, a pool adds a sliver of silver to Locanda al Colle's sprawling hillside gardens. Antiques hand-picked from around the world, Cubist paintings and four-poster beds ensure this three-storey house is loaded with charm. Owner Riccardo, a fashion-industry globetrotter, has a great eye, and an exquisite and eclectic collection of furniture.

BEST BOUDOIRS: Aurora's panoramic terrace has an outdoor fireplace.

For space, pick taupe-toned Colle, which has a hearth in the sitting room, Tiffany lamps and a stately four-poster. Plus, it's an easy sneak to the pool.

DON'T GO HOME WITHOUT: Marvelling at Pietrasanta's museum, with its hoard of maquettes by the sculptural greats (museodeibozzetti.it); go to the Gallery of Modern and Contemporary Art (gamc.it) in Viareggio and admire pieces by other artists that have fallen for this picturesque region.

RATES: €130-€300 (around £113-£260), including breakfast.

BEST FOR... SUNBATHING

Masseria Fumarola, Puglia

STYLE: Trullo to its roots.

SETTING: Verdant Valle d'Itria.

The rustic exterior doesn't prepare you for what lies within: Starck's Ghost chairs, farm tools as chic furniture, Jacuzzi tubs... Recline on white canvas deckchairs and tangerine sunloungers, then peel yourself away to enjoy some culinary sophistication in the dining room.

BEST BOUDOIRS: Massaro Vecchio is a junior suite with separate conical-shaped bedroom, bathroom and lounge. Palmento Due is where the farm's wine was once stored.

DON'T GO HOME WITHOUT: Visiting the spectacular nearby town of Martina Franca - and Basilica di San Martino is worth a peek.

RATES: €75-€140 (around £66-£122), including breakfast.



FROM TOP: One of the spacious suites; the luxurious swimming pool



FROM LEFT: The hillside town of Montepulciano; a typical Tuscan side street



BEST FOR... WINE TASTING

Follonico, Tuscany

STYLE: Italian fairy tale.

SETTING: Medieval Montefollonico.

Traditionally Tuscan on the outside, splashes of jewel colours lend an Asian accent inside. Furnishings are an artful muddle: polka-dot crockery, Manga-style paintings, in-room oddities such as hats and dried pumpkins. There's no restaurant, but in an area teeming with dining options, eat in Montepulciano or Montalcino Val di Piana. Breakfast at this b&b is pretty special, with fresh

breads delivered daily from a Pienza bakery.

BEST BOUDOIRS: Light-flooded Rosso Tramonto has statement garments as decoration. Spacious Verde Intenso has three rooms, each on a separate level.

DON'T GO HOME WITHOUT: Visiting local wineries Icaro (icario.it), a family-run estate in Montepulciano, and San Polino (sanpolino.it), an organic producer of Brunello di Montalcino in Montalcino.

RATES: €150-€170 (around £132-£149), including breakfast. >>