

The Most Tranquil Hotels in Tuscany

From medieval hilltop retreats to charming coastal boutiques.

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With its lush green olive groves and cypress tree-lined meadows, Tuscany is one of the most romantic places in Italy. As the birthplace of the Renaissance, it's a melting pot of art, culture, and architecture; a place to savor and explore. The backdrop for countless paintings and books – EM Forster's classic 1908 novel *A Room with A View* is set primarily in Florence – there's something captivating about Tuscany.

In the last decade, there's been an explosion of luxury hotels cropping up in Tuscany, dotted across the region's medieval hilltop villages and historic cities. When planning your trip, you'll first need to decide whether you're looking for a laid-back country retreat (think wine tastings and truffle hunting) or something a little more fast-paced.

Struggling to choose? Spend a few days in a quiet village before finishing your trip in Florence or Pisa (many of the most exclusive hotels are just a short drive away). The best time of year to visit Tuscany is spring and early autumn – we recommend booking your stay in September to avoid the crowds but still catch plenty of sunshine (temperatures range from around 72-82°F).

As for accommodation, there's something to suit every taste. To help you pick, we've curated a list of the very best luxury hotels in Tuscany. From idyllic wellness sanctuaries to glamorous coastal boutiques these properties are a cut above the rest.

Castelfalfi



Castelfalfi sits within a stone-walled medieval borgo (village) dating back to Etruscan times / ©Toscana Resort Castelfalfi

Sitting within a stone-walled medieval borgo dating back to Etruscan times, Castelfalfi is exactly what springs to mind when you think of a quintessential Tuscan retreat.

Boasting 2,700 acres of woodland, vineyards and olive groves, the beautiful landscape takes center stage here. When it comes to activities, it's hard to find better: the estate is home to a fully working olive oil mill, winery, and apiary which you can visit for tours and tastings.

Castelfalfi has 151 elegant rooms – opt to stay in the main building in one of the recently renovated suites for sweeping vistas of the rolling hills. Slightly further afield there's a collection of farmhouses that can be rented for family gatherings or those looking for a bit more privacy.