TUSCANY

Accomodations

Siena Area

Hotel Squarcialupi

Via Ferrucio 26, Castellina in Chianti http://www.squarcialupirelaxinchianti.com/

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This is a 15th century palace in the town center of Castellina in Chianti. The Palazzo and wine cellar/winery was remodeled by Tommaso Bojola and his wife in the early 1990's into a very charming inn/hotel with 16 individually decorated rooms. Castellina in Chianti is one of the remaining "working wine towns" of the famous Chianti Classico wine region. Located 45 minutes south of Florence and 20 minutes north of Siena, surrounded by Tuscany's most prestigious Chianti vineyards makes this one of my favorite destinations when in Tuscany.

Restaurants

Siena

Osteria Le Logge

Via del Porrione33, Siena

http://osterialelogge.it/en/italiano

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Located in the old center of Siena, this is a wonderful little restaurant, and one of our favorites. The owner is the Laura Brunelli, wife of winemaker Gianni Brunelli (they are friends). Unforturnately Gianni passed away a few years ago, but the family still owns a small vineyard in Montalcino, and they sell their Brunello at the restaurant. Great florentine steaks, reservations a must. Also check out Un Tubo, a wine bar offshoot located next to their historic cellar!

La Taverna del Chianti

in Vagliagli (11.5 km north of Siena) Phone +39-0577-322-532

Great place for Tuscan steaks!

la Bottega del 30

Via di Santa Caterina, 2 (near Castelnuovo Beradenga) www.labotegadel30.it/en
Phone +39 0577 359226 Email info@labottegadel30.it

Michelin starred restaurant with progressive Italian cuisine and French accents. Reservations are a must.

Arnolfo

Via XX Settembre, 50 (In Colle di Val d'elsa, 24 km northwest of Siena) www.arnolfo.com/en

Phone +39-0577-920-549 Email arnolfo@arnolfo.com

Very small restaurant (8 tables) off an old piazza in the historic hill town of Colle di Val d'elsa. Worth a trip!!! This Michelin restaurant is owned by two brothers from the area, Giovanni offers a prestigious wine program and Chef Gaetano was voted top 10 Italian chefs 2014 for his very creative food that is just delicious.

Florence

Ristorante Cibreo

Piazza Ghiberti 35, Florence Phone +39-055-234-1100

This restaurant features very progressive Italian cuisine, and a wonderful ambiance. Menus are presented verbally in Italian or English. Be sure that you are in the restaurant and not their cafe next door, and that you make reservations in advance, as they plan and prepare only for who is scheduled to dine.

Trattoria Cammillo

Borgo Saint' Jacapo 57, Florence Phone +39-055-212427

A simple but soulful trattoria one block from the Ponte Vecchia.

Cantinetta Antinori

Piazza degli Antinori 3, Florence Phone +39-055-292-234

This is a very cool Florence restaurant, owned by the Antinori wine family of Florence. Therefore the great Antinori wines (Tignanello, Solaia, Badia a Passignano) are great values. Very high quality foods.

Enoteca Pinchiorri

Via Ghibellina 87, Florence +39-055-242-757

This is the big ticket restaurant. It has 2 Michelin stars. Traditional and progressive dishes. Very Fancy!! It features a wine list of the finest wines and vintages of any restaurant in the world. Go hungry and expect the finest food, service and amenities anywhere.....

Ristorante La Giostra

Borgo Pinti 12r, Florence +39-055-24-13 41 Email info@ristorantelagiostra.com

Over twenty years ago, a Hapsburg Prince and his 3 children, joined together to share their family traditions and ancient recipes with the people of Florence. And so the "legend" of La Giostra began...