

Tuscany in Winter

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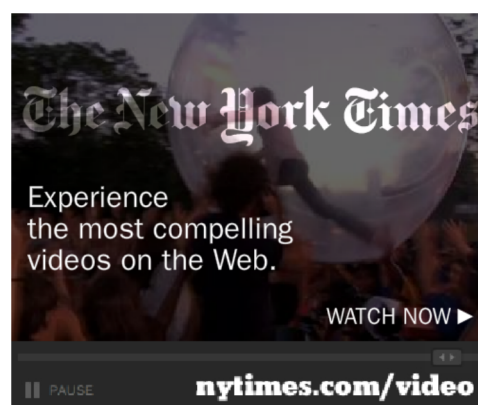
Winter may be the best time to visit Tuscany, when the color palette shifts to bright green, cafes are filled with locals instead of tourists and the cuisine is at its freshest. At left, a view of the Val d'Orcia, known for the cypress trees that line its winding roads, in January.

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