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Though they vary in size and style, the guest rooms are luxurious by any standard. All have their original terra-cotta or parquet floors, and some are decorated with poster beds.

RATES, RESERVATIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS

Pricing Doubles €105–€200, suites €225–€390. **Credit cards** MC, V. **Check-in/out** 3 p.m./11 a.m. **Elevator** No. **English spoken** Yes.

Pienza



Agriturismo Cretaiole ★★★★★½

QUALITY ★★

VALUE ★★

€60–€100

Via San Gregorio, 14; ☎ 0578 748 378; fax 0578 748 378;
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NOT EVERYONE CAN ESCAPE to a second home in the country—that's where Cretaiole comes in. Set on farmland between Pienza and San Quirico d'Orcia, this inn has cozy apartments equipped with independent entrances, kitchenettes, and fireplaces. Active guests can borrow bicycles and hit the nearby nature trails or take part in a pasta-making (and eating!) session. Even couples or single travelers will feel like part of the Moricciani family before they leave.

SETTING AND FACILITIES

Location 4 km west of Pienza. **Quietness rating** A. **Dining** Breakfast included in price. **Amenities** Self-operated laundry facilities, private parking, baby cots/high chairs, on-site playground.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Rooms 6. **All** Phone, satellite TV, kitchenette. **Bathrooms** Shower, hair dryer. **Comfort and decor** The inn has an appropriately rustic feel, with handcrafted, wooden furniture and wrought-iron beds.

RATES, RESERVATIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS

Pricing Apartments €60–€100 based on rates of €30–€50 per person per night. **Credit Cards** Not accepted. **Check-in/out** Noon/10 a.m. **Elevator** No. **English Spoken** Yes.

The Best Hotels in the Rest of Tuscany

HOTEL	OVERALL RATING	QUALITY RATING	VALUE RATING	PRICE
THE PROVINCE OF FLORENCE				
Galluzzo				
Relais Certosa	★★★	★★★	★★	€160–€330
Chianti				
Castello Vicchiomaggio	★★★★	★★★★	★★★	€100–€200
Collelungo	★★★½	★★★★	★★★	€116–€283
Villa Le Barone	★★★★	★★★★	★★	€200–€360
THE PROVINCE OF SIENA				
Siena				
Hotel Antica Torre	★★★	★★★	★★★	€85–€105
Hotel Chiusarelli	★★★½	★★★	★★★★	€65–€205
Hotel Duomo	★★★	★★★	★★★	€120–€180
Hotel degli Ulivi	★★★	★★★	★★★	€90–€250
Pensione Palazzo Ravizza	★★★½	★★★★	★★★	€105–€390
Pienza				
Agriturismo Cretaiole	★★★★½	★★★★	★★★★★	€60–€100
THE PROVINCE OF AREZZO				
Arezzo				
Hotel Continentale	★★★	★★★	★★★	€60–€165

RATES, RESERVATIONS, AND RESTRICTIONS

Pricing Suites only €200–€360. **Credit cards** AE, MC, V. **Check-in/out** 3 p.m./noon. **Elevator** No. **English spoken** Some.