

HISTORIC HOTELS

These iconic properties have reinvented themselves into modern day masterpieces

MONTEVERDI TUSCANY

This charming hilltop retreat is the brainchild of American lawyer Michael Cioffi who stumbled upon Castiglioncello del Trinoro — a crumbling medieval village deep in the Tuscan countryside— while on the hunt for Renaissance art. Cioffi fell in love with the tiny village and piece by piece renovated it into a boutique hotel and spa with the help of the locals, who still live there, without compromising on luxury or authenticity. Room sizes vary between a double to a six bedroom villa but each skillfully balances contemporary interiors with the original charm of the buildings, thick stonewalls, wooden ceiling beams and roof tiles have all been preserved to maintain its rustic character.

Monteverdi's elevated position affords it with sweeping views of the vineyards and farmhouses below—reminiscent of an artist's palette filled with muted greens, browns and yellows. Afternoons are built for recharging by the pool surrounded by lavender filled gardens or soaking in an outdoor tub in the newly opened spa, which is housed in a 15th Century stone granary, before trying one of the treatments that use local herbs and grapeseed oil from the surrounding Val d'Orcia.

Guest rooms from \$650 per night, monteverdituscany.com



