







## Best for laid-back glamour

## CASELLACCIA

VAL D'ORCIA

Part of a sleek portfolio of luxury homes owned by Giorgio and Ilaria Miani in Val d'Orcia, this eight-room villa is the group's showpiece. It is an elegant restoration with spectacular views and beautifully appointed rooms. The couples' genius lies in their ability to marry rustic with high-end design. A modern kitchen manages to retain a Tuscan feel, while bathrooms with huge showerheads also accommodate the clean lines of stand-alone tubs in local stone.

**Special amenities** Heated swimming pool and hot tub, outdoor ovens and grills for learning how to make wood-oven pizza and barbecued steaks and a concierge for reservations and special events.

Number of rooms Eight Weekly rate From \$7,900

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## Best for culture buffs

## MONTEVERDI

**SARTEANO** 

The brainchild of an American lawyer who wanted to create a Renaissance-style arts and cultural center, albeit one with luxury touches, this hamlet (there are still some original residents) overlooks the UNESCO World Heritage site of Val d'Orcia. This restrained mountain hidewaway, a favorite among Hollywood A-listers such as Wes Anderson and Edward Norton, is now home to a chic boutique hotel, a good art gallery and an excellent Tuscan restaurant. With designs throughout from famed interior designer Ilaria Miani, it provides a backdrop where visitors can immerse themselves in Tuscan culture. Visit in late July for the region's annual music festival.

**Special amenities** Film, arts events and classical concerts in the village church, visits to top Tuscan wineries including one created by Andrea Franchetti – among the region's most famous *garagista* winemakers and a new spa, to be unveiled this year.

**Number of rooms** 10 hotel rooms (four rooms and six suites), three villas (one six-bedroom, one three-bedroom and one two-bedroom) **Weekly rate** Villas from \$6,000

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Villa La Foce, one of the most beautiful and little-known landscaped gardens in Europe, is a 15-minute drive from Sarteano

