

#### Escape to the Italian Countryside by Renting One of These 10 Getaways

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Italy's bustling cities offer plenty of excitement for those who seek it—but if you're looking to recuperate from urban living and enjoy some peace and quiet, then these idyllic hotels and vacation homes in the countryside might just be the tonic you need.

### **Modern Mountain Lodge in the Dolomites**

Tucked away in the heart of Fanes-Sennes-Prags Nature Park in South
Tyrol is a modern chalet that goes by the name of <u>Mountain Lodge</u>

<u>Tamersc</u>. Surrounded by the Dolomites and rolling meadows, it blends in harmoniously with its alpine environment.



Mountain Lodge Tamersc, South Tyrol

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## **Minimalist Village Gem**

Close to the historic village of Pienza in Tuscany, yet far enough away from the main piazza, <u>La Bandita Townhouse</u> celebrates the joys of village living with a cozy townhouse that's been transformed into a minimalist boutique hotel.



La Bandita Townhouse, Tuscany

### **Tuscan Tree House**

Close enough to the city of Siena, yet fully immersed in the lush Tuscan countryside, <u>casaBARTHEL</u> is a modern tree house on stilts that overlooks olive plantations and serene pastoral landscapes.



casaBARTHEL, Tuscany

Photo: Airbnb

### **A Villa That Straddles New and Old**

Follow a rustic country road to an idyllic <u>Masseria Battimuro</u>. Designed by <u>Nu Architects</u>, this four-bedroom villa is complete with modern furnishings that engage in a lively dialogue with it's Italian countryside landscape.



Masseria Battimuro in Ostuni, Italy

# Restored Villas in an Ancient Tuscan Village

Located in the 900-year-old village of Castiglioncello del Trinoro, amidst the rolling hill of the Val d'Orcia region of Tuscany, the historic villas of Monterverdi Tuscany were restored and transformed into a rustic, 12-room boutique hotel. Interiors were designed by Rome-based restoration expert, <u>Ilaria Miani</u>.



Monteverdi Tuscany, Tuscany

#### Suites on the Slopes of Mount Etna

Located on a Sicilian estate on the slopes of Mount Etna and surrounded by fields and gardens, <u>Monaci Delle Terre Nere</u> offers plenty of green space for yoga, movies under the stars, and alfresco dining. Most of the property's 12 suites overlook the Mediterranean Sea or Mount Edna, and eight of them feature oak-beamed ceilings and stone walls.



Monaci Delle Terre Nere, Etna

## **Garden Villa That Pops**

Bold colors, earthy materials, and eclectic artwork and accessories combine to create the welcoming <u>Spello Garden Villa</u>, where one can soak up the magic of the Umbrian countryside with modern amenities.



Spello Garden Villa, Umbria

### A B&B With 500 Years of History

More than 500 years ago, <u>Malatesta Maison</u> started its life as a vacation home. Today, it's a boutique B&B that's filled with warm neutral textures and a mix of both vintage and contemporary furnishings.



Malatesta Maison, Marche

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#### Within a Pair of 17th-Century Stone Houses

Surrounded by vineyards in the tranquil heart of Valpolicella—just north of Verona in the Veneto region of Italy—<u>Pianaura Suites</u> is a luxury B&B that's housed within two renovated 17th-century stone houses. "We had a very good architect for the restoration of the houses. My husband and I did the interior design, which is a mixture of items we have brought back from our travels," says the property's owner Mara.



Pianaura Suites, Veneto

# **An Updated Medieval Retreat**

Located in the medieval village of Preggio in Umbria, <u>Villa G</u> is equipped with four bedrooms, an outdoor pool and shower, and endless nature right outside its doors.



Villa G, Umbria

Photo: Airbnb