

# *Cinghiale Cycling Tours, Inc.*

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## **Hotel Recommendations**

Here are some hotels we think might be pleasant and convenient on your travels in Italy. We have checked out most of them and they are nice to outstanding. Rates change from year to year; please check with the hotel for current pricing.

### **FLORENCE**

Known as the center of the world to many art fans it has many treasures to share. It is also a small big city so can be noisy and crowded. We looked around and found that the quieter side of the Arno River has some very nice hotels for a fairer price.

1. The real winner is: **RELAIS IL CESTELLO**

A small 3 star hotel made from an old inn that is very charming and has the fairest price. Located on the south side of the Arno but a nice walk to the center of town. They don't have many rooms so book early

#### **Piazza di Cestello #9**

**Tel: 055 280632**

**Fax: 280631**

**Web:**

2. If money isn't your restriction then live it up in perhaps the most splendid of locations at the four-star **HOTEL LUNGARNO**. They have three hotels which are all different but each very cool

#### **Borgo San Jocopo 14**

**Tel: 055 272 61**

**Fax: 268437**

**Web:** [www.lungarnohotels.it](http://www.lungarnohotels.it)

**Email:** [lungarnohotels@lungarnohotels.it](mailto:lungarnohotels@lungarnohotels.it)

3. **ROSARY GARDEN HOTEL** 3 stars. Nice but on a busy street

**Tel: 055 6800458**

**Web:** [www.rosarygarden.it](http://www.rosarygarden.it)

4. Well recommended by friends is the **PENSIONE ANNALENA** on the quieter side if the Arno

#### **Via Romana 34, 50125 Firenze**

**Tel: 055 222402 or 229600**

**Fax: 222403**

**Email:** [hotelannalena@hotelannalena.it](mailto:hotelannalena@hotelannalena.it)

5. At the south end of the old bridge there is the three-star **HOTEL PITTI PALACE**. It is the center of the tourist beat so may be noisy

**Tel: 055 2398711**

**Fax: 055 283260**

**Email:** [vivahotels@firenze.net](mailto:vivahotels@firenze.net) or [www.firenzealbergo.it/home/vivahotelpittipalace](http://www.firenzealbergo.it/home/vivahotelpittipalace)

6. The three-star **PORTA ROSSA** is a classic old hotel in the center of town

**Via Porta Rossa, 19**

**Tel: 055 287551**

**Fax: 282179**

7. The **BRETAGNA** is a nice two-star hotel near the river

**Lungarno corsini, 6**

**Tel: 055 289618**

**Fax: 055 289619**

**Email:** [hotelspens.bretagna@agora-stm.it](mailto:hotelspens.bretagna@agora-stm.it)

8. ...They also have a sister *pensione* that is probably a good deal. The **ALTHEA** is on the far side of the river where it is quiet

**Tel: 055 289618**

**Fax: 055 289619**

**Email:** [A.Castaldi@agora-stm.it](mailto:A.Castaldi@agora-stm.it)

9. A fairly priced four-star is **HOTEL RIVOLI**. Close to the station

**Via della Scala, 33 50123 Firenze**

**Tel: 39 055 282 853**

**Fax: 294041**

**Web:** [www.firenzealbergo.it/home/hotelrivoli](http://www.firenzealbergo.it/home/hotelrivoli)

10. A very nice Bed and Breakfast inn near Fiesole is **LE CANNELLE**. Take the #7 bus from Florence

**Web:** [www.lecannelle.com](http://www.lecannelle.com) ???

### **Florence Notes:**

- You will find great places to eat on your own. Of interest is the **Cinghiale Bianco** restaurant in the Borgo San Jacopo, 34 side of the river
- Hot food fashion makes it's way to **Cibrèò** restaurant. Tel: 055 234 1100 It's over-rated
- The hot new ice-cream place according to the locals is at the north end of the old bridge: **Caffe delle Carozze**. Piazza del pesce (Ponte Vecchio) #3/4/5/ R
- Rent bikes to get around town at: Florence by Bike. Via della Scala, 12/r. Tel/fax 055 264035. [www.florencebybike.com](http://www.florencebybike.com) or **Email:** [ecologica@dada.com](mailto:ecologica@dada.com)

## PISA

A day or two of your trip would be very pleasantly spent in this very old and historic town. It is not overwhelming in size and has a nice university town buzz to it. The train station and even airport are very close to town so a cab ride to get to your flight would only be 5 minutes or so.

1. **HOTEL LEONARDO**, three stars, located in the ancient center of town and a short walk to the Tower. It is well located in the University area of town with a lot of fun shops and sights nearby. They are offering a discount to **Cinghiale** clients so ask for it when you book

**Via Tavoleria, 17**

**Tel: 39 050 579946**

**Fax: 050 598969**

**Web:** [www.csinfo.it/hotelleonardo](http://www.csinfo.it/hotelleonardo)

**Email:** [hotelleonardo@csinfo.it](mailto:hotelleonardo@csinfo.it)

2. **ALBERGO ARISTON**, three stars, located next to the Tower and a pleasant walk to the center of town

**Via C. Maffi, 49 (Piazza Duomo) 56127 Pisa**

**Tel: 39 050 561834**

**Fax: 561891**

## CASTAGNETO CARDUCCI

For those who want to spend an extra day or two before or after our Castagneto-based tours and get acquainted with the area.

1. Located just 3k from Cinghiale hometown, Castagneto Carducci, **Campastrello Sport Hotel**, offers a great place to stay before or after one of our Tuscan tours.

**Via Campastrello 1, Castagneto Carducci (LI) 57022**

**Tel: 39 0565765128**

**Fax: 0565765066**

**Web:** [www.campastrellosport.com/italiano/index.htm](http://www.campastrellosport.com/italiano/index.htm)

2. **Hotel Zi Martino**, is one of our favorite family-run hotels. Located at the base of Castagneto Carducci, walking distance to town and convenient for biking, this is a great spot to relax before and after your Cinghiale Tour.

**Loc San Giusto 264/A, Castagneto Carducci (LI) 57022**

**Tel: 39 0565 766000**

**Fax: 0565 763444**

**Web:** [www.zimartino.com/gb/hotelgb.htm](http://www.zimartino.com/gb/hotelgb.htm) - top

## BORMIO

For those who want to see and ride the great passes in the Dolomites, in northern Italy, we recommend the town of Bormio in Lombardy. Here you will be at the base of the Stelvio and Gavia passes with the Mortirolo just around the bend.

1. Live large for a good price at the **HOTEL BAITA DEI PINI**, superbly situated just a short walk from the historic center and ski lifts, with a superb view of the valley

that opens to the south. Rates vary according to season

**23032 BORMIO**

**Via Peccedi, 15**

**Tel: 0342 904346**

**Fax: 0342 904700**

**Web: [www.baitadeipini.com](http://www.baitadeipini.com)**

**Email: [baitadeipini@bormio.it](mailto:baitadeipini@bormio.it)**

2. **HOTEL STELVIO.** This is the hotel where the 7-Eleven team stayed after the epic Gavia pass stage of '88 that raced through a snowstorm. Modest rooms but the pizzoccheri pasta is to die for, well at least merits a cold ride. The Stelvio, Gavia and Mortirolo climbs are all nearby for your riding torture

**Tel: 0342 910130**

**Fax: 0342 903664** in the summer or **0342 904433** in the winter

3. Farther up the valley towards the Gavia is the super quiet **ALBERGO PARADISO** in Santa Caterina Valfurva. Modest mountain accommodations with good food

**Tel: 0342 935417**

## **ELBA**

With a ferry terminal just an hour's bike ride from Castagneto, the island of Elba is a world apart from the mainland. We have some favorite hotels to recommend that vary from a fantastic four-star base that is ideal for cyclists, to little hideaways in coves.

1. Our favorite place to blow the budget has to be the **HOTEL HERMITAGE** at the Biodola cove. Rated four stars we would give it five. This is 8 km from the ferry landing in Portoferraio and includes a good 1-mile climb out from the hotel to the main road. Expensive

**57037 La Biodola**

**Tel. 0565 936911**

**Fax: 39 0565 969984**

**Web: [www.elba4star.it](http://www.elba4star.it)**

2. To be centered on the island and enjoy all the great roads there, go to the **PICCHIAIA**. It is four stars but at a modest price and they love cyclists. Located 4 k from Portoferraio it is simple to find and has a steep driveway to test your fitness every day. There is a fantastic buffet dinner every night in the elegant dining room and very comfortable rooms. It's a good deal for the quality of the hotel. Ask for recommendations and maps for the best rides, or when the locals ride, go out for some company

**Loc. Le Picchiaie**

**57037 Portoferraio**

**Isola d'Elba**

**Tel: 0565 933110**

**Reservation office: 0565 933110**

**Fax: 0565 933186**

3. The same management has two other 3 star hotels at the seaside. The **HOTEL GARDEN** is 2 k from Portoferraio with its own little beach. Funky, art deco sort of place with great food

**Loc. Schiopparello 57037 Portoferraio**

**Isola d'Elba**

**Tel: 0565 933 043**

**Reservation office: 0565 933110**

**Fax: 0565 933268**

4. A good friend recommends the **HOTEL PADULELLA** in Portoferraio: "It is 3 stars and very, very near to the sea and a very nice beach"

**Fax: 0565 916510**

5. In the lovely bay of Sant' Andrea on the quiet western side is the **CERNIA** hotel. ? stars and a great botanical garden

**Tel: 0565 908194**

**Fax: 0565 908253**

6. Still in Sant' Andrea is the **DA GIACOMINO** hotel

**Tel: 0565 908010**

**Fax: 0565 908294**

7. A wonderful spot on the southwest side is the **LO SCIROCCO** in the splendid bay of Fetovaia

**Tel: 0565 988033**

**Fax: 0565 988067**

8. The **HOTEL LOCANDA** is a block from one of the greatest sand beaches on Elba. A large hotel with lots of tourists in the summer

**Reservations: 0565 933110**

9. **HOTEL CASA ROSA** is close to the ferry landing. Three stars

**Loc. Biodola**

**Tel: 0565 969931**

**Fax: 0565 969857**

**E-mail: [casarosa@albalink.it](mailto:casarosa@albalink.it)**

10. **Hotel Ilio**, located in Sant'Andrea on the island of Elba. Surrounded by lush plants, gorgeous beach, and plenty of outdoor activity.

**Via Sant'Andrea, 5, S.Andrea 57030 Marciana**

**Tel: 39 0565 908018**

**Fax: 0565 908087**

**Web: <http://en.hotelilio.com/hotel.html>**

## Elba Notes:

- **Toremarr Ferry Service** to Elba is [www.toremarr.it/orari.htm](http://www.toremarr.it/orari.htm) if you want to check a schedule
- **Moby Lines** also runs ferries. One leaves every half hour from Piombino to Portoferraro

## ROME

1. **AVENTINO SAN ANSELMO HOTELS.** Far from the noise but only a nice walk from all the ancient action. There are three hotels next to each other:
  - a) **Hotel San Anselmo** three stars
  - b) **Hotel Villa San Pio** three stars
  - c) **Hotel Aventino** two stars

**00153 Roma,**

**Piazza S. Anselmo, 2**

**Tel: 39 06 5783214 or 06 5745174 or 06 5743547**

**Fax: 39 06 5783604**

**Web: [www.aventinohotels.com](http://www.aventinohotels.com)**