

# ALASTAIR SAWDAY'S SPECIAL PLACES TO STAY ITALY EDITION 4

## Things we can do for you:

- Suggest ideas for features and compile them
- Reader offers and giveaways

## Coming soon:

- Greece  
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Everyone is in love with Italy, aren't they? Or perhaps the idea of it, touted across the centuries by the many poets and painters, photographers, writers and film makers that have entranced us with their romantic words and evocative images. Leaden skies on a winter morning in watery Venice, a Tuscan hilltop estate dotted with cypress trees, edgy Naples with its sheet-lined streets, Sicilian lemon groves and, of course, rip-roaring Rome with its ancient attractions and crazy driving. But where to stay? Where to find places to match the magnificence of your surroundings? Sawday's, of course:

- After a hard day spent lolling about on a gondola, what could be better than a game of tennis back at the palazzo – right in the heart of Venice
- Wend your way past lemon trees, palms, geraniums, bright bougainvillea and scented jasmine to the rocks below and a dip in the sea on the Amalfi coast
- Join a Slow Food house party at an opulent Tuscan villa and, after sampling the local wines, retire to a grand bedroom with frescoed ceiling and lavish interior
- Simple living too on an organic farm with engagingly old-fashioned rooms, delicious food and a menagerie of friendly animals for children to coo over

## About Alastair Sawday Publishing

Our first guide, French Bed & Breakfast, was published in 1994 and celebrated homes owned and run by 'people' rather than corporations. We still simply look for places that we like – and we are fiercely subjective in our choices.

'Special' for us is not about the number of creature comforts, but about all those different elements that make a place 'work'. Our write-ups are cliché-free and honest so readers have learned to trust us.

Environmental concerns are a priority, too, and we are always looking for ways of improving our 'green' credentials.

## Feature ideas

*Budget Italy*

*Puglia and Calabria – the new fashionable spots*

*Activity holidays*

*Tuscany by train and bike*

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