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Tuscany

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Cortona, the hotel also has its own garage, which you can use for an extra €20 per night.

Villa Marsili €€€

*Viale Cesare Battisti 13,
T0575-605252, villamarsili.com.*

On the edge of the old city, this restored 17th-century villa manages to combine elegance and comfort. The cast of *Under the Tuscan Sun* stayed here when filming. Many original features have been preserved, and antiques and Murano glass chandeliers add to the stylish interiors. Most rooms are a good size, and many have lovely views.

Casa Bellavista €€

*Località Creti, T0575-610311,
casabellavista.it.*

At this family-run B&B around 15 km from Cortona you can get a real taste of living the Tuscan dream and enjoy lovely views of the countryside. There are four pretty rooms, all furnished in different styles. Breakfast features

homemade jams, cakes and fresh cheese and meat – and guests eat together round a large table. Simonetta, the owner, also runs cookery courses, so you can learn how to make your own pasta or Italian bread.

Casa Chilenne €€

*Via Nazionale 65, T0575-603320,
casachilenne.com.*

A steep flight of stairs leads to this light and clean B&B, which opened in 2008 in a medieval building in the heart of Cortona. It's owned by American Jeanette Wong, and there are five rooms, all with freshly tiled bathrooms with refreshingly powerful showers, plasma screen TVs and air conditioning. There's also a small, light rooftop room, where you can make yourself tea or coffee and relax with a book.

