



For a stunning setting and fabulous food, you can't go wrong with Castel Monastero, a converted medieval hamlet set deep in the Tuscan hills. Romantically moody suites and rooms (opt for room 19, with a huge boat-like bath and views of the countryside) are set around the central piazza – which houses a market selling olive oils, charcuterie and truffles – or dotted nearby in the original village buildings. Head to the spa, where celeb favourite Dr Ali can put you back in balance, or drive to Siena to see the Piazza del Campo. Make sure you're back in time for dinner at the excellent Contrada restaurant.

WOW FACTOR The fantastic food - with Gordon Ramsay in charge of menus that feature the freshest Italian ingredients, it's beyond perfect.

GO Citalia (citalia.com) offers seven nights B&B from £1,165 per person. Includes flights to Pisa and transfers.