



Student-Friendly Hotels, Guesthouses, and Apartments in Italy (with Supplement for other European countries)

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ITALY

Capri

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Via Traversa La Vigna 14, Island of Capri

http://www.capri.net/salsa/lang/en/card1_id/57/page/card.html

This small family run guest house is located in the center of the town in a very nice area surrounded by trees. It is just a just few minutes from the all major attraction of this island, such as the famous Blue Grotto (Grotta Azzurra).

CHS@AU students and faculty have used this guest house and liked it very much. It offers the least expensive rates in the area.

Cortona

San Marco Hostel

phone: 0575-601-392

Via Maffei 57

According to Rick Steves, this is one of the best hostels in Italy.

Florence

Hotel Globus

phone: 39 055 211062

fax: +39.055.239.6225

<http://www.hotelglobus.com/en/>

email: info@hotelglobus.com

Only 500 meters from Santa Maria Novella train station and less than a 5 minute walk from the major sights of the city: the Church of San Lorenzo with the Cappelle Medici, the Duomo and Galleria dell'Accademia.

While in Florence, try the Ristorante il Latini (off Via di Vigna Nuova at Via Palchetti 6 in the Santa Maria Novella area). This restaurant offers family style eating at a good price. One of Bradbard's favorites.

Forio (Ischia)

This is a good excursion after the Pompei/Naples trip. Girls from Summer 2005 stayed in a great apartment. They recommend calling 081.98.2594 or 347.056.4203 (it's the same place). Make sure to tell the owners that the group from Auburn stayed there last summer. There are many good restaurants along the water—great seafood and a calm and relaxed atmosphere. Not much shopping here but you can go to the Poseidon Thermals Baths (go after 1 pm for a discount). The students described it as “absolutely amazing! It’s like a waterpark/spa!” Book early.

Orvieto

Hotel Valentino

phone and fax: 39 0763 342463

<http://www.valentinohotel.com>

email: hotelvalentino@libero.it

The Hotel Valentino is located in a newly restored Renaissance palace in the historical center of Orvieto. Prices are good.

Positano

Hotel California

phone: 089.875382

fax: 089.812154

<http://www.hpe.it/california>

email: albergo.california@hpe.it

Family run, very hospitable people, ask for Maria (the mom) and tell her you have been sent by Susanna of the studentesse Americane, from Interlinea ...she will know.

Beautiful spot on the very top of Positano, you can have breakfast on a balcony looking at the sea, the beach is at 15 minutes walking distance

Nice rooms, average price.

Hotel Savoia

phone: 089.8811518

fax: 089.811844

<http://www.savoiapositano.com>

email: info@savoiapositano.it

Very central, less than 10 minutes from the beach. Beautiful hotel, higher class than the first one, fine service

Hotel La Bouganville

phone: 089.875047

fax: 089.811150

<http://www.bouganville.it>

email: hotel@bouganville.it

Attached to Savoia hotel so very central, family run, nice but lower in standards compared to Savoia. Some rooms are very nice, some less, with no windows. You have to pay breakfast (in the range of 6 euros per person).

Villa la Tartana

phone: 089.8812193

fax: 089.8122012

<http://www.villalatartana.it>

email: info@villalatartana.it

Excellent position, in the middle of little shops, a few steps and you are on the beach! High standard, higher prices.

Casa Albertina

phone: 089.875143

fax: 089.811540

<http://www.casalbertina.it>

email: info@casalbertina.it

At the very top of many steps but beautiful location with breath catching view balconies on the sea, on the opposite edge of town from Hotel California. Very pretty rooms, excellent breakfast.

Villa Rosa

phone: 089.811955

fax: 089.812112

<http://www.villarosapositano.it>

email: info@villarosapositano.it

Very close to Hotel California; very pretty, very good breakfast.

Miramare

phone: (+39) 089 875002

fax: (+39) 089 875219

<http://www.miramarepositano.it>

email: miramare@starnet.it

On the outer side of the street, across from Casa Albertina, its point of strength is the

position right above the sea; nice hotel, bigger bathrooms than others, it is right by a very cozy alley of about 400 steps that take you down to the beach.

Siena

Residenza D'Epoca Borgognini

phone and fax: 39 057744055

cell 39 338 7640933

Via Pantaneto 160

<http://www.hotelborgognini.it>

email: hotelborgognini@yahoo.it

A small residence hotel recommended by Susanna. Inexpensive for Siena. Some rooms have private bath and others do not, but the place is so small it really doesn't matter. Very cozy alley in between the houses of about 400 steps that take you down to the beach.

Venice

Ai do Mori

phone: 39 0415204817

fax: 39 041 5205328

Calle Larga San Marco 658 - 30124 Venezia

http://www.hotelaidomori.com/en_hotel1.htm

email: reception@hotelaidomori.com

Right around the corner from San Marco Square. No breakfast, but prices are a bargain for Venice, particularly given the location.

Hotel Antigo Trovatore

phone: 39 042.522.4611

Calle delle Rassee 5434

<http://www.antigotravotore.it>

Susanna's recommended this to the Summer 2005 students. They described it as "amazing...great location!!" It is located 100 meters from Piazza San Marco. Breakfast buffet is included. Students say, "plan to eat dinner near sunset by the Rialto Bridge—it's beautiful. Lunch in Murano is also nice!...Lots of shopping here...take the water bus to Murano, where most of the glass is made. Plan to go before lunch, as the water bus stops running in the late afternoon...book early."

Hotel Lisbona

phone: +39-0415286774

fax ++39-0415207061

San Marco 2153

<http://www.hotellisbona.com/>

info@hotellisbona.com

Recommended by Summer 2005 students. Comment: "Don't eat at the restaurant the hotel owner's brother owns...the hotel owner will try to tell you it's reasonably priced but they rip you off!...Shop near the Rialto Bridge and walk around into some of the alleys near it...take waterbus to Murano--glass making shops are closed on weekends in summer but it's neat to see anyways...don't buy the first thing you see--compare prices because they are different."

OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES/CITIES

Barcelona, Spain

- Best Method of Travel: plane (try RyanAir)
- Hotels: Use Venere.com (a travel site similar to Expedia).
- Restaurants: Cal Pep for tapas.
- Shops: There is a great market on the weekend in La Rambla
- Excursions: Guell Park, Gaudi houses, Picasso Museum, Sagrada Familia Church are all must sees.

Interlaken, Switzerland

- Best Method of Travel: overnight train
- Hotels/apartments/hostels: Backpackers Villa (www.villa.ch)--amazingly clean and you can get private rooms. More like a hotel than a hostel.
- Restaurants: go somewhere you can try their famous cheese fondue. Buddy's pub was the first pub in Switzerland, and a lot of fun!
- Shops: Everything, but more of a small quaint village than a shopping mecca. Don't forget about Swiss army knives!
- Excursions: Rafting, canyoning, sky diving.
- Other Recommendations: book early.

Munich, Germany

- Best Method of Travel: overnight train or plane.
- Hotels/apartments/hostels: Seibel's Park Hotel (www.holidaycity.com) - very cute and good buffet breakfast included. Can book 4 to one room.
- Restaurants: there's a Hard Rock Cafe, Kentucky Fried Chicken, and a Subway if you're craving some American!
- Shops: Birkenstock was founded in Germany! In and around Marienplatz (the center of town) is good.

- Excursions: Dachau Concentration Camp; Hoffbrau House is an amazing old beer hall with a rich history- plan to spend a lot of time here people watching, great live folk band.
- Other Recommendations: book early.

Prague, Czech Republic

- Best method of travel: plane
- Hotels: Rick Steves recommends the Hotel Hastal (www.hastal.com) or the Central (<http://www.praqueholiday.cz/central.php>). Dr. Bradbard stayed at the Hastal and liked it. Good breakfast and in a good area.
- Restaurants: By the Two Cats, Bohemia Bagel (has internet cafe), Dahab.
- Shops: A good place to buy Czech/Bohemian crystal.
- Excursions: Old town, Prague Castle, Jewish Quarter, Mucha Museum, Kutna Hora Silver Mines, Terezin Concentration Camp.

Salzburg, Austria

- Best Method of Travel: overnight train or plane.
- Hotels/apartments/hostels: Best Western Stieglbrau (www.bestwestern.com) a little expensive, but you can get a room with 4 beds, a 5 minute walk to the center of town, and an amazing breakfast buffet--ham, eggs, toast, all kinds of bread, cake... you can eat the buffet in the morning and not eat lunch! Also, try the Christkoenig Pension (http://www.salzburg.co.at/christkoenig-kolleg/zimmer_eng.htm) recommended by Rick Steves. Dr. Bradbard stayed here--great location, pretty good breakfast, inexpensive.
- Restaurants: St. Paul's Stub and Beer Garden, Triangel Restaurant, Weisses Kruetz, Augustiner Braustubl (a brewery run by monks), and Fisch Kreig.
- Shops: Everything! Of course they have H&M.
- Excursions: The Original Sound of Music Tour (www.panoramatours.com) is so much more than just the Sound of Music. *DON'T* do the Sound of Music Dinner Show. (The food was not good and the production was amateur.) Check out the Marionette Theatre where the Sound of Music puppet show was filmed- they still have shows (note from Bradbard: the Marionette Theater should not be missed!!!). Also, any o the concerts that are advertised each day. Also, the Halstatt Salt Mine Tour
- Other Recommendations: book early.

SOME GOOD HOTEL WEB SITES

<http://www.hostelz.com>

<http://www.bbplanet.it/>

<http://www.venere.com/>

<http://www.holiday-rentals.co.uk/>