

The family-run Relais San Pietro is an absolute dream. It offers the finest quality throughout, gorgeous views, excellent location, spectacular swimming pool, and outstanding cuisine, all at remarkably reasonable prices. This gem of a little hotel has the added benefit of superb hospitality: Luigi Protti, your host, radiates a gentle, old-fashioned, welcoming kindness. Upon retirement he and his wife, Antonietta, decided to move back to Tuscany and open a hotel. They bought a long-neglected farmhouse only a few kilometers from the town where Signora Protti had been born and a small, intimate hotel. The Protti family recently renovated the 300 year old "Canonica" (priests' house) adding four elegant and spacious suites. The interior of the hotel has a refreshing light, uncluttered appeal. All of the original architectural features such as beamed ceilings and beautiful brick archways have been meticulously preserved. Bedrooms feature beautiful wrought-iron headboards, white bedspreads, excellent lighting, doors painted with regional designs, and superb bathrooms. The romantic dining rooms occupy what were formerly the stables. Signora Protti and her daughter-in-law preside over the kitchen and the food is fabulous. Hotel welcomes children over age 13. *Directions:* From Cortona, go north on 71 toward Arezzo. At Castiglion Fiorentino, turn right toward Città di Castello. After 6 km, turn left at a sign to Polvano. Go up the hill. Relais San Pietro is on the left.



RELAIS SAN PIETRO

Owner: Protti Family

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Tel: (0575) 65 01 00, Fax: (0575) 65 02 55

10 Rooms, Double

Meals for hotel guests

Closed: Nov to Apr, Credit cards: all major

14 km N of Cortona

Region: Tuscany, Michelin Map: 563

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