



Your Own Private Tuscany

Updates to the 2006 Edition

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Not much has changed in the past year, although one of my favourite agencies, Italian Villas, has closed its virtual doors. Here's what's new:

Page 16: The web page for Lazio information has changed to www.italyheaven.co.uk/lazio/index.html.

Page 17: The web page for Tuscany information has changed to www.turismo.toscana.it

Page 17: The web page for the Veneto has changed to www.veneto.to.

Page 21: There have been big exchange rate changes, particularly for American travelers. Here are some current rates from www.xe.com/ucc for 1 euro as of October 22nd, 2007:

- 1.38 Canadian dollars
- 1.41 U.S dollars
- .69 British pounds
- 1.60 Australian dollars
- 1.90 New Zealand dollars

Page 39: Italian Villas is not longer in operation. They have moved their listings to a respected agency in Montreal: www.villaescapes.com sales@villaescapes.com.

Page 41: The telephone number for Florence Villas has changed to +39 335 689 8344.

Page 43: Summer in Italy, the Campania specialist, now has properties in Lake Como, Rome, Tuscany, Umbria, and Venice. Their telephone number has changed to +39 089 311 5055.

Page 46: All of the Italian websites under the WorldBy umbrella now have user reviews.

Page 52: Because of the new regulations for carrying liquids and gels in carry-on bags packing everything in cabin baggage has become increasingly difficult. I bring small sample bottles of shampoo, conditioner, moisturizer, and toothpaste and if I'm staying in Italy for more than a week I buy these things locally.

Page 81: Here's a terrific guide to outlet shopping that I found on the InTuscany site: www.intuscany.net/guides/shopping_spacci.htm.

Buon viaggio!