



## Hotels In Montalcino

There are now four hotels "within the walls," in Montalcino proper, now that the town's first four-star-style hotel has opened:

### Hotel Vecchia Oliviera Porta Cerbaia

Tel: 0577 846028

Angolo Via Landi, 1

Fax: 0577 846029

Opened only a couple of years ago and currently the top end of Montalcino's hotels: It's luxe; the rooms are spacious and beautifully furnished; there's a breakfast room on the main floor, a handsome lounge downstairs, and a large terrace for drinks before dinner or after a dip in the pool. Built into a reconstructed olive mill at the south end of the town, it has on-site parking and superb views to the east. For all that, it's still a comfortably small place with only 13 rooms: 1 suite, 1 triplex, 10 matrimoniali (rooms with double beds) and one single. All rooms have air-conditioning, TV, frigobar, phone and en-suite baths with Jacuzzi-type tubs.

### Hotel dei Capitani

Tel: 0577.847227

Via Lapini, 6 (below Piazza Cavour)

Fax: 0577.847239

The three-star Dei Capitani opened in 1996. An old structure at the north end of the town was renovated top to bottom, inside and out, and the result-an anonymous exterior with a sleekly modern interior-is serene and comfortable. It offers panoramic views to the east and north. Three baths have tubs, the rest showers. All twenty-nine matrimoniali rooms have TV, phones, frigobars and a.c.. There is a small pool beside the generous terrace. A small private parking lot is supplemented by nearby public parking. No restaurant, but breakfast is included. Amex, Visa, Mastercard and Diner's cards accepted.

### Il Giardino

Tel/Fax: 0577.848257

Piazza Cavour

This old two-star establishment, overlooking the piazza near the north end of Montalcino, has recently been renovated. Rooms (many with TV) are on the small side (No. 12 is the best of the lot). Most baths have small showers; one has a tub. Lounge; convenient parking; cash only (though the owner is thinking about adding Visa). The restaurant on the ground floor is operated independently.

### Il Giglio Hotel

Tel./Fax: 0577.848167

Via Soccorso Saloni, 5 (at the corner of Via Donnoli)

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This recently renovated but not flashy three-star hotel, in a building dating to 1800, is on a corner a few steps downhill from Piazza Garibaldi. There are twelve rooms in all: nine doubles and three singles. Some rooms have fine views to the east; one of the singles has a spacious terrace; all have showers, frigobar, telephone and TV. All of them have the kind of decor that's good to come back to after a busy day: It's calm and unassertive; instead of demanding your awe-struck attention, it lets you kick back and take it easy. Innkeeper Anna Maria Pinzi-who also has rented rooms just down the street-nicely upholds the Italian tradition of "bella figura" by placing a free bottle of Rosso di Montalcino in every room as a gesture of welcome to parched travelers. Breakfast 6 Euro extra. Restaurant on premises (see the Dining listings). Parking is available nearby and Internet access is available to guests. Amex, Mastercard and Visa accepted.

*There are two more hotels worth noting, both just a mile from Montalcino. They are easily found on the right as you head south to Castello Banfi:*

### Bellaria

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Positioned with a dramatic vantage point overlooking the scenic Val d'Orcia, the construction of this new building has paid homage to the historic building style of the area, with lots of wood and stone. The 25 rooms include one single and twenty-four doubles; an additional single bed can be had in any room for an additional fee. A breakfast buffet is included. Rooms to ask for are those on the ground floor with access to the rear garden. There's parking and a 15' x 8' pool for cooling dips-not laps. Cards: Amex, Visa, MasterCard, Diner's, Americard.

### Al Brunello di Montalcino

Tel: 0577.849304

Strada Provinciale Traversa dei Monti

Fax: 0577. 849430

Internet: [www.hotelalbrunello.it](http://www.hotelalbrunello.it)

This visibly modern structure is not so large as it looks; much of it is taken up by its restaurant, leaving space for only eighteen rooms: 12 doubles and six matrimoniali. Though a thoroughly modern structure, the rooms are as small as those in older hotels, each with shower or bath, phone, TV, frigobar, a.c. and safe. Breakfast included. At the rear is a large terrace with a decent-sized pool, plus a wader for kids, and fine views west and south. Parking on premises.