

# DEPARTURES

## Top Italian Hotel Suites



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### **La Bandita Townhouse, Pienza, Tuscany: Room No. 11**

Having brought a decidedly downtown vibe and a youthful breath of fresh air to Tuscany with its six-year-old countryside villa hotel, La Bandita, former music executive John Voigtmann and his travel-writer wife have just opened this similarly styled property in the nearby town of Pienza, one of UNESCO-listed Val d'Orcia's most historic and picturesque hilltop spots. Here, they converted a 15th-century convent into a restaurant and bar, quiet courtyard garden, guest-only library and lounge and a

dozen urban loft-meets-rustic-chic rooms, the top pick of which is No. 11. It is in the former attic, but you'd never know it, what with the double-height gray-washed wood-beamed ceiling, the soaring ancient stone wall and the five windows, whose southern and eastern exposures afford views of Pienza's rooftops and the unadulterated fields and vineyards, hills and mountains beyond. (An extra bed in a lofted alcove makes this a great choice for those travelling with a little one—or even two.) *Suite starts at \$448; 111 Corso Rossellino; 39-0578/749-005; [labanditatownhouse.com](http://labanditatownhouse.com).*