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RECOMMENDS

WHERE TO STAY

• **VALUE FOR MONEY**

If you are looking for a cheaper option your best bet is one of the lakes numerous **campsites**. Generally, they have good facilities (pool, shop, restaurant, sports equipment) and are efficiently run. Prices start from around €8 per person per night.

• **MID-RANGE**

In Castiglione del Lago, **La Torre** (Via Emanuele 50; +39 075 951666) is an excellent mid-range choice, with clean,

well-equipped rooms and a central location. Doubles from €75.

• **LUXURY**

For a real taste of lakeside luxury, why not rent out **Castello del Lago**, a stunning Borgia castle overlooking the lake. It sleeps a maximum of 14 and costs €7,000 per week. For more information, visit www.rent-a-villa-in-tuscany.com/castellodellago.html

✕ **WHERE TO EAT**

• **BUDGET**

In Passignano, **Lido** (Via Roma 3; +39 075 828472) is a very well-



✈ **GETTING THERE**

At present there is no international airport in Umbria. Either get a connecting flight to Perugia from Milan or fly direct to Rome (see page 19 for details) or to Florence with Meridiana (0207 8392222; www.meridiana.it) from **London Gatwick**.



✈ **GETTING AROUND**

APM (+39 075 827157) run bus services around the region as well as regular ferries between Passignano, Castiglione del Lago, San Feliciano, Isola Polvese and Isola Maggiore.

☀ **WHEN TO GO**

The summer months are of course busiest, August especially, but then that is when the weather is at its most reliable. It gets very cold in winter so aim for **May** or **September**.

ℹ **TOURIST INFORMATION**

Castiglione del Lago tourist office: Piazza Mazzini 10; +39 075 9652484

Passignano tourist office: Via Roma 38; +39 075 827635

established local favourite serving up very affordable and very tasty local specialities in a rustic setting. Typically of the region, the fish is excellent. Main courses start from just €5.

• **TYPICAL TRATTORIA**

La Cantina (Via V. Emanuele 89, Castiglione del Lago; +39 075 9652463) is an excellent choice, serving fresh fish from the lake and a wide range of other dishes. Prices start from approximately €14 for a main course.

• **TOP CLASS**

In central Castiglione del Lago, **L'Acquario** (Via Vittorio Emanuele 69; +39 075 965 2432) is one of the region's very best fish restaurants, and that's saying something. The eel is particularly good. They offer set menus from €27.



JIM'S CHOICE



"Eat a mountain of food and spend very little. Chaotic but tasty! There is outside seating with great views across the lake too"

• **Da Faliero** (between the villages of Sant'Arcaneglo and San Savino)