

20th ANNIVERSARY



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Slow Food has always been a Sawday's passion – we've even published several 'Go Slow' books. Food means a lot to us, as it does many of our owners, and so often it's part of what sets our Special Places apart from the rest. We couldn't miss an opportunity to recognise a place that really embraces Slow Food and is committed to supporting local, organic, artisan and home-grown food producers.

HOW WE JUDGED THE CATEGORY

Our judges were looking for a shining example of a place that goes above and beyond to support local producers of organic, artisan, rare breed or local variety food that is made by small, local producers or produces this kind of food themselves. The winner needed to be passionate about food, use it in a creative way, and allow their guests to embrace the food experience.



Masseria Il Frantoio
Puglia, Italy

Marvellous Puglian dinners, gloriously eclectic interiors, mysterious gardens... This organic masseria really is special. An old, white house clear-cut against a blue sky, mysterious gardens, the scent of jasmine – and private beaches five kilometres away.

"Food, glorious food. Local, seasonal, grown on the farm. Pugliese recipes, Pugliese wines (many organic) and a sense of theatre about every meal. Armando – passionate, engaging drum-beater for Slow Food and the role it plays in community, culture, life itself – glides between tables with stories about each dish. Rosalba, his wife, quietly works her magic from the kitchen. A real Slow Food experience."

Toby Sawday

Armando and Rosalba spent a year restoring this 17th-century house. Rosalba specialises in Puglian dishes accompanied by good local wines; Armando rings the courtyard bell at 8.30: the feast begins, either in the arched dining room or outside in the candlelit courtyard. Armando is deeply passionate about his totally organic masseria, surrounded by olive groves and with a view of the sea; Silvana is on hand ensuring you bask in comfort.



THE RUNNERS - UP



B&B Huntstile Organic Farm

Goathurst, Bridgwater, TA5 2DQ, England

Rolling hills, happy animals, scrumptious organic food – and dynamic hosts who hold fab parties in their sweet farmhouse in the Quantocks

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H Hôtel Les Orangeries

12 avenue du Docteur Dupont, 86320 Lussac les Châteaux, Poitou - Charentes

Cool stone floors glow, food is fantastic, and the long pool beneath orange trees is a delight - all is harmony here, despite the road

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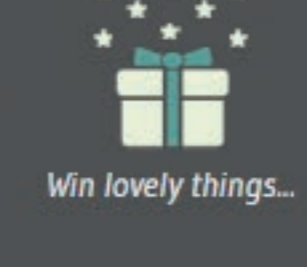
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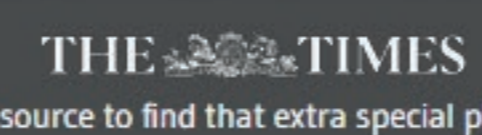
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