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Cooking Classes at Casa Ombuto^{Via Pratomagno, Larniano 21, Poppi, 52014,} Italy

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Named one of the top European culinary vacations by the United Kingdom's *Observer* newspaper, Casa Ombuto's cooking courses are held in two Tuscan properties near the village of Poppi: Casa Ombuto and Torre del Tartufo. During the four instructional days of the week-long courses, chefs Paola Bacetti and Laura Giusti introduce students to Italian and Mediterranean cooking techniques, including rolling gnocchi, baking pizza in a brick oven, and making desserts such as *panna cotta* (cooked cream). Lessons are held in an underground vaulted cantina, and meals are enjoyed outside on the villas' terraces. Excursions to local farms are also included.