

The Dolomites: An Insider's Guide

SAN CASSIANO & ENVIRONS

Between Bolzano and Cortina, the village of San Cassiano is markedly less glitzy than its neighbors, with a pretty Alpine church at its center, breezy cafés, and prime skiing right on its doorstep. Come here if you're looking for something a tad more serene—yet with top access to all the major slopes.

FEEL-GOOD LUXURY

Calling to mind an elegant assemblage of Lincoln Logs, the eco-friendly **Lagació Hotel Mountain Residence** earned the Dolomites' first Climate House Agency certification when it opened in 2009. (The property uses just 3 kilowatt-hours per square foot a year, compared with the region's typical 11 to 20.) Owner Margareth Canins has ensured that the interiors are as environmentally sensitive: Rooms are named for fossils found in the region, and constructed of timber from local spruce and Swiss pine. (The stone for the stairs, Canins admits, was shipped in from Brazil.) A subterranean wood spa and mountain views give this hotel an edge over the town's pricier offerings (lagacio.com; from \$264).





The steeple of San
Cassiano's 433-year-
old church.