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INGAMBA IN ITALY

Former professional cyclist Joao Correia and two partners created a new adventure touring company this February. InGamba will run 22 trips in 2012. Combining world-class riding with world-class eating and drinking, InGamba (“in the know”) seeks to provide all the perks of being a professional cyclist, including immersion in local food, wine and culture.

We noticed the navigation bar on your site Ingamba.pro that the sections are in this order: Eat. Drink. Ride.

That’s on purpose? It is. To me those are the key elements to life and certainly to the trips. It’s about the food, the wine and the riding. And in all of them, it’s about the people you share those experiences with.

Is it okay that we come away from reading about your trips really hungry and wanting to quit work and travel? Well, that is exactly what some of us have done. We want the

photos and copy to inspire as closely as possible what it is like to be there. And, if you are looking at a photo of us at Paolo’s in Lecchi and all of a sudden are compelled to cook a mean pasta, then we have achieved an important goal, which is to inspire.

Out of your 22 trips in 2012, nine are in Italy. There seems to be a special place in your heart for the Chianti region? Chianti is the place that I consider home. I can’t quite explain it but having immigrated to the U.S. when I was a kid I have always felt like

a bit of a foreigner here, and when I go to Portugal I feel like a foreigner there. Chianti is the first place that I have been where I feel truly at home. I think it’s the combination of the food, the wine, the people and the amazing landscape that just touches your soul. It’s the place where my wife and I were married and it is an incredibly meaningful place for me. I went there for the first time when I was in college and met some amazing people that I remain friends with today.]p[

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