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## The Best Hotels in Florence Are a Slice of Tuscan Elegance

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It's easy to be swept up in the romance of [Florence](#). Whether it's a quiet stroll along the Arno River (gelato in hand, preferably) or an afternoon spent in awe of masterpieces by Botticelli and Michelangelo, the city that birthed the Renaissance has a way of seducing the senses. And after a day of sightseeing, checking into one of the best hotels in Florence is the perfect way to slip into the city's rhythm.

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Accommodations in Florence are as glamorous and storied as the ancient city itself. Take your pick between centuries-old palazzos and elegant villas reimagined into modern luxury stays, each one imbued with a deep appreciation for Florentine traditions. Position yourself in the heart of the [centro storico](#), or opt for a stay on the [hillsides of Tuscany](#) just outside of town for a quieter getaway. Ahead, 10 of the city's standouts for your next trip to Florence.

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### The Place Firenze

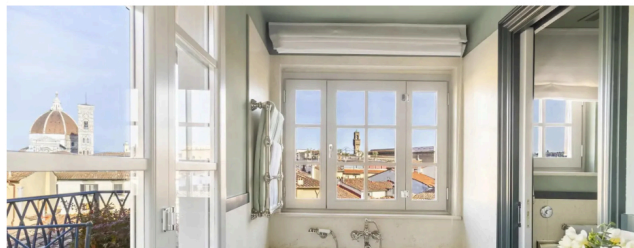




Photo: THE PLACE Firenze

There are few more lovely ways to begin a day in Florence than in one of the 20 rooms at The Place Firenze, sipping on an espresso and watching the Santa Maria Novella Square come alive. The property feels more private residence than hotel, and is decorated with pieces crafted by local artisans and artists. Be sure to enjoy a spritz on the outdoor terrace overlooking the elegant basilica and don't miss the opportunity to book an experience through their Place of Wonders initiative, which puts guests up close and personal with the city's most legendary craftspeople.

- **Amenities:** Restaurant, terrace bar, concierge services, valet parking
- **Address:** Pza di Santa Maria Novella, 7, 50123 Firenze FI, Italy

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## Four Seasons Hotel Firenze



Photo: Four Seasons Hotel Firenze

Set within a pair of Renaissance palazzos (one of which was once home to a Medici cardinal) the Four Seasons Florence outpost is oozing with history and charm. The luxury hotel is just a 10-minute walk from Piazza del Duomo but feels worlds away from the hum of the city's center (the stunning 11-acre private garden certainly has a hand in that). The frescoed interiors create a regal ambiance and the Michelin-starred dining at Il Palagio is among the city's finest. After a day of sightseeing, be sure to book a treatment in the airy two-story spa.

- **Amenities:** Michelin-star restaurant, bar, pool, spa, in-room dining
- **Address:** Borgo Pinti, 99, 50121 Firenze FI, Italy

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## Portrait Firenze



Photo: Portrait Firenze

This Lungarno Collection property sits pride of place on the Arno River and offers 37 luxury suites with some of the best views in Florence (particularly the spectacular rooftop suite). The hotel is owned by the Ferragamo family and fashionable touches can be found throughout, such as the photographs of Audrey Hepburn and Brigitte Bardot from the Locchi, Giorgini and Alinari photography archives. Enjoy a bite at the riverside Picteau Bistrot & Bar and in the evening, cozy up for contemporary Italian cuisine at the Michelin-starred Borgo San Jacopo next door.

- **Amenities:** Michelin-star restaurant, rooftop bar, pet friendly
- **Address:** Lungarno degli Acciaiuoli, 4, 50123 Firenze FI, Italy

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## Hotel Helvetia & Bristol



Courtesy Hotel Helvetia & Bristol

This glamorous hotel has been in operation since 1885 and has hosted the likes of Stravinsky and de Chirico. It has the largest luxury spa in the city's historic center and recently unveiled a renovation with interiors by designer Anouska Hempel. The property faces Palazzo Strozzi and is just steps from the Duomo, Ponte Vecchio, and the Uffizi galleries. Make sure to set your alarm—the breakfast by master baker Iginio Massari is the stuff of legends.

- **Amenities:** Restaurant, cocktail bar, cafe, spa, valet parking, terrace
- **Address:** Via dei Pescioni, 2, 50123 Firenze FI, Italy

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## Villa Cora



Courtesy Villa Cora

With a stay at Villa Cora, you'll be surrounded by a centuries-old garden and situated within a lavish 19th-century villa. (Claude Debussy once stayed here, so you'd be in great company.) If you can, plan your visit during the warmer months to take advantage of the incredible outdoor pool. The inside is just as impressive: The property has 43 rooms and suites, many of which feature original frescoes, and the spa has a hammam and Natura Bissé treatments. Cap off a day of sightseeing with a cocktail on the rooftop terrace, which showcases remarkable vistas of Florence.

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- **Amenities:** Restaurant, cocktail bar, roof terrace, spa, garden, pool
- **Address:** Viale Machiavelli, 18, 50125 Firenze FI, Italy

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## Collegio alla Querce





Photo: Collegio alla Querce

This new opening from Auberge Resorts sits on a tranquil hillside just 15 minutes from Florence's city center and enjoys views of the iconic Duomo in the distance. The hotel sits within a Renaissance-era villa and has 83 rooms, an original chapel, and a theater. There are two restaurants onsite as well as an outdoor pool bar (ideal for enjoying an aperitivo beneath old-growth olive trees).

- **Amenities:** Spa, pool, fitness center, two restaurants, bar, complimentary shuttle
- **Address:** Via delle Forbici, 21B, 50133 Firenze FI, Italy

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## Grand Hotel Minerva



Courtesy Grand Hotel Minerva

Positioned directly next to Santa Maria Novella (among the most breathtaking cathedrals in the entire city), Grand Hotel

Minerva is a charming home base for your next visit to the Tuscan capital. The property's pièce de résistance is its rooftop pool, where you can go to enjoy 360-degree views of Florence and an impeccable Negroni. There are 97 rooms and suites, each designed as a modern interpretation of Renaissance art.

- **Amenities:** Rooftop pool and bar, restaurant, fitness center
- **Address:** Pza di Santa Maria Novella, 16, 50123 Firenze FI, Italy

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## Il Salvatino Firenze

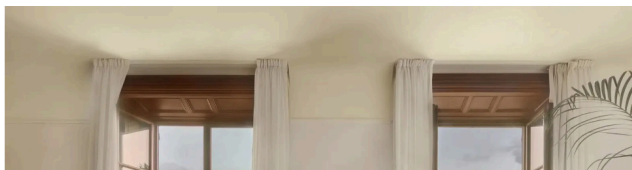




Photo: Il Salviatino Firenze

A few minutes from the heart of Florence in the hillsides of Fiesole, Il Salviatino Firenze is a lush oasis that appears frozen in time. The historic property is surrounded by five hectares of nature, including a botanical garden and outdoor pool. The hotel itself dates back to the 15th century when it was once a noble residence, and over the years has welcomed legendary creatives, including Salvador Dalí.

- **Amenities:** Spa, pool, fitness center, restaurant, bar
- **Address:** Via del Salviatino, 21, 50137 Firenze FI, Italy

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### Rocco Forte Hotel Savoy



Courtesy Rocco Forte Savoy Hotel

After acquiring this 19th-century property in the late 1990s, Sir Rocco Forte completely renovated the Hotel Savoy, tapping iconic designer Olga Polizzi to oversee the interiors. There are 80 rooms (30 of which are suites), with most offering views of the Duomo or Piazza della Repubblica. A drink on the hotel's terrace (which overlooks the bustling piazza) is a quintessential Florentine experience—even if you're not staying at the property, it has an unbeatable central location for aperitivo hour.

- **Amenities:** Restaurant, bar, fitness center, spa
- **Address:** Piazza della Repubblica, 7, 50123 Firenze FI, Italy

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### The St. Regis Florence





Photo: The St. Regis Florence

Perched on the banks of the Arno River and looking out over the legendary Ponte Vecchio, this outpost of The St. Regis is a city icon. The hotel is situated within walking distance of just about everything in the center of Florence, with a legacy that's just as historic as its surroundings: It occupies a building that dates back to 1432 and it was originally designed by Filippo Brunelleschi, the architect of the Duomo Santa Maria del Fiore. There are 80 guest rooms and 19 suites, each with hand-painted Tuscan and Florentine landscapes adorning the walls.

- **Amenities:** Restaurant, gym, spa
- **Address:** Piazza Ognissanti, 1, 50123 Firenze FI, Italy

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