

The Only Hotels You Should Be Staying At in Italy

As if you needed more reasons to visit Italy, here are our readers' favorite hotels in the country—each a perfect home base for a beautiful Italian vacation.

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HOTEL LUNGARNO

Readers' Choice Rating: 90.5

In "an incredible location right on the Arno River," steps from the Ponte Vecchio, this sixteenth-century grand residence was restored in the 1990s into "a very chic and beautiful hotel." The self-proclaimed *nuova classicità* design showcases ivory fabrics, ocean-blue carpets, and antique furnishings accented by art from the likes of Picasso and Florentine painter Ottone Rosai. "Rooms are small but lovely" and include touches like silver trays stocked with Italian cookies and chips. "Have drinks on the river deck," or dine on regional Tuscan and Italian cuisine at Borgo San Jacopo. The Picteau lounge houses a collection of 450 paintings, some by Jean Cocteau. "Staff are very friendly and helpful."