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Florence: 5 hotel tips in the Tuscan capital

Where to stay!

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1. Villa La Massa

Half an hour's drive from the centre, five stately villas from the late Renaissance lure you on extensive terrain on the green banks of the Arno. 51 luxurious rooms and suites are spread over the stylishly furnished houses. Most of them are located in Villa Nobile, built in 1523. The LHW Hotel is also extremely popular with celebrities. David Bowie got married here.

www.villalamassa.com



2. NH Collection Porta Rossa

When you enter the historic building, you feel like you're in a small grand hotel. The lobby is topped by an ornate glass ceiling. Columns, capitals and arches date from the 16th century. The gray and white tiled marble floor runs through to the breakfast restaurant. In the rooms, colourful accessories accentuate the white paint. In the suites, original Renaissance ceilings can be admired. The largest with two floors is located in the Monalda Tower from the 13th century

www.nh-hotels.com



3. Four Seasons Firenze

The Renaissance noble residence Palazzo della Gherardesca and a former convent, both in the city's largest private park, form the picturesque setting of the hotel. Star designer Pierre-Yves Rochon has given the interior glitz and glamour, preserving original frescoes and architectural elements and giving the houses with a total of 116 rooms and suites a magnificent ambience. New in the hotel catering is the garden restaurant "Onde" under the direction of chef Paolo Lavezzini. Fish and seafood are served to share.

www.fourseasons.com



4. Portrait Firenze

Part of Ferragamo's Lungarno Collection, the LHW is located on the banks of the Arno River, with panoramic views of the Ponte Vecchio, and is a tranquil retreat with 37 rooms and suites. It was decorated in soft shades of grey and with custom-made furniture by Florentine architect Michele Bönan. Thanks to exquisite accessories such as lamps, vases, small tables, books and black-and-white photos, the furnishings are reminiscent of a modern, noble townhouse.

www.lungarnocollection.com



5. 25hours Piazza San Paolino

inspired Dante's "Divine Comedy" to Paola Navone's eclectic design. The guest has to decide whether he wants to live in heaven or hell. Rooms in hell pop in red, in heaven, on the other hand, it glows softly pastel. Some rooms have a balcony or terrace. Either way, you can discover playful or crazy details everywhere. The 400 m2 Casetta del Giardino has a garden with swimming pool and pizza oven. In the restaurant "Cecchini in Città", master butcher Dario Cecchini's team sizzles huge chunks of meat from Tuscan cattle at the mega grill.

www.25-hours.com

